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FROM THE EDITOR GERALD FLURRY

The Truth Revealed in the Benghazi Attack

ON SEPTEMBER 11, AMERICANS WERE HONORING THE death of almost 3,000 victims who were murdered by al Qaeda terrorists 11 years ago. That date borders on sacred to most Americans. Yet on that very day, Egyptians attacked the American Embassy in Cairo. They ripped the American flag to shreds and hoisted a black Islamist flag.

The same day, terrorists attacked the United States Consulate in Benghazi, Libya. They murdered four Americans, including the ambassador to Libya, Christopher Stevens.

The United States provided the military power to overthrow Libya's dictator, Muammar Qadhafi, last October. Ambassador Stevens was personally involved. He risked his life to help ensure the Libyans would have a more democratic government. Because of his efforts to promote democracy, Stevens became the target of a terrorist group affiliated with al Qaeda. He knew about it and told Washington that his life was under threat. The last day of his life, he was pleading with the American government to send more help to protect him. There is evidence that the consulate staff was appealing for help while shots were being fired—and *help was denied*.

Why didn't the U.S. fulfill that request? Why not send help to a man so dedicated, so willing to risk his life for his country? That is a maddening question, and is currently under investigation.

But the main message from Sept. 11, 2012, doesn't need an investigation—it is obvious. This attack sent a clear signal that LIBYA IS FOLLOWING EGYPT INTO THE IRANIAN TERRORIST CAMP.

Getting Control of Libya

Many American leaders don't want to acknowledge it, but there is a rising tide of Islamism in Libya. The radicals have a particularly strong hold in the east of the country.

Even fewer will admit that these radicals are getting a lot of their support from Iran. The Iranians are funneling aid to Libyan extremists through Egypt, which lies along Libya's eastern border.

WE PROPHESIED THAT THIS WOULD BE THE CASE. The *Trumpet* has said for almost 20 years that Egypt would come into Iran's camp. Now that prophecy is fulfilled. And before there was any trouble in Libya, we prophesied that it too would ally with Iran. This past summer I said *Egypt would lead Libya into that alliance with Iran*. Now we see Libya following Egypt into an alliance with Iran.

Libya's radicals are gaining control. Look what they did to America's consulate—and the Libyan government has done almost nothing about it! The "democratic" Libyans don't have a chance. How can they stand up to the heavy armaments that have poured from Egypt into the hands of Libyan Islamists?

What does it all mean? IT MEANS THE "KING OF THE SOUTH" IS GETTING CONTROL OF LIBYA!

What we've seen happen in Egypt and Libya was prophesied in Daniel 11:40-43. This passage speaks of a European power, "the king of the north," attacking a Middle Eastern alliance led by Iran. That European "king" "shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape." The focus is mainly on Egypt here. Verse 43 adds that "the Libyans

and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps." The *Libyans* and *Ethiopians* will also be allied with Iran, and Egypt is going to swing them into that camp.

In the October 2011 issue of this magazine, I wrote an article called "Egypt and Libya to Join Terror Network." How could I have known that? Only through Bible prophecy. The Benghazi attack is *prophecy* being fulfilled. This is one of the most specific prophecies in the Bible.

Fulfilled prophecy is the greatest proof of the existence of God! And fulfilled prophecies are flooding world news today!

Where Is America's Response?

This tragedy also illustrates *another* prophecy being fulfilled.

The Libyan terrorists killed America's ambassador and three others on the most painful date possible—yet months later, America still hasn't figured out how to respond! This is a massive insult to our country and our dead. BUT IT DOESN'T INFURIATE OUR PEOPLE THE WAY IT SHOULD.

This is far more *dangerous* than it is insulting—because America's pathetic response to this attack shows the entire world HOW WEAK AMERICA IS! It is a *spectacle of American weakness*.

GOD SAYS HE HAS BROKEN THE PRIDE OF OUR POWER (Leviticus 26:19). Benghazi perfectly shows that though America has tremendous power, we FEAR to use it. It is a *sign* that America has receded into the background and is declining fast.

Being weak *causes* violence and wars! The fact that America will not respond will only allow evils like this to increase. As we get weaker, people will attack us more and more violently.

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And WHY is America so weak? Study Leviticus 26. IT IS BECAUSE OF OUR SINS. That is why God brought this curse upon us.

America can bomb Qadhafi out of power, yet is afraid to put boots on the ground to finish the job. (In this case, it is afraid to do so even to save an ambassador and his men!) The nation's terrorist enemies are happy to finish the job themselves, and we just hand it over to them.

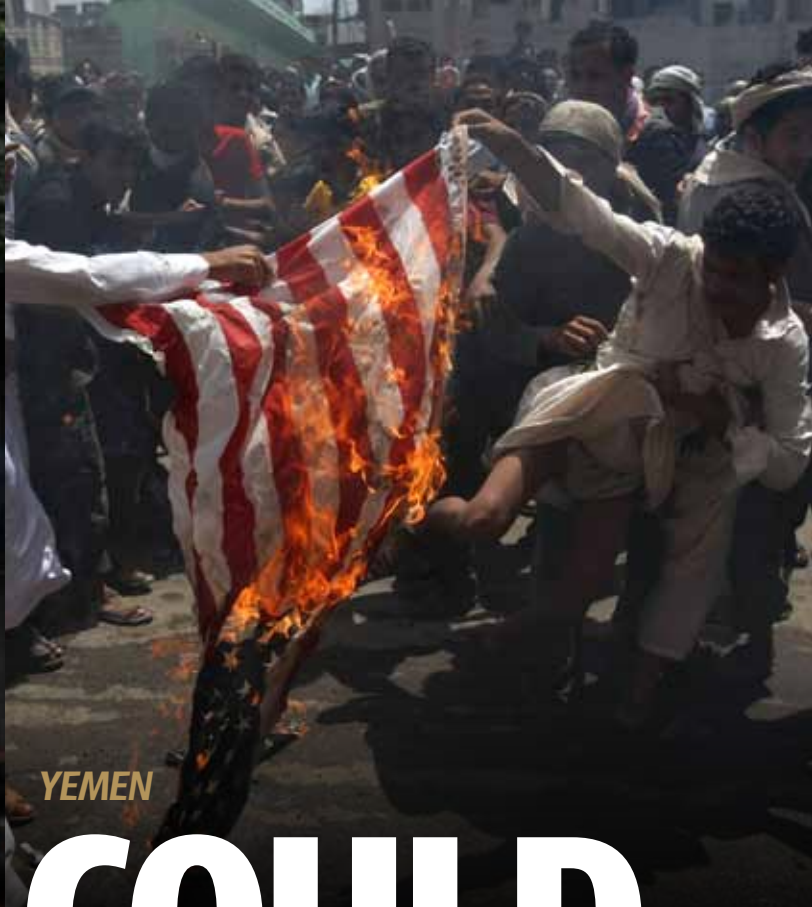
Just like we handed Egypt to the Muslim Brotherhood. Now Israel and Egypt are very close to war. The Jews are surrounded by terrorists who want to kill them.

The curses on America are plain to see. Prophecy is being fulfilled—in Benghazi and all over the globe! You would think that as times get worse and worse, people would look to the Bible to see what God has to say. Conditions are intensifying and getting so bad that *anybody* can recognize something is terribly wrong.

Why is everything going wrong for America? I strongly encourage you to request a free copy of our book *The United States and Britain Prophecy* to understand!



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'HOW COULD THIS HAPPEN?'



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Humiliation in Cairo and death in Benghazi shook America.

But our response has been even more terrifying. **BY STEPHEN FLURRY AND JOEL HILLIKER**

IT WAS A MORTIFYING WEEK. WE watched angry crowds protesting outside of American outposts throughout the Middle East and beyond. Violent mobs chanted, “*We are all Osama.*” Structures were defaced or burned. Islamic banners were hoisted where American flags once flew.

Americans were trying to focus on preparing for a presidential election—and we got handed a new mini-9/11.

In the week after September 11 this year, Muslim anti-Western violence hit nearly 30 countries, killing about 30 people. Especially in the Middle East and North Africa, we witnessed a meltdown of order in country after country. It felt like the world was unraveling.

This explosion of unrest sent a chilling message. For the past four years, the Obama administration has worked hard to reach out to the Muslim world—wishing Muslims a happy Ramadan; embracing the Muslim Brotherhood; apologizing for things America did in the Middle East to defend against the Soviets half a century ago; criticizing America’s response to the Twin Towers falling. When the Arab Spring began last year, the White House embraced it, praising and supporting the empowerment of the Muslim street.

September 2012 proved that strategy a failure.

Cairo and Benghazi

In two countries in particular, the attacks were especially vicious—and stung America the worst.

It started in Egypt—and on the anniversary of 9/11 no less. An angry, armed group of about 2,000 Egyptians surrounded the American Embassy in Cairo, breached the compound, yanked down the American flag, ripped it and burned it, then raised a black flag bearing these words in Arabic: “There is no god but Allah, and Mohammed is his messenger.”

But that horrific affront was not the worst thing to happen that day. Six hundred miles away in Benghazi, Libya, a group of over a hundred heavily armed terrorists stormed the American consulate after nightfall. They fired rocket-propelled grenades and set it ablaze, attacked a nearby CIA safehouse with guns and mortars, and killed a highly respected ambassador and three other Americans.

In *Egypt* and *Libya*. Just last year, President Obama threw his weight behind

uprisings in these exact countries to help the people topple long-standing dictators Hosni Mubarak and Muammar Qadhafi. Washington brimmed with optimism for the future of these “liberated” peoples.

The back-to-back attacks—the first assaults on American diplomatic facilities in either country—shattered those illusory hopes. They highlighted the stark reality that “liberating” these nations had created a dangerous vacuum and unleashed some violent, unpredictable forces.

German newspaper *Die Welt* ran the headline: “U.S. President Barack Obama’s Middle East policy is in ruins.”

“[N]ow parts of the freed societies are turning against the country that helped bring them into being,” the article said. “Anti-Americanism in the Arab world has even increased to levels greater than in the Bush era. It’s a bitter outcome for Obama.” Indeed.

Amazingly, though, this isn’t the way the Obama administration viewed these events at all. It immediately and vociferously promoted a *completely different* reading of what had happened, and of the state of the Middle East and North Africa.

If the attacks themselves didn’t illustrate the failure of American policy vividly enough, the *official interpretation* made it far worse.

How Could This Happen?

“Today, many Americans are asking—indeed, I asked myself—how could this happen?” Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said the day after the murders in Libya. “How could this happen in a country we helped liberate, in a city we helped save from destruction?”

It’s an excellent question—one that deserves to be answered *honestly*.

Strong clues lie in the events that led up to the previous Libyan government’s fall. For seven months, a U.S.-led bombing campaign smashed Qadhafi’s forces. This bombardment raining down from above allowed the Islamists on the ground to go on the offensive. They rounded up Qadhafi loyalists, including many civilians, and conducted mass beatings and killings. *The United States turned a blind eye to these atrocities.* Then, Libya’s rebel forces got hold of Colonel Qadhafi. They proceeded to sodomize him and parade his beaten and bloodied body through the streets of Sirte en route to his public execution. The dictator’s lynching was recorded and distributed worldwide via YouTube.

But instead of pausing to reassess its strategic alliance with these so-called liberators of Libya, *the United States just laughed off the grisly killing.* “We came, we saw, he died,” Secretary Clinton joked during an interview with CBS. In other words, why should Libya’s “freedom” march be hindered by a messy war crimes investigation? The tyrant may have been brutally beaten, sexually assaulted and shot dead—but Libya was now on the road to *full democracy!* President Obama said Qadhafi’s death marked the end of a long and painful chapter in Libya. He said the people in the “new and democratic Libya” now had a chance to determine their own destiny.

This is what *the leaders of the United States of America* were saying about the new Libya in October 2011.

But what was the *Trumpet* saying? That same month, in the October 2011 cover story, editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote this: “Now America and the West have paved the way for another Iranian victory in Libya. We are rejoicing about the overthrow of Libya’s Muammar Qadhafi, while *we should be mourning.* Libyan chaos is now *the ideal setting for Iran to bring that nation into its deadly terrorist web.* THE GOVERNMENT THAT REPLACES QADHAFI WILL BE A THOUSAND TIMES WORSE” (emphasis added throughout).

The signs were there. Really, is what happened on 9/11 such a shock? How *couldn’t* this happen?

Essentially the same story played out in Egypt. When public protests broke out against the rule of Mubarak—America’s longtime ally—the Obama administration took their side. Mubarak responded to the pressure with a warning: “You don’t understand the Egyptian culture and what would happen if I step down now.” He feared that the Muslim Brotherhood, a popular Islamist organization he had suppressed for decades, would take over. President Obama ignored the warning. His administration celebrated Mubarak’s fall as a victory for freedom and democracy, a model of a “peaceful” transition away from dictatorship. He even *took some of the credit*, praising America’s instrumental support for the opposition. “I think history will end up recording that at every juncture in the situation in Egypt that *we were on the right side of history,*” he boasted.

Once again, the *Trumpet* had a far different view. “For three decades, [Mubarak] just about single-handedly held Egypt’s forces of religious extremism and anti-Israelism in check. Now ... those forces have driven him from office,” we wrote in our April 2011 cover story. “Time will soon show: Egypt, the Middle East, and the world are far more perilous for it.” Six months later, in that same October 2011 story, Mr. Flurry wrote, “The end result is going to be that we exchanged Mubarak and ‘the only successful Middle East peace treaty’ [the one between Egypt and Israel] for the Muslim Brotherhood—allied with Iran. ... It shows that Egypt is already allying itself with Iran in its bloody terrorist war. This has the potential to cause the Middle East to explode and drag all the

his murder was a premeditated strike; that the Americans under fire requested military help at least *three times*, and were—for unknown reasons—thrice denied; that Americans were killed only after *hours* of being under siege without receiving help; that American officials in Tripoli, the Pentagon, the State Department and the White House *were watching everything as it happened* thanks to a live video feed from unmanned drones over the city.

Stunning. The reality that this was a well-planned, well-executed and lethal terrorist attack on American soil was known *virtually right away*.

Nevertheless, administration officials—apparently intent on preserving the myth of the success of their outreach to the Muslim world—immediately began

Al Qaeda is definitely “on the run,” as Mr. Obama repeatedly stated. But it isn’t running from American forces—it is instead rushing to fill the power void left by a superpower that has spent its strength in vain.

Earth’s inhabitants into World War III!”

Sure enough, soon after Mubarak was gone, the Brotherhood rose, and grisly signs of its radicalism emerged. Now Egypt’s peace treaty with Israel is effectively dead; the most powerful Arab country in the Middle East is rapidly forging a fresh alliance with Iran. And the mobs on the streets are flying an Islamist flag at the American embassy.

How could this happen? Well, again—how *couldn’t* it?

However, to an American administration intoxicated with the notion that Muslim radicals can be won over with politeness, *this came out of nowhere*.

Protecting Their Story

This long-cherished idea that the White House’s outreach to Muslims is brilliant foreign policy is extraordinarily resilient. Not even the Sept. 11, 2012, attacks were able to kill it.

If anything, those attacks prompted the Obama administration to defend its strategy even more aggressively. The fact that the president’s reelection was at risk surely increased the stakes.

Consider the horrific facts about Benghazi that emerged in the weeks after the attack. Among them: that the consulate had warned the State Department a month before 9/11 that it would *not* be able to defend against a “coordinated attack” due to “limited manpower”; that Ambassador Chris Stevens knew he was on an al Qaeda hit list, and

promoting a bizarre and altogether *false* version of events.

The president, the secretary of state and the UN ambassador sprang into action and lashed out ... at a YouTube video. An Egyptian Salafist television station, in order to incite anti-American violence on the anniversary of 9/11, had screened a low-budget, poorly made mockery of the Islamic prophet Mohammed that was made by a Coptic Christian from Egypt living in California and apparently assisted by people from Syria, Iraq, Turkey, Pakistan, Iran and Egypt. This video served as the flimsy pretext for some of the anti-America rioting. But the mob in Cairo—led by Mohammad Zawahiri, brother of al Qaeda’s leader—had been coordinated by Salafist militants weeks in advance of the video being broadcast. And the terrorist strike in Benghazi had no connection to the video whatsoever. Nevertheless, the administration briskly diverted attention from what had really happened by fixating its attention on this YouTube clip.

American officials relentlessly attacked the video as a *disgusting, reprehensible, abhorrent* attack on Islam and on freedom of religion. They asked YouTube to censor it. They applauded the media for going after the video producer, who was subsequently tracked down and arrested. And then they did everything they could to *downplay the seriousness of the attack*. “We must be clear-eyed, even in our grief,” said Secretary Clinton. “This was an attack by a small and savage group—not the people or government

of Libya.” Nothing to worry about, then.

White House press secretary Jay Carney also performed an acrobatic dance around the issue: “This is ... in response not to U.S. policy, not to, obviously, the administration, not to the American people,” he explained. “It is in response to a video—a film—that we have judged to be reprehensible and disgusting.” In other words, *We’re on the same side as the protesters. We all agree: This video is reprehensible and disgusting*. “[T]his is not a case of protests directed at the United States, writ large, or at U.S. policy,” he assured us.

If these mobs *did* want to protest U.S. policy, the administration, the American people, or the United States writ large, **WHAT WOULD THEY HAVE TO DO?** Islamist chants, flag burning, arson, murder—*Washington doesn’t take any of these personally*.

A reporter asked Mr. Carney if the attacks occurred because of “perceived American weakness” that stems from Obama’s leadership. He answered, “We’re very proud of the president’s record on foreign policy.”

Even as he said that, anti-American violence was erupting all over the world. In Tunisia, Islamist protesters scaled the wall of the U.S. Embassy compound, broke windows, started fires and raised the black flag of al Qaeda. In Sudan, a mob of 5,000 protesters marched right by Sudanese policemen and set the German Embassy on fire. In Yemen, the United States dispatched Marine reinforcements to fend off attacks. In London, 200 protesters burned American and Israeli flags outside the U.S. Embassy. In Sydney, Muslim protesters were waving signs that read, “Behead all those who insult the prophet.”

The Sunday after the 9/11 attack, Libyan President Mohamed Yusef told CBS’s *Face the Nation* that he had “no doubt” that what happened in Benghazi had been a preplanned terrorist strike. But that same hour, on ABC’s *This Week*, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Susan Rice said the attack was *not* premeditated; it was a “spontaneous” protest that was inspired by the violence in Cairo, which happened because of the video. The Benghazi “protest” was then “hijacked” by “clusters of extremists,” and the whole thing just sort of “evolved” from there, Rice said.

Quite an elaborate account. *And entirely fictional*.

In the days that followed, as more facts emerged, the administration’s story got more and more convoluted. And just as all this was blowing up, the presidential debates occurred. In the vice presidential debate on October 12, Joe Biden defended

the White House's account of the Benghazi attack (which for two weeks had been that it spontaneously sprang from—in the president's own words before the United Nations—"outrage" over a "crude and disgusting video"). Biden said this explanation was "exactly" what the intelligence community had told them—when in reality, the State Department was calling it a coordinated terrorist attack almost immediately. Mr. Biden also claimed the government didn't know the consulate in Libya wanted more security—even though evidence proved that the State Department had repeatedly received those requests and they had obviously been denied.

Whatever mistakes were made in Benghazi, this administration *would not even acknowledge they existed*, let alone take responsibility.

But it went even a step further. Even as its misdirection and cover-up were being exposed and refuted by emerging evidence—and even with countries throughout the Middle East in tumult—the White House made a gutsy move: It ramped up its "right side of history," "proud of the president's record" rhetoric.

We're Doing Everything Right

In his debate, Mr. Biden praised the president for his tremendous progress on the Iran problem: Though they were on the rise when he took office, the Iranians are now more isolated than ever and far less powerful. Biden gushed about his achievements, "This is a guy who's repaired our alliances so *the rest of the world follows us again*."

The rest of the world is now following America again? That is an astonishing take on the state of global affairs.

In the presidential debate about foreign policy, Mr. Obama also paraded his accomplishments. "We ended the war in Iraq, refocused our attention on those who actually killed us on 9/11. And as a consequence, al Qaeda's core leadership has been decimated. In addition, we're now able to transition out of Afghanistan in a responsible way, making sure that Afghans take responsibility for their own security." He even praised himself for his handling of Benghazi: "When we received that phone call, I *immediately* made sure that, number one, that *we did everything we could to secure those Americans* who were still in harm's way." And despite the radicalism that has emerged in Egypt and Libya, the president reiterated his conviction that he was right to support the ousting of Mubarak and correct in dethroning Qadhafi.

The families of the Americans killed in Benghazi have every right to take exception to his "everything we could" remark.



GRAPHIC IMAGE

Libyans carried U.S. Ambassador Christopher Stevens, dying or dead, through the streets of Benghazi.

And his statement about al Qaeda being decimated was awkward, considering that it was an al Qaeda-affiliated terrorist mob that struck the consulate. But what the president said about Afghanistan warrants particular scrutiny.

Mr. Obama took credit for bringing the situation under control to the point where America can hand control back to Afghans. But the facts undermine this claim. Ever since the so-called Obama surge—when in 2009 he shifted attention away from Iraq and sent an additional 33,000 troops to Afghanistan—there has been a *dramatic rise* in U.S. casualties. Of the more than 2,100 U.S. service members who have been killed in Afghanistan, about *70 percent* have died on Mr. Obama's watch. Of even greater concern is the alarming increase of "green on blue" attacks. This year there have been more than 30 attacks on coalition forces by their Afghan "partners." The problem has gotten so bad that U.S. forces now carry weapons at all times—even while on base—to protect themselves from people who are supposed to be on their side.

Despite these many setbacks, however, the Obama administration actively peddled the "mission accomplished" theme on Afghanistan. During the vice presidential debate, Mr. Biden said America's primary objective in Afghanistan is "almost completed." Mr. Obama took it even further, repeatedly saying on the campaign trail that America has "blunted the Taliban's momentum" and that al Qaeda is on the "path to defeat."

But according to CBS reporter Lara Logan, the administration was misleading the

American people with this "major lie" in order to justify the U.S. exit strategy. During a *60 Minutes* episode on September 30, Logan interviewed Gen. John Allen, the commanding officer of U.S. forces in Afghanistan, Afghan President Hamid Karzai and a Taliban commander who had been trained by al Qaeda. All of them agreed: Al Qaeda and other terrorist organizations are now *returning* to Afghanistan.

Al Qaeda is definitely "on the run," as Mr. Obama repeatedly stated. But it isn't running *from* American forces—IT IS INSTEAD RUSHING TO FILL THE POWER VOID LEFT BY A SUPERPOWER THAT HAS SPENT ITS STRENGTH IN VAIN.

This is the real story. America is fading. After a decade of fighting an unwinnable war in Afghanistan, most Americans want out. The nation's leaders have responded by declaring victory so they can finalize an exit strategy.

Even Obama's Republican opponent actively promoted the "mission accomplished" propaganda. "We've seen progress over the past several years. The surge has been successful, and the training program is proceeding at pace," Mitt Romney said at the foreign-policy debate. There are now a large number of Afghan security forces—350,000—that are ready to step in to provide security, and we're going to be able to make that transition by the end of 2014." He emphatically told America's enemies that as president, he would stick to the 2014 timetable. Obviously in that debate, he was speaking to undecided

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GERALD FLURRY, OCTOBER 2011

voters, moving to the center to avoid coming across as radical. But how telling is it that *this* is what it takes to appeal to a war-weary American electorate in 2012?

Are you buying what these leaders are selling? The prevailing narrative is that *America is doing everything essentially right*. In Syria, Bashar Assad is sure to go eventually; we just need to keep doing what we’re doing. In Egypt, we were correct in ousting Hosni Mubarak; we’re better off with the Muslim Brotherhood in charge. In Libya, we did right in knocking off Qadhafi; Libya is progressing nicely. In Afghanistan, we’ve basically done our job; the locals can keep things under control now, so we can bring our boys back.

Apparently, a great many Americans believe it. They want so much to think that the greatest dangers facing the nation are now *in the past*.

But the cold, hard, stark reality is, IT JUST ISN’T TRUE.

The Post-American World

Events are exploding in America’s face. The Middle East is transforming, and in spite of enormously costly American efforts, it is descending deeper into radicalism. On top of that, the rest of the world faces tremendous instability. Europe is in turmoil, seized with unrest that, history shows, could be commandeered by extremists of a different stripe. Asia is being redrawn as China rises and actively undermines American interests. Latin America is also decoupling from the U.S. and playing host to more extremist and violent elements. Frankly, the proliferation of factors that could lead to devastating conflicts can numb the mind.

But America’s top leaders—both Democrat and Republican, it seems—insist that things are under control. America has never been stronger and safer. We just need to stay the course. Make a few tweaks, but keep

doing what we’re doing. These leaders, in their arrogance, think *they* write the script. In Afghanistan, they have decided in their own minds that America won. But the reality, Logan says, is that “After 11 years of war in Afghanistan, where we are surrendering—rushing for the exits as fast as we can—not only do we *not* dictate the terms, but we have *less power to dictate anything on the world stage*.”

In other words, it isn’t al Qaeda or any other terrorist group that is on the path to defeat. It’s *the United States of America*.

How is this possible? Isn’t the U.S. the world’s strongest nation? In the foreign-policy debate, Mr. Obama boasted, “We spend more on our military than the next 10 countries combined.” But the painful truth is, that expenditure provides us with *nothing*. The U.S. “no longer has the ... basic ability to impose its will anywhere on the planet,” Tom Engelhardt wrote on Real Clear World. “Quite the opposite, U.S. military power has been remarkably discredited globally by the most pitiful of forces” (October 10). Even a hundred or so terrorists can poke America in the eye with a sharp stick by destroying an American consulate and killing an ambassador—and face no consequences whatsoever.

The time of American superpower is past. We are in a multipolar world. Washington’s authority and influence is bleeding out in several directions, and is being absorbed by unpredictable, unstable powers.

Can Americans recognize this? Do they even care? Judging by presidential politics, it seems the stunning answer is *no*. As George Will said of Obama and Romney after their foreign-policy debate, “They understand, both of them, that foreign policy is *very* peripheral to Americans’ interests today, and what foreign policy they want needs a *lot* less American involvement overseas. Tonight we saw two men who don’t really disagree all that

much talking about subjects concerning which the voters don’t care all that much.”

That is astonishing, given the state of the world. Americans are eager to pass responsibility for Iraq onto Iraqis, for Afghanistan onto Afghans, for Israel onto Israelis, and for every other problem area onto “partners” in the international community. They like their presidential candidates to *talk* about exerting leadership in the world, but in the end, they pretty much would like the world to take care of itself. The nation’s role in the world *is* peripheral to their interests.

Well, the truth is that, more and more, AMERICA’S ROLE IN THE WORLD IS PERIPHERAL TO THE WORLD’S INTERESTS AS WELL. America’s “ability to impose its will anywhere on the planet” is long gone. And when a political candidate says “the rest of the world follows us again,” the rest of the world chuckles—and then carries on with its business in post-American reality.

They are confident that the next administration will oversee the continuing contraction of American influence and power. America is becoming irrelevant. The U.S. is disengaging from the world, and the world is returning the favor.

But the story doesn’t end there. This massive geopolitical shift is going to have fearsome consequences. Probably within this next presidential term, the multipolar, post-American world will explode with shocks so earthshaking that no president will be able to paper over the facts. America’s pride in its power has been broken. And the powers that are rising to replace it are about to tear this world apart. ■

Worse—and BETTER—than you think!

The world has entered the post-American period. What happens next is even more terrifying and violent than you expect. But what happens after that global explosion is the greatest period in human history. Bible prophecy predicted the rise of the United States. It predicted its present decline, and its imminent fall. But it also predicts the soon coming, literal return of Jesus Christ! This revolution is very close. To understand

what the Bible says about the post-American world, request a free copy of our book **The United States and Britain in Prophecy**.



FROM WHERE WILL HELP COME?

Syria is one of many flash points in the region that are opening the door for foreign intervention.



NEXT IN LINE, PLEASE

America is pulling out of North Africa and the Middle East. Another power is gearing up to fill the void. **BY JEREMIAH JACQUES AND RICHARD PALMER**

AMERICA WANTS OUT. AFTER 11 years of war, it wants to bring its soldiers home from Afghanistan; it wants to leave the Middle East and North Africa for others to deal with.

The question arises, *who will it be?* Radical Islam is rising. Disorder is seizing country after country throughout the region. Will anyone actually step up to bring the situation to heel, to help steer events in the right direction?

Right now, at least superficially, there doesn't appear to be an obvious contender for the job.

When you look closer, however, and start putting events and trends together, an answer begins to surface. There is a foreign power positioning itself to exert control. It certainly isn't going for shock and awe—at least not yet. But it is

working, slowly, quietly and consistently.

Building an Anti-Iran Alliance

The new United Nations peace envoy to Syria is planning to send 3,000 peacekeeping troops to Syria to help quell its civil war. Where will the 3,000 come from? The UN envoy, Algerian Diplomat Lakhdar Brahimi, feels that his options are limited. He considers African troops too ill equipped, soldiers from neighboring Arab countries too close to the rebels to be considered neutral, and British and American forces tainted in the eyes of the locals because of their involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan. Russia and China's support for the Assad regime rules them out, too.

So, who is left? Only one power: the European Union.

It's a striking conclusion, because the

EU is hardly a disinterested bystander to Middle Eastern affairs. In fact, it is proving itself quite engrossed in them—even yearning to influence their outcome.

In recent years, one of the EU's main goals for the Middle East has been the creation of a coalition of Muslim nations to act as an anti-Iran alliance. This is evidenced by the EU's leading power, Germany, steadily improving trade relations with and military investment in nations like Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey and the Gulf states.

Germany is supplying scads of weapons to Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain. It has also deployed its federal police to Riyadh to help the Saudis with border security and to train them to squelch uprisings. After

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As Gun Sales Rise, What Is Your Source of Protection?



People seem to be bracing for crime and riots to explode—by arming themselves to the teeth. **BY JOEL HILLIKER**

HAVE YOU GOT YOUR GUN YET? Millions of your neighbors have. Americans have always loved their guns, but lately they are loading up more than ever.

U.S. civilians lead the world in private gun ownership: They own an estimated 270 million guns—nine privately owned firearms for every 10 people.

Precise gun sales figures don't exist, but firearm manufacturers know the score. Because of exploding demand, they simply can't keep the shelves stocked. Sturm, Ruger and Co. received more orders in the first quarter of this year than the number of guns it made in all of 2011. Smith & Wesson said its backlog at the end of the second quarter was worth nearly \$400 million, more than double the same time last year.

The firearms industry grew 66 percent in economic impact (job creation and tax payments) between 2008 and 2011. And the number of background checks linked to buying firearms is soaring: 1.7 million in March—up 20 percent from March last year. It was the 22nd month in a row that this number rose. Numbers are still well over a million a month.

Clearly, people are concerned. Many are anxious over economic instability and the potential for societal breakdown. As local, state and

federal budgets are cut back, public services, including law enforcement, are being trimmed. A growing number of people just don't think the government will protect them. Also, more and more believe the world is coming to an end and are bracing themselves to survive doomsday.

Added to these fears is growing nervousness that politicians are about to enact stricter gun control. It's a showdown: On one side are people who say that keeping guns out of people's hands makes everyone safer. On the other are those who believe that taking guns away only leaves law-abiding people vulnerable to criminals who will get them illegally. As society grows more dangerous, they argue, the only source of protection they can really have confidence in is themselves.

Are you one of these people? What is your source of protection?

This is an important question, because those who *lack* protection are about to find themselves in a world of trouble.

You Need Protection!

Given current trends, it's not difficult to see why people are concerned about breakdowns in social order. All around we see clues that it is unraveling. In an economically depressive atmosphere, it seems anger and hostility are always simmering,

ready to boil over. Stories are numbering in the *hundreds* of gangs of young people committing random acts of terror—stealing, vandalizing, intimidating, assaulting, even raping and killing. Racial provocations and violence have grown routine. Soaring welfare dependency means that any disruption in benefits—whether from budget cuts, a government shutdown or default—could mobilize an army of discontents overnight. A currency meltdown—made increasingly likely by reckless government monetary policy—would transform the country.

On top of these dangers are the possibilities of unforeseen disaster—a terrorist attack, weather catastrophe, major earthquake or disease pandemic. All have the potential to not only bring a high body count, but also to upset the infrastructure and technology our society depends on—the systems that enable food distribution, electricity production and delivery, communication, waste management and so on. The resulting tribulations could spark significant unrest.

Little wonder that people are seeking out ways to protect themselves.

But there is yet more to indicate the fragility of our society—and this is the most concerning of all. It is the warning of *biblical prophecy*.

A host of chilling scriptural passages warn of exactly these sorts of scenarios hitting us very soon.

The end-time prophecy of Ezekiel 5, for example, reveals that America is about to fall victim to a siege of violence within its major cities. Economic collapse *will* cause serious breakdowns. Panic will spread. Lawlessness will explode. We will see rioting, burning and brutality amid population centers. We will experience the worst evils of human nature.

Now—add 270 million guns to this equation. Prophecies make it obvious that these weapons will be put to use. Not just in occasional gang-on-gang violence, or only between criminals and policemen—but by people who are driven by fear, desperate for food, fighting for their lives, determined to protect their loved ones.

What will *you* do in these nightmarish conditions? How will you keep your family safe from hungry, desperate people? How will *you* survive?

Are guns your best form of protection? Well, when you understand those biblical prophecies, a terrible reality emerges: Guns are only going to help so much. Set aside practical considerations—the fact that they can jam, or misfire, or be stolen and used against you. Set aside questions like how you could be sure *you* wouldn't use your gun for evil.

Realize that the scale of violence about to engulf our society will simply be too overwhelming. No one is going to escape the coming tribulation—which is descending on America and other nations because of God's wrath—through survivalist skills. Those who plan to weather the coming storms through their own foresight and marksmanship are underestimating the savageness of the time ahead.

There is, however, *another, far more effective* form of protection available.

Didn't Jesus Say to Buy Swords?

Many gun-buyers are Christian. When Jesus Christ walked this Earth, He spoke about the subject of self-defense. Did He teach people to take up weapons and defend themselves from dangers?

There was one instance, often cited by some who consider the Bible authoritative, where Jesus actually told His disciples, "he that hath no sword, let him sell his garment, and buy one" (Luke 22:36). Why? Was it so they would be prepared to wage war against the government of Rome, or to defend themselves against criminals? No—the next verse gives the reason. Jesus fulfilled many Old Testament prophecies during His years in the flesh, and this was one of them: that He would be "numbered

with the transgressors" (Isaiah 53:12)—or as the Fenton translation renders it, He "ranked among the outlaws." Christ said, "For I say unto you, that this that is written *must yet be accomplished in me*," and He had them get a sword to fulfill that prophecy—not to use in killing.

Before He was crucified, Jesus told Pilate, "My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, *then* would my servants fight ..." (John 18:36). To this day, His Kingdom has not yet come to this Earth. When it does, Christ will lead the charge and make war in righteousness (read Revelation 19:11-16).

Until then, however, did Christ say His followers should arm themselves and use self-defense?

No, He did not. "Resist not evil," Jesus said. "[W]hosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also" (Matthew 5:39).

The approach of arming oneself, intending on using guns to defend against other human beings, contravenes Christ's clear instruction. (Using guns for hunting or recreation is far different than procuring them for self-defense.) Taking another person's life also breaks the Sixth Commandment, "Thou shalt not kill" (Exodus 20:13).

Restraining force would be appropriate to exercise under certain circumstances. But someone who is striving to live by God's law of love, even if provoked, should never use a weapon with intent to inflict injury on another person. "Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves," wrote the Apostle Paul, "but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord" (Romans 12:19).

However, it is far from true that Christ left His disciples *defenseless*. He well knew of—and *specifically prophesied of*—the crime and violence that would overwhelm our world today. "For then shall be *great tribulation*," He said of the time just before His Second Coming, "such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be" (Matthew 24:21).

He knew that this society would be

full of dangers. He knew those who follow Him would be under threat of crime and violence. That is why He instructed His disciples to pray daily, "Deliver us from evil" (Matthew 6:13).

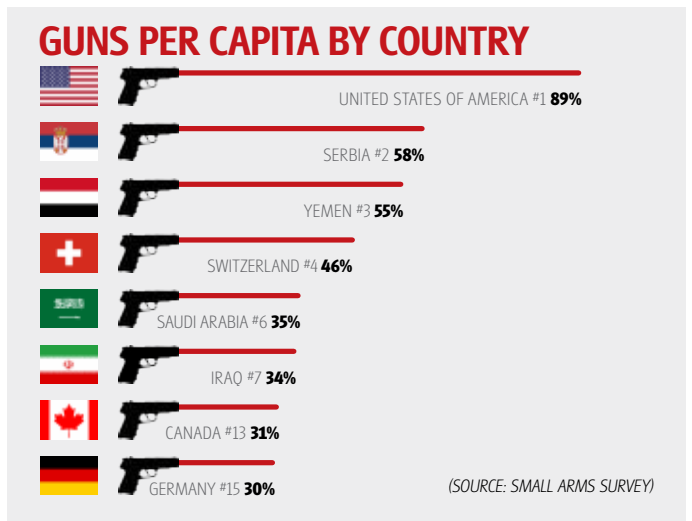
Real Protection

Many people who call themselves Christians actually *ridicule* the idea of divine protection. They practice a religion "having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof" (2 Timothy 3:5).

But God is real. His power is real—His power to save from danger those who fear and obey Him is *real!* "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished" (2 Peter 2:9). The Bible is *filled* with examples of God delivering His faithful out of all sorts of life-threatening situations—conquering kingdoms, quenching fire, closing the mouths of man-eating beasts, putting whole armies to flight (Hebrews 11:33-34).

God does promise in many scriptural passages that in the coming tribulation, He will provide a special place of protection for His people. You can read about this by requesting our free booklet *Jordan and God's Church in Prophecy*.

There is no limit on God's ability to



intervene on your behalf—*except the quality of your faith and obedience*. "And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight" (1 John 3:22). Are *you* doing what is pleasing in his sight?

The question is about to become one of life and death: Do *you* have God's protection? ■

The Deadliest Mystery in the Middle East

BY GERALD FLURRY

THE MIDDLE EAST IS EXPLODING with unrest and violence. But one situation in particular could cause a major catastrophe for the world, including the United States—and is being almost entirely overlooked by the media. It could be the deadliest mystery in the Middle East.

Western intelligence agencies are worried about Syria's chemical weapons. They estimate that Syria has several hundred tons of chemical weapons at perhaps 20 or more sites throughout the country. They are most concerned about the deadly nerve agent, sarin gas. "Syria is thought to possess the world's third-largest stockpile of chemical weapons after the United States and Russia. . . . Syria's weapons, predominantly deadly nerve agents that can be delivered by artillery rockets, shells and aircraft munitions, were developed for use in a war against Israel" (*Washington Post*, September 6).

Syria has never been known to be a manufacturer of chemical and biological weapons. Where did it get all of these weapons of mass destruction?

Syrian forces have these WMD, and they could use them. President Bashar Assad's regime has said that it might do exactly that against foreign attackers.

But something even more terrifying could happen to those weapons.

Concerns Over Looting

About half of the country is now in the hands of Syrian rebels. Assad's regime looks like it could fall any day. What might happen then? U.S. Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta has said that he is worried that Syria's military could suddenly walk away from its chemical weapons *without securing them*. If that happens, *terrorists could seize them!*

Hezbollah is entrenched in Lebanon,

Syria's neighbor to the west. This terrorist group is allied with Syria. Those weapons could go from Syria to terrorists like Hezbollah, and from there to Western targets!

"U.S. and Israeli officials fear that the chemical sites could be looted, leading to weapons being sold or given to radical Islamists or to Iranian-backed Hezbollah fighters. A single crate of artillery shells or a few barrels of chemical precursors would contain enough lethal poisons for a series of terrorist attacks, weapons experts say" (ibid).

So a deadly chemical attack—or *series* of attacks—could happen outside of Libya, in Israel or even in the United States. After all, who do these terrorists hate most of all? *America* is their ultimate target. The attacks on America's embassies and consulates on the anniversary of 9/11 demonstrate that. In October, Iran actually *tried* a bold terrorist attack against America—to assassinate the Saudi ambassador to the U.S. right there in Washington, D.C. Thankfully, that plot was thwarted. But just because that attack failed doesn't mean the next one will.

What Happened to Saddam's WMD?

When the United States led a coalition of nations in war against Saddam Hussein in 2003, the consensus in the intelligence community was that Iraq had massive stockpiles of WMD. Today, however, it is widely considered fact that those stockpiles didn't exist.

What is the proof? As Melanie Phillips wrote this past summer, it is simply "that none was ever found, surely one of the most profoundly illogical and imbecilic formulations ever to have fallen from human lips" (*Daily Mail*, July 25).

Saddam Hussein was a vile dictator with many enemies, both nearby and abroad. This man was feared because of these powerful weapons. Yet most of the world apparently believes that he destroyed his own WMD. We haven't found one shred of evidence to prove that he would handicap himself that way.

On the other hand, there is a *mountain* of evidence that Saddam Hussein had WMD. He *used* mustard gas, VX and sarin against the Kurds in the 1980s. He *used* those terrible weapons to fight a war against Iran. He used them many times to kill Iraqis, his own people. So we know those weapons existed.

In 1991, *60 Minutes* spotlighted Saddam Hussein's nuclear bomb program. In 1992, it quoted the United Nations saying that his gassing of the Kurds was almost without parallel since Adolf Hitler and the Nazis. Saddam Hussein *confessed* that he had plenty of WMDs in 1995.

In 1996, *60 Minutes* said that Iraq's biological weapons hoard was "much more extensive than anyone had believed." During the Clinton administration, that news program and many others emphasized the danger of Saddam Hussein's weapons. In 1998, President Clinton announced that an Iraqi informant admitted that Iraq was continuing to develop chemical weapons after the Gulf War ended in 1991.

All the major intelligence agencies agreed that Iraq had these weapons in massive amounts. They estimated that there were potentially dozens of chemical and biological weapons sites across Iraq.

The United States couldn't eliminate those chemical threats by bombing the facilities. We had to send in tens of thousands of troops. And that's exactly what we did in 2003, because we were certain that Saddam Hussein had produced massive stockpiles of WMD and that he constituted a clear danger to the United States and other nations.

The U.S. and its allies went into Iraq for the express purpose of getting rid of Saddam's WMD. But we didn't find *any!*

What happened to Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction? Where did they go?

The other question is, where did all of Syria's WMD *come from?*

There is powerful evidence that those weapons stockpiles *did* exist—and they *do*

exist. They were transferred *from Iraq to Syria!*

Ignored Evidence!

The lead-up to the war took about one year. During that time, Israel's prime minister, Ariel Sharon, said that satellite data suggested that Iraq was transferring its WMD to Syria. A UN weapons inspector made the same claim. There were reports of significant truck movement between Iraq and Syria just prior to the U.S. invasion. A Syrian journalist who defected to Paris reported that Iraq's WMD were arriving in Syria, and even identified three places in Syria where they had been buried.

According to terrorism expert John Loftus, who has held some of the highest security clearances in the world, "The best U.S. and allied intelligence say that in the 10 weeks before the Iraq War, Saddam's Russian adviser told him to get rid of all the nerve gas. ... So they shipped it across the border to Syria and Lebanon and buried it."

Additional evidence from Iraqi documents seized during the war indicates that Iraq received assistance from Russia in transporting weapons and missile components across the border. After the war, an Iraqi Air Force commander and a U.S. federal agent who was on the ground in Iraq when the U.S. invaded also revealed evidence of a weapons transfer to Syria. In June 2010, Ryan Mauro of PJ Media produced a detailed report about the Iraq Survey Group, a multinational group tasked with learning what had happened to Iraq's WMD arsenal. This group received *many* credible reports about pre-invasion weapons transfers to Syria.

All of this evidence was later corroborated by one of Saddam's former generals, Georges Sada. He says he is absolutely certain WMD were transferred to Syria just before the war started in 2003.

Over the past year, while Syria has been in turmoil, still more reports about Iraq's WMD being in Syria have surfaced. Yet the media have ignored these reports. *All this evidence* has been simply ignored or shoved aside as propaganda!

Surely you would agree that *something is not right here*. There is more to this than the media have reported.

They accept the notion that no WMD in Iraq after the war proves that they never existed, or that Saddam himself destroyed them! Why? BECAUSE IT FEEDS THEIR STORY THAT THE WAR IN IRAQ WAS UNNECESSARY, AND A MISTAKE!

Syria tried to develop its own nuclear program, but Israel quickly destroyed that in 2007. Yet *somehow*, Syria RAPIDLY acquired perhaps the most fearsome

chemical arsenal in the region, without the international community really realizing when or how.

Melanie Phillips concluded, "Might some of Bashar al-Assad's chemical and possibly biological arsenal have Saddam Hussein's name on it?"

WHY AREN'T MORE PEOPLE ASKING THIS QUESTION? Why aren't we more curious about it? Does it have to do with politics? There has been a lot of deception here. We need to get to the truth, because *so much* is at stake—perhaps the *lives* of millions of people!

WMD in Jordan

There is something else that figures prominently into this equation. It happened in Jordan.

In April of 2004, Jordanian authorities foiled an al Qaeda terrorist plot. The cell had 20 tons of chemicals, including poison gas! *Twenty tons* of WMD. Al Qaeda's leader in Jordan admitted that the terrorists planned to kill 20,000 to 80,000 Jordanians. King Abdullah II said this "major, major operation" would have "decapitated the government."

Al Qaeda, 20 tons of WMD, and—almost—80,000 murdered Jordanians. Yet the media paid it almost no attention. Nobody asked, *Where did all those chemicals come from?* Maybe they don't want to know the answer: Evidence indicates that those weapons were manufactured by Saddam Hussein and deployed by Syria to the terrorists! (sidebar: "The Stockpiles Were in Iraq").



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'The Stockpiles Were in Iraq'

In 2004, terrorism expert John Loftus granted an interview with Larry Elder concerning the media's lack of interest in the origins of the 20 tons of chemical weapons found in Jordan that year. Loftus is a respected former Army officer and Justice Department prosecutor.

John Loftus: There's a lot of reason to think [the source of the chemicals] might be Iraq. We captured Iraqi members of al Qaeda, who've been trained in Iraq, planned for the mission in Iraq, and now they're in Jordan with nerve gas. That's not the kind of thing you buy in a grocery store. You have to have obtained it from someplace.

Larry Elder: They couldn't have obtained it from Syria?

Loftus: Syria does have the ability to produce certain kinds of nerve gasses, but in small quantities. The large stockpiles were known to be in Iraq. The best U.S. and allied intelligence say that in the 10 weeks before the Iraq war, Saddam's Russian adviser told him to get rid of all the nerve gas. ... So they shipped it across the border to Syria and Lebanon and buried it. ... [T]here's no doubt these guys confessed on Jordanian television that they received the training for this mission in Iraq. ... And from the description, it appears this is the form of nerve gas known as VX. It's very rare and very tough to manufacture... one of the most destructive chemical mass production weapons you can use.... They wanted to build three clouds, a mile across, of toxic gas. A whole witch's brew of nasty chemicals that were going to go into this poison cloud, and this would have gone over shopping malls, hospitals.

Elder: You said the Russians told Saddam, "There is going to be an invasion. Get rid of your chemical and biological weapons."

Loftus: Sure. It would only bring the United Nations down on their heads if they were shown to really have weapons of mass destruction. It's not generally known, but the CIA has found 41 different material breaches where Saddam did have a weapons of mass destruction program of various types. It was completely illegal. But no one could find the stockpiles. And the liberal press seems to be focusing on that.

Elder: It seems to me that this is a huge, huge story.

Loftus: It's embarrassing to the [press]. They've staked their reputations that this stuff wasn't there. And now all of a sudden we have al Qaeda agents from Iraq showing up with weapons of mass destruction.

Elder: David Kay [the man in charge of searching for WMD in Iraq] said, in an interim report, that there was a possibility that WMD components were shipped to Syria.

Loftus: A possibility? We had a Syrian journalist who defected to Paris in January. The guy is dying of cancer, and he said, "Look, my friends in Syrian intelligence told me exactly where the stuff is buried." He named three sites in Syria, and the Israelis have confirmed the three sites. They know where the stuff is, but the problem is that the United States can't just go around invading Arab countries.

...We know from Israeli and defectors' intelligence that the son of the Syrian defense minister was paid 50 million bucks to bring the stuff across the border and bury it. —Townhall.com, May 6, 2004



DEATH FACTORY? In a photo taken in 2002, a plant lies 300 miles northwest of Baghdad. Iraqi officials allowed journalists to tour the site, claiming the plant was used to produce chemicals for fertilizers. The same site housed a uranium extraction plant until it was destroyed during the 1991 Gulf War.

WMD REALITY A Kurdish father holds his baby in his arms in Halabja, Iraq, on March 20, 1988. Father and daughter were killed when the Iraqi government launched a confirmed genocidal military poison gas attack against its own citizens. It is believed that the Iraqi military massacred approximately 5,000 villagers by bombing Halabja with mustard gas and sarin, tabun and VX nerve agents. The slaughter is recognized as the worst-ever chemical attack against civilians.

Syria is the world's second deadliest state sponsor of terrorism. It has actually used some dangerous weapons in that process. It tried to decapitate peaceful little Jordan. Don't you think it might use some of those chemical weapons at its disposal? Or that it could give them to terrorists? Evidence suggests it already has!

Again, this is the fundamental question that no one is asking: Where did these terrorists get 20 tons of poison gas to use against Jordanians? The Jordanians knew: It came from *Syria*.

managed to *acquire* its massive stockpile of WMD. It has never had the reputation for being a large-scale *manufacturer* of such weapons—certainly not like pre-2003 Iraq. Yet when Assad's government said it possessed a deadly WMD arsenal, no one doubted the claim. There were no intelligence reports theorizing that Syria *suspended* its WMD program years ago—or saying that the stockpiles simply do not exist.

No—everyone *knows* they exist. But no one asks how they got there in the first place, because raising that question

Middle East is leading.

To understand the truth, you have to understand Bible prophecy. Psalm 83 reveals what is ahead. Based on that prophecy, the *Trumpet* has forecast for years that SYRIA IS GOING TO BREAK AWAY FROM ITS ALLIANCE WITH IRAN. It appears that is what is happening *right now*.

Prophecies in Psalm 83 and Daniel 11 are unbreakable, and they reveal that this world is about to explode with violence—and those weapons of mass destruction will actually get detonated! Those prophecies show that the spark that ignites the next world war will come from the Middle East.

But this horrible news is going to give way to *good news!*

Look at Daniel's prophecy in Daniel 11:40—then follow it to the end. It concludes by talking about the return of the Messiah! The Messiah *is* coming! Fulfilled prophecy in the Middle East is proof of that. And just as sure as these prophecies have been fulfilled, the prophecies about the Messiah's return *will* be fulfilled.

Matthew 24 tells us that if Christ didn't come to *stop* this madness, there would be "no flesh saved alive." But thank God that He *is* coming to stop the mass destruction and the mass murder and lead the Middle East and the world into a time of peace. We are on a countdown to that glorious event!

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Will Those WMD Be Used?

Today, with Syria engulfed in civil war and Bashar Assad's regime in trouble, some people are panicking a bit about what might happen to Syria's chemical weapons in the event of a regime change.

They are right to panic!

Hardly anyone, though, has bothered to ask about how Syria

would lift the veil covering the media's shameful record of deception and lies. Politicians and news producers are so worried about their own careers that they won't talk about it!

We have a very good idea where the WMD in Syria—and Jordan—came from. And we have an even better understanding of where this horrific situation in the

The Dollar Killer

The Fed's latest announcement is a death knell for the greenback.

BY ROBERT MORLEY

AMERICA'S ECONOMY IS IN DEEPER trouble than thought. Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke confirmed it. His official announcement on September 13 said America is on the mend, it is just experiencing a few headwinds from Europe. He then went on to unleash a quantitative easing program (QE3) so potentially massive in scope that it could dwarf QE1, QE2, Operation Twist, and all the money-printing schemes the Fed has carried out so far—combined!

If you really want to know what is going on in the economy, ignore what the Fed says—and watch what it does.

Another Bank Bailout

Bernanke announced that the Fed will spend a whopping \$40 billion *per month*—\$480 billion per year—purchasing mortgage-backed securities from the big Wall Street banks. He called it an effort to drive down mortgage rates and get more people buying and building houses, thus creating jobs.

If this is the best the Fed has to offer, America is in big trouble. Mortgage rates are already at historic lows, and people cannot afford to buy more houses. Pushing record-low rates a few fractions of a percent lower won't do much. What is likelier is that the big banks will finally have an opportunity to unload all their garbage subprime-mortgage-backed securities at the expense of taxpayers. In other words, this is another bank bailout.

But if that part of the Federal Reserve's announcement wasn't shocking enough, what it said next should blow your socks off. The Fed said it was writing itself a blank check for how much it could spend until the labor market improved "substantially." It gave itself no predefined limit on how much it could spend or for how long under this new QE3 program. It is completely open-ended.

The Fed also indicated that if this did not prove enough to stimulate the job market, it could unveil other policy weapons. For starters, it will keep the interest

rate it charges banks to borrow money at *zero percent* until at least 2015.

Remember: This new QE3 program is in addition to the current \$45 billion per month the Fed is using to purchase U.S. treasury bonds—and to keep the federal government paying its bills. In the past, the Federal Reserve has only lent money to the federal government short term, but now it is going to use this \$45 billion per month to lend to the government "longer term."

What This Does to the Dollar

For those not versed in the intricacies of Federal Reserve machinations, remember that the Fed has no money of its own. Any money it spends, it does via a printing press, or its electronic equivalent, which it uses to create dollars out of thin air.

But there is no free lunch. Economists always forget the other side of the equation. You don't just create \$40 billion, throw it at the banks, and get magical economic growth. Every time the Fed "creates" money out of thin air, it *cheapens the value of all preexisting dollars*.

So while dollar money supply totals may grow by \$40 billion per month, and while America's gross domestic product may increase, it is *phony growth* because the dollars are worth less. Yes, people are spending more, but they are getting less.

Printing money to buy things is "Zimbabwe policy." What happened to Zimbabwe when it tried this? Eventually it cost Zimbabweans billions of dollars to buy a banana. This is where the quantitative-easing road leads.

It is happening already. Within just a few hours of Bernanke's statement, the dollar lost over half a percent in value. The following day it lost more than half a percent again.

The Federal Reserve's QE policy will drive the dollar "through the floor," says Peter Schiff, CEO of Euro Pacific Capital. "This is a disastrous monetary policy; it's kamikaze monetary policy," Schiff told CNBC. "The dollar ... is going to be in free fall at some point ... ultimately there's going to be a currency crisis."

Schiff is absolutely right. When America's central bank announces that it is going to create *unlimited* amounts of new money to fix the economy, you need to realize that America is in serious trouble.

The truth is that America is *addicted* to quantitative easing. It can no longer function without it. The federal government can't cover its bills without money printing. The banking sector would collapse without money printing. The mortgage market would no longer function without various forms of quantitative easing. And now Bernanke says the job market may not recover without QE.

America needs to prepare for massive economic upheaval. America's top banker has signaled that it is quantitative easing or sudden death for the economy. There is no choice. If the money printing stops, America stops. But that means the dollar is going to get killed. ■



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Experience, on the other hand, tells us something quite different: that buying things usually just gets us more things—more things that need to be taken care of, more things that break.

In our materialistic world, shopping has become a common addiction—something we end up needing to do not to supply our needs, but for its own sake. The greed habit comes with a high cost: escalating debt, pervasive discontent, stress-related sickness, strained and fractured families.

There is a cure for all that madness. If any single thing can yank us out of the rat race of materialism, here it is:

THANKSGIVING. AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE for those blessings we already possess—particularly the spiritual blessings.

Putting It in Perspective

In the United States, the fourth Thursday in November is Thanksgiving Day. This noble public holiday represents a godly attitude we need to cultivate daily throughout the year.

Jesus Christ tells us *not* to accumulate treasures on Earth, which can break down, fall apart or be stolen (Matthew 6:19). Instead, a Christian is to seek incorruptible *spiritual* treasures (verses 20-21). The Apostle Paul offered this timeless wisdom: “Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth” (see Colossians 3:1-2). He followed his own advice and remained always content, whatever his physical circumstances—rich or poor, better or worse

(Philippians 4:11-12).

When we concentrate on and worry about what we *don't have*, we make ourselves poor. When we are grateful for and content with everything we *do have*, we discover how RICH we truly are.

A lack of contentment is really a lack of PERSPECTIVE. *If you are anxious about what you'll eat or drink, your perspective is off*, Christ instructs us. *Just be thankful you have a LIFE to SUSTAIN with food and drink! Don't fret about clothes—be thankful you have a BODY to clothe!* (read Matthew 6:25-34).

And God not only wants us to have an *attitude* of thanksgiving, but He also wants us to *express* that thanks to Him. Follow Paul's admonition in Hebrews 13:15 to “offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, *the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.*”



ping Addiction

BY JOEL HILLIKER

Feeling Entitled

My three children are growing up with a much higher material standard of living than the one my wife and I had at their age—in their home, their toys, the opportunities available to them. As they have been able to travel and attend certain special events, my wife and I have detected an unattractive side effect: *a sense of entitlement*. Woe be to any of us when we start feeling entitled to what are actually *luxuries*. We have talked to our children about it, taught them to be vigilant against it—and even *limited* some of those special things in their lives.

In making this decision, my wife and I are simply trying to follow God's example as a parent.

Read the 8th chapter of Deuteronomy; it vividly shows how God walks the line with His people between BLESSING us and

SPOILING us. Just as the Israelites were about to enter the Promised Land, God had a powerful message for them—one extremely relevant in our world today. *If you remain obedient*, He told them, *I'll bless you abundantly!* Then He reminded

If any single thing can yank us out of the rat race of materialism, here it is: thanksgiving. An attitude of gratitude for those blessings we already possess—particularly the spiritual blessings.

them of how much gratitude they owed Him for bringing them there. Surely they looked back on their time in the wilderness as a MASSIVE TRIAL—but God said, *Look, I orchestrated that whole experience. I was right with you the whole time, and it was all for your spiritual benefit. REMEMBER THAT. Now, as you enter the Promised Land, I want you to ENJOY IT TO THE FULL! But remember where it came from. That prosperity is not a result of your own doing! Be thankful, and don't take it for granted.*

God knows human nature well enough to know there was a *danger* that the Israelites would get their minds too much onto physical things and off Him.

How thoroughly *up to date* that speech is! We are modern-day Israel, frighteningly susceptible to the same traps our forebears fell into.

What's More Important Than Stuff

God has much to give; He could prosper each of us to the heights in a minute! But He knows that instant prosperity could hurt us, and only supplies what we can handle. Like any parent, He wants to bless us abundantly—but when He detects a lack of gratitude, then He thinks twice. And sometimes He withholds blessings in order to benefit our character.

"Two things have I required of thee; deny me them not before I die," reads a prayer recorded in Proverbs 30:7-9: "[G]ive me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: LEST I BE FULL, AND DENY THEE, AND SAY, WHO IS THE LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God in vain." These few verses contain much wisdom. They provide insight into how God must reason when considering which blessings to

extend to us and which to withhold.

In the end, God is after our *character development*. Sometimes physical blessing helps us develop character. Sometimes deprivation helps us even more.

How do you respond to God's blessings

in your life? God gives us blessings as it pleases Him—and as we please Him. Once we receive them, He expects us to thank Him. And He wants us to be content even when we don't receive those blessings.

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights..." (James 1:17). Make a mental list of all the good and perfect gifts your Father has given you. God even tells us to count *trials* as blessings since they produce positive spiritual growth in us (e.g. James 1:2-3). Can you honestly think of *one thing in your life*, then, that *isn't a blessing* for which to thank God?

When we begin to set our affections on things on this Earth, it is easy to lose this perspective. There will always be plenty of material things we lack. Nearly all people think they would be so much happier if their paycheck was just 10 percent bigger.

But WHAT PEACE and JOY flood into our lives when we focus on the real, the true—when we can *sincerely thank* our great God for all the blessings He gives us, even our trials! Greed shrinks; discontent dissolves; materialism melts away. When thankfulness moves in, it brings its companion, contentment. "And let the *peace of God rule in your hearts*, to the which also ye are called in one body; and *be ye thankful*" (Colossians 3:15).

How nice—a cure with no negative side effects. And on top of all the other benefits, it will probably fatten your wallet.

So, "therefore let us offer the sacrifice of *praise to God continually*, that is, the fruit of our lips GIVING THANKS TO HIS NAME." ■





David Cameron's government has broken a taboo, publicly questioning Britain's membership in the EU.

1 | **BRITAIN**

Break from Europe?

EVER SINCE BRITAIN JOINED THE European Economic Community in 1973, the *Trumpet* and its predecessor, the *Plain Truth*, have forecast that Britain will one day remove itself from—or be tossed out of—the European Union. Recent events have brought that day much closer.

On October 15, Home Secretary Theresa May announced that the British government plans to opt out of more than 130 European Union laws on crime, justice and policing. It was a watershed declaration, one the Euroskeptic *Daily Express* heralded as “Britain’s First Step to EU Exit.”

Much of the British public has long been unhappy in the EU. Now, for the first time, this public opposition is actually infiltrating the government and resulting in substantial political and legislative action against the EU. This is a major change in direction for London.

It is entirely legal, under the Lisbon Treaty, for Britain to opt out of these EU laws. The thing is, *no one actually thought the British government would do it*. When the treaty was being negotiated, the opt-out clause was thought of as simply a way to appease Euro-haters. Yet suddenly, even liberals and Europhiles want Britain to opt out. The *Financial Times*, which in the past has called for Britain to join the euro, wrote, “Any government, especially a Tory one, has to acknowledge the EU’s increasingly shaky legitimacy in the UK—where polls suggest a majority want to withdraw from the Union altogether. ... [T]o concede a further loss of national control—in such a sensitive area to an unaccountable

court—would invite a backlash.”

Also in October, Michael Gove, the education secretary and a top candidate to be Britain’s next prime minister, shocked many when he fired off an unprecedented verbal attack on the EU. He announced that if a referendum on Britain’s EU membership were held tomorrow, he would vote for a British withdrawal. “Give us back our sovereignty or we will walk out,” he told Brussels.

Gove has been publicly supported by Defense Secretary Philip Hammond. The *Daily Mail* says at least six other top-level government ministers have also privately sided with him.

“The importance of these remarks [from May, Gove and Hammond] cannot be overstated,” the *Telegraph*’s Peter Osborne explained. “Although many people have criticized Europe, *no senior British politician has actually dared to advocate a severance of relations*”—at least, not since about 30 years ago, when a man who did so was humiliated in a major political race. Ever since, Britain’s main political parties have agreed that Britain should remain in the EU.

Osborne continued: “Mr. Gove’s decision to break with that consensus would be a moment of first-rate importance even if he were acting on his own. *But he reportedly has the support of approximately half the Conservative members of the cabinet.*” In fact, some speculate that, considering his close personal relationship with David Cameron, he may have the prime minister’s sympathy as well.

Ever since Prime Minister Cameron took office, his government has successfully practiced a sweep-it-under-the-rug policy regarding Britain leaving Europe.

One reason this has been possible is that government allies have remained aloof on the subject. Until now. “I reckon the education secretary and his cabinet supporters are *genuinely ready to try to take Britain out of the European Union*,” Osborne wrote.

On October 23, British Foreign Minister William Hague all but handed in Britain’s notice to the EU. “Public disillusionment with the EU in Britain is the deepest it has ever been,” he warned. “People feel that the EU is a one-way process, a great machine that sucks up decision-making from national parliaments to the European level until everything is decided by the EU. That needs to change. If we cannot show that decision-making can flow back to national parliaments, then the system will become democratically unsustainable,” he said.

Ambrose Evans-Pritchard distilled Hague’s declaration: “What Mr. Hague is really doing is preparing the ground for withdrawal” (*Telegraph*, October 23).

Such a development would rock British politics and Britain’s relationship with Europe. “It is clear that the Conservative Party has reached a turning point,” wrote Osborne. “*Mr. Cameron has resolved to risk detonating the European bomb, in the full knowledge of the consequences.*”

What does Europe think of all this? It seems ready to make a break as well.

In October, Spiegel Online reported that while German Chancellor Angela Merkel once went out of her way to keep Britain in Europe, this is no longer the case. She is looking now to create a smaller, “new, more deeply integrated Europe,” and has “come to terms with the fact that *there will no longer be a path back to the center of the Union for the British*” (October 15).

More evidence of the coming split arose last fall, when “the British blocked an attempt by the other 26 EU member states to establish a joint headquarters for military missions,” reported *Spiegel*. “Now the plan is to be revived and implemented, *even against London’s resistance, if necessary.*”

British conservatives are hoping the split on policing laws can lead to a friendly renegotiation of Britain’s relationship to Europe. But the signs so far are that Britain is heading for a messy divorce.

This is *exactly* the outcome the Bible prophesied centuries ago. Britain is heading out, while the EU is consolidating into a smaller group of 10 nations that will pursue closer integration until they become a unified superstate.

The Europe question is about to explode in Britain, and when it does, as Mr. Osborne wrote, it “could all be very bloody and horrible.”

1 | GERMANY Democracy, who needs it?

German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schäuble put forward a radical response to Europe's financial crisis on October 14. Schäuble's most controversial proposal is to create a currency commissioner who would have the power to block national budgets. Unlike most other EU commissioners, this official would be able to act independently of the other commissioners. Spiegel Online wrote that this new post would be "one of the most powerful positions in the EU." Schäuble also said that only members of the European Parliament from eurozone countries should be able to vote on EU matters. He said his proposition had the full support of German Chancellor Angela Merkel. Unsurprisingly, other EU nations dislike Schäuble's proposal. It was not on the agenda for the EU summit in mid-October. But we can expect Germany to continue to push for a strong figure who will be able to whip Europe's finances into shape.



SCHÄUBLE



2 | GREECE 'You know, neo-Nazis have some good points'

The neo-Nazi Golden Dawn party is now the third-most popular party in Greece, according to a survey by Pulse RC published September 6. Over 10 percent of the Greek population now supports it. The New Democracy party holds support from 25 percent of voters, followed by the radical left-wing Syriza. PASOK, which used to be a major party, received only 8 percent support, less than Golden Dawn. The poll shows a stunning change in Greek politics. Three years ago, PASOK won the election with 44 percent of the vote, while Golden Dawn received 0.29 percent. Golden Dawn's popularity continues to rise even though its supporters have been implicated in brutal attacks against immigrants (the party insists it is not behind these attacks). Greece is a shocking example of how dramatically a nation can change and a society can break down once its economy falls apart. The once-trendy wave of multiculturalism comes crashing down, poverty spreads, people behave at a more base level, and crime increases. Keep watching Greece for clues as to what may lie in store for other countries teetering on the economic brink.

Just admit it's a federation

European Commission President José Manuel Barroso called for Europe to become a "federation" in his state of the union speech on September 12. "A deep and genuine economic and monetary union, a political union, with a coherent foreign and defense policy, means ultimately that the present European Union must evolve," he said. Barroso also said that forming "this federation of nation-states will ultimately require a new treaty." Barroso made these sweeping statements in spite of the fact that nearly every nation in Europe opposes a new EU treaty. Even Germany's traditional allies, the northern eurozone states, oppose a new treaty. Berlin is the only one pushing hard to rewrite the rules. EU Council President Herman Van Rompuy pushed for similar measures in an issues paper he published the day of Barroso's speech. He called for "a central budget for the euro area" and proposed creating a new eurozone parliament. The cry for a new European federation is becoming bolder.



The European Commission has authorized some EU nations to form a club within a club.

Union within the Union

ELEVEN EUROZONE NATIONS RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM the European Commission on October 23 to impose a small tax on all their financial transactions. Austria, Belgium, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia and Spain signed up for the tax, which is intended to finance bailouts within those nations.

Under European Union law, a group of at least nine nations can push toward "enhanced cooperation" on an issue, leaving the rest of Europe behind. The tax is the most significant instance so far of a smaller group of nations within the EU moving forward without the rest of the Union. The only other times the enhanced cooperation provision has been used was to simplify cross-border divorces and patents.

The fact that only 11 nations agreed to move forward with the tax is more proof that the eurozone cannot achieve the federal-style integration it wants without shrinking the number of nations involved. Earlier in the year, 11 member states formed the "Future of Europe Group," also known as the "Berlin Group," to discuss ways that EU nations could draw closer together. These aren't the same 11 that signed up to the tax, but Europhiles see the trend nonetheless: If you want to get anything big done, you have to cut some nations out of the club. Biblical prophecy shows that ultimately, the European alliance will be comprised of "ten kings."



"Let's not be afraid of the words: We will need to move towards a federation of nation-states This is our political horizon."

JOSÉ MANUEL BARROSO
EUROPEAN COMMISSION
PRESIDENT

1 | **RUSSIA**

2 | **CHINA**

Iran rebuked—but don't be fooled

In mid-September, Russia and China joined four Western powers in the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and issued a resolution against Iran for its failure to cooperate over its nuclear program.

Moscow and Beijing have criticized the West's expanded unilateral sanctions against Iran's oil exports and have repeatedly blocked UN Security Council resolutions condemning Iran's ally Syria for its violent repression of uprisings.

Both were also initially reluctant to submit the IAEA resolution. Russia and China joining the West and boosting pressure against Iran was heralded as a surprise victory by Western powers; however, analysts believe Moscow and Beijing probably calculated the move to relieve the pressure on them and to excuse themselves from endorsing tougher measures against Iran in the Security Council.

Overall, these two Asian powers will continue to make the task of isolating Iran arduous for Western powers.



More countries are picking up the yuan over the dollar.

Ditching dollars for yuans

EAST ASIAN STATES HAVE FORMED A “RENMINBI BLOC,” which is focused on abandoning the U.S. dollar and pegging currencies to the Chinese renminbi, according to a report published October 24. (The primary unit of renminbi is the yuan.) This bloc represents a major success in China's attempt to internationalize its currency.

The report, published by the Peterson Institute for International Economics, said Beijing is moving closer to its long-term goal of establishing the yuan as a global reserve currency. The latest data shows that in July, yuan-denominated trade accounted for 10 percent of China's total foreign trade. Two years ago, that figure was zero.

The report said that since the global financial downturn, more and more countries view the yuan as the chief reference currency when setting exchange rates. Now seven out of ten economies in the region—including Indonesia, South Korea, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand—monitor the yuan more closely than they track the greenback. This report shows not only the waning influence of the United States and the emergence of China, but also Asian nations' moves toward unification.

2 | **CHINA Hackers breach U.S. military network**

Hackers connected to China's government infiltrated a U.S. government computer network containing some of Washington's most sensitive information, the *Washington Free Beacon* reported on September 30. U.S. authorities declined to officially blame China for the attacks, but experts say the hack was the handiwork of Chinese military cyberwarfare specialists tied to a unit called the 4th Department of General Staff of the People's Liberation Army. Since the hacked system is used for U.S. military nuclear commands, the cyberattack is considered one of Beijing's most belligerent ever. If Beijing's attack was successful, China could possibly use the information it obtained in future conflicts to intercept presidential communications, locate and target the president, and disrupt his strategic command of U.S. forces. The incident underscores the failure of past and present administrations to confront China about its cyberespionage. Beijing's rapidly expanding technological reach now allows it to extend its belligerence right into the White House.



3 | **JAPAN PM takes hawkish turn**

Speaking at a naval ceremony on October 14, Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda unleashed some hawkish rhetoric not previously seen in his leadership approach.



NODA

Noda's speech included a jingoistic phrase used in a slogan for naval battles during the early 20th century's Russo-Japan War, as well as nationalistic slogans Japanese naval cadets have recited since before World War II. “We have a neighbor that launches missiles disguised as satellites and engages in nuclear development. We are facing various cases related to territory and sovereignty,” he said, referring to North Korea, China and South Korea. For years, U.S. foreign policy has worked to suppress indications of Japanese militarism, but with China rising and the U.S. afflicted by economic and moral disease, Washington appears ready to allow Tokyo to take on a greater regional security role. Although much of the friction and potential for arms buildup in the region is due to disputes between Asian states, watch for these bickering nations to ultimately pool together in an Asian superpower.

“We know that foreign cyber actors are probing America's critical infrastructure networks. They are targeting the computer control systems that operate chemical, electricity and water plants and those that guide transportation throughout this country ... seeking to create advanced tools to attack these



systems and cause panic and destruction and even the loss of life.”

LEON PANETTA
U.S. SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

4 | EGYPT**Cleric: 'Rend the Jews asunder!' Morsi: 'Amen!'**

Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi attended Islamic prayers on October 19 led by Sheikh Futouh Abd Al-Nabi Mansour. Mansour's concluding tirade aired on Egyptian television: "Oh Allah, absolve us of our sins, strengthen us, and grant us victory over the infidels. Oh Allah, deal with the Jews and their supporters. Oh Allah, disperse them, rend them asunder. Oh Allah, demonstrate your might and greatness upon them. Show us your omnipotence, oh Lord." The camera also caught Morsi, head bowed, nodding and, after every phrase, repeating "Amen." Morsi, the former leader of the Muslim Brotherhood, has also been called on to denounce recent inflammatory statements made by the current leader of the Islamist group, but has remained silent.



Morsi nods during an anti-Jewish harangue.

MORSI**5 | LEBANON** Soon to leave Iran

A car bomb killed Maj. Gen. Wissam al-Hassan, Lebanon's intelligence chief, along with seven others on October 19. Syria is believed to be behind the assassination. After al-Hassan's funeral, hundreds of protesters marched against the offices of Lebanese Prime Minister Najib Mikati. Mikati is viewed as being too friendly with Syria's Bashar Assad and Hezbollah, which forms part of the Lebanese government. Pressure is mounting on Syria and on the Hezbollah-led government in Lebanon. Watch for Syria and Lebanon to ultimately align not with Iran but with Germany and a bloc of "moderate" Arab states.



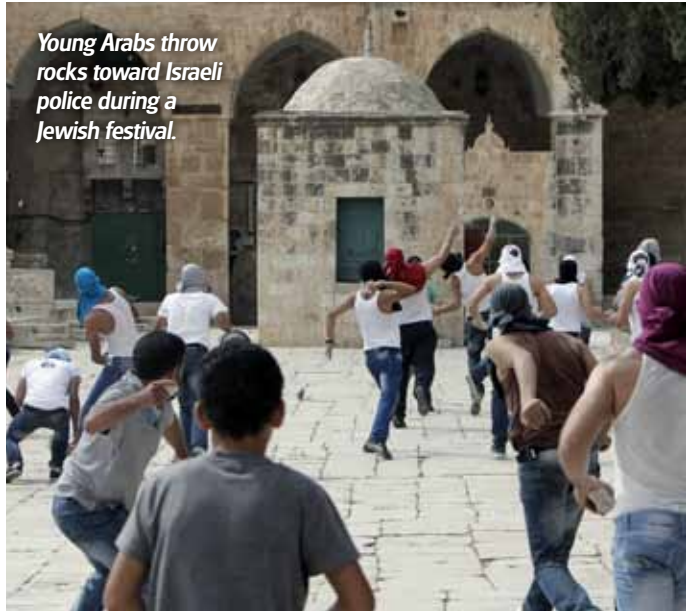
Syrians protest outside the government palace in Beirut.

4 | EGYPT 6 | ISRAEL
Flight stopped: Tel Aviv to Cairo

Israel's largest airline, El Al, is looking to cancel all flights from Tel Aviv to Cairo, Egypt, indefinitely. Under the 1979 peace treaty, Israel and Egypt agreed to keep flights between the two nations operational. "In the absence of a business justification, and in light of the financial resources involved in providing this service (high-security guidelines), El Al is unable to continue to bear the burden of these heavy costs, and therefore our intention is to end the service to Cairo immediately," El Al CEO Eliezer Shkedi wrote to Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman in September. Although El Al is the only airline to offer direct flights between the two cities, deteriorating relations between the two countries over the past year has left the flights virtually empty.



An El Al Boeing 747



Young Arabs throw rocks toward Israeli police during a Jewish festival.

6 | ISRAEL**Holy site, unholy enmity**

HUNDREDS OF ARAB WORSHIPERS THREW STONES AT Israeli police officers near the Western Wall on October 6, marking an uptick in violence during the Jewish fall holy day festival of Sukkot. Just after Muslim prayers concluded, swarms of Arabs on the Temple Mount began stoning the officers stationed below, prompting the officers to storm through the Mughrabi Gate and fire several stun grenades to disperse the riotous crowd.

The Temple Mount has long been a source of contention between Jews and Palestinians. Palestinian resentment over Jewish presence in the area has led to multiple violent protests over the years. Expect more clashes at the Temple Mount and in Jerusalem. Tension in this city is prophesied to explode, with East Jerusalem falling under Arab control.



Hamas presents its form of civilized debate.

6 | ISRAEL Firing rockets at civilians resumes

Hamas and Islamic Jihad militants resumed launching rockets into southern Israel from Gaza on October 8. The rocket attack, which consisted of more than 40 rockets, was the first since June. The Israeli Air Force responded by striking a terror tunnel in northern Gaza and a training camp in Beit Lahiya. No casualties were reported.

How not to fix your economy

ARGENTINA MAY SOON STOP PAYING ITS DEBTS AND STIFF its creditors as President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner tightens her grip on the economy.

Already Argentina stands accused of rigging its national inflation number, which allows it to underpay investors in its inflation-linked bonds. In 2001, Argentina fired its statisticians and began reporting inflation rates that consistently seemed low. Foreign mistrust was compounded by Argentina's decision to seize control of Spanish-owned oil producer YPF SA earlier this year. This has impaired the nation's ability to borrow money on the international market.

It has also ignited a rush to get money out of the country before the government seizes it. To combat the number of investors pulling their assets out of Argentina, politicians have imposed strict currency controls. This has only increased people's desire to expatriate their wealth.

Facing capital flight and a frozen bond market, Argentina has resorted to printing currency to pay its bills. This has caused the Argentine peso to plummet in value and sent real inflation rates to more than double the official 9 percent.

But there is always a cost to stiffing your creditors. On October 20, Kirchner ordered Argentina's navy to abandon a frigate that was seized by Ghana on October 2. A Ghana court ordered the seizure due to Argentina's 2001 default on \$300 million in debt, which is now owed to U.S.-based investment firm Elliot Management. The Argentine Frigate Libertad was in Ghana on a training mission.

As Argentina's economy has deteriorated, the Kirchner government has focused on populism and has ramped up its rhetoric about retaking the Falkland Islands from Great Britain, instead of proposing real solutions to its problems. Expect more of it.

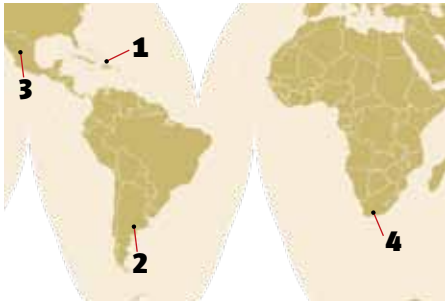
3 | MEXICO Drug war rages on

Mexican law enforcement found 16 bullet-ridden bodies inside an abandoned van beside a road in the western state of Guerrero in September. Authorities believe the victims were casualties of an ongoing turf war between two drug cartels, the Michoacan Family and the Knights Templar. Eleven other bodies were found on a nearby highway in August. Over 55,000 people have been killed in violent drug wars since 2006 when President Felipe Calderón deployed Mexican armed forces to combat the powerful drug cartels. America's ravenous appetite for deadly drugs—cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine and others—is fueling what the United Nations estimates is a \$142 billion-a-year business, and it's destroying the nation of Mexico.



4 | S. AFRICA Army on 'high alert'

For the first time since the end of apartheid, the South African military was put on high alert. Commanders took this extraordinary precaution during September in preparation for a speech to be given by fire-brand ex-politician Julius Malema to a crowd of disgruntled soldiers in the Johannesburg area. During the speech, Malema told the soldiers to mobilize in a disciplined way to save their jobs. Defense Minister Nosiviwe Mapisa-Nqakula accused Malema of trying to "mobilize against the state." Malema is hoping that the ruling African National Congress party will oust President Jacob Zuma as its leader at its national conference this December—and reverse the decision to expel him from the party. However this situation plays out, Malema's political meddling and his xenophobic rants against white business owners will continue to destabilize South Africa.



A road in Haiti broken up by the storm.

1 | CARIBBEAN Hurricane Sandy strikes

At least 69 people were killed by Hurricane Sandy in the Caribbean. The worst damage was in Haiti, the region's poorest nation. Massive flooding caused mudslides to engulf buildings and swept flimsy shacks out to sea. Almost three quarters of the nation's crops were destroyed in the hardest-hit areas. More than 50 people were reported dead. According to the government, 200,000 people became homeless.

In Cuba, 11 people were reported dead along with widespread damage to around 130,000 homes. One fifth to a third of the nation's coffee crop was said to be destroyed. The state-run newspaper *Granmarun* said the economy took a huge hit and that rebuilding will take years. Jamaica reported major flooding in rural areas and one death.

In the Bahamas, two people were killed. Two more people were killed in the Dominican Republic while reportedly attempting to cross a river. Parts of its capital, Santo Domingo, were submerged, but flooding was worst in the southern part of the country. One death was reported in Puerto Rico.

20 NUMBERS **55,000**

People killed in Mexican drug wars since 2006

69 People killed by Hurricane Sandy in the Caribbean

17 Percent increase in violent crime across the U.S. in 2011

Random shootings cause chaos

Reports of 22 random, close-call shootings at vehicles in four Michigan counties placed residents on edge and disrupted normal routines. Fifteen attacks between October 16 and 18 are believed to be linked to one serial shooter. Law enforcement authorities went on high alert and collaborated in investigations. The motivation behind the shootings was not known. No one was injured although there were some “very, very close calls,” according to Sheriff Mike Bouchard. Sheriff Bouchard and others fear that this shooting spree could devolve into something like the “senseless,” three-week Washington, D.C., sniper shootings of 2002.

Canada: Iran a security threat

On September 7, the Canadian government closed its embassy in Tehran, Iran, and requested that all Iranian diplomats in Canada leave the country within five days. The move caught diplomats around the world by surprise.

Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird made the announcement from Vladivostok, Russia, where he was attending the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit. “Iran is among the world’s worst violators of human rights. It shelters and materially supports terrorist groups,” Baird said in explaining the decision. He further cited Iran’s support of Syrian President Bashar Assad’s regime, its failure to comply with United Nations resolutions on its nuclear program, and its threats against Israel. He also referenced Iran’s “blatant disregard of the Vienna Convention that guarantees protection of diplomatic personnel.” This observation followed the November 2011 storming of the British Embassy in Tehran by Iranian students, who ransacked its offices. Baird also stated that concerns over the safety of Canadian Embassy staff contributed to the decision to close the embassy.

Relations between Canada and Iran have been strained since the 1979 hostage crisis. Iran’s Foreign Ministry called Canada’s move “hasty and extreme” as well as “hostile behavior [by] the current racist government in Canada” and hinted at some form of response.



BAIRD



Cyclist Lance Armstrong has been exposed as an athletic fraud.

No winners in drug-tainted cycling titles

ON OCTOBER 21, THE INTERNATIONAL CYCLING UNION stripped seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong from all his titles and all 14 years of his racing history. His was a fairy-tale story that inspired untold thousands. He was a cancer survivor, an underdog cyclist who bounced back to win a record seven titles in a row and beat the French at their own game. Now, the world knows Lance beat the Tour field the same way he beat cancer: using drugs.

International Cycling Union President Pat McQuaid was “sickened” by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) investigation that provided “overwhelming” evidence that Lance was a serial drug-taker who helped orchestrate “the most sophisticated, professionalized and successful doping program” in the sport’s history.

The blow to the credibility of the sport is so huge that the Tour de France will not award Lance’s gold medals to the silver medalists. Drug usage is so widespread that it is unlikely the other podium finishers were any cleaner. A whopping 20 of the 21 cyclists to make it to the podium between 1999 and 2005 (the years Lance won gold) have since been tied to doping, according to the USADA.

The story is a sad reflection of America’s general declining morality. Similar scandals have rocked other sports, but this crisis of character goes well beyond sports. The win-at-all-costs mindset infects business, politics and many other arenas. The impacts are national in scope. They begin with damaged families and result in broken economies and nations.

Violent crime rates on the rise

Year-to-year violent crime rates in the United States rose for the first time in nearly 20 years, according to a report released by the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics. The October 17 report indicated that the trend of declining year-to-year violent crime rates since 1993 was reversed in 2011, when the rate rose by 17 percent. Property crime—which includes burglary, larceny, shoplifting, auto-theft, arson and vandalism—rose 11 percent. Simple assaults increased by 22 percent to 5 million cases. Researchers estimate that less than half of all crimes are even reported to the police. Geopolitical, social, moral and spiritual trends, as well as Bible prophecy, forecast an explosion of violence in America’s cities that will shatter previous records.

Teen sexting linked to risky sexual behavior

One out of every seven Los Angeles high school students with a cell phone has sent a sexually explicit text message or photo, according to a recently published study. The research found that those same students are more likely to engage in risky sexual behavior. The study, published in the journal *Pediatrics*, discovered that L.A. teens who had sent pornographic texts (known as “sexts”) were seven times more likely to be sexually active than those who never “sexted.” “What we really wanted to know is, is there a link between sexting and taking risks with your body? And the answer is a resounding yes,” said Eric Rice, a social network researcher from the University of Southern California, who led the study. A similar study of high-schoolers in Houston, Texas, released this summer revealed that one in four students had sent a nude photo of themselves either by sexting or by e-mail. The same conclusion was drawn in that study: The teens sexting were involved in risky sex behavior.

War Over the Nile

Will Egypt topple the Ethiopian government?

BY ROBERT MORLEY



WAR MAY SOON BE COMING TO ETHIOPIA. THE SEEDS WERE SOWN DECADES ago, but now the bitter fruit is beginning to appear.

In March of 2011, at the height of the political revolution in Egypt, Ethiopia announced that it would soon start construction on a massive hydroelectric dam on the headwaters of the Nile River. This is an explosive declaration. Not only will this dam undoubtedly reduce the amount of water flowing into Sudan and Egypt for several years and perhaps permanently, but it is an existential threat to Egypt.

For Egypt, allowing Ethiopia to construct this dam is somewhat like Israel allowing Iran to build a nuclear weapon.

Egypt is nothing without the Nile. Almost 100 percent of Egypt's 83 million inhabitants live along the Nile River. It is the lifeblood of the country. It does more than just support agriculture and industry; it provides the water necessary to push the turbines at Egypt's giant Aswan Dam. This dam, one of the biggest hydroelectric engineering feats of all time, helped transform modern Egypt into a Middle Eastern superpower. The massive lake created by the dam allowed Egypt to expand its agricultural production like never before. It turned whole swaths of desert into lush, irrigated farmland. Electricity production allowed businesses and manufacturers to expand. Egyptian standards of living rose—and the population skyrocketed.

The power to shut down the Nile—even temporarily—is the power to destroy Egypt.

Root of Conflict

To say Egypt and Ethiopia do not have the best of relationships is putting it mildly. During the 1960s, Egypt played a major role in helping Eritrea break away from Ethiopia. Cairo was ground zero for the formation of the Eritrean Liberation Movement and the Eritrean People's Liberation Front, the primary forces behind Eritrea's long war for independence. During the '70s and '80s, Egypt actively supported several other terrorist groups that also worked to overthrow the government in Ethiopia. When Eritrea finally gained independence in 1993, it had Egypt to thank.

Egypt's strength and ability to impose its will on its neighbors is a function not just of its military, but also of its economy. And that is dependent on economic treaties in force. This is one of the roots of contention between Egypt and Ethiopia.

Due to colonial-era treaties between Egypt, Sudan and the United Kingdom, Egypt holds sole authority over the Nile River's water—forever. Until recently, this meant that if any upstream nation (also former British protectorates/colonies at the time) wanted to use water from any tributary flowing into the Nile, they had to seek Egyptian approval.

Over the years, nations such as Kenya, Sudan, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania and Ethiopia have largely abided by these pre-independence treaties—often to the detriment of their own people.

But now that may be about to change.

Ethiopia's Blue Nile River generates approximately 85 percent of the total water flowing into the Nile. Ethiopia contends that it was not a signatory to the 1959 treaty, and thus it should not have to abide by a treaty that takes virtually 100 percent of its water that flows into the Nile. Thus, Ethiopia is leading the charge to rewrite the treaties.

More than leading the charge—it is now the first nation to actively challenge Egypt's virtual monopoly on the Nile.

Challenging an Unjust Treaty

Ethiopia claims that the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam is needed for its own domestic electricity requirements. This dam, which is currently under construction, will become one of the top 10 biggest dams in the world. It will be able to generate three times the power the Hoover Dam does. It will also greatly increase Ethiopia's regional importance by providing desperately needed electricity to its neighbors.

In 2010, Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda and Tanzania signed an agreement rejecting Egypt's claim to the Nile and formed a new partnership to redistribute

the river's water more equitably.

Ethiopia's Grand Renaissance Dam is the first test of this agreement—and Egypt's resolve. It is scheduled for completion in three years, at which time large amounts of water will be withheld from the Nile. But perhaps even more importantly from Egypt's perspective, if not stopped it could herald a gold rush of other hydroelectric projects that will inevitably lead to increased agricultural projects within the region. If other Nile River nations begin to consume water the way Egypt does, it will be the end of the Nile. Even today, the Nile River delta is retreating due to vastly reduced amounts of water making it to the Mediterranean Sea.

If Ethiopia succeeds, it will be the end of Egypt's control of the Nile. In water-limited Africa, that would be an unmitigated disaster for the land of the pharaohs.

Advance Intelligence

An indication of how this potentially explosive situation could play out comes from a remarkable source: biblical prophecy.

In the April 2011 issue of the *Trumpet*, Gerald Flurry prophesied specifically that Libya and Ethiopia would become the victims of radical Islam. At the time, there was very little physical evidence to suggest Ethiopia could ever be threatened. But he made that prediction based upon the prophecy in Daniel 11:40-43, which foretells an end-time clash between a German-led Holy Roman Empire and an Iranian-led Islamic coalition called the *king of the south*. In verse 43, Daniel lists the "Libyans and the Ethiopians" as part of the *king of the south* alliance. "THIS VERSE STATES THAT LIBYA AND ETHIOPIA ARE ALSO GOING TO BE CLOSELY ALLIED WITH IRAN!" stated Mr. Flurry.

When this article was published, some readers said the idea that largely Christian Ethiopia could ever fall into the radical Islamist camp was outrageous. Muslims and Christians had been peacefully coexisting for years, they said.

Based on the physical evidence at that time, these critics seemed right. But look at Ethiopia now.

In November 2011, the Ethiopian government discovered plans by a group of Wahhabi Muslims to turn Ethiopia into an Islamic country governed by sharia law. In a press conference, the Ethiopian government expressed concern over the increasing incidence of violence against moderate Muslims and Christians by radical Wahhabi Muslims. Since then, there has been a huge uptick in Islamic-inspired protests

and riots. Even Western newspapers like the *Christian Science Monitor* and the *Washington Times* are warning about an Islamic backlash and the radicalization of Ethiopian Muslims.

Then, on August 20, Ethiopia's long-time prime minister, Meles Zenawi, suddenly died. His successor is untested and comes from a small Protestant group as opposed to one of the major religious affiliations. There is talk of a power struggle.

On August 22, just two days after Zenawi died, Gerald Flurry said on a *Key of David* program that Daniel 11:43 shows that Egypt is about to have a "major impact on other nations in the Middle East, and in Libya and Ethiopia in particular." He went on to say that *Egypt* would play a critical role in turning Ethiopia into an Egypt-Iran allied state.

Events are now bearing out that prophecy.

What Will Egypt Do?

According to a recent report by the intelligence company Stratfor, Egypt has three choices. First, Egypt can bring political and economic pressure on Ethiopia to prevent the construction of the dam. This has already had a limited effect, but it probably won't be enough to stop Ethiopia. Although Egypt and Sudan have successfully discouraged international investors from financing the \$5 billion project, Ethiopia appears to be internally funding construction.

Second, Egypt could resort to direct military intervention. Although Stratfor says this is a last option, it also warns that "Cairo will use any tool at its disposal to stop the project, including military force if necessary." This jibes with the Stratfor files that were stolen by WikiLeaks and published on August 31. According to these WikiLeaks documents, Egypt has procured the use of Sudanese military bases to launch military attacks on Ethiopia's dam project. One high-level Egyptian official was reported to have said: "If it comes to a crisis, we will send a jet to bomb the dam and come back in one day, as simple as that. Or we can send our special forces in to block/sabotage the dam."

Third, Stratfor says Egypt could reactivate and support proxy militant groups. There are at least a dozen such armed groups scattered across ethnically divided Ethiopia that are working to overthrow the government or carve out independent regions.

Egypt could also use its allies in Eritrea to destabilize Ethiopia. This is exactly



what appears to be happening.

On October 13, Ethiopia announced that it had seized 500 weapons and thousands of rounds of ammunition being smuggled into the country from Sudan. The seizure came just a month after six exiled Ethiopian opposition groups announced the formation of armed movements against the government. According to *Africa Review*, 12 armed opposition groups have recently taken up arms against the Ethiopian government.

Ethiopia may quickly be headed for civil war—instigated by Egypt! According to one report, most of these groups are proxies of Egypt's Eritrean and Sudanese allies.

Will Egypt soon topple the Ethiopian government? Egypt has tens of billions of dollars' worth of U.S. military hardware. It has well-positioned and locally supported militant groups based in Ethiopia and on its borders. And it is facing the prospect of losing control of its most important and strategic asset—a river that is the lifeblood of its existence.

The Bible says Egypt will soon be instrumental in bringing a radical political reorientation to Ethiopia. Watch while it happens. ■

To learn more about the future of Ethiopia, request a free copy of our booklet *Libya and Ethiopia in Prophecy*.





EAT WHOLE

Does your diet include this simple ingredient? The health benefits are too great to ignore! **BY RICHARD PALMER**

WHY IS HEALTHY EATING SO complicated? One month, a product is heralded as the latest miracle food, the must-have for every diet. The next, it's a leading cause of cancer. Never has so much been written about diet. And never has bad diet been so widespread.

Straight out of science fiction have come edible substances grown in labs and dispensed from machines, formulated to be convenient, taste great and make a profit. Yet these concoctions—margarine, high-fructose corn syrup, refined flour, etc.—are huge failures. They may taste good, but they are destroying our health. Diet-related diseases like diabetes and

heart disease are more common than ever. A third of Americans are overweight, and another 36 percent are obese. The link between our diet and these diseases has been shown to be quite strong.

Still, the question remains: Amid all the confusion and misinformation on the subject, how can you really improve your diet?

Here is a wonderful truth you can count on. It is simple, and it is powerful. All it takes is a dash of humility about the limits of food science. You have to acknowledge that the healthiest food is *natural* food designed by a great, Almighty Creator—engineered to be just what our bodies need.

The key to a healthier diet is this: Eat natural foods.

A Brief History of White Flour

Society's understanding of just how good natural food is has grown slowly over the past couple of centuries. Consider the example of white flour.

When we first began milling white flour, it was said to be an improvement over brown—better for you, and without the nasty dirty, gritty stuff. Science, however, quickly proved that wrong.

In 1826, the *Lancet* medical journal detailed a study where one dog was fed “coarse” bread exclusively and another ate white. The first dog was reported to be healthy. The one that ate white bread died within 50 days.

More rigorous analysis followed. Scientists realized that refining white flour stripped out not only the germ and the bran, but also the fiber, vitamins and minerals, leaving only calories.

Instead of nourishing people, white bread made them ill. By the 1930s, it was clear that white bread was not giving people the nutrients they needed. However, rather than getting to the root of the problem—that refined flour simply isn't good enough to eat—governments and millers came up with a quick fix. Now, the law in many countries requires that food processors add certain nutrients back into the white flour.

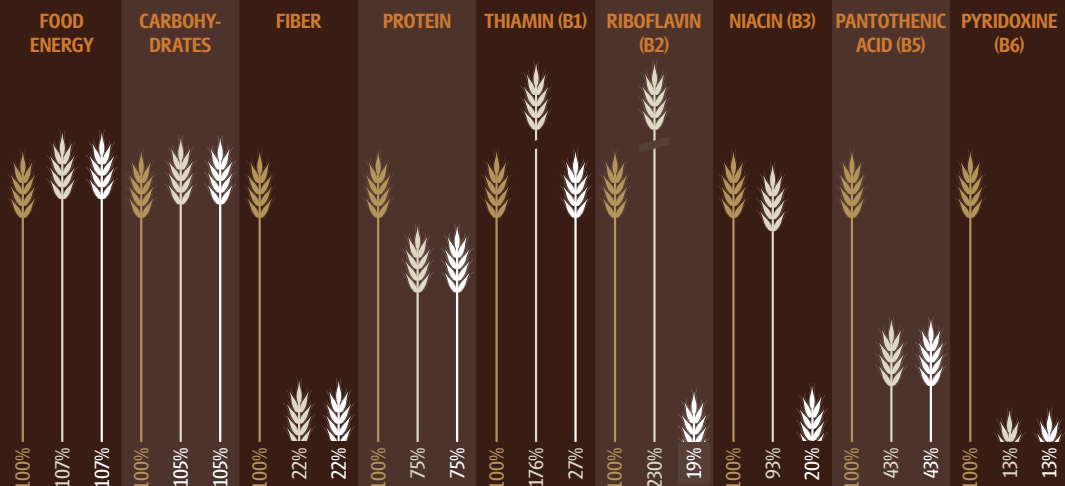
Enriching the flour prevented some of the new illnesses caused by refining flour. But nutritionists still didn't see all the other benefits of whole wheat.

Over the last couple of decades, many studies have shown that eating whole grain improves overall health. It can lower blood pressure, aid weight loss and digestion, and help prevent heart disease, diabetes and several types of cancer. One 14-year health study suggested that anyone who avoids smoking, exercises 30 minutes a day, avoids being overweight and eats a diet containing, among other things, a high amount of whole grains and a low

Wheat Flour

What happens to wheat when it is enriched or refined? Here is a comparison of components relative to the unprocessed wheat grain.

WHOLE
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amount of heavily processed fats will experience dramatic benefits: 80 percent reduced risk of coronary heart disease, 90 percent of type 2 diabetes and 70 percent of colon cancer. Even after adjusting for factors like weight, sex and lifestyle, those who habitually eat whole grains have a mortality rate 15 percent lower—in other words, they tend to live longer.

Why, though, are whole grains so much better for us? Scientists continued to press for answers.

Food Synergy

Scientists have tried to isolate exactly what it is about whole grains that makes them so great. Is it the fiber? The vitamins? But they were surprised to find that if you just add the fiber, by itself, back into your diet, those whole-grain health benefits don't return. Nor do those benefits return if you add just the vitamins.

A survey of studies by David R. Jacobs and Lyn M. Steffen published in *The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* in 2003 concluded that components of whole grains are good on their own, but when combined in exactly the quantity found in whole grains, they have an *added benefit*. The whole is literally greater than the sum of its parts.

Science is starting to uncover how complex and perfect the natural process of wheat growth is. Its hundreds of natural chemicals all work together to power human health. When just one of these chemicals is eaten by itself, it doesn't have the same benefit. You could take some vitamins in pills, eat the fiber on its own, and get your calories from white bread. You could find some way to still get all the components that make up whole grains. But that still wouldn't be as good for you. When eaten inside the natural, untouched grain, these chemicals are mixed together in the perfect ratio to give us the











maximum health benefit.

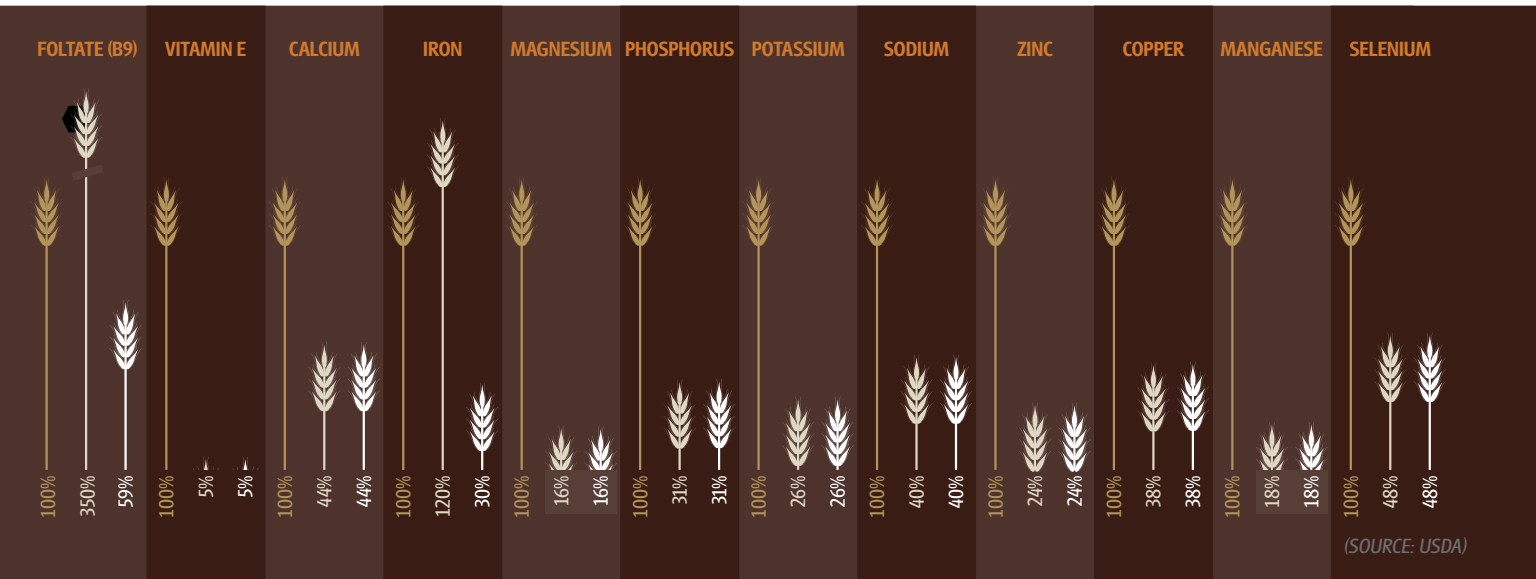
Jacobs and Steffen called this *food synergy*. This phenomenon gives us a glimpse of the awesome mind that designed this food. The hundreds of interactions within the food as originally designed are simply too complex for scientists to figure out right now. But God planned it out, and He has given us a glorious abundance and variety of natural foods, each one perfectly packaged.

A simple example of food synergy comes from how your body digests the carbohydrates in grains. When you eat white bread or rice, you process the carbohydrate quickly, spiking your blood sugar levels, which can lead to health problems including diabetes. When you eat whole grains, the fiber that gets digested with the carbohydrates slows down the digestion. Energy is released over a longer period of time, exactly the way the body processes it best. This is an oversimplification though. Food synergy studies show that there is more going on in whole-grain digestion than just the presence of fiber. There's a miraculous world of reactions inside those tiny grains—far more advanced than we ever realized.

Food synergy is found throughout nature. Another article in *The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* (2009) written by Jacobs, along with Myron Gross and Linda Tapsell, highlighted this principle. Nuts, for example, have a high level of unsaturated fats. But they also contain chemicals that protect the body against the harmful effect of these fats. Fruits are often viewed as merely a source of vitamins. But several studies on apples found that the whole apple is much better at combatting cancer than vitamin C on its own. And a portion of apple that includes the skin is significantly better than a portion of only apple flesh. It is much better to eat a piece of broccoli than to eat the main nutrients in broccoli manufactured artificially. Pomegranate juice is much better for you than

Top Whole Foods

-  **ALMONDS** A generous source of mono-unsaturated fatty acids, almonds boost good cholesterol while lowering the dangerous kind; they're also an abundant source of membrane-fortifying vitamin E.
-  **AVOCADO** These "alligator pears" are a rich source of both potassium and heart-healthy fats that keeps us from feeling hungry.
-  **BLUEBERRIES** Rich in cholesterol-reducing antioxidants, these berries function as an efficient anti-diabetic agent, enhancing memory and bolstering cardiovascular health.
-  **FLAX SEED** Just one spoonful of this oil provides 8 grams of omega-3 fatty acids, which are packed with several vitamins like niacin, riboflavin, thiamin and folate.
-  **KALE** An excellent source of vitamin A—which promotes immune and eye health—and of cancer-fighting antioxidants.
-  **LEMONS** A single lemon contains more than 100 percent of a person's daily vitamin C intake. Flavonoids in this fruit also act as anti-inflammatories and inhibit the multiplicity of cancer cells.
-  **POMEGRANATE** The seeds in one pomegranate contain 1.5 grams of protein. Pomegranates also fight free radicals that can contribute to cancer and other chronic diseases.
-  **QUINOA** This gluten-free seed contains more iron, fiber, protein and calcium than rice, oats or wheat.
-  **SPINACH** One cup of "Popeye's steroid" contains a person's daily requirement of vitamins A and K, and nearly 100 percent of manganese and folate.
-  **WILD SALMON** A premium source of omega-3 fatty acids to boost brain function; an abundant source of vitamin B-12, crucial for red blood cell production and proper nerve function.



just eating the key nutrients, extracted and taken alone. The same is true for tomatoes.

How to Change Your Diet

Scientists have found that food synergy also exists within diets. A single food has its benefits. But when it is part of a healthy diet, its effect is once again greater than the sum of its parts.

This reveals one of the key flaws in how we often approach diet. We look at a healthy diet that works, try to isolate the key components, and stick them in a pill. It's only human: We want the quick fix! But our bodies are much more complex than that. Instead, *real* nutrition comes from *real* changes.

Here's how you can begin using the key of natural foods to drastically improve your health.

Start with a small change. Substitute whole wheat for white flour. Try brown bread and brown pasta. Order brown rice instead of white. The adjustment can be challenging. Wholemeal may seem unusual at first. But as you get used to it, you will find that not only is it healthier for you, it even tastes better than white.

Next, eat more fruit and vegetables. They are perfectly designed to nourish your body and combat sickness.

Finally, cut out refined, processed, man-made junk foods. Cut down on dessert. Try baking your own instead, using natural foods like honey, maple syrup or unrefined sugars like demerara. You can find ways to make your favorite treats using natural foods, so you may still enjoy them occasionally.

When trying to decide which food is healthier, use this key to guide you: Choose whatever is closest to natural food, whatever has had the least "stuff" done to it. It's a simple guide in an age of confusion.

Herbert W. Armstrong used to frequently quote the advice of one dietician: "My BASIC RULE in diet is: Eat only those natural foods that will spoil—and eat them before they do." Many of the "rules" of diet have been argued and overturned. But this one has stood the test of time. After all these years, it is still vindicated by modern science.

There is more you can do to improve your diet once you've taken these three simple steps. But these will take you a long way toward better eating. So don't be put off by all the conflicting advice out there. Eat natural food, the way God made it. ■

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the Israeli-Lebanon war of 2006, Europe sent thousands of its troops to Lebanon, as part of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon. The German Navy still patrols Lebanon's coast as part of the mission.

Now, the UN is planning to send 3,000 *European troops into Syria*, which could work to release Syria from Iran's orbit and absorb it into this congealing alliance. Such a shift would represent a debilitating blow to Iran and a great victory for the EU. In terms of region-wide geopolitics, the stakes in Syria could scarcely be higher, and here's the bombshell: Years before the Syrian uprisings began, the *Trumpet* said with certainty that Syria would sever ties with Iran and ally with this anti-Iran bloc that is now solidifying.

Pope Visits Lebanon

The UN isn't the only tool the EU is using to exert its influence under German leadership. History shows that when Germany wages campaigns of conquest, it tends to do so under the auspices and guidance of the Roman Catholic Church. The Vatican is both a key decision maker in Europe and a tool for extending EU power.

For that reason, the *Trumpet* was keenly interested in Pope Benedict XVI's three-day visit to Beirut, Lebanon, in mid-September. "A Middle East without Christians would no longer be the Middle East," he said during a meeting with Lebanese leaders. "Looking at your country, I also come symbolically to all countries of the Middle East as a pilgrim of peace, as a friend of God and as a friend of all inhabitants of all the countries of the region, whatever their origins and beliefs," he said. Although the trip into the heartland of Hezbollah was potentially life-threatening to Benedict, it appears to have brought the Vatican nearer to its aim. One Muslim student in Beirut told NBC News that "the pope's visit is going to make a big difference, especially in the view of what's happening these days, like the protests. He is coming for peace and bringing Muslims and Christians closer, that's the important thing. Peace... we need peace." The visit added to a growing body of evidence that the Vatican actively supports the EU's goal to create that anti-Iran coalition.

Again, the *Trumpet* has said for years that Lebanon, too, will ultimately fall in line with this Europe-led coalition.

Alliance Foretold Millennia Ago

How can the *Trumpet* make such far-reaching forecasts based on these meetings and plans that mainstream media call

little attention to? Because of the prophecies of the Bible.

Three thousand years ago, God inspired the biblical Prophet Asaph to prophesy about modern-day Europe—led by Germany and steered by the Vatican—allying with Syria, Lebanon and other "moderate" Arab nations: "For they have consulted together with one consent: ... The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes; Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre; Assur also is joined with them ..." (Psalm 83:5-8).

Both Gebal and Tyre in this passage refer to the people of the modern-day nation of Lebanon, while Assur refers to Assyria, which is modern-day Germany. The Hagarenes anciently dwelt in the land known today as Syria. Edom and Amalek both refer to modern Turkey. Moab and Ammon are Jordan. The Ishmaelites are modern-day Saudi Arabia, and the peoples that populate the southern parts of the Arabian Peninsula are also descended from the patriarch of Araby, Ishmael; so from a biblical perspective—regardless of their modern borders—they may be counted among the tribes and clans of Ishmael.

This alliance has never happened in history—yet it is described in your Bible. And, most remarkably, *the groundwork is being laid for this group of nations to come together today.*

Syria and Lebanon are, in a way, the front line of a cold war against Iran. If the EU can negate Iran's influence in those nations—and *the Bible says it will*—then it will deny Iran crucial allies and key locations on the Mediterranean, thus gaining a significant victory.

Europe Invades Africa

There is another front in this cold war: North Africa. There, radical Islam is rapidly making political and territorial gains.

Among the most recent is in the deserts of northern Mali. After rebel troops staged a coup d'état in Mali in March, the country descended into chaos. Islamic groups such as al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb, which have long festered in the region, seized the north of the country.

Why does Mali matter? It is as remote as Timbuktu (literally—Timbuktu is in Mali). But look at it on a map. Northern Mali gives the terrorists a base in the Sahara Desert, from which they can launch attacks throughout Northern Africa. Just over the border, Algeria is a natural gas and oil hub for Europe. Nigeria, the largest supplier of crude oil to the U.S., is not far to the south. Nigeria, Libya and Algeria are Africa's top three crude oil producers,

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providing nearly one tenth of the world's oil. If Islamic extremism is allowed to take root and spread there, it threatens key energy suppliers of both Europe and the U.S.

Naturally, the threat has attracted the attention of more than just Europe. America's concern has it also considering military intervention. But Europe is positioning itself so that it will take the lead in any international venture.

On October 9, one of Europe's most experienced leaders was appointed the special envoy for the Sahel, the region just south of the Sahara that includes northern Mali. As a former Italian prime minister and president of the European Commission, Romano Prodi was a surprisingly high-profile choice. The appointment is also curious considering that Prodi has zero experience in conflict mediation. His appointment seems to have more to do with the EU getting its man into the top job than with Prodi's actual qualifications.

Prodi's influence also stretches far beyond Mali. The Sahel extends across North Africa, all the way into Sudan. With Prodi in place, the EU is already preparing to send soldiers to the region. The main focus of this mission will be training Mali's army to deal with the terrorists in the north, but Reuters reported that the EU troops could also accompany Mali's soldiers in battle.

Although the mission has the solid support of Germany, France is the one taking the lead. After all, most of the countries involved are former French colonies, and France has the deepest economic ties in the area. This arrangement probably suits Germany. Berlin is happy to let France lead, providing it is in the direction Germany wants to go.

While this area of the world isn't in the Psalm 83 alliance, it would still represent quite a conquest. It already illustrates how, once again, Europe is taking the lead—ahead of America—in confronting the dangerous spread of radical Islam.

Israel Looks to Europe

Europe's maneuvers into the void left by the U.S.'s withdrawal from Iraq and Afghanistan are not going unnoticed by Israel. On October 2, Israeli officials announced that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will visit Europe by

the end of the year. His goal? To push for more European support of sanctions on Iran. The visit is part of a strategic shift by Israel away from America and toward Europe, the *New York Times* reported, citing a senior anonymous source.

On October 15, the EU levied a new array of sanctions on Iran, saying it was troubled by what it called Tehran's refusal to come clean on its nuclear program. Europe also increased diplomatic pressure on the Syrian regime. The next day, Netanyahu praised the EU for toughening its stance against what he called "the greatest threat to peace in our time."

The *Times of Israel* said the events indicate a shift in Israel's foreign policy away from the U.S. and toward Europe: "After unsuccessfully lobbying U.S. President Barack Obama's administration for support for [a military] strike—or for an American declaration that Iranian activity beyond a certain 'red line' would invite U.S. military intervention—Netanyahu's plans for a European trip to push for tighter sanctions on Tehran seem to signal a shift in policy."

This too is a shift specifically prophesied in Scripture and about which the *Trumpet* has been forewarning for years.

The Real Target

Although its efforts are low-key at present, Europe is proactively countering the spread of radical Islam. But is this good news for America, Britain and Israel? If Europe is joining the fight against radical Islam, have they gained an ally?

It may look that way. But the appearance is deceiving.

The Bible actually warns Britain, Israel and America to beware a *huge double cross coming from Europe*.

Daniel 11 vividly prophesies that a German-led European alliance (the "king of the north") will defeat an Iranian-led Middle Eastern alliance (the "king of the south")—decisively dealing with the Islamist threat. But it also reveals that Europe won't stop there. Daniel 11:41 tells us what happens next: The king of the north "shall enter also into the glorious land." EUROPE WILL CONQUER ISRAEL. Within a month, this empire will also claim BRITAIN AND AMERICA AS VICTIMS (Hosea 5:7).

The rise of Iran may be the catalyst for



the formation of the Psalm 83 alliance. But it isn't the alliance's ultimate goal. These allied nations say among themselves, "let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance" (Psalm 83:4). Once Iran is defeated, this German-led coalition will go after *Israel*—and "Israel" in this context does not just refer to the Jewish nation in the Middle East, but also America and Britain. (You can prove this crucial truth by requesting a free copy of our book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.)

For the last 70 years, Germany has had to live beneath the weight of the world's memory of its World War II atrocities. But, sadly, the Holocaust did not end with that war. That was only round one. Bible prophecy indicates that there is coming an even worse effort to erase even the memory of the Jewish nation forever!

The same quiet and canny set-up that Germany is employing against Iran under its EU cloak will be used against Israel. A German-led European power will obliterate Iran, and the world may even appear safe for a time. But then will come the double cross. Europe—in the form of a German-led resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire—will conquer Jerusalem—and thus ignite World War III.

This is why it is essential that you see who is now stepping into the Middle East as America's influence there fades. The Bible is clear: Jerusalem being surrounded with European armies is the sign that World War III is here (Luke 21:20). But that same event also starts the 3½-year countdown to the return of Christ.

Watch Europe closely. The EU's mounting assertiveness signals that Christ's return is drawing near!



For more detailed information on the prophecies in this article, request our free booklet *Jerusalem in Prophecy*.



What Is the True Gospel?

The Philadelphia Trumpet, in conjunction with the Herbert W. Armstrong College Bible Correspondence Course, presents this brief excursion into the fascinating study of the Bible. Simply turn to and read in your Bible each verse given in answer to the questions. You will be amazed at the new understanding gained from this short study!

“JUST BELIEVE ON THE NAME OF THE LORD Jesus Christ and you’ll be saved.” That’s what most Christian ministers are working very hard to try to get across to you. Turn on your television on Sunday and see Gospel Video TV, the Gospel Entertainment Network, the Gospel Music Channel and so on. You’ll see preachers telling you all about who Jesus was. *Believe on Him! Accept Christ! Let Him into your heart!*

The gospel is *everywhere* on Sunday! Or is it?

Believe it or not, preaching *about* Jesus Christ and imploring the unconverted to believe on Him is NOT the same as preaching Christ’s gospel!

Jesus was the Son of God and our Savior. But He was also a *messenger*. His purpose was to *communicate* something from God to mankind. The miracles of Jesus Christ are not the gospel. His personal attributes are not the gospel. The *existence* of Jesus Christ is not the gospel.

What Jesus Christ *preached* is the gospel!

So, if Jesus’s message wasn’t just about Himself, then what *was* it about? What *is* the gospel?

False Gospels Preached Today

In today’s professing Christian Western world, we hear a variety of “gospels”: the “gospel of grace,” the “gospel of salvation,” the “social gospel.” Most of these are messages *about* Christ. Others include the “science of mind” or “religious science.”

None of these is the gospel Jesus proclaimed!

The true gospel Jesus brought proclaims the *solution* to the world’s sufferings, frustrations and indescribable evils. It goes so far beyond proclaiming that Jesus was real. But men rejected that gospel and crucified Jesus for preaching it! Billions today believe on Christ, but do not believe His gospel—because most have *never heard it!* They have heard of Christ and what He did. But no one has relayed His *actual message*. And that *true* gospel is the *solution* to your problems, national problems and world problems! It explains *how* to receive happiness, abundance, fulfillment and eternal life! Yet the vast majority of Christians have never heard the *true gospel*.

1. What did Jesus tell His disciples would happen prior to His return? Matthew 24:4-5.

This is shocking when you really think about it. Jesus Christ prophesied that many people would be deceived *about Him*. He said that “many” ministers would teach that He was the Christ, yet He called them “deceivers.” Thousands of “Christian” ministers have “preached Christ” for *centuries*. They have said Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ. But they have

withheld Christ’s gospel—the *rest of what He taught*. And billions *have* been deceived by these false gospels, just as Christ predicted!

Remember, a deceived person does not know he is deceived. Otherwise he would not be deceived. Millions have been deceived into accepting a false gospel—a false salvation!

2. Did the Apostle Paul lament the fact that there were already many false apostles, teaching a *counterfeit* gospel in his day? Galatians 1:6-9.

About 20 years after Christ’s death, Paul pronounced a curse on anyone who would dare preach any gospel besides the one true gospel Jesus preached. That is the message Paul continued to preach to the Galatians, yet the Galatians had also heard another “gospel” preached by false ministers who claimed to represent Christ. Today we have even more perverted gospels being taught. The vast majority of believers know a gospel, but they don’t know *Christ’s* gospel!

3. What did Paul say is in store for those who through their wickedness *suppress* the truth of God? Romans 1:18. (The Revised Standard Version plainly translates “hold the truth” as “suppress the truth.”)

Before the end of the first century A.D., the message of the true gospel taught by Christ and His apostles was suppressed, and *false* “gospels” had been substituted. Christ’s message would not be proclaimed worldwide again until the latter half of the 20th century!

4. Did Jesus Christ say it is necessary to believe the gospel to be saved? Mark 16:15-16.

Notice Jesus said, “He that believeth.” Believes what? The message He preached—the gospel! Not a gospel. *THE* gospel! Jesus Christ told His apostles—and you—that you must believe His precise, identical gospel in order to be saved!

In order to believe that gospel, however, you must first come to know what gospel Jesus preached.

The ‘Gospel of the Kingdom of God’

1. *Where* did Jesus first preach the gospel? Mark 1:14; Acts 10:36-37. *When* did Jesus begin preaching the gospel? Same verses.

Galilee is the place where Jesus first preached the gospel, not Jerusalem. And He began preaching “after the baptism which John preached.”

2. What was the “gospel” Jesus preached? Mark 1:14.

The message God sent by Jesus Christ was the “gospel of the *Kingdom of God*.” Jesus was sent to *announce* that message. He did not force men to accept it, believe it, or act upon it. He never pleaded with a single person to become converted. He proclaimed the good news of the Kingdom of God, and then left it to God the Father to call, through that announcement and His Spirit, those whom He would select (John 6:44). Christ did not come at that time to convert the world! He did not launch a “soul saving” crusade. He came to announce the *gospel*—the good news—of the coming Kingdom of God!

3. Nevertheless, did Jesus say it was necessary to repent and *believe* the gospel He preached? Mark 1:14-15.

The gospel of Jesus Christ is not that familiar gospel *ABOUT* the life and times of Christ. It is Christ’s gospel—the gospel He preached. Scripture calls it not “the gospel about God,” but “the gospel of God.”

4. Whom did Jesus plainly say *sent* Him and told Him what to say? John 12:49-50.

The Father sent Jesus bearing a special message: the good news of the Kingdom of God. Jesus is God's Spokesman—the Word that was made flesh and lived, and taught, on this Earth!

5. When Christ comes, what will His mission be this time? Revelation 19:11-16. See also Revelation 11:15.

When Christ returns, He will not be simply preaching about the Kingdom of God—He will be establishing and ruling the Kingdom of God! If you believe your Bible, you'll see the "Kingdom of God" is a *literal* government ruling over *every nation on Earth*. At Christ's Second Coming, He will literally *take over* every national government. He will become the "King of kings," ruling and enforcing the law of God. The gospel of the Kingdom of God is the good news that the government of God is coming to rule the world! The Kingdom of God is also the Family of God into which human beings will be *born*—the divine royal family! *This* is what Jesus preached at His first coming, and it is what He will establish at His second!

Christ's Gospel Has Been Proclaimed to the World!

John the Baptist was the "messenger" that Malachi prophesied would prepare the way before Jesus Christ's ministry 2,000 years ago (Malachi 3:1; Mark 1:4, 7-8; Luke 1:13-17). An angel prophesied that John would go *ahead* of Christ "in the spirit and power of Elias [Elijah], to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and ... to make ready a people prepared for the Lord" (Luke 1:17).

1. After John was put in prison and Christ had begun His ministry, what did Jesus prophesy about Elijah? Matthew 17:10-13. Did Malachi also prophesy of *another* Elijah? Malachi 4:5. What would this "Elijah" do? Malachi 4:6; Matthew 17:11.

The apostles were expecting an Elijah to come in the future. Jesus Christ said that he *would indeed* come in the future, *and* he would restore "all things." Jesus also revealed to them something else that they didn't know. Another type of the original Elijah—John the Baptist—had already come (verses 12-13). Jesus Christ said that John was a *type*, not only of the original Elijah, but also of the *future* "Elijah." This man would also be sent by God in the spirit and power of Elijah the prophet. *When Christ spoke these words, that hadn't happened yet!* This Elijah was to come prior to His *Second Coming* (Malachi 3:1-6).

Christ will restore God's government over the entire Earth. Before that, He sent someone in the spirit and power of Elijah to restore His rule *inside His Church* first. Believe it or not, *that* event has happened already!

God used this modern Elijah to restore the truth Christ taught, including Christ's gospel of the Kingdom of God! That gospel was restored at the beginning of 1934 when Herbert W. Armstrong went on air with the *World Tomorrow* radio program. By 1953, the same gospel Christ preached was being broadcast around the world, and by 1972, Mr. Armstrong was meeting presidents and heads of state worldwide—proclaiming that same gospel.

Mr. Armstrong produced the *World Tomorrow* television program, which by the mid-1980s was the



THE MAN OR THE MESSAGE?

Herbert Armstrong said that most Christian churches have preached a gospel message about what Jesus was like—forgetting what He actually taught.

most widely viewed religious program in the U.S., and was watched by multiple millions worldwide. His flagship magazine, the *Plain Truth*, reached a monthly circulation of 8.4 million, and an estimated readership of 25 million in six languages across 200 countries.

2. Where did Jesus say the gospel of the Kingdom of God would be preached? Mark 13:10. When did He say that the gospel would be preached in all the world as a witness? Matthew 24:14.

The fruits of Herbert W. Armstrong's life prove that God used him to fulfill Matthew 24:14. That gospel has been preached to all the world as a witness! To prove for yourself whether or not he was the modern-day Elijah, request our reprint article, "Elijah Has Come Already."

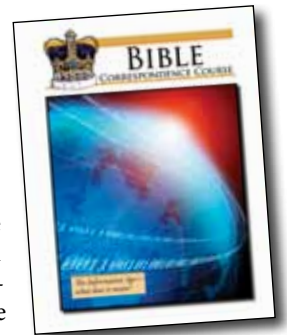
3. How did Christ compare the works that His servants would do to the mighty miracles He performed while on Earth? John 14:12.

Christ's work today is reaching *far more* people than He reached while on Earth! With modern technology, His gospel message can now reach *millions* of people via print, television, radio and the Internet.

The *Philadelphia Trumpet* magazine is proclaiming Christ's gospel and His warning as a powerful witness to a readership of over *one million*. It is translated into Dutch, French, German, Italian, Spanish and Norwegian. *The Key of David* with Gerald Flurry airs on over 200 television stations around the world.

This is a globe-girdling work! The sun never sets on the offices of the Philadelphia Church of God. The Church is *prophesying again* as Christ commanded, delivering *His* gospel! (Revelation 10:11).

The gospel has been preached to all the world as a witness. Now, in this time of no more delay, the message must be delivered once more just before Christ returns. This is now being fulfilled before your very eyes and ears!



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The Spirit Behind the Beast

Hidden from the view of commentators is the spirit that has risen to dominate the EU through its most influential movers and shakers. **BY RON FRASER**

“WELL, I SUPPOSE WE CAN be grateful that the EU didn’t win the Nobel Prize for Economics,” quipped Peter Hitchens in the *Daily Mail*. Like many commentators, he was incredulous that the European Union—this massive experiment in federalism, destroying democratic structures and smashing national sovereignty all over the Continent, and currently being crushed by economic crisis—could possibly have been honored with the Nobel Peace Prize.

“But there is a sense in which the EU has brought peace,” Hitchens continued. “It has done so by allowing France, and more recently Britain, to pretend to be independent powers, while actually being vassals of Germany. And it has allowed Germany to be the imperial ruler of Europe while pretending to be a Europeanized, neutered nothingness.”

That is the reality in Europe today. *Germany is imperial ruler.*

How has this happened without attracting the attention of media experts? And, indeed, the attention of the national leaders who have been the dupes over the past 70 years in willingly signing up to this project?

Well, the reason is *spiritual*. The true nature of the beastly power that has arisen in Europe is only apparent to those minds attuned to the reality of the *spiritual* powers behind it.

Such a one was Herbert W. Armstrong. This man prophesied the seventh and final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire even while its Hitlerian sixth resurrection collapsed under the onslaught of the Allied powers in their victory over Nazism almost 70 years ago.

Today a few—admittedly still a very small handful—of commentators on the European scene, such as Peter Hitchens, see this reality.

The EU is a behemoth built in particular by the Roman Catholic elites of Germany over decades of patient and painstaking imperial effort. It amounts to none other than a literal resurrection of the old Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation—and behind it is the same *spirit* that empowered the Holy Roman Empire on six previous occasions!

We have been attuned to the rise to political and economic dominance of Europe by Germany for some time. But it’s the sudden rise to prominence of the *spirit of Babylon* that has caught most observers of Europe off guard. Indeed few, even now, have recognized what is increasingly influencing the consolidation of this empire: It is not Berlin, or even Rome, per se, but rather an ancient religion, *the religion of Babylon*.

The Only Way to Unite

In the January 1979 issue of the *Plain Truth* newsmagazine, Herbert Armstrong made this statement, with great prophetic foresight: “The nations of Europe have been striving to become reunited. They desire a common currency, a single combined military force, a single united government. They have made a start in the Common Market. They are now working toward a common currency. Yet, on a purely political basis, they have been totally unable to unite.

“In only one way can this resurrected Holy Roman Empire be brought to fruition—by the ‘good offices’ of the Vatican, uniting church and state once again, with the Vatican astride and ruling (Revelation 17:1-5).” There is the prophecy of Revelation 17 stated in cold, hard, up-to-date language.

That was written over 30 years ago—yet it’s happening before your eyes today! The religion and the state leading Europe are suddenly being revealed as the prime components of a final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire, with the Vatican

riding atop—“astride”—this developing union of church and state! (verses 3, 7).

That prophesied church-state union could not effectively emerge till the Franco-German bloc was broken and a *new* balance of power was established in Europe: *a Rome-Berlin axis!* Just such an axis has emerged. Few indeed grasp the reality of this sea change in Europe.

Rome-Berlin Axis

This is a rough time economically for Europe. Many nations are being forced to take steep austerity measures aimed at getting their books balanced. Anticipating the increasing clamor for EU leaders to promote growth amid these cuts, Italian Prime Minister Mario Monti and German Chancellor Angela Merkel colluded with European Central Bank (ECB) President Mario Draghi to establish the future of EU economic policy. Merkel’s and Monti’s staffs planned several joint German-Italian economic stimulus initiatives for approval by the European Council.

In the process, Socialist François Hollande’s France was marginalized. The Franco-German axis was broken.

Fully three months after the *Trumpet* broke this story, the German news source *Spiegel* headlined it thus: “Is the Franco-German Axis Kaput?” (October 22).

With Chancellor Merkel detaching her nation from France, watch for her to be increasingly influenced by Rome in her political and economic outlook.

This is the reality of Herbert Armstrong’s prophecy that the Vatican will sit astride *both* church and state—*Rome and Berlin*—when the beast power reaches its final configuration!

Same Old Spirit

This is not a new thing. It is a very *ancient* phenomenon that tracks right back

to shortly after the establishment of post-Flood civilization. It has to do with a spirit—the *spirit of Babylon* that permeated the effort to centralize government under one dominant spiritual power in that ancient city (Genesis 11:1-6). Yet, as the biblical record indicates, it is a spiritual influence at complete odds with God’s will (verses 7-9).

As the *Trumpet’s* editor in chief has stated, “This great false church operates from a city on Earth that rules over ‘the kings of the earth.’ She will guide a 10-nation European power, headed by Germany. ... This system is so evil that it *imagines*, or plots and plans, against God Himself! (see Revelation 13 and 17). The system is led by Satan, whom they worship (Revelation 13:1-4)” (*Nahum—An End Time Prophecy for Germany*).

This system is dominated by a resilient *spirit*—one that has moved minds to continue the Babylonish approach to centralized, collective, catholic, universalist imperialism in an effort to rule the world time and time again.

No entity has been more successful in this effort than the one that, over the centuries, has continually risen and fallen, only to be resurrected yet again: the Holy Roman Empire. That same *spirit* drives today’s EU imperialists toward the same old imperial goal.

Do you know what Italian Prime Minister Monti, Spain’s Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy, ECB head Mario Draghi, and EU Council President Herman van Rompuy all have in common, apart from being prominent leaders within today’s European Union? They all have *the same Jesuit-educated mind* in their approach to the euro-crisis. Their education was guided by that same *spirit* which sought over 4,000 years ago to garner central power over the nations under the influence of the ancient leader of Babylon, Nimrod (Genesis 10:8-10).

Merkel joining forces with these men places the EU’s purse strings—and the German levers of power—much closer to Rome’s grasp. It was ever so in ancient Babylon—this nexus between Babylon and Assyria, the nation from which today’s Germany descends (verses 11-12).

So history comes full circle. The world’s systems of religion, education, government, trade and commerce began under a central authority based in ancient Babylon. And thus, your Bible declares, it shall be at the end! (Revelation 18).

Expect *Berlin and Rome* to jointly *dominate EU policy decisions* from here on. But more than that, look for the Vatican, to whom the Jesuits in particular give complete allegiance, to have an overarching influence on both church *and* state!

A Woman Riding a Beast

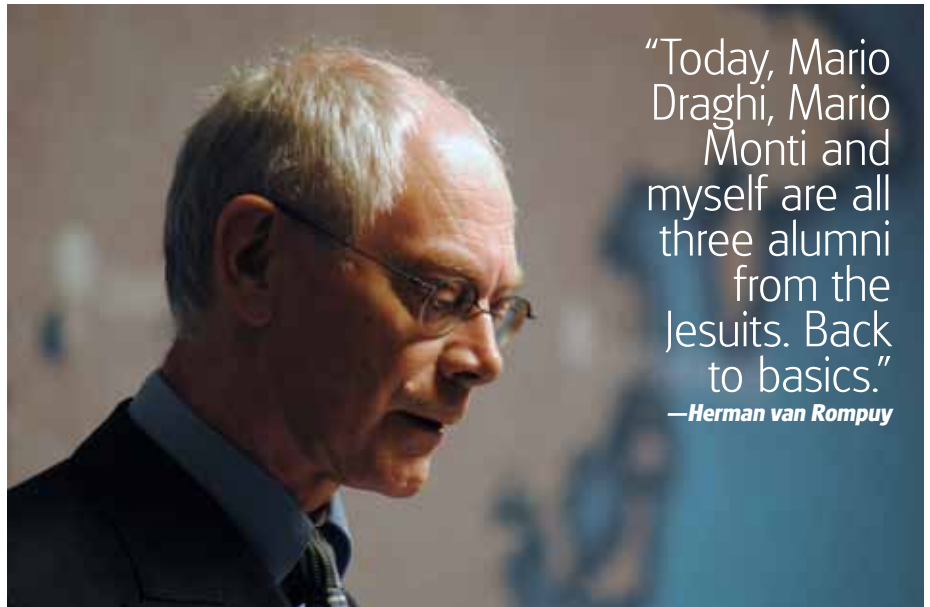
Revelation 13 records the famous prophecy of a “beast.” A thorough study of all related scriptures and a comparison with the events of history show that this beast is the *Roman Empire*. In the latter part of this chapter is described “the mark of the beast.” This *mark* is the mark of the *Roman Empire*.

Note well, however, what Herbert Armstrong wrote about the influence, the chief *spirit*, BEHIND this beast, in his booklet *The Mark of the Beast*: “In Revelation 17 a later stage of this same wild beast is pictured, and there a ‘woman’—a great CHURCH—sits astride it, guides it, rules over it. But the MARK is the mark of the ROMAN EMPIRE—not the Roman Catholic Church. ... It brands on the people the mark of the

upon a “soldierly spirit.” Their founder, Loyola, regarded the pope as “Christ on Earth.” The same source mentions that “The name ‘Societas Jesu’ had been born by a military order approved and recommended by Pius II in 1450.”

When the Vatican reacted against the Protestant Reformation with its own Counter-Reformation, “The Jesuits naturally endeavored to counteract the spread of Protestantism,” this encyclopedia says. “They became the main instruments of the Counter-Reformation; the re-conquest of southern and western Germany and Austria for the church, and the preservation of the Catholic faith in France and other countries, were due chiefly to their exertions.”

What Jesuit-based “basics” does Van



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—Herman van Rompuy

‘beast’—that is, the mark of the Roman Empire, not the mark of the Church. ... The Roman Empire is the real author of this ‘mark.’ It is the mark of the BEAST, not the woman who rode the beast.” It is thus the *spirit* of the woman riding, or guiding, the beast—a Holy Roman imperial *spirit*—that causes people to carry the mark of the beast.

‘Back to Basics’

European Council President Herman van Rompuy made an interesting observation when commenting on himself and his Jesuit-educated fellows all sharing high office in the European Union. During a keynote speech delivered at an EU conference in November 2011, he declared, “Today, Mario Draghi, Mario Monti and myself are all three alumni from the Jesuits. BACK TO BASICS.”

Just what did he mean by that?

According to the *Catholic Encyclopedia*, the Jesuits are an order founded

Rompuy seek to return “back to” if not those of the soldierly, crusading *spirit* of the Jesuits?

This is that spirit that Pope Benedict XVI sought to revive as he recently launched the Vatican’s Year of Faith.

A New Crusade

Commencing October 11, on the 50th anniversary of the opening of Vatican II, the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council, Pope Benedict launched what amounts to a new crusade by the Roman Catholic Church.

Called the “Year of Faith,” the next 12 months will showcase a plethora of initiatives designed to revive what the Vatican sees as the key role of the church: its commitment to *evangelize the world*.

“The Church exists to evangelize,” announced the pope during his homily in St. Peter’s Square on Sunday, October 8. “At various times in history, divine providence has

given birth to a renewed dynamism in the church's evangelizing activity." The strong implication was that now is one of those "various times in history."

Our question is, with Europe in crisis and the world in the utter turmoil of global disorder, *why now?*

Believe it or not, your Bible answers that question. The timing of Pope Benedict's new crusade gels perfectly in sequence with the signs Jesus Christ gave to highlight those world events leading up to His Second Coming (Matthew 24:4-5, 24). It all has to do with the stirring of a powerful *spirit* that has traditionally used the Vatican as a springboard for action (Revelation 17:13).

Why launch the Vatican's crusading Year of Faith on the 50th anniversary of Vatican II? Well, there is deep symbolism

apostles to extend and direct with authority, which He erected for all ages as 'the pillar and mainstay of the truth.' *This Church, constituted and organized as a society in the present world, subsists in the Catholic Church, which is governed by the successor of Peter and by the bishops in communion with him*" (emphasis mine). Thus it was re-established as a *binding doctrine of Roman Catholicism* at Vatican II that the *Roman Church is the only true church*.

Incidentally, these singular universal claims of the Vatican inspired Adolf Hitler's interpretation of dictatorial rule under one doctrine in his effort to produce a thousand-year Reich. "Until now, there has never been anything more grandiose on the Earth than the hierarchical organization of the Catholic Church," Hermann Rauschning recorded Hitler as saying. "I

parliamentary seat. As Giacomo Galeazzi explained in a *Vatican Insider* article: "The symbol of Europe was conceived by a Catholic, and tomorrow, for the first time, the statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be carried past the EU Parliament building. ... The 12 stars on the EU flag are an homage to her and yet this will be her first 'visit' to the political headquarters of the EU. Tomorrow at 10 a.m., the statue of the Virgin Mary will be brought to the cathedral of the city that symbolizes European technocracy."

What is European technocracy? Boiled down to its essence, it is the imposition of the Holy Roman imperialist will of unelected technocrats on an unsuspecting public on the continent of Europe!

"Few people know that the symbol of unified Europe has exquisitely Marian origins, as the European Union's official flag proves with its 12 stars and the Virgin Mary's blue and white colors," Galeazzi continued. His article also highlighted "the requests which Our Lady of Fatima became a bearer of in order to *save Europe and the world* and ensure peace and prosperity."

Thus, the symbol of a woman—which tracks back to Nimrod's mother-wife, Semiramis, the original symbolic great religious whore of Babylon—is transferred to its modern-day counterpart, symbolizing the final resurrection of that old Babylonish empire in its European Union clothes.

Same spirit, same old whore, same tactics—*same outcome!* "And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus" (Revelation 17:6).

The Ultimate Outcome

Yet though the whole world has so often suffered the perverse legacy of the *spirit of Babylon*, the most tremendous hope is contained in the prophecy of its future destruction. As the *Trumpet's* editor in chief has declared, "God is about to destroy the whole Babylonian system forever. It will never rise again" (op. cit.).

That outcome is affirmed in the more sure word of prophecy contained in Revelation 18.

And what lies beyond the destruction of the great Babylonish religious whore?

You need to read our booklet *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like* to discover that great wonder! That old spirit of Babylon will be replaced by the very Holy Spirit of God, which will reveal to humankind their incredible human potential. The vistas of truth, of peace, of plenty and of abundance of blessings that Spirit opens up will remove all remembrance forever of that old Babylonish spirit of the Holy Roman Empire! ■



THIS IS IT Once again, the Vatican is growing bolder in insisting that the Catholic Church is God's only church.

here that points to the future direction of Europe.

Vatican II became the catalyst for an ecumenical drive by Rome to garner back into its fold the Orthodox churches and the wayward Protestant daughters.

Whereas the most well-known doctrine affirmed unanimously by all delegates to Vatican I, convened by Pius IX in 1868, was *papal infallibility*, the most declarative statement made at Vatican II relating to Rome's interpretation of its role was the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, *Lumen Gentium*. It states that "the sole Church of Christ which in the creed we profess to be one, holy, catholic and apostolic, which our Savior, after His resurrection, commissioned Peter to shepherd, and him and the other

transferred much of this organization into my own party" (*Hitler m'a Dit*).

This same Babylonish *spirit* of forced acceptance of universalist rule is prophesied to dominate the final rise of the Holy Roman Empire. This is revealed in the prophecies of Revelation 13 and 17.

The Power of Symbolism

The power of symbolism to convey implicit messages to the masses is not lost on those who are shaping Europe into its final 10-power configuration.

The most potent of symbols overlaying the European Union is its flag. In late October, that flag was paraded together with its source of inspiration in Strasbourg as a sign of the further assertion of the Babylonish *spirit* that dominates the EU's

Reflections on a Battlefield

Corregidor: An epic struggle, a futile shame

IT JARRED ME, THE WAY THOSE HULKING RELICS OF WAR stood starkly against the tropical foliage. Demolished, pock-marked concrete—surrounded by beautiful, lush green plants. This is Corregidor, island of antithesis.

This small island fortress in the Philippines was the setting of some of the most dramatic scenes of World War II. It simultaneously symbolizes bravery and betrayal, humanity and hatred, strength and savagery. Gazing across the scene, I was bombarded by incongruous images and emotions. But the biggest collision in my mind was between the epic past and the uncertain present.

After it captured the island from Spain in 1898, the United States built a major military outpost on Corregidor. “The Rock” bristled with guns and mortars, a total of 23 separate batteries. Yet Corregidor was also a soldier’s paradise, with a sandy beach, golf course, baseball diamond, opulent cinema, lavish officers’ quarters and excellent barracks housing thousands of men—all against the backdrop of the calm waters of Manila Bay.

Most of these impressive installations are still there. But now they are skeletons bearing the garish scars of the horrors they endured. Of those enormous barracks filled with soldiers, only empty concrete shells remain, interlaced with rebar that holds sagging chunks of staircases and walls aloft in twisted formations. Gaping holes and mounds of rubble mutely testify to the furious Japanese aerial bombardment. The theater is roofless and hollow. The swimming pool is a cavity carpeted with vegetation.

The ruins still reverberate with the voices of the soldiers who occupied these structures, who manned these munitions. Every blast hole brings to mind the men whose bodies were also blasted and battered when the bombs fell.

Buried in the center of the island lies Malinta Tunnel, a colossal bunker complex that the Americans drilled into a mountain over the course of a decade. The wide but dank passage now serves as the setting for an audio-visual show telling the story of its construction and use during the war: MacArthur turning it into USAFFE headquarters; the Philippine government taking refuge there; and the unfolding of the most shameful chapter in America’s World War II history—the “Betrayal in the Pacific.”

Ten days after attacking Pearl Harbor, the Japanese descended on the Philippines, America’s possession. President Franklin Roosevelt immediately proclaimed his “solemn pledge,” backed by “the entire resources in men and materials of the United States,” that America would come and safeguard the Filipinos’ freedom. MacArthur skillfully evaded Japan’s powerful clutches, evacuating U.S. and Filipino forces to Corregidor to make a stand until reinforcements arrived. But the

“solemn pledge” was a blatant lie. The help never came. Allied forces on Corregidor eventually succumbed to Japanese butchery and surrendered on May 6, 1942.

The presentation well conveys the terror of those days with sounds of enemy planes buzzing outside, of bombings that shook the tunnels, of the voice of President Quezon lamenting, “How typical of America to writhe in anguish at the fate of a distant cousin, Europe, while a daughter, the Philippines, is being raped in the back room!” Then, the radio announcement from the *Voice of Freedom*: Despite the Allied forces’ “superhuman endurance . . . in the face of overwhelming odds,” “Bataan has fallen, but the spirit that made it



RELICS The modern ruins of a recent battle symbolize struggle, fear, carnage, courage and futility.

stand—a beacon to all the liberty-loving peoples of the world—cannot fall!” It was galvanizing yet gut-wrenching to hear, knowing the hellish death march those captured soldiers afterward endured.

The next wave I felt was one of redemption, hearing how America partially atoned for its treachery when it fought back for the Rock three years later. On the island’s Topside hill is a field too small for an airborne combat landing zone. Yet this is where hundreds of daring men parachuted down from just 400 feet—descending directly into a cauldron of fierce, close-range warfare. These tough men, who knew both the nobility of sacrifice and the brutality of killing, were the liberators of Corregidor.

A short walk away is the Pacific War Memorial Museum. There I stared at the black-and-white portraits of the officers who had orchestrated the offensives and commanded the troops. They seemed like superior men. Serious, manly, steely,

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Read more about the history of America and the Philippines in Gerald Flurry’s booklet ***‘We Have Had Our Last Chance.’***



LETTERS from last issue

Disgraceful media

What continues to amaze me is the consistency of the Western liberal media to exclude reporting the important occurrences to justify their past erroneous conclusions (“A New Pharaoh,” October/November). When an occurrence is so great that they have to report on it, they twist and malign facts and truths to continue to justify their liberal objectives. What a disgrace!

Alain Jolin—CANADA

And we still give Egypt money? “Follow the money” has been a battle cry for a long time. Who are our leaders fighting for?

Gary F. Restall—MASSACHUSETTS

A poisoned chalice

I agree that no one would vote for a candidate who would address our dire financial situation (“7 Challenges Face the Next President,” October/November). It would mean a greatly reduced lifestyle for the voter.

C. Dawson—OKLAHOMA

Another fantastic yet sobering article! The U.S. presidency, once the most prized office on Earth, has now become more of a poisoned chalice rather than an accolade for the winner of the next election. One has to wonder, would any sane person really want the job? The *Trumpet*



often refers to the first few verses of the third chapter of Isaiah in describing the lack of leadership in today’s American and British societies. It is interesting in light of what you bring out in your article, that verses 6 through 7 of this prophecy show that Israel’s leadership crisis and national calamities will get to the point where no one will actually

want to lead either nation.

Matthew Robinson—AUSTRALIA

Our descent into collapse is a predictable one based on history. Some of the typical steps have already taken place: the massive increase in the size government, a welfare status of the population, creating of a fiat financial system, and then the intentional devaluation of the currency to equalize the debt and interest problems. Recently, Mr. Biden was called out on his statement that massive borrowing and deficit spending was the way to the fix the financial problems in the U.S. It does appear that he is right in a sense, it doesn’t really fix anything but it is the only way to keep the government afloat.

Michael Scribner—MAINE

Prophets of doom vs. the Bible

There will always be those who come up with their prophecies about the end of the world, whether it’s the Mayans or Rasputin (“Will the World End? In December?,” October/November). Satan has his

distractions that can get a lot of headlines and raise a lot of curiosity and maybe even fear. But the only source of truth is God’s Word. He gives us the signs to watch for. Let’s not waste that time.

M.H.

Prophecy fulfilled

Mr. Flurry has warned us for so long that Egypt, Libya and Ethiopia would shift to the radical king of the south, Iran, because of Daniel 11:42-43 (“Egypt Unites With Iran and Fulfills a Bible Prophecy,” October/November). Now soon, the king of the north will conquer these three countries, as we also can read in this prophecy!

Joop Roelofszen—NETHERLANDS

The character of a gentleman

King David knew that everything he did, had, requested, it all came from God (“A Real Gentleman,” October/November). He led his family with the example of prayer and we have so many psalms and prayers of David. He wasn’t afraid to express his emotion and to let it all out. Some have the impression that being a gentleman is about “perfection.” I think as we get older we see the imperfections of everyone, and realize it is more about realizing our imperfection and asking God to make us perfect. I am grateful for my husband of 27 years for constantly learning, growing, and giving me an example of courage and faith as well as protection. ... Women rely on and trust a man who stands up for what he believes and doesn’t change to suit someone else. It’s not just manners, but complete character.

Susan Kossey—PENNSYLVANIA

ONLINE HIGHLIGHTS

Our readers like Bible prophecy. They want to understand, and even more so they want to see it fulfilled. Our two most popular articles for the last two months focused directly on Bible prophecy and its fulfillment.

The top-visited article was on enforced Sunday observance, what Bible prophecy calls the mark of the beast. “**Is the EU About to Enforce Sunday Worship in Greece?**” (thetrumpet.com/go/9828) reported on a leaked letter from Greece’s creditors, the European Union and International Monetary Fund, calling for its government to enforce a six-day workweek or lose its bailout money. The six-day workweek would force workers to rest on Sunday, conforming to the teachings of the Catholic and Orthodox churches—and aligning with biblical prophecy. Anyone with different religious beliefs would not be able to rest on their day of choosing.

One commentator questioned whether God really cares which day we worship Him. The answer to that question—and the understanding of the significance of the leaked letter—rests on understanding that prophecy.

But Bible prophecy is locked. “**Why Most People Don’t Understand Bible Prophecy**” (thetrumpet.com/go/9895), written by editor in chief Gerald Flurry, gives readers the key to understand the mystery of prophecy,

which is the modern identity of the lost 10 tribes of Israel. The reason why these tribes lost their identity revolves around Sabbath-keeping and worshipping God on the right day.

The proof of the accuracy of that article rests on Bible prophecy coming to pass, and there was much proof of that these last two months, mostly centered on the Middle East. The *Trumpet’s* online coverage of the September 11 attacks on American embassies in several countries, most notably in Cairo and Benghazi, generated a lot of response, and forms the core of our feature story “**How Could This Happen?**” in this issue (page 2). “**America Pays a Horrific Price for Liberating Egypt and Libya**” (thetrumpet.com/go/9868) disproved the notion that a video was to blame and traced the cause of the disaster back to the U.S. handing Libya over to Islamic radicals after removing Muammar Qadhafi. This was then followed up by an article putting these horrifying events in context. “**Making Sense of America’s Bungled Response to Muslim Rage**” (thetrumpet.com/go/9907) explained these events were prophesied to happen.

Events like these get people saying “**It Feels Like the End Times**” (thetrumpet.com/go/9919). Ron Fraser reminds readers that while we are in the end times, there is hope at the end of all these days.

ONLINE CONVERSATIONS

America Pays a Horrific Price for Liberating Egypt and Libya



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Michael Scribner: On September 16, Ambassador Rice made a day of propaganda-like interviews to sell the administration's sad story of spontaneous terror attacks. At stake was the reality of a failed foreign policy by the administration. Along with that failure comes the record of the first significant terror attack on the U.S. since Sept. 11, 2001. Not the kind of milestone a president who touted that he could relate to the Islamic world, and they would in turn relate well to him, would want to have. The truth is a victim in this case. The media has saturated cyberspace with its rendition of a spontaneous attack. Given the American public's attention span it seems when the truth does trickle out, there will not be an audience for it.

Carmen D Rivera: America's weakness is shown for the entire whole world to see—this only emboldens our enemies!

French Magazine Provokes Islam



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Sarah: Great point about America cowering with an immediate apology—makes me sick to my stomach when I see all the graves and names of those who have fought bravely (and died heroically!) for the United States only to be followed by a generation of spineless, politically correct, softies. Just sayin'...

Tahir: Nobles in all societies, no matter to which religion they might belong, always respect others' elders. Respect begets respect. Love begets love. This is the basic lesson taught in all societies, creeds, religions and faiths. Every noble gentleman would condemn the act of ridiculing others' patriarchs. The publisher should stop and think for a moment how would he/she feel if naked pictures of his/her father or mother are published on the Internet?

Richard Howard: I can't say I approve of the cartoons, but it is refreshing to see a different approach than the UK and U.S. have. Muslim aggression is begging to be answered.

Francois Van Wyk: I can see now how Satan is going to sway the whole world to worship a "United States of Europe," because they will be seen as the great savior and hero who will save the world from this terror.

Cherry Ann: I agree with you. I could feel myself wanting to cheer on the Europeans and tell them, "Go teach those bullies some lessons!" But no, these events do prepare Europe, especially Germany, to take center stage and be the savior of the Western world and not America. Easy to see why Israel will go to Germany for help.

The 'Alternate Universe' of America's Leaders



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Joshua James Roberts: The DNC has to be completely blind to not see that the crowd was upset that God and Israel were added back to the platform. Is Obama really the best friend Israel ever had? He canceled the prime minister's visit to go on the *David Letterman Show*, and the Muslim Brotherhood was invited into the White House. This doesn't seem like a friend to Israel at all—looks like an enemy.

Catherine Flaxington: It's one thing to be aware that politicians lie and have always lied. It's quite another to sit back and say nothing, which is what much of our country is doing. What is going on with this administration is beyond empty promises and smoke screens, it's dangerous propaganda, and too many of our people are just swallowing it in blind acceptance.

Iain Harper: America's foreign policy is indeed "foreign" and prophetic (Leviticus 26:19) in which the pride of their power has been broken and their leadership ignorant of the obviousness of it all. To say our relationship with our allies in the region is stronger than ever now would be like saying we have prevailed over our enemies in the region as well.

H: Truth—just quote their own words back to them and they just can't stand it. Speaking and writing the truth is something that will get you in huge trouble these days. If you expose lies and hypocritical words and actions prepare to feel the wrath of the liberal media and those you expose. What I love about this magazine and this website is that it speaks the PLAIN HARD TRUTH and does not pander to anyone. My hope is that others will find this resource. Keep up your hard work.

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Trying to make sense of America's bungled response to the Middle East rage? Trumpet Columnist Stephen Flurry points to a prophecy that describes the leadership we are seeing.

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The purpose of life. Do you know it? It is positively astounding! It has remained undiscovered by science! No religion has revealed it! Higher education has never taught it! Is it possible the whole world has been deceived regarding the awesome purpose of human life?

intelligent—men of character, men who inspired men. I felt small.

The stories of the Japanese Imperial Army evoked in me a different kind of wonder. Their warrior code of honor, *Bushido*, exalts death above surrender. In the Malinta Tunnel we learned what this means. That great bunker, which had survived intensive shelling throughout the war, in the end succumbed to sabotage from within: Two thousand Japanese soldiers stationed inside, knowing Allied troops were about to capture them, blew themselves up. Apparently this grim business was repeated in caves all over the island: After the U.S. reclaimed it, for days Corregidor reverberated with underground explosions of Japanese suicides. Haunting.

I tried to comprehend this conflicted past: noble and brutal, crucial and futile, eternal and long-gone. These ruins impressed me with what men did here, yet I could not escape the whole truth: Like every battlefield, this was just another horrid chapter in human war-making, another place where high rhetoric clashes with the low things human beings do to each other.

These ruins are oddly relevant to the present. Their hollowed hulks evoke the decline of America. As Moses prophesied long ago, the pride of its power has been broken and lies in rubble; only the facades remain. Three generations after what proved to be America's last unequivocal military victory, the U.S. presence in the Philippines is only an echo. America's reputation is mortally wounded; its ambition has shrunk. Its unprecedentedly superior military is oddly impotent against the most pitiful of threats. Today, an attack on an American consulate, rather than being soundly punished, sets off a rash of evasion, backbiting and recrimination that tears the government up internally.

It all makes Scripture's most shocking prophecy seem far more conceivable: When the next world war breaks out, America will shrink all the more—and horror will spread over the globe virtually unchecked.

I walked beyond the memorial museum to a rotunda. There I saw words chiseled in stone that finally reminded me of hope: "Sleep my sons, your duty done... for freedom's light has come. Sleep in the silent depths of the sea, or in your bed of hallowed sod, until you hear at dawn the low, clear reveille of God."

I look forward to meeting them when that dawn comes. ■

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