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Germany—A New King Is Imminent

The end of Merkel could be a turning point not just for Germany, but the whole world.

EVERY READER SHOULD CLOSELY WATCH GERMANY. THIS nation is experiencing changes that will reshape the country and the whole of Europe. Yet, remarkably, most of the world is asleep to these dramatic developments.

On October 29, German Chancellor Angela Merkel announced her plans to retire from German politics. In December, she stepped down as the leader of Germany's Christian Democratic Union. However, she wants to remain chancellor of Germany until the next election, scheduled for 2021.

Many are skeptical of her plan. To be chancellor, but not party leader of the main governing party, is very unusual.



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There are several ways Merkel could be forced out of office well before 2021. Until then, she is a lame duck leader. Germany's chancellor now lacks the full support of even her own party, and her term in office has a clear expiration date.

Merkel's political position, in both Germany and Europe, has been getting weaker for some time. Germany today is crying out for a stronger leader, and the European Union wants stronger leadership and direction from Germany. Now that Merkel is on her way out, Germany and Europe are more lost than ever.

Already, many are wondering if Merkel's decline portends unstable, dangerous times for Europe. The *New York Times* wrote that her announcement "created a degree of panic at the core of the European Union" (Oct. 30, 2018). Former German Foreign Minister Joshcka Fischer wrote on October 30, "It is no exaggeration to say that 2019 will be the year that makes or breaks the European Union."

This is a crucial, historic time for the Continent. Its migrant crisis and financial troubles threaten to explode. Radical Islam is now deeply entrenched and could launch further attacks at any moment. And now, there is no strong leader at the helm. Can you see why we need to watch Germany?

"It is not only in Berlin that decision-making is getting fiendishly difficult," wrote the *Telegraph*. "Brussels has relied on Merkel to give a lead in moments of crisis With no one really in power in Berlin, Brussels lacks a firm hand to whip in the rest of Europe" (Oct. 29, 2018).

Germany's political crisis is sure to get worse. Significant segments of the German people now support extreme political parties, such as Alternative für Deutschland and Die Linke (The Left). Meanwhile, support for the mainstream political parties is tanking. It will be difficult for Merkel's successor, whoever it is, to gain broad popular support.

Commentators see no way out of this crisis. "Germany's

immediate future appears to be somewhat like many other European countries'—a shifting electoral landscape, unstable governments, attempts at trial and error that lead to deadlock," Bloomberg warned (Oct. 29, 2018).

The warning from Geopolitical Futures was more dramatic: "What is clear is that Germany is tired of its political leaders but uncertain of who should replace them. This kind of political uncertainty might not matter in most countries, but IN GERMANY, THE BEATING HEART OF EUROPE, IT HAS PROFOUND INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS" (Oct. 29, 2018; emphasis mine throughout).

We have been warning about this exact moment for many years. The end of Merkel could be a turning point not just for Germany, BUT THE WHOLE WORLD!

Stunning Political Changes

Since 2015, Chancellor Merkel's Christian Democratic Union and her sister party, the Christian Social Union, have suffered multiple unprecedented electoral setbacks. In September 2017, Germany's mainstream parties did *so badly* in the federal election that it took SIX MONTHS to cobble together a coalition—this was the longest Germany had been without a government since 1945.

Chancellor Merkel's unpopular pro-immigrant stance caused the dramatic rise of the anti-migrant Alternative für Deutschland (AfD). Polls show the AfD is now the nation's SECOND-MOST POPULAR PARTY.

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—FORMER GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER JOSHCKA FISCHER

THESE SHIFTS SHOULD AWAKEN THE WHOLE WORLD TO WHAT IS HAPPENING IN GERMANY! German discontent and anger are soaring. If you understand history and the national character of the German people, you know this has serious implications for this powerful nation at the heart of Europe!

There is a strong demand for a new leader in Germany. People can't agree on what his policies should be—but they want someone DIFFERENT FROM MERKEL, and someone with VISION.

"[O]ne thing has played virtually no role" in Merkel's politics, wrote *Foreign Affairs*: "a true political vision of her own" (Nov. 2, 2018).

"Angela Merkel would have made for an excellent leader in ordinary times," *Foreign Affairs* continued. However, she came on the scene "at the one moment in Germany's postwar history when the country—and the world—DESPERATELY NEEDED ITS

CHANCELLOR TO PURSUE A BOLD VISION.” The *Guardian* wrote that one of Merkel’s big problems, in the eyes of her critics, was that she had “no real vision.”

The Germans today hunger for someone different! Someone with charisma and vision—someone who can really calm their fears and address the urgent problems facing Germany and Europe.

A German ‘King’ Is Imminent

The Bible prophesies that Germans will get that leader. It even describes the political conditions that will bring this man to power—and these political conditions are very similar to the political conditions now present in Germany and Europe!

Daniel 8 is one of the most astonishing prophecies in the Bible, and you need to understand it.

The book of Daniel was written *only* for the end time (Daniel 12:4, 9). The last part of Daniel 8:17 says, “for at the *time of the end* shall be the vision.” It gets more specific in verse 19: “And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the *last end* of the indignation ...” God wants us to realize the urgency of this prophecy. He talks about not only the *end time*, but the *last end*—the *END of the end time!*

Daniel prophesies that a strong leader will rise to power in Europe, or what is termed in Daniel 11:40 “the king of the north.” “And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the

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transgressors are come to the full, a KING OF FIERCE COUNTERNANCE, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up” (Daniel 8:23). God calls this leader “a KING.” Again, this man leads “the king of the north,” this European superpower.

Most people today are totally ignorant of the Holy Roman Empire, even though this potent historic entity has a powerful influence on modern Europe. Years ago, Herbert W. Armstrong met with Otto von Habsburg, the head of the 700-year-old house of Habsburg, which ruled the Holy Roman Empire in the era prior to Napoleon. At that time, Habsburg was a member of the European Parliament. He said, “The [European] community is living largely by the heritage of the Holy Roman Empire, though the great majority of the people who live by it don’t know by what heritage they live.”

Look through history, and you will find *six resurrections* of that Holy Roman Empire. Today the *SEVENTH RESURRECTION* is staring us in the face—yet people still don’t know *what it is*. That is amazing. Not even the people who live under it know it. *We must* be familiar with the Holy Roman Empire!

“We do possess a European symbol which belongs to all nations of Europe equally,” Mr. Habsburg said. “This is the crown of the Holy Roman Empire, which embodies the tradition of Charlemagne.” The coming king in Europe will assume that crown.

This soon-coming ruler could literally be called a *king*. Even if he is not, the Bible gives him that title. When the Bible talks about a king, in most cases it is not referring to a democratic

government. Even if this man doesn’t have the title of “king,” he will lead like an absolute monarch, like an authoritarian king right out of the Middle Ages. Daniel’s vision shows that the leadership of Europe is about to become a lot more authoritative. It’s not hard to imagine this happening, considering the growing appetite within Germany and Europe for exactly this type of leadership.

This man is discussed again in Daniel 11:21: “And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in PEACEABLY, and OBTAIN THE KINGDOM BY FLATTERIES.”

Notice how this man is characterized. He has a “fierce countenance,” meaning he’s mighty, powerful and cruel. He has an “understanding [of] dark sentences.” *Clarke’s Commentary* says, he’s “VERY LEARNED AND SKILLFUL IN ALL THINGS RELATING TO GOVERNMENT AND ITS INTRIGUES”—a cunning politician. He inherits the throne of Europe “peaceably,” obtaining his kingdom by “flatteries.” He is crafty and sly, with a brilliant mind and an engaging, attractive personality. The *Jamieson, Fausset and Brown Commentary* says “the nation shall not, BY A PUBLIC ACT, confer the kingdom on him, but he shall obtain it by artifice, ‘flattering.’” In other words, *a deceived public, or a group of European leaders, likely invites this man into power.*

Current conditions in Europe, including the refugee crisis and the turmoil in German politics, provide probably one of the greatest opportunities EVER for a new leader to come into power “by flatteries.” Chancellor Merkel is on her way out and is now a lame duck. Expect political and social crises in Germany and Europe, and public resentment and anger, to grow even deeper.

Then watch for a strongman to take advantage and make his way to power through *flatteries!*

A Transformed Germany

“Will Germans again rise to illusionary heights of grandeur?” asks Gerhard Marx in his 1969 thesis “A Two-Thousand-Year Analysis of the German Character.”

This is an important question. In 1914 and 1939, Germany started two world wars. In the First World War, some 16 million people were killed; and in the Second World War, another 60 million people. This makes the issue of Germany’s leadership and behavior vital for the whole world.

History tells us that we must watch Germany and look for signs that it could start another war!

Here is how Marx answers his question: “Not as long as one thing is lacking—a strong authoritarian leader. ONCE HE APPEARS, THE CHARACTERISTICS GERMANS HAVE ALWAYS POSSESSED WILL AGAIN BE OBVIOUS TO ALL.”

This has been the case throughout history. Germany will only go to war if it has the power. But power alone is not enough. THE GERMAN PEOPLE NEED A STRONG, AUTHORITARIAN MAN TO LEAD THEM.

More recently, journalist Heribert Prantl wrote something similar in his 2011 article titled “The Longing for the Messiah.” As late *Trumpet* columnist Ron Fraser wrote at the time, “Prantl highlighted two profound components of the German national character: the incompatibility with democracy and the *LONGING FOR A MESSIANIC LEADER.*”

Today, Germany has great power. It dominates and even domineers Europe. But it lacks a strong leader. And it isn’t

MAN FOR THE JOB?
Karl-Theodor zu
Guttenberg has
impressive credentials
that could yet help
propel him into political
prominence in Germany.



about to jump into a major war or do anything *too* radical until it has that strong leader. Germany has always needed a confidence-inspiring leader. And when that strongman is present, the nation can change quickly and radically!

Back in 2011, Prantl pointed to a man who might fill that role of a German messiah. “[A]ny real political power needs a spell,” he wrote. He talked about “the magic of democracy” and how people yearn for its promises and illusions to be real. Then he wrote, “after his appearance on the scene, Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg has for two years satisfied a desire for that.”

He continued: “Some write, ‘We think he is *gutt*’ [word play with Guttenberg’s name and the word *gut* meaning *good*]; others talk about his charisma, and how one misses this in general in a democracy, but can find it all the more in Guttenberg. ... The word *charisma* is a telling word in the context of the search for shine and splendor in democracy: ‘charisma’ contains ‘chrism,’ the sacred oil of the royal anointing.”

Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg quit politics that same year. But the memory of his charisma remains, and many Germans still talk about him. In 2017, Spiegel Online wrote, “If former defense minister Guttenberg would return from his U.S. exile to Germany and demand the leadership of his party, he would win them in no time” (April 24, 2017). In April 2018, the British *Express* newspaper referred to him as “Angela Merkel’s possible successor.”

The *Express* noted Guttenberg’s strong condemnation of Merkel’s refusal to bomb the Assad regime in Syria. He accused Merkel of “letting others do the dirty work.” Merkel, he said, “has never led from the front.”

Those are strong words. Clearly he is unafraid to criticize his former boss, and he’s unafraid of going to war. HIS STRONG WORDS AGAINST MERKEL NO DOUBT RESONATE WITH MANY GERMANS!

Guttenberg has proved himself politically. As defense minister, he reformed the German military. He got rid of conscription, which had provided Germany with a large, but not very mobile army. Guttenberg wanted to build a nimble army that could visit hot spots around the world and intervene to protect Germany’s economic interests. He said the military needed to be Germany’s “first priority.” He even advocated uniting Europe’s militaries into a single military power. Today Europe’s militaries *are* increasingly working together, just like Guttenberg wanted.

Guttenberg KNOWS Germany would lead such a united European army, because it already leads Europe!

In our January 2011 issue, we wrote: “Under the leadership of Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg, the Bundeswehr is evolving into exactly what British and American leaders after World War II fought so hard to PREVENT: a professional military subject to the influence of German elites.”

Daniel 8 tells us more about this coming leader: Verse 25 says that “through his policy also he shall cause CRAFT to prosper in his hand”—he is deceitful—“and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many.” In other words, this man talks about peace all the time, but then he launches BATTLES AND WARS!

Could Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg fulfill this prophecy? There are certainly some good indications that he could, coming even from these

German journalists and writers. But the Bible gives us yet another reason.

A Vital Prophecy

Revelation 17 discusses the Holy Roman Empire and gives special attention to the events surrounding its seventh and final resurrection. Verse 10 is vital for understanding the coming strongman of Europe. In the Moffatt translation it reads, “They are seven kings, of whom five are fallen, one is living, and the other has not arrived yet—and when he does arrive, he is only to stay a little while.”

Note the *time element* of this prophecy. These “seven kings” are seven *successive resurrections* of this Holy Roman Empire. But notice, this verse focuses our attention on a *specific moment*: the time when “five have fallen” and “one is living” (Moffatt). It draws our attention to the time period of the *sixth* of those seven resurrections.

Study history, and you can see exactly what each of the resurrections was: the Imperial Restoration of A.D. 554; the Frankish Kingdom of 774, dominated by Charlemagne; the Holy Roman Empire of 962; the Habsburg Dynasty of 1520; Napoleon’s kingdom of 1805. The sixth head of this Holy Roman Empire was on the scene during World Wars I and II, culminating in the rule of Adolf Hitler, one of the most brutal leaders this world has ever known.

Why would verse 10 focus on the sixth head in particular? BECAUSE THE MEANING OF REVELATION 17 WAS REVEALED WHEN THE SIXTH HEAD WAS ON THE SCENE! Herbert W. Armstrong was converted in 1927 and started his powerful religious work in the 1930s. Mr. Armstrong was the end-time type of Elijah prophesied by Jesus Christ in Matthew 17:10-11; he came on the scene and “restored all things”—including the understanding of biblical prophecy we need to understand for that period of time!

God began working with Mr. Armstrong at virtually the same time Adolf Hitler wrote *Mein Kampf* and began taking over Germany. Mr. Armstrong came on the scene during the terrifying sixth head of the Holy Roman Empire! He was alive and working hard when the sixth resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire was devastating Europe. And Mr. Armstrong began prophesying about the seventh and final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire *even before* World War II had ended!

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Revelation 17:10 doesn’t just reveal the Holy Roman Empire—IT REVEALS GOD’S END-TIME ELIJAH! It reveals where God’s true Church is.

Herbert Armstrong warned relentlessly about the seventh and final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire right up until he died on Jan. 16, 1986. In his lifetime, one of Germany’s most powerful postwar politicians was Franz Josef Strauss. Mr. Strauss talked all the time about Europe’s need to resurrect the Holy Roman Empire. Whether he realized it or not, Strauss was talking about the seventh head of that empire.

Remarkably, Franz Josef Strauss was a close friend of Herbert W. Armstrong. He even visited Ambassador College in Pasadena, California, where Mr. Armstrong was chancellor. Strauss described that visit as the happiest day of his life and told Mr. Armstrong, “We need an Ambassador College in Germany.”

Is Germany in Bible Prophecy?

The history of the German people traces back to biblical origins—and their identity unlocks some of the Bible’s strongest prophecies.

BY DAVID VEJIL

JUST WHO ARE THE GERMAN PEOPLES, and where did they come from? Their ancient progenitor can be determined by secular history, German records and the Bible.

For example, the oldest city in Germany is Trier. To this day, its inhabitants say it was founded around 2000 B.C. by the Assyrians.

Josef K.L. Bihl writes in *In Deutschen Landen*, “Trier was founded by Trebeta, a son of the famous Assyrian King Ninus. In fact, one finds ... in Trier the inscription reading, ‘Trier existed for 1,300 years before Rome was rebuilt.’”

The *Bayerische Chronik*, the official history of Bavaria, written in the 1500s, is now relegated to pure myth. Yet it records that a portion of Asshur’s descendants settled in Europe from Mesopotamia around 2300 B.C.

How did that happen? Just before their capital, Nineveh, fell in 612 B.C., the Assyrians’ empire rapidly declined. Invading

Isn’t this remarkable? I do not believe it was a coincidence that there was a connection between Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Strauss.

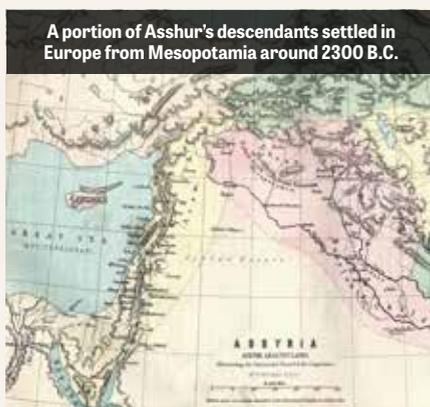
In July 1983, Mr. Armstrong also befriended Otto von Habsburg when Habsburg visited Ambassador College. Mr. Armstrong led a tiny college and a tiny Church, by this world’s standards. Yet he hosted Strauss and Habsburg, the most significant leaders in Europe regarding the Holy Roman Empire. Why? It is because Mr. Armstrong is indirectly the focal point of Revelation 17:10.

But the story gets even more interesting. Franz Josef Strauss was the political mentor of Edmund Stoiber, the prominent Christian Social Union politician who almost became chancellor of Germany before Angela Merkel did. And Mr. Stoiber was a mentor of Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg!

What is going on here? It all revolves around Revelation 17:10, and I believe God is helping us see who this strongman is.

Here’s what I wrote in my booklet *A Strong German Leader Is Imminent*: “Guttenberg is also connected through part of his family line to the house of Habsburg. Strauss and Otto von Habsburg shared a common dream of a united Catholic Europe.

warriors from Central Asia forced the Assyrians to migrate north. First-century B.C. Greek historian Diodorus Siculus wrote in *The Library of History* that “many of the conquered peoples were removed to other homes, and two of these became very great colonies: The one was composed of Assyrians and was removed to the land between Paphlagonia and Pontus.” Paphlagonia and Pontus



both border the southern shores of the Black Sea. The land between them was called Cappadocia by Herodotus. This Greek historian of the fifth century B.C. also confirmed the presence of the

Assyrians in his work *The Histories*: “The Cappadocians are known to the Greeks by the name Syrians This people, whom the Greeks call Syrians, are called *Assyrians* by the barbarians.”

By the fifth century B.C., the Assyrians were so dominant in the Black Sea area that Greek geographers called the region *Assyria*: “The coast of the Euxine [the Black Sea] ... was called Assyria by S[c]ylax, the author of *Periplus*” (*History of Art in Sardinia, Judaea, Syria and Asia Minor*, Vol. 2). In the same time frame, Herodotus recorded Assyrians from the Black Sea area fighting under Persian King Xerxes I against the Greeks (op cit).

Archaeology reveals that shortly after Xerxes’s disastrous campaign, a great migration of the Assyrian people from the Black Sea region occurred. With the Persian Empire weakening, the Assyrians moved from the Black Sea’s southern shores to its northern shores, a land called *Scythia*. Here they began to be called *Scythians*, eventually obscuring their true identity.

To Greek and Roman authors, the rugged steppes of Scythia were a land beyond the civilized world. They labeled all the many different peoples who

Both personally shared details of that vision with Herbert W. Armstrong during visits they made to the campus of Ambassador College in Pasadena, California. To Otto von Habsburg, the dream was of a revived Holy Roman Empire. To Herbert Armstrong, that dream would become the reality of the biblically prophesied seventh resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire.”

Baron Guttenberg’s aristocratic title is *Reichsfreiherr*, meaning “Baron of the Holy Roman Empire.” He comes from a line of aristocratic elites who have played a devastating role in German history. Is that just a coincidence?

The End of the Empire

The books of Revelation and Daniel point to some very dark times in the near future. Bible prophecy says that this strongman leads the whole world into unprecedented nuclear Armageddon. But it also points to good news just beyond the dark time—and this good news totally eclipses the negativity!

Just a few verses after Revelation 17:10 comes this: “These shall make war with the Lamb [speaking of Jesus Christ at His return], and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful” (verse 14). This prophecy ties directly to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ! He will return to stop the Holy Roman Empire from causing even more bloodshed. This is an important perspective to remember.

The prophecy in Daniel 8 leads to the same conclusion. Verse 25 reads, “[H]e shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand.” Jesus Christ will *supernaturally destroy* the terrible empire this man commands!

Events in Germany and Europe indicate that the seventh and final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire is now here! This is sobering, yet incredibly exciting. The presence of the Holy Roman Empire means that Christ is about to return to Earth to bring an end to the destruction. He prophesied in Matthew 24:21-22 that if He didn’t return, NO FLESH WOULD BE SAVED ALIVE! Mankind cannot stop the violence that is coming. But *Christ is going to return*—and He can and will stop it!

Only Jesus Christ can give humanity the peace, joy and happiness that has always eluded us. These developments show that end-time Bible prophecies are rapidly being fulfilled! Events right now in Germany are rapidly leading to this hope-filled conclusion. ■



migrated through this gigantic crossroads as Scythians.

“[T]wo major currently recognized racial types, *Caucasoids* and *Mongoloids*, are considered to have existed historically in geographical proximity on the steppe,” observes *The Cambridge Ancient History* (Vol. 3, Part 2). “Archaeologically, it is clear that the eighth- and seventh-century B.C. ‘Scythians’ were not the same as the fifth-century ‘Scythians.’ Both were mounted elite war-bands originating in the more easterly regions of the steppe, and the Greeks, quite naturally, called both groups by the same name.”

Archaeology shows five major phases of settlement in the area. These were caused by great population displacement resulting from the collapse of several empires and kingdoms in the Middle East.

When Herodotus wrote *Histories*, he would have known of how the Scythian population was in flux and re-forming. He wrote: “The Scythians say their nation is the youngest of all the nations.”

It is clear that the Germanic people comprised, at least in part, the Scythian migration at that time. We know this because Roman records show the Germanic people first began invading central

and western Europe in the late second century B.C., soon after their move north.

Archaeology confirms these Scythians migrated all the way into Germany proper. “Nomads and fierce warriors, they lived in Central Asia ... and their culture spread westward to southern Russia and Ukraine, and *even into Germany ...*” (*National Geographic*, June 2003; emphasis added). The dislocation of such a large population took several hundred years, with the first Germanic tribes appearing in Roman records during the late second century B.C.

By the time these tribes emerged out of Scythia into Europe and began to encounter the Roman Empire, they were no longer called Scythians, but were referred to by their tribal names.

Roman historian Pliny the Elder wrote in the first century A.D. about the Germanic and other tribes that migrated through this crossroads: “The name ‘Scythian’ has extended, in every direction, even to the Sarmatae and the Germans; but this ancient appellation is now only given to those who dwell beyond those nations and live unknown to nearly all the rest of the world” (*The Natural History*).

As the Greeks and Romans encountered different Scythian people due to trade and warfare, they gave them new names. During the second and first centuries B.C., Roman generals battled fierce tribes in Europe and called them by a name that means “war man”: *Germani*.

Before the 1900s, when German rationalism was introduced into academia and the biblical record and many German chronicles were rejected, scholars knew exactly where the Germanic people migrated from. “[T]here can be no doubt that they ... migrated into Europe from the Caucasus and the countries around the Black and Caspian seas” (*A Classical Dictionary of Biography, Mythology and Geography*, “Germania”).

By traveling back in time through the works of ancient scholars and archaeological data, we can tell the full story of the German peoples’ migration from Mesopotamia—home of their patriarch Asshur, the father of the Assyrians—to their location today! ■

Read more details about the Assyrians’ transformation into modern Germany at theTrumpet.com/7490.



Manasseh and Ephraim, the sons of Joseph.

And France, Mr. Armstrong explained, is descended from Reuben, the eldest son of Jacob and another of those “lost” Israelite tribes. Many of the modern French have descended from this Israelite patriarch, and *Reuben* is the name for France in biblical prophecy.

Genesis 37 documents Reuben *betraying his younger brother Joseph*. Mr. Armstrong taught, and the Bible clearly reveals, that this ancient betrayal is also an end-time prophecy that France (Reuben) would

betray the U.S. (Manasseh, son of Joseph).

Notice this critical passage regarding America and Britain: “And he [Jacob, renamed Israel] blessed Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, ... *bless the lads*; and LET MY NAME BE NAMED ON THEM ... and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth” (Genesis 48:15-16). As *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* proves, God answered this prayer. Manasseh and Ephraim *did* grow into a multitude. In fact, as God promised in Genesis 35:11, they became “a nation and a company of nations”—Manasseh a single “great” nation, and Ephraim “a multitude of nations” (see also Genesis 48:19). And the name “Israel” was named on these nations. They are the birthright nations, blessed above all others on Earth. How specific are these prophecies about the nations of Israel!

In all history, no other peoples match these descriptions better than America and the British Empire. That means prophetic Israel in this end time specifically refers to America and Britain.

But God didn’t prophesy only of what would happen to America and Britain.

Genesis 49 is an astounding chapter that contains important prophecies for today: “And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you IN THE LAST DAYS” (verse 1). We are reading from the first book of the Bible, and it is talking about *the last days*—THE TIMES WE ARE LIVING IN NOW!

France Is Betraying America, and Fulfilling Bible Prophecy!

Recent comments by the French president show that the Holy Roman Empire is here. **BY GERALD FLURRY**

NOV. 11, 2018, MARKED THE 100-year anniversary of the end of World War I. United States President Donald Trump visited Paris, France, to commemorate the roughly 115,000 U.S. military personnel who died in that war.

The United States helped France mightily in that war. American troops gave their lives to protect and support the French Army and people. In both World Wars I and II, British and American forces delivered France from captivity; all totaled, almost 2 million British and American soldiers gave their lives to defend France and other European nations.

Today the brotherhood that once existed between the United States and France is in trouble. We need to understand the prophetic significance of what is happening.

On the eve of President Trump’s European visit, French President Emmanuel Macron made some bold remarks that reveal a lot about how he feels about the U.S. today. In a radio interview on November 6, President Macron called for a “TRUE EUROPEAN ARMY.” That is a dramatic statement in its own right, but

he added: “We have to protect ourselves with respect to China, Russia and EVEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA” (emphasis mine throughout).

Even the United States? It is one thing for France to say it must defend against Communist China and dictatorial Russia. BUT WHAT A DEEPLY INSULTING THING TO SAY ABOUT THE DEMOCRACY THAT CROSSED THE ATLANTIC TWICE LAST CENTURY TO RESCUE FRANCE FROM DEFEAT!

Mr. Macron’s remarks didn’t really catch the attention of most people. Many perceived them as simply an attempt by Macron to get more from NATO. But that is not the case!

We must grasp the significance of President Macron’s comments. When you understand Bible prophecy, you can recognize that this is part of a momentous trend that will change the world!

A Prophetic Brotherhood

The Bible clearly tells us the identity of the American and British peoples. In his book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, Herbert W. Armstrong explained in detail how America and Britain are descended from the tribes of

If you don't know the modern identity of the *sons of Jacob*, you cannot understand Bible prophecy! And one third of the Bible is devoted to prophecy.

The first son Jacob addressed in Genesis 49 is Reuben (verse 3). God clearly tells us that Reuben will play a role in events that occur in the last days. So *we must know who Reuben is*.

Why was Reuben addressed first? Because he was the firstborn. The blessings that God promised to Abraham, and that were conferred upon Abraham's son Isaac and his grandson Jacob, were supposed to transfer to Jacob's *firstborn* son, Reuben. But Reuben lost his birthright. Why? Jacob tells us: "Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel; because thou wentest up to thy father's bed; then defiledst thou it: he went up to my couch" (verse 4). Reuben had sexual relations with his father's concubine. Isn't it interesting that even today, Paris is called the "city of love" and France is renowned for its libertine approach to sex? Because of Reuben's great sexual sin, the birthright blessings went instead to Joseph, the firstborn son of Jacob's other wife, Rachel.

"Now the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel, (for he was the firstborn; but, forasmuch as he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given unto the sons of Joseph the son of Israel: and the genealogy is not to be reckoned after the birthright" (1 Chronicles 5:1). Chronicles is the last book of the Old Testament as it was originally compiled and points us directly to the New Testament. Ezra gathered information from the former prophets and wrote that book. That means it is prophecy for today. Ezra wrote about the state of the birthright promise *in these last days*.

Betrayal!

Read the history of Joseph and Reuben yourself in Genesis 37 through 46. Jacob favored Joseph above his other sons, and that provoked a lot of sibling rivalry. Making matters worse, Joseph told his brothers about dreams he had indicating that his descendants would "reign over" those of his brothers. This inspired such hatred in them that they conspired to murder Joseph! They planned to kill him and tell their father that Joseph had been slain by a wild animal. Reuben

intervened. He convinced them to just leave him in a pit to die, and he planned to save him by coming back later to fetch him. But before he could do that, the brothers sold Joseph into slavery.

Reuben, the firstborn, wouldn't boldly stand up to his brothers. He tried to "rescue" Joseph in a weak, evasive way. It was a *betrayal* that ended up *enslaving* his younger brother!

YOUR BIBLE SAYS REUBEN'S MODERN DESCENDANTS WILL AGAIN BETRAY THE LATTER-DAY DESCENDANTS OF JOSEPH—AMERICA AND BRITAIN!

The Bible prophesies of a European superpower led by Germany. France will meekly submit to and participate in this German-dominated "beast" of Revelation 13. In so doing, France will cruelly **BETRAY** the allies it fought alongside in two world wars *against* Germany! Yes,

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We are seeing the beginning of that betrayal today!

Remember, the sons of Jacob are *brothers*. This is about a family. And Reuben, this prophecy tells us, is "unstable as water." You never know exactly how he is going to behave, even toward his own brother.

This instability is **EXACTLY** what we are seeing in the French-American relationship today. When President Trump visited France in July 2017, he was treated like royalty! Now the French leadership is sending a brash, treacherous message of opposition.

President Macron's words were not part of a minor spat, as some in the media characterized it. This strikes at the very heart and core of end-time Bible prophecy! Bible prophecy makes clear exactly what is happening.

Just four days before the World War I commemorations, President Macron made other provocative comments we need to think about. Touring a

battlefield of the Great War, Macron praised Marshal Philippe Pétain, who was to be honored at a ceremony at Napoleon's Tomb that weekend. Pétain was a French general during World War I. But he was more than that: In June 1940, he was appointed prime minister of France and immediately surrendered France to Adolf Hitler. Between 1940 and 1944, Pétain **COLLABORATED WITH HITLER WHILE PRESIDING OVER VICHY FRANCE**. British historian Andrew Roberts wrote that Pétain "participated enthusiastically in sending non-French Jews to the death camps—principally Auschwitz—in a way that the Germans simply did not have the manpower or local knowledge to achieve."

President Macron apparently rejects this history. He told reporters that Pétain was a "great soldier—this is a reality."

Then, at the World War I centenary ceremony in Paris, Macron took the opportunity to publicly rebuke President Trump for recently saying he was a nationalist who puts America first.

Standing before a host of world leaders, Macron lectured America's president on the difference between nationalism and patriotism. "Nationalism is a betrayal of patriotism," he said. "By saying 'our interests first, who cares about the others,' we erase what a nation holds dearest, what gives it life, what makes it great, and what is essential—its moral values." President Macron's speech was heard around the world, and everyone understood exactly who he was addressing!

Calling for an Army

It was in the midst of this important anniversary week that the French president called for a European army. "We will not protect Europeans unless we decide to have a **TRUE EUROPEAN ARMY**," he said. The *Times* called it "his strongest language yet" for a military union. Europe is striving for a united military—and has been for quite some time.

And what will Europeans do with that army? Macron explicitly said it was needed to protect Europe “with respect to China, Russia and *even the United States*.” DOES THAT SOUND LIKE A STABLE BROTHERHOOD, LIKE THE ONE IN WORLD WARS I AND II?

Macron wants to push America out of Europe! The way he views it, France and Europe don’t need America anymore! As recently as World War II, America lost hundreds of thousands of men SAVING Europe and France! How can anyone simply forget all that—unless they are *unstable as water*?

Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Anthony J. Tata wrote about those comments: “Macron could not have levied a greater insult at America and its veterans on this 100th anniversary of the armistice signed between the Allies and Germany on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918 to end World War I and, ironically, save Europe” (Fox News, Nov. 10, 2018). It’s as if Macron was spitting on the graves of those men!

President Macron’s remarks about the need to create a European military

This is a stunning development—but it is one that we at the *Trumpet* have been expecting for many decades!

The Holy Roman Empire

French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire took things even further. He said the European Union must become a “FORM OF EMPIRE, like China, and the U.S.” “I use the term [*empire*] to sharpen awareness that we are going into a world where power matters. Europe should no longer shrink from deploying its power,” he said.

We must see what is now rapidly building in Europe. This push for a united European army is nothing less than an effort to resurrect the old Holy Roman Empire! That empire has risen up within Europe repeatedly throughout history. Today, many European leaders are being frank in recalling that history. (For more information, read my October 2018 *Trumpet* cover article, “The Holy Roman Empire Goes Public—Big Time!” at theTrumpet.com/17669.)

Europe’s leaders are talking more about Charlemagne, who led the First

to see that old empire increasingly take center stage.

Mr. Armstrong long prophesied that Britain would *not* be part of the new united Europe. But using the Bible as his guide, he believed France WOULD BE in this final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire.

God prophesied of seven heads, or resurrections, of that evil empire. Six have come and gone, and now the seventh is bursting onto the scene (Revelation 17:10). It is going to wreak the most suffering this world has ever seen! Its exploits will make World War II look like a minor rehearsal.

Germany has started two world wars. Brace yourself, because it is about to start a third! That is the truth revealed in Bible prophecy. If you don’t believe that, then just keep your eyes on the news because you’re about to see it happen—and soon! In a few short years, we will see all these prophecies come to fruition. The Second Coming of Jesus Christ, the greatest event ever, will happen in six to 10 years, as I calculate it. That means the Great Tribulation, the worst suffering this Earth has ever experienced, will start within a few short years.

You need to understand the spirit behind France’s behavior, and behind the remarks of President Macron and Chancellor Merkel. This terrifying spirit is going to change your life like nothing ever has—unless God protects you.

I have a responsibility to proclaim this message and expose the Holy Roman Empire for what it is. People scoff at Bible prophecy. But they won’t scoff for long. The prophesied Great Tribulation is approaching (Matthew 24:15-22).

Macron’s recent remarks echo what high European officials are already thinking and discussing. They want a Holy Roman Empire army that can stand up to any enemy. THE EMPIRE IS ALREADY THERE. THEY ARE JUST WAITING FOR THE PROPHESED STRONGMAN TO LEAD IT (Daniel 8:23).

Perhaps President Macron thinks he will play the role of this much-needed strongman. If so, *he is dreaming!* There is no way this man will be the leader of the Holy Roman Empire.

His nation *will* be a part of that empire, however—a *secondary, inferior part*.

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triggered the highest-level discussion of a European army yet to take place in postwar Europe. “The idea of a European army is now on everyone’s lips,” wrote the *EU Observer* (Nov. 14, 2018). Just days after Macron’s remarks, German Chancellor Angela Merkel supported his call, saying that “WE HAVE TO WORK ON A VISION OF ONE DAY CREATING A REAL, TRUE EUROPEAN ARMY.” The top candidates to succeed Merkel as German chancellor have also made similar comments.

Recognize the significance: The leaders of Europe’s two most powerful nations are crying out for a STRONGER, MORE UNITED EUROPEAN MILITARY! Herbert W. Armstrong warned of this military union for decades, based on Bible prophecy in Daniel 2 and 7, Revelation 13 and 17, and elsewhere. In May 1953, he wrote, “Ten powerful European nations will combine their forces.”

Reich in A.D. 800. They aren’t yet discussing Adolf Hitler openly, but he was part of the same thread of history! He worshiped Charlemagne. He labeled his empire the Third Reich—a resurrection of Charlemagne’s First Reich, which was the Holy Roman Empire. Both of these violent rulers waded through blood in pursuit of their crazed ambitions. Anyone can read the truth in history books—but few know much about it!

People aren’t concerned that the tradition of Charlemagne is being openly promoted in Austria and Germany today, but they should be! That tradition has a bloody, bloody history!

AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR SEBASTIAN KURZ SAYS THAT HE WILL RULE HIS NATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. IF YOU UNDERSTAND HISTORY, YOU KNOW THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE IS! You are going



Four Signs the Second Coming Is Near

Are we in the end time? Here are four specific indications the Bible tells us to watch for—that have already happened. **BY JOEL HILLIKER**

THESE DAYS, THERE IS A LOT OF talk about the “end of days.” Watching our world convulsing, seeing events destabilizing and growing more dangerous, many people, whether religiously minded or not, are paying more attention to all types of dire prophecies, including those involving blood moons and red heifers. Journalists and everyday people are actually wondering openly about supernatural signs, massive cataclysms and the end of the world. They are wondering if we are facing the events described in Bible prophecy.

In recent decades, it seems that every few years someone comes along with a new prediction of the catastrophic end

of the world as we know it. And then those predictions prove false.

This problem of failed prophecy has plagued many religions for thousands of years. People predicting Jesus Christ’s return have set dates, then shifted the dates when those dates came and went. Some have subsequently adopted theories that Jesus Christ has returned secretly. But most have just grown uncomfortable with the entire subject of end-time prophecy, and they have pushed it far into the background. Though headlines about prophecy are circulating again, Bible prophecy is still widely considered a fringe subject.

Doctrinally, different Christian groups hold very different views

regarding the end of the world. The spectrum runs from vociferous street-corner preachers to scoffers whose views are virtually secular and who disbelieve altogether the return of Christ. Bible bookstores stock numerous publications attempting to explain end-time prophecy, interpreting the mystery of various prophetic symbols, with one book contradicting the next.

But prophecy is right there in the Bible. That’s where the phrase “time of the end” comes from. The Old Testament prophets prophesied. The New Testament apostles prophesied. Jesus Christ Himself prophesied. In fact, He explicitly prophesied about the end time and the end of the world.

What the Bible Says

In the Bible, “the time of the end” describes the period leading up to the return of Jesus Christ. It denotes the period just prior to the end of civilizations ruled by men and the beginning of Christ’s rule over the Earth. The Bible describes this period as filled with unprecedented violence—violence that almost annihilates all human life.

That is why people think of Bible prophecy when they see news reports about terrorism, religious clashes, trade wars, radical regimes and weapons of mass destruction.

Bible prophecies, including those spoken by Christ Himself, give *specific signs* indicating when human history is approaching that fearsome time.

Jesus was a prophet. He prophesied throughout His ministry. Just before He was crucified, in His most crucial prophetic message, the “Olivet prophecy,” Jesus said, “And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth ... see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. ... Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors” (Matthew 24:30, 32-33).

For Christians who believe Jesus Christ, there is no escaping this fact: He personally predicted that He would supernaturally return *and* that there would be SIGNS immediately preceding that event—signs we should watch for.

In this same prophecy, Jesus made this crucial clarification: “But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only” (verse 36). Be wary when you hear someone predicting a *specific date* of Christ’s return. But also be wary of anyone who tells you there is no way to know. Christ said plainly that we should be able to recognize signs “that it is near, even at the doors” (verse 33). God has not revealed the *date*, but He has revealed a number of *signs*.

Here are FOUR SPECIFIC SIGNS the Bible gives to know that the return of Jesus Christ is near. What makes these so important is that all four of them *have already been fulfilled*.



“AND AS HE SAT UPON THE MOUNT of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?” (Matthew 24:3). The disciples specifically asked Jesus Christ when He would return. How did He answer? He did not say, *Do not worry about such things, or No man can know the decade or the century*. He answered by giving specific signs to watch for.

“And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet” (verse 6). Christ said that wars and rumors of wars would spread, but these *of themselves* were not signs of His return. He then said that “there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the *beginning of sorrows*” (verses 7-8).

So when you see wars and rumors of wars increasing—and you see famines, pestilences and earthquakes increasing—do not pretend everything is normal. Sit up and take notice!

Jesus then explained a *specific sequence of events* leading to a nightmare scenario that He called “GREAT TRIBULATION, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, nor ever shall be” (verse 21). This is not just a war or a rumor of a war. This is a CATASTROPHIC WORLD WAR on a scale that human beings have never before experienced!

The two worst wars in history occurred during the 20th century. World War I caused more than 15 million

deaths. World War II caused more than 60 million deaths—and by its conclusion, the world had entered the age of *weapons of mass destruction*.

The two atomic bombs that ended World War II are *weak* compared to the weapons human beings have developed

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since. The most powerful bomb ever exploded was detonated in 1961 and was *thousands* of times more powerful than either of those explosions. Today, there are an estimated 10,000 nuclear warheads ready for launch, with accurate delivery systems that can reach around the world. There are thousands more chemical and biological weapons and billions if not trillions of pounds of conventional ordnance and ammunition.

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Notice what Jesus said in verse 22: “And except those days should be shortened, there should NO FLESH BE SAVED.”

In the first century A.D., when the closest thing to a weapon of mass destruction was cyanide in a cistern or a torch thrown on a thatch roof, Jesus Christ prophesied that prior to His return, human beings would be capable of *annihilating every last man, woman and child*.

That prophecy could never have been fulfilled in the age of the bow and arrow, or the musket and cannon, or the howitzer and tank, or even the airplane and aircraft carrier. Only in the last couple of generations have human beings possessed weapons of MASS DESTRUCTION that threaten to destroy all human life! And now, in the age of terrorism and nuclear-armed nations increasing in number, capacity and belligerence, the world faces increasing probability that these weapons will be unleashed.

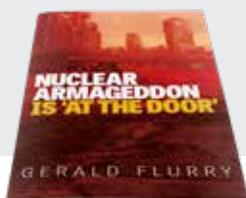
We are now living in a time like no other in history, when the next world war could cause the extinction of humanity. Learn more about this prophecy by requesting *Nuclear Armageddon Is 'At the Door,'* by Gerald Flurry.

This was a sign from Jesus Christ Himself of His imminent return. And it has *already happened.*



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JESUS GAVE ANOTHER SIGN OF HIS return, recorded in Matthew 17. Here, He was transfigured before three of His disciples. This was an incredible experience for them. They believed He was the Son of God, of course, but here was a dazzling vision that not only confirmed this but actually showed them what He will look like at His Second Coming.

After seeing an advance vision of the most important event in human history, what did the disciples immediately think of? An intriguing question formed in their minds. After the transfiguration, the first question they asked Jesus was: “Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?” (Matthew 17:10; New King James Version).

They were referring to a specific Old Testament prophecy, recorded in Malachi 4:5: “Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.” Five hundred years earlier, God had prophesied that—before the dreadful cataclysms preceding Christ’s glorious return—He would send “Elijah the prophet,” or a man who would come in the power and spirit of Elijah, to prepare the way.

The disciples regarded this as a powerful, pivotal prophecy. It was the *first thing* they thought of after seeing a vision of Jesus Christ’s dazzling return!

And how did Jesus answer them? *That prophecy was fulfilled long ago. Or: That prophecy is not for human understanding. Or: Focus on morals—focusing on prophecy will only confuse you.* Not at all! He *confirmed* what Malachi had

prophesied and what the scribes and the disciples believed—and He *added* a related prophecy of His own:

“Elias [Elijah] truly SHALL FIRST COME, and RESTORE ALL THINGS” (Matthew 17:11). “Elijah truly shall first come.” *Yes, what Malachi prophesied is true. Yes, his prophecy applies to my future return, which you just saw in a vision. Not only that, but this man, the Elijah who will come in the end time, will RESTORE ALL THINGS.*

Jesus gave the disciples an additional identifier—recorded and preserved in the Bible—regarding this Elijah-type individual: He would “restore all things.” When Jesus Christ returns, He will

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restore all things to the whole world (Acts 3:19-21). Yet He Himself said that this “Elijah” would restore all things. How would that be possible? Because God would use this individual to restore all things, the truth of the Bible, to *God’s Church.*

So Jesus Christ Himself said that He would return in power and glory to rule all nations. He said that prior to His return, there would come a dreadful “Day of the Lord.” He said that before that day, there would come a man like Elijah. He said this man would restore



PARENTS: Help Develop Your Child's Talents

The benefits can last far longer than you think! **BY RYAN MALONE**

DO YOU HAVE A SON OR DAUGHTER? Then you are caring for the greatest creation on Earth: the human mind. The Creator of human beings has put under your responsibility a miraculous combination of intellect, emotion, spirit and potential. What will you do with it?

Since your child was in the womb, the neurons in his or her brain have been firing. Certain parts of the brain that control autonomic functions like heart-beat, reflexes and breathing have been hardwired. But after birth, seemingly innumerable neurons are available as the brain and the *mind* undergo construction.

How is your child's mind being built? What will it be like at maturity? How will your child use that mind to contribute to others? Will your child be an engineer? A musician? A translator? A culinary artist? An athlete? An entrepreneur? A craftsman? A good father or mother?

It depends on how your child—and you—develop the talents in that amazing human mind.

How can you find out what your child's talents are? And what is the best way to develop them?

Turn On Your Talent Radar

The word *talent* is vague and even problematic. As a music teacher, I often see it used to excuse *laziness* in both the “talented” and the “untalented.” The “talented” already have endowments—so they (and others) reason that they don't need to work hard. The “untalented” reason that success is out of reach—so they don't need to work hard. For this discussion, we'll call the proclivities and preferences of a child's intellect and personality his “aptitudes.” The *development* of an aptitude becomes his “skill.” “Aptitude” is the raw natural resource; “skill” is its refinement into something usable.

Heredity does heavily influence the areas where a child will naturally excel. But heredity does not predestine your child to become a star shortstop or a virtuoso violinist. How many potentially great writers, musicians or other creative geniuses never developed because a parent didn't recognize their aptitudes?

Every parent must invest time and effort into *getting to know his or her child*.

Children are predisposed to have particular likes, dislikes and interests. Don't assume you know what they are. Be particularly careful of expecting similarities between siblings.

As your children grow, watch. What questions do they ask? What activities hold their interest? Assess their development. Encourage them in areas where they show aptitude or interest, from books to outdoor pursuits. Such praise helps your children thrive emotionally and can yield practical insights and opportunities that lead to greater exploits later in life.

Let your children explore different interests. They themselves may not understand their own “likes.” In *early* childhood, aptitudes will not always make themselves known. Expose your children to different experiences. Even when they hit their teen years, continue to present them with new opportunities. These experiences and opportunities can be simple: Let your children help you cook; throw a ball with them; take in a concert together; let them watch as you change the motor oil. At every opportunity, explain what you are doing. This is not only quality family time, it is also time where you are on the clock as their talent scout.

The wiring of the brain proceeds according to a fairly predictable timetable. For example, the auditory cortex wires itself in a way that shows it's best to introduce a second language and its foreign sounds *BEFORE* age 10. You may have found from your own experience that waiting until high school makes learning another language much harder.

Studies have shown that the neural circuitry for math is near the circuitry for music, and can be developed even in a toddler by teaching concepts like “one” and “many.” Experts also suggest that the musical brain has a learning window of ages 3 to 10, as far as learning

an instrument and the fundamental concepts associated with music. But exposure to music can happen while your child is still in the womb and through infancy. And this does far more than develop his or her musical abilities, as ample research proves.

Develop Their Talents

Once you have discovered your child's interests, then what?

Though heredity plays a part in a person's aptitudes, "the biggest factors in determining success or failure in life," educator Herbert W. Armstrong wrote, "are MOTIVATION, DETERMINATION, DRIVE, PERSEVERANCE" (*Plain Truth*, January 1982). It really comes down to what we DO with the resources we've been given. You can't sit back and admire the talent you've discovered in your child and watch it magically develop. It takes diligent effort to forge an aptitude into a genuine ability—and far more to refine it into mastery.

No matter how impressive their "talent," great performers could never achieve excellence by merely dabbling in their field and then moving on to something else when it got difficult or boring. "Were they specially talented above other people?" Mr. Armstrong asked. "Undoubtedly, yet everyone began while quite young—and stuck to it with determination day after day, year after year. They didn't quit. They *worked at it*. They continued improving. They were not content with mediocrity. They became real 'PROS'!" (ibid).

The Bible advocates doing whatever your hand finds to do "with thy might" (Ecclesiastes 9:10). God has used people with ability and skill to rally nations to righteousness, to record His thoughts, and to compose music that illustrated His plan. Men like Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego were known—even to Gentile nobility in Babylon—for their skills in language and science (Daniel 1:3-4). Young David was "cunning" on the harp (1 Samuel 16:15-23), and later employed people who excelled at music to serve God full-time with that skill (1 Chronicles 15:22).

God clearly supports such development. The fact is, the path to greatness in any physical activity demands the same focus and commitment as the

path to *spiritual* greatness. Teaching our children how to develop their abilities instills lifelong habits and lessons in discipline, self-restraint, focus, motivation and hard work.

Concentrating on "talent development" does not mean neglecting general education and daily chores. These provide opportunities to balance out the personality and knowledge base. But avoid the temptation to enroll your children in *too many* extracurricular activities. Encourage them to more deeply develop one or two of those areas where they have shown heightened aptitude.

Develop Their Character

Mr. Armstrong related, "I knew a boy who had the *talent* of a child prodigy on the piano at age 6 or 7. But he tired of that, turned to blowing a trumpet, tired of that, reached maturity unable to do much of anything in any area" (ibid). If our children quit when things get difficult, they may never learn to push past the obstacles life is sure to present. This mindset leads nowhere.

Developing aptitudes does take sacrifice for both the child and the parent who oversees (and funds) it. But it can yield benefits that last their whole lives—and beyond.

1 Peter 4:11 shows that ability comes from God, that it is to be used to serve His purposes, and that all the glory should go to He who gave it.

God is most concerned with building righteous *spiritual* character in us, and what we do in the physical realm affects that character. As the master in one of Christ's parables said to the two servants who doubled their talents: "thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things" (Matthew 25:21). At the very least, "talent

development" teaches us one simple lesson: TO USE WHATEVER GOD GIVES US.

"And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible" (1 Corinthians 9:25). The phrase "striveth for the mastery" comes from a Greek word meaning to enter a contest or contend in gymnastic games; to fight; to strive with strenuous zeal to obtain something. Whatever the "crown," this exercise can teach us to be disciplined "in all things."

As Mr. Armstrong wrote, "The Christian life requires the same continuous, diligent, no-letup effort that a great pianist, violinist or singer must exert. There is the easy road that leads to failure, but the way to achievement, whether in a profession, or entrance into eternal life in the Kingdom of God, is the hard, difficult, never-give-up way of persistent, determined effort and self-prodding" (ibid).

Every parent, every young person developing a skill, should read that quote again.

If you do not develop your child's physical talents and abilities, then how will he learn to prioritize, resist, discipline, sacrifice and drive himself? On the other hand, if you do develop and refine your child's physical talents in these ways, then he can apply these principles spiritually, learning to prioritize, resist, discipline, sacrifice and drive himself toward the development of godly character. That is why God made us physical in the first place, and gave

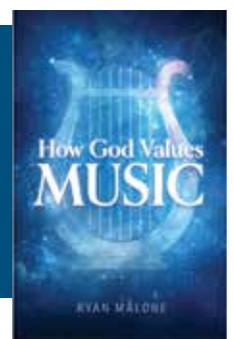
the human spirit to empower the human mind and ultimately to connect with Him.

Discover and develop your child's talents. Work to provide him or her with the resources to pursue those aptitudes. By nurturing those physical skills, he or she will learn ETERNAL LESSONS! ■

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China Hacks America— and ‘None Goes to Battle’

A tiny Chinese microchip may have infiltrated numerous American governmental and military systems, giving insight into how several specific Bible prophecies could come to pass. **BY JEREMIAH JACQUES**

IT ISN'T HARD TO IMAGINE A TIME IN the near future when great numbers of Americans take to the streets. Maybe the trigger would be another divisive presidential election, with half the nation refusing to accept four more years of an administration they loathe. Maybe the trigger would be impeachment hearings or a particularly controversial decision by “Brett Kavanaugh’s Supreme Court,” such as restricting abortion.

Whatever the spark, it isn’t hard to imagine America’s intensifying domestic tensions exploding into mass riots.

Imagine how such a scenario might play out, with some “help” from outside adversaries: Governors call in the National Guard to support local law enforcement. Other military units are deployed to hundreds of cities. But law enforcement and military units are also ideologically divided, and unable to unite against the chaos. After weeks of carnage, few employees are willing to risk leaving their families for work, so businesses stop operating. Food supply

chains begin breaking down. In cities, scarcity and looting become rampant.

Global markets take their worst plunges in decades, but the leaders of China and Russia look on eagerly. They quietly activate armies of hackers. Legions of operatives set to work exploiting vulnerabilities secretly planted in U.S. computer systems years earlier and locating new weak spots.

Within hours, the U.S. military suffers a global failure of communications satellites operating with K_a band frequencies. The sudden silence makes clear that the satellites have been hacked and compromised, but authorities can’t identify the origin of the assault. The Pentagon scrambles to reroute communication lines, with limited success.

Meanwhile, a dozen West Coast cities simultaneously go dark. The electric power grid has been hacked and fed poisoned code, taking numerous power stations suddenly offline. Adjoining stations shift into overdrive attempting to carry the extra burden. They fail,

and secondary outages roll down from Washington to Arizona. Blackouts and brownouts begin spreading inland.

Nationwide, domestic turmoil is intensifying. City grocery stores have stood empty for weeks, and rampant hunger fuels unspeakable violence.

The Pentagon calls U.S. naval groups and submarines in to help contain the domestic chaos. Suffering from serious communications and weapons-system hacks, they fail to receive Washington’s message. Meanwhile, a fleet of American F-35s crash into the South China Sea after their vaunted Distributed Aperture Systems are hacked, leaving the pilots flying utterly blind.

America is imploding from within and under debilitating cyberattack from without. It is suddenly vulnerable to invasion.

This may sound like a far-fetched, dystopian science-fiction plot. But recent reports and trends show that such a scenario could soon become reality. And Bible prophecy reveals that America is headed for such a future.

China's 'Big Hack'

Bloomberg Businessweek published a bombshell report on Oct. 4, 2018, claiming that microchips the size of a grain of rice have been secretly planted on numerous server motherboards made by the hardware manufacturer Super Micro Computer Inc.

According to the report, the chips were secretly inserted at factories operated by manufacturing subcontractors in China, by operatives with direct links to the Chinese military. *Bloomberg* said U.S. investigators “concluded that this intricate scheme was the work of a People’s Liberation Army unit specializing in hardware attacks.”

Around 30 U.S. companies have used Supermicro’s products, including Apple and Amazon. The Department of Homeland Security, both houses of Congress and NASA have also used their chips. And the alleged hack also has alarming implications for the U.S. military. The compromised hardware, *Bloomberg* said, “could be found in Department of Defense data centers, the CIA’s drone operations, and the onboard networks of Navy warships.”

The chips were placed on the motherboards in locations that would allow attackers to remotely “alter how the device functioned, line by line, however they wanted, leaving no one the wiser,” *Bloomberg* wrote. “Deviously small changes could create disastrous effects.”



In March 2018, nine Iranian hackers were indicted for attacking 47 private companies and 300 universities worldwide, including 144 in the U.S. They stole \$31 billion worth of intellectual property.

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The report said: “This attack was something graver than the software-based incidents the world has grown accustomed to seeing. Hardware hacks are more difficult to pull off and potentially more devastating, promising the kind of long-term, stealth access that spy agencies are willing to invest millions of dollars and many years to get.”

Apple, Amazon, Supermicro, Homeland Security and others disputed the *Bloomberg* report, and the Chinese government denied the allegations. But even if this particular report remains unconfirmed, it is not the only time firms with suspected links to the Chinese government have come under scrutiny by the U.S. for similar activities. In May 2018, the Pentagon said no phones built by Chinese manufacturers ZTE and Huawei can be used on U.S. military bases. And there are ongoing congressional investigations into Facebook and Google regarding their data-sharing with Huawei. In all these scenarios, the concern is America’s national security.

On October 5, John Bolton, who leads the U.S. National Security Council, declined to confirm the hack alleged in the *Bloomberg* report, but he addressed the broader cyberthreat posed by China. “I don’t want to address anything that might touch on specific intelligence questions,” he told reporters. “But I will say the Chinese efforts to threaten us in cyberspace and across the information technology spectrum are a very high priority for us.”

Some experts say that since the U.S. is so dependent on computer technologies with supply chains linked to China, such threats are something America must learn to live with. “I think we’ve already kind of passed the point where we can, for national security, just insource everything,” Katie Moussouris, CEO of Luta Security, told NPR on October 6. “I think we’ve passed that point at least 30 years ago.”

America’s Achilles’ Heel

Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry has written on several occasions about the dangers of America’s dependence, particularly its military, on computer systems that are vulnerable to terrorist or enemy sabotage. In a January 1995 *Trumpet* article, he quoted analyst Joseph de Courcy, who called this dependence “the Western world’s Achilles’ heel.” This was a reference to the seemingly invincible warrior of Greek mythology who was vulnerable only on his heels.

“America is the greatest superpower this world has ever known,” Mr. Flurry wrote. “But we have a very vulnerable point in our military—our own Achilles’

heel.” This vulnerability “is so dangerous that I am amazed it hasn’t received more publicity” (ibid).

Mr. Flurry said de Courcy’s caution about cyber vulnerability reminded him of a Bible prophecy recorded in Ezekiel 7. The first three verses of that chapter show that God is addressing “the land of Israel” in the time of “the end,” which refer mainly to the United States and



Of the weapons systems developed by the U.S. defense forces from 2012 to 2017, “nearly all” are vulnerable to cyberattacks.

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Britain in the modern era. (You can prove this profound truth for yourself by ordering and studying our free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.)

Ezekiel 7 describes a future time when God will punish these nations for their “abominations” and their rejection of His law and authority (verse 8). Verse 14 describes one aspect of that punishment: “They have blown the trumpet, even to make all ready; but none goeth to the battle: for my wrath is upon all the multitude thereof.”

Mr. Flurry called this an “alarming” scripture. It is about a future time when U.S. military technology will be hijacked by enemies. “It seems everybody is expecting our people to go into battle, but the greatest tragedy imaginable occurs!” Mr. Flurry wrote. “Nobody goes to battle—even though the trumpet is blown! WILL IT BE BECAUSE OF A COMPUTER TERRORIST?”

Verse 15 shows that this failure of American forces to respond to the battle cry will occur at a time when “[t]he sword is without, and the pestilence and the famine within.” In his book *Ezekiel: The End-Time Prophet*, Mr. Flurry explains that “pestilence” here mainly means the “plague of rioting, terrorist violence and burning.” There will be “breakdown of law and order,” he writes. And since it will happen while the country’s Achilles’ heel is being pierced by outside enemies, authorities will fail to contain the domestic violence.

Isaiah 59 provides more details about the same future time of calamity. In verses 9 and 10, the people of America and Britain are shown to be stripped of vision: “[W]e wait for light, but behold obscurity; [we wait] for brightness, but we walk in darkness. We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noon day as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men.”

This passage is certainly true spiritually: These nations are in great *spiritual* darkness and blindness. But it may well have a specific physical fulfillment as well. After computer networks of vital government institutions and agencies are ravaged by China and other enemy nations, the computer-reliant population will be in the dark. The military will be flying blind. This is a dark and disturbing picture of the near future.

In the June 1999 issue of the *Trumpet*, Mr. Flurry again discussed the U.S. military’s dangerous vulnerability to cyberattacks, writing, “We could lose the next war before we even begin.”

Blessings and Curses

The Bible makes clear that God takes no pleasure in punishing the peoples of the United States and Britain. Ezekiel 33:11 records Him asking them: “[W]hy will ye die, O house of Israel?”

Take a look at the politics, entertainment, education, industry and even religion in the U.S. and UK. Look at the unprecedented embrace and even celebration of abortion, pornography and perverse sexuality. It is clear that God has been shoved out of every facet of life.

In verse 11, God is asking *why* the people insist on living in ways that are entirely contrary to His way. Why must they insist on life choices that lead to destruction and death rather than choosing the stability and abundance that come from obeying Him? In doing so, the people force God to bring severe punishment upon them. He will not inflict the punishment in a spirit of malice, but to get their attention, and to cause them to see the error of their choices. “I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked,” He says, “but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways.”

Mr. Flurry’s 1995 article discussed Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28, which are sometimes called the Bible’s “blessings and curses” chapters.

These important chapters detail specific ways God promised that He would bless the nations of Israel if they obeyed Him, and specific ways He would curse them if they chose to reject Him. Leviticus 26:37 explains one of the curses, with God saying to Israel, “ye have no power to stand before your enemies.”

America could be rendered powerless in several ways, one of which could be the virtual hijacking of its military’s computer systems. This would enable China and other American enemies to reduce the U.S. to a feckless force unable to “stand” before them.

Mr. Flurry wrote: “Will one of God’s curses come upon us in the form of computer terrorism? We are not receiving God’s blessings. We are being cursed” (January 1995).



In May 2018, Russians hacked more than 500,000 routers worldwide, infecting them with VPNFilter malware. The infiltration allows hackers to spy on, steal data from, and even manipulate online activity.

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Deuteronomy 28:25 is similar to Leviticus 26:37; it says, “The Lord shall cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies: thou shalt go out one way against them, and flee seven ways before them” This could occur in the confusion caused by rampant computer terrorism and other attacks, with people scattering in shameful retreat.

A 2017 Department of Defense report acknowledged America’s glaring cyber vulnerabilities, which could enable these prophecies to be fulfilled: “[T]he unfortunate reality is that, for at least the coming five to ten years, the offensive cyber capabilities of our most capable potential adversaries are likely to far exceed the United States’s ability to defend and adequately strengthen the resilience of its critical infrastructures.” This reality points to a bleak future for America.

‘All Thy Labours’ Are Eaten Up

Deuteronomy 28:33 records another powerful prophecy about one of the curses God would send upon Israel: “The fruit of thy land, and all thy labours, shall a nation which thou knowest not eat up; and thou shalt be only oppressed and crushed away.”

With that prophecy in mind, consider these statements delivered by Senate Majority Whip John Cornyn, a Republican from Texas, at a Jan. 18, 2018, congressional hearing: “It’s not just that China poses a threat,” he said, “it’s that the *kind of threat* is unlike anything the U.S. has ever before faced.” China has “weaponized” its investments in America “in order to vacuum up U.S. industrial capabilities from American companies,” he said. China’s goal, he added, is “to turn our own technology and know-how against us in an effort to erase our national security advantage.”

In recent years, the Chinese have repeatedly engaged in acts of industrial espionage, often targeting assets that America has spent billions to develop. Theft and other more subtle, underhanded tactics have allowed China to procure U.S. software and military secrets that have long given the U.S. a battlefield edge, including the blueprints for the U.S.’s top-of-the-line F-35 fighter jets. “Again and again,” *Politico* wrote on May 22, “high-tech products and military equipment have popped up in China that bear a too-striking resemblance to their American counterparts.”

Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, a New York Democrat, discussed the endemic problem on the Senate floor last year, saying, “China continues to steal our family jewels, the things that have made America great: the intellectual property, the know-how in the highest-end industries. It makes no sense.”

In ordinary circumstances, Schumer would be correct in saying this ongoing nation-threatening thievery of the U.S.’s most prized knowledge and assets “makes no sense.” But since the United States was specifically prophesied to have its “fruit” and “labors” devoured by an enemy nation, the pattern we are seeing play out today makes perfect sense. The U.S. is rejecting God, and as a result, God is letting America get

“oppressed and crushed” by a foreign power, exactly as He promised in Deuteronomy 28:33.

Superpower Under Siege

Another especially chilling curse in Deuteronomy 28 involves a massive siege: “And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land: and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which the Lord thy God hath given thee” (verse 52).

Mr. Flurry explains in his booklet *Isaiah's End-Time Vision* that this is about a time in the near future when Asian nations will work in conjunction with European countries to block the U.S. and Britain out of world trade. “[W]e believe there may be a brief alliance between the German-led Holy Roman Empire and certain Asian powers (Russia, China, Japan—the kings of the east),” he writes.

This group of European and Asian countries will function as a “dynamic market of nations,” he writes, adding that they are “going to besiege America, Britain and the Jewish nation.”

China’s ongoing espionage, hacking and theft of American intellectual property will equip it with the knowledge needed to spearhead this historic besiegement against the English-speaking countries.

In *Ezekiel: The End-Time Prophet*, Mr. Flurry provides more details about this prophesied siege: “Prophecy indicates that the German-led European Union will soon join forces with Russia, China and Japan to shut the U.S. out of more and more markets.” He continues: “The United States and Britain are going to be left out in the cold as two gigantic trade blocs, Europe and Asia, mesh together and begin calling the shots in world commerce. These nations ... are going to be literally besieged—economically frozen out of world trade!”

This sobering prophecy is based on specific Bible passages in Ezekiel 5 and 27, Isaiah 22 and 23 and Revelation 18.

If China has infiltrated numerous American governmental and military systems with the Supermicro chips, or even if the nation is able to keep stealing the U.S.’s vital security assets, it is or



2017: THE ‘WORST YEAR EVER’ FOR CYBERATTACKS

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159,700

Total reported
cyberattacks in 2017

350,000

Estimated number
of actual attacks

18.2%

Increase in reported
breach incidents over 2016

\$3.6 million

Average cost to companies
per data breach

7 billion

Total number of
records exposed

90%

Increase in businesses
targeted by ransomware

\$5 billion

Financial cost
of ransomware

\$5.3 billion

Total cost of business
e-mail compromises

will be in position to implement this prophesied siege.

Bible prophecy makes clear that the numerous external and internal threats now visibly forming will intensify and explode into a time of unprecedented

devastation for the U.S., Britain and Israel. And Scripture shows that from there, the devastation will spread to engulf the whole world.

A Proven Source

China’s cyber assaults on U.S. computers and in its theft of American security secrets are now fulfilling biblical prophecies written thousands of years ago. The Bible is proving true. It is proving to be an authority that we can trust—and we must.

And the Bible does not stop with these grim prophecies. The same Bible that has accurately predicted the cyberattacks and systematic technology pilfering we are now seeing also predicts an event far more seismic: the return of Jesus Christ.

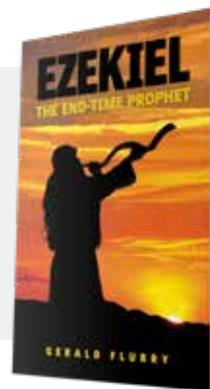
The bad news unfolding around the world today makes the powerful case, though most do not realize it, that the world needs a different type of government. It shows that the governments of West and East are failing. The bad news shows that we need a drastically better form of government. And when He returns, Christ will bring in a system of governance that is infinitely superior to anything mankind is capable of devising.

Global catastrophe is looming. But the same Bible that has proven itself trustworthy says Jesus Christ will interrupt the worldwide crisis. He will usher in an age of stability, peace and prosperity for all countries and peoples! He was born to be King of kings in that future world government (Luke 1:31-33; John 18:36-37; Revelation 19:11-16). And its establishment is now just on the horizon.

Revelation 11:15 states: “And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.” ■

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The Prophet Ezekiel recorded extraordinary details about what would happen to the United States in the end time. To understand them, request a free copy of Gerald Flurry’s booklet *Ezekiel: The End-Time Prophet*.



Get lost in your own little world



The smartphone is a powerful force in the palm of your hand. It combines all the most potent features into a handy, colorful, high-resolution device that never leaves your side, your person or your field of view. With disciplined, vigilant, limited use, its features can benefit and enrich your life. For less discriminating users, however, dangers are beginning to emerge.

Infinitely addictive

Watch the hours fly by as you wander through the Internet

One quarter of tweens and two thirds of teens now have a smartphone. In the United States, 91 percent of adults under 50 use a smartphone, and 95 percent of teens have access to one.



The average American spends two to three hours a day looking at their devices. In the last six years, adults have almost doubled the amount of time they stare into their screens.

Full-body experience

Absorb the electromagnetic radiation of a powerful device next to your head and body

People blink 15 times per minute, but this rate decreases by half when they stare at a smartphone. Excessive use can lead to blurred vision, sore eyes, headaches, muscle strain and dry eye.

DR. JEFF TAYLOR

Cell phone radiation is a "possible human carcinogen" due to an increased risk of brain cancer from long-term and heavy use of cell phones.

THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION



Since 2012, there has been a 25 percent increase in the number of high school students who get less than seven hours of sleep most nights.



Scrolling, tapping and swiping on a smartphone for more than 5 hours per day can lead to carpal tunnel syndrome, a painful wrist and hand disorder.

HONG KONG POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY



47 percent of men who kept their smartphones in their front trouser pocket had low sperm levels, compared to 11 percent of the general population.

TECHNION UNIVERSITY

Bending your head to look at your mobile device held in your hands puts up to 60 pounds of pressure on your neck and can harm your back.

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY INTERNATIONAL

Isolation mode

Connect to pixels—disconnect from people

Since smartphones began multiplying in 2007, the number of occasions teenagers go out with their parents has decreased 15 percent.

Since 2007, 7 percent fewer 12th graders have a driver's license.



When smartphones first emerged, one quarter of 12th graders did not date. Now the number is approaching half.

+50%

Since 2007, loneliness among high school students has increased more than 50 percent.

+60%

In the past five years, depressive symptoms have risen 60 percent. The rate of self-harm has doubled or even tripled among girls.

+50%

Since 2007, the suicide rate among 15-to-19-year-olds has increased 50 percent.

IS AMERICA'S SUPREME COURT IN BIBLE PROPHECY?

The changing composition of the court could have an unforeseen consequence. **BY GERALD FLURRY**



THE PROCESS TO CONFIRM BRETT Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court was a hard-fought battle in America. Why? Because his appointment makes the court more conservative for the foreseeable future—a situation liberals were desperate to prevent.

During midterm elections, Republicans increased their majority in the Senate, which is the legislative body that confirms Supreme Court justices. This means President Donald Trump will likely put one or two more justices on the court, making it *even more* conservative. This terrifies liberals even more.

There is a Bible prophecy that, I believe, could indicate another effect of this trend in the Supreme Court. I have only come to understand it recently, and it is making me watch the court closely.

'The King's Chapel'

Amos 7 is an end-time prophecy about America. The United States is descended from biblical Israel, and the time frame of this prophecy is just before the nation is destroyed—as revealed in dozens of biblical prophecies. (Request a free copy of Herbert W. Armstrong's *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* for proof of this tremendously important truth.)

At this time, America is governed by a type of Jeroboam (verses 9-11). You can read about this in my free booklet *Great Again*, in Chapter 1, "Who Is the Modern-Day Jeroboam?" (Read it at theTrumpet.com/go/ga or request a copy.)

This passage in Amos speaks of a prophet *warning* Jeroboam of God's impending judgment. God says He is measuring destruction against Israel—which in prophetic terms means America. He also warns, "I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword" (verse 9).

This prophecy then describes a religious man, "Amaziah the priest of Bethel," speaking to Jeroboam and conspiring to expel the man delivering this warning from the country. This Amaziah then goes to God's prophet on Jeroboam's behalf and says, "O thou seer,

go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there: But prophesy not again any more at Bethel: for it is the king's chapel, and it is the king's court" (verses 12-13).

THERE IS A MAN FULFILLING THE PROPHETIC ROLE OF AMOS IN THIS END TIME. He leads a work commissioned to "prophesy again" (Revelation 10:11) after the work of God was destroyed. (I explain this in my booklet *Prophecy Again*.) The Amaziah in Amos 7:13 knows about that commission and says, "PROPHECY NOT AGAIN."

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CONFIRMATION
Brett Kavanaugh was sworn in as a Supreme Court justice only after a fiercely divisive confirmation process.

the role of Amaziah in Amos's prophecy in this end time.

'The Kingdom's Court'

When in Amos 7:13 Amaziah says "it is the king's court," the word "king's" is a different Hebrew word than when he talked about "the king's chapel." It means *kingdom*. The King James Version margin reads, "house of the kingdom." Wycliffe translates it, "house of the realm." This is not a religious entity, it is something else: *the nation's* house. It is not something that is *following* Jeroboam, yet it *favours* him. It is helping him in some way. What is this referring to prophetically?

I believe this non-religious entity, the kingdom's house, is referring to the United States Supreme Court.

This court was designed to guard the supreme law of the land, the Constitution. In many ways, the Supreme Court is over the whole nation. Even the president is subject to it—which is exactly the type of entity that the "house of the kingdom" is referring to.

I believe this prophetic account in Amos 7 implies that there is a conservative advantage in the Supreme Court, one that favors Jeroboam. The confirmation of Justice Kavanaugh could work to help fulfill this prophecy.

As I wrote in our previous issue, that confirmation process was a calamitous display of lawlessness and disorder in America ("The Kavanaugh Hearings Reveal America's Lawless Spirit"; read it at theTrumpet.com/17847). It

"Prophecy not again any more at Bethel," Amaziah says, referring to the CAPITAL CITY—we could liken that to Washington, D.C., today—"for it is the king's chapel, and it is the king's court." When this says "the king's chapel," it is talking about a place of worship that belongs TO THE KING.

United States President Donald Trump has a strong following among evangelicals and quite a few Catholics. Many Christians in America today look to President Trump for leadership.

Who is this end-time "Amaziah"? He is described as "the priest of Bethel" (verse 10). *Bethel* is a name for *God's house*, which spiritually is the true Church of God. As I explain in my booklet *The Lion Has Roared*, this is prophetic language for a minister who comes from the Worldwide Church of God. This church

changed its doctrines completely in recent years and turned itself into a mainstream Protestant group called Grace Communion International.

Amaziah is an arrogant man who cast God's truth to the ground after the death of Herbert W. Armstrong (Daniel 8:11-12). He is a man who lies profusely. That lying spirit plagues America today. It's the spirit that drove those working against this Church in our six-year court battle. And it is the spirit that is going to drive those opposing us in our future court case—the Amos 7 case.

The pastor general of what was once the Worldwide Church of God recently resigned. It so happens, though, that he is affiliated with the evangelical movement. He holds a position on the board of directors for the National Association of Evangelicals. I believe he will fulfill

demonstrated the stranglehold the devil has gained over the radical left. Yet as I wrote, even in such tumultuous times, God is saving America temporarily through Jeroboam. The fact that Kavanaugh was actually confirmed, despite all the protests, shows that to be true. Radicals want to control the courts, especially the Supreme Court, and God upset those plans. He has a plan of His own.

I believe Mr. Kavanaugh's confirmation indicates God will likely see that President Trump has a second term.

The confrontation in Amos 7 is a prophecy of what is about to happen to God's true Church in this end time. We are going to experience this clash.

"Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words" (Amos 7:10). The U.S. will not be able to tolerate

diabolical forces would prevail. In saving the nation, He also saved spiritual Israel, His Church.

However, that saving is only temporary. The Amos 7 confrontation leads to the Amos-type being kicked out of the country! This is a prophecy of God's Church being expelled from America!

I CANNOT IMAGINE GOD'S CHURCH BEING CAST OUT WITHOUT APPROVAL FROM THE SUPREME COURT.

When Amaziah tells those delivering this message to leave, *it is a command backed by approval*. We will likely see those on the Supreme Court make a decision to send God's Church away.

Five of the Supreme Court justices, including Kavanaugh, are Catholic, and a sixth was raised Catholic. I don't doubt our message is one they will not like.

The Supreme Court's rejection of our message is God's way of getting His people out of this country to a safe place.

The way the media attacked Brett Kavanaugh clearly displayed how vicious they are when they don't like someone or something. They are filled with hatred. They are not sound-minded.

the message emanating from God's Church! It is a message we absolutely must proclaim, but the people and their leaders will hate what we have to say.

It was not unusual for those who delivered this message in the past to be *put to death*. The message we are delivering has never been a popular one.

The way the media attacked Brett Kavanaugh clearly displayed how vicious they are when they don't like someone or something. Those hearings show just how capable the radical left is of attacking an individual. They are filled with hatred. They detest criticism. They are not sound-minded. And the power behind them is satanic to its core. That hatred is about to be directed against God's people.

It is clear why God had to intervene to save Israel. Had He not done so, these

But it is also going to put an important choice before Jeroboam.

Jeroboam's Choice

There is a reason Amos's prophecy refers to the leader of America in our day as "Jeroboam." It points you back to the example of the original Jeroboam in Israel. Study that example and you will see that this man's great sin was that he rejected the house of David and the throne of David (1 Kings 12).

The end-time type of Amos represents that house and that throne today. We can deduce that the great sin of this end-time Jeroboam is going to revolve around his rejection of that throne of David. He is going to be

shown and really know what the house of David is and the throne of David is, and God is going to make him decide what to do about that.

This leader of end-time Israel will have to see that GOD saved Israel through him! (2 Kings 14:26-27). It wasn't because of this man's greatness or intellect or anything he did. God is giving Jeroboam and his followers a clear picture of what would happen if only they would repent: God would PERMANENTLY save the nation! Sadly, there is no indication that they will repent, which means the nation must be plunged into a time of "great tribulation" (Matthew 24:21).

Notice what Amos's prophecy says about the message we must deliver to Jeroboam and his followers: "Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but I was an herdman, and a gatherer of sycomore fruit: And the Lord took me as I followed the flock, and the Lord said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel. Now therefore hear thou the word of the Lord: Thou sayest, Prophecy not against Israel, and drop not thy word against the house of Isaac. Therefore thus saith the Lord; THY WIFE SHALL BE AN HARLOT IN THE CITY, AND THY SONS AND THY DAUGHTERS SHALL FALL BY THE SWORD, AND THY LAND SHALL BE DIVIDED BY LINE" (verses 14-17).

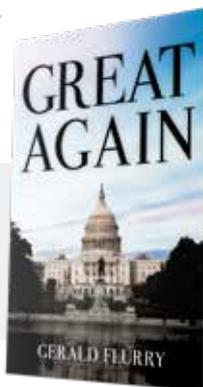
Amaziah's command to "Prophecy not against Israel" is a reference to our efforts to *prophesy* as Herbert W. Armstrong did. This work is commissioned by God to *prophesy again* (Revelation 10:11). It is not easy to prophesy these things. But it is what we must do! The nations of Israel and their leaders must be warned.

This message is not from a man. God is the one revealing what He is doing and what is about to happen. He is making it abundantly clear to the peoples of Israel what they have to do if they want to save their nations: REPENT AND LISTEN TO THE MESSAGE OF GOD.

Those who support and deliver this message will have the wonderful blessing of escaping the worst suffering ever on the planet. We all must make a choice today whether or not to obey and then support this message. If we do, then God gives us untold miracles and blessings! ■

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Who Is to Blame for Political Violence in America?

Some blame President Trump; others, Democrats in Congress.
But to understand the root cause, we must look closer to home. **BY ANDREW MILLER**

ASPECTER IS HAUNTING THE UNITED States—the specter of political violence. During the lead-up to the 2018 midterm elections, a mentally disturbed supporter of President Donald Trump was arrested on October 26 for sending pipe bombs to the addresses of prominent Democrats: Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, George Soros, Eric Holder, John Brennan and Maxine Waters. Five days later, an agitated man carrying a “Trump is Satan” sign threatened to blow up a Republican Party office building in Traverse City, Michigan.

Gunshots were fired at a Republican Party office in Florida on October 29, the same day that actor James Cromwell told *Variety* magazine that there would be “blood in the streets” if Democrats did not stop President Trump.

Many Americans sense that this has been one of the most combative, even violent political climates in living memory. A Politico–Morning Consult poll conducted in late October found 58 percent of respondents consider political violence to be “widespread.” One third blamed President Trump for the violence, while another third blamed Democrats in Congress. Almost

two thirds thought the media was responsible for dividing the country.

Since Democrats failed to win back the Senate during midterm elections, violence may well worsen as leftists intensify their protests against Republicans, who control the presidency, the Supreme Court and the Senate.

“You cannot be civil with a political party that wants to destroy what you stand for,” Hillary Clinton said on October 9. “I believe if we are fortunate enough to take back the House and/or the Senate, that’s when civility can start again. But until then, the only thing that the Republicans seem to recognize and respect is strength.”

An apparently growing number of Democrats believe they should unshackle themselves from human decency in their quest for power. For decades, leftists have been able to vote progressive policies into law via the ballot box. When the people and their congressional representatives have opposed those policies, they have used executive actions and Supreme Court rulings to push their agenda into law. But after being out of power for two years, many leftists are turning to 1960s-style rioting and protesting.

One third of Americans think a civil war is coming. Bible prophecy reveals they are right. But is this civil war coming because Republicans outmaneuvered Democrats in an election? What is the real cause? It is deeper than most people realize.

Enraged Democrats

Election exit polls show that 77 percent of Democrats support impeaching President Trump. The term “impeachment” is defined as “a charge of misconduct made against the holder of a public office” (*Oxford English Dictionary*). But impeachment does not remove an official from office. An impeached official must be convicted by a two-thirds vote in the Senate to be legally removed from office. This has never happened in American history. Now that Democrats have a slim majority in the House of Representatives, they have the power to impeach the president. But they control less than a majority of Senate seats, and would need 67 votes to convict the president.

Since they cannot convict, Democrats are wary of immediately pursuing impeachment. Instead, Democratic Rep. Nancy Pelosi plans to sue President Trump for his tax returns and support

special counsel Robert Mueller's ongoing investigation into allegations that the Trump campaign coordinated with the Russian government prior to the 2016 elections. Democrats are expected to block Mr. Trump's legislative ambitions, scuttling his planned border wall with Mexico, his second major tax-cut package, and his trade policies.

Still, the biggest threat from America's growing political divide is politically motivated violence. Democrats in the House of Representatives plan to accuse President Trump of tax fraud or charge him for collusion with the Russian government. If this happens, then what would follow when Senate Republicans refuse to convict the president? If the Democrats' reaction to Justice Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation to the Supreme Court is a preview of things to come, left-wing protesters and activists may well riot.

Hillary Clinton said that civility could resume again when Democrats are back in power. Until then, the left will protest, riot, agitate, accuse, confront, scream, fight, kick and do whatever it takes to reclaim power.

The last time leftists resorted to these extreme tactics was in the 1960s and 1970s. During that era, the Black Panthers, the Weather Underground and other radical groups used terrorist tactics to fight the U.S. government. One presidential study pointed to a "crisis of violence" during the first 15 months of Richard Nixon's presidency, a period that included some 41,000 bomb threats and bombings. Meanwhile, radicals threatened to assassinate the president and burn down the houses of members of his cabinet.

Things have not gotten that bad during the first two years of Trump's presidency. Still, 1960s-style political violence has returned to America, and it is threatening to get much worse.

Violent Protests Prophesied

The late Herbert W. Armstrong explained in his landmark book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* that the Anglo-Saxon peoples who settled the United States and Britain are the descendants of ancient Israel. This astonishing truth means that all the Bible's end-time prophecies concerning Israel are primarily directed at the United States and Britain. Understanding this little-known

truth is key to understanding political violence in America.

Some 2,500 years ago, God revealed an end-time prophecy to a Jewish slave named Ezekiel, who was being held captive in the Land of Babylon. "Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll, and go speak unto the house of Israel" (Ezekiel 3:1).

This prophecy is addressed to "the house of Israel." It was not delivered to Israel in Ezekiel's day, because 10 of the 12 tribes of Israel were already in captivity in Assyria (while Ezekiel was in Babylon). Yet God had Ezekiel write down His message to Israel, foretelling of a future time when famine and war would devastate the cities of a rebellious Israelite nation.

"Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying, Son of man, eat thy bread with quaking, and drink thy water with trembling and with carefulness; And say unto the people of the land, Thus saith the Lord God of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and of the land of Israel; They shall eat their bread with carefulness, and drink their water with astonishment, that her land may be desolate from all that is therein, because of the violence of all them that dwell therein. And the cities that are inhabited shall be laid waste, and the land shall be desolate; and ye shall know that I am the Lord" (Ezekiel 12:17-20).

This passage describes cities being laid waste "because of the violence of all them that dwell therein." This is describing a civil war that escalates into a foreign invasion. In Ezekiel 5, God reveals that one third of the nation's population will die from the pestilence, famine and violence that result from the civil war.

"The pestilence, or plague of violence, will cause many health problems that lead to famine," *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry writes in his book *Ezekiel: The End-Time Prophet*. "Sewage disposal will be disrupted. Gas lines will be broken. Jobs will be lost. Society will unravel and the collective panic will bring a stock market disaster! It will get so bad that violence and famine will take millions of lives!"

Such devastation has never occurred in an Israelite nation from the time of Ezekiel until now. This is an end-time prophecy about the United States.

1960s Radicalism

It is easy for Democrats to blame political violence on President Trump, and it is easy for Republicans to blame leftist agitators in the streets. But the root cause of political violence in America stretches back decades.

The ideological conflict between Republicans and Democrats decreased after the U.S. Civil War ended in 1865. It continued narrowing—until the 1960s. That was when the cultural revolution struck America. As a result, the ideological conflict began increasing again. Today, direct opposition between America's two political parties is wider than at any point in the past 150 years.

The leaders of the modern Democratic Party were student radicals in the 1960s. And their ideological grandchildren—and in some cases their literal grandchildren—are the supporters of radical socialists like Sen. Bernie Sanders and newly elected Rep. Alexandria Ocasio Cortez.

Inspired by the writings of Communist philosophers like Antonio Gramsci and Herbert Marcuse, these radicals believe that utopia can happen only after an economic revolution. And economic revolution can happen only after a *cultural revolution*. So in addition to advocating socialist economic reforms, they have revolutionized views on sex, gender and race. Many of these student radicals flooded into two professions in particular: community organizing and academia. They accused America's system of individual liberty and constitutional checks and balances of being a mask for the power of wealthy, white European males.

The first generation in American history that could afford college education en masse learned in lecture halls dominated by socialists. These students were taught that traditional American principles like personal responsibility, individual liberty, free markets and limited government were racist and elitist. They were taught that the only way to create utopia on Earth was through democratic socialism. College students of the 1960s and 1970s absorbed these views not just because of youthful rebellion, but because they were specifically, explicitly targeted by socialists. This was a major step in revolutionizing American culture.

The ideological clash in America today is largely between the older generation and the younger generation. But how did this happen? How did a generation of Americans come to so radically reject their parents' values?

A New Generation

God delivered a sober warning to America's Israelite ancestors about teaching His laws to their children.

"Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the Lord God of your fathers giveth you. ... Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons; Specially the day that thou stoodest before the Lord thy God in Horeb, when the Lord said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children" (Deuteronomy 4:1, 9-10).

Americans do not reverence and obey God's Ten Commandments as they once did, and they have failed to teach their children about their nation's history with God. A *USA Today* poll found that only 1 in 6 Americans can even list the Ten Commandments. Adultery, fornication, divorce and other sins have destroyed families and created a generation that has lost faith in God. This generation is more likely to look to the federal government to give them their daily bread. The religious crisis America is suffering has created a spiritual vacuum that people are striving to fill with material pleasures and false ideas. Some turn to socialism and worship the state. Others turn to individualism and worship themselves.

But the end result of this spiritual crisis will be social division, unrest and even violence as Americans clash with each other.

Mr. Armstrong warned that godless rationalism was behind the political violence of the 1960s. "The world crisis had already started prior to World War I," he wrote on Nov. 24, 1967. "Only most of the peoples of the world were not yet aware of it. But men like Karl Marx and Nikolai Lenin knew. This world crisis



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resulted from the impact of science and technology—and the injection of godless 'German rationalism' into education. World wars are the military expression of that crisis. Worldwide depressions are the economic expression. The so-called 'New Morality' is the moral expression—plummeting morals into the cesspool. Universal desperation is the spiritual expression. This has spawned the beatniks and the hippies—the riots—the marches—the 'civil disobedience'—the breakdown of law and order" (*Plain Truth* subscriber letter).

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Civil war is coming to America, not because one political party outmaneuvered another, but because the American people have turned away from God.

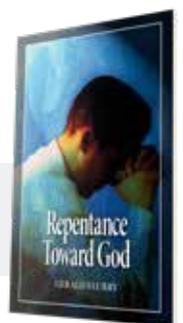
"Many Americans are troubled by the divisions and hatreds being expressed right now," Gerald Flurry wrote in the January 2017 *Trumpet*. "But they need to be a lot more concerned than they are! The problems are going to get worse and worse until people get the message, and they learn *why* these disasters are happening! Donald Trump's win is a prophetic sign of impending civil war

and anarchy, followed by America's worst military defeat ever! But don't blame the politicians or the race-baiters or the professional rioters. This situation exists in America only because of *the sins of the nation*—of all Americans! We can no longer ignore what *we have reaped* by giving ourselves over to sin. This is a reckoning!"

Yet the good news is that the coming violence in America's cities will lead people to come to know God

(Ezekiel 12:17-20).

God will allow the people of America to experience a second civil war for the same reason He allowed them to experience the first Civil War: to teach them the natural consequences of broken law. It will take real repentance to *bring people back to God* and end the "total crisis" that has gripped the nation. Only after people learn this vital lesson will God be able to finally teach all nations the way to true peace, joy and prosperity. ■



WHAT SHOULD YOU DO NOW?

The nation is tearing itself apart—and you are convinced it is because of sin. What is next? Order Gerald Flurry's *Repentance Toward God* to learn more.

BREAKAWAY
Bartholomew
and clerics
after a
November 3
meeting with
Ukraine's
president

Ukraine on verge of Orthodox jihad

In a religious and geopolitical earthquake, the Russian Orthodox Church severed ties with the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople on October 15. This may seem to be an obscure development, but half of the world's 300 million Eastern Orthodox Christians are members of the Russian Orthodox Church. This severing of relations could be the beginning of the biggest religious conflict in the Orthodox world since the split with Catholicism in A.D. 1054. And it will worsen the antagonism that has produced a five-year war over eastern Ukraine that has no end in sight.

Previously there were 15 Eastern Orthodox churches. The Russian Orthodox Church held

jurisdiction in Russia, Ukraine and other former Soviet nations. The current leader of the Russian Orthodox Church, Patriarch Kirill of Moscow, has close ties to the Russian government. Russian President Vladimir Putin has used the Russian Orthodox Church's influence to Russia's political advantage. This state of affairs became controversial after Russian-backed insurgents started waging war against the Ukrainian government in 2014.

As the war between Ukraine and Russian-backed insurgents entered its fifth year in April, Ukraine's parliament petitioned ecumenical patriarch of Constantinople, Bartholomew, to recognize a new, independent Ukrainian Orthodox Church.

Germany joins exclusive meetings on Syria's future

For the first time since the Syrian crisis began, Germany actively participated in Syrian negotiations by joining Russia, Turkey and France in a meeting in Istanbul on October 27 to discuss the future of Syria.

The heads of government of the four nations advocated the rewriting of the Syrian Constitution by a 150-member committee. The Syrian government, Syrian opposition groups, and the United Nations would

each appoint 50 members.

In September, a spokesman for Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan had encouraged the "global community" to "take responsibility" for resolving the Syrian crisis. He warned: "Another migrant wave coming to Turkey at a time when we already host millions of refugees will cause other complications. This will spread from here to Europe and other countries."

Germany's prominent position in negotiations is significant. The

Bartholomew did so on October 11. The Russian Orthodox Church opposed the idea, as did a large number of Ukrainians.

The civil war between pro-Russia and pro-Ukraine factions is now taking on a religious dimension. As amazing as it sounds, these developments were foretold thousands of years ago in the Bible. A passage in Isaiah 47 describes a church called "the lady of kingdoms" that has power over many nations. This church has protesting daughter churches that have split away, but Isaiah prophesies that this "lady" will regain control over them.

A parallel prophecy in Revelation 16 and 17 shows that this mother church will dominate a European power bloc that eventually goes to war with an alliance of eastern kings. These verses indicate that the religious landscape of Eastern Europe will almost certainly be divided between a European power and an Asian alliance. Even though Germany and Russia are currently cooperating, the warring and religious infighting in Ukraine will ultimately contribute to a bitter divide.

To learn more on Rome uniting all Christians under the pope, read "Returning to the Fold" (theTrumpet.com/1456). ■

China holds joint naval exercises with EU

The European Union Naval Force and China's People's Liberation Army Navy held joint exercises in the Gulf of Aden on October 12. The *Diplomat* wrote, "Set in the current geopolitical context, this new development merits attention for activity not only in the Gulf of Aden, but also in the Mediterranean Sea" (Oct. 18, 2018). These exercises represent a new level of cooperation between the two powers.

During the recent China-EU exercise, the two forces performed a joint medical and evacuation rescue drill, improving air-sea coordination and testing the medical rescue ability of China's base in Djibouti. This was the first time that EU military staff have been invited to the Chinese base.

Isaiah 23 discusses a "mart of nations," which includes both European and Asian nations, including Russia, China and Japan, combining to form a powerful economic bloc. The growing interaction between Europe and China points to the fulfillment of this prophecy. ■



Psalms 83 prophecy reveals that Syria (the biblical Hagarenes) and Turkey (biblical Edom) will align with Germany (biblical Assyria) in a confederation

against the United States, Britain and Israel (the biblical Israelites). The Syrian crisis is proving to be a major catalyst for this confederation. ■

Russian military unnerves Europe

New satellite imagery made public on October 17 shows that Russia is engaged in a weapons buildup and major upgrades of its military installations in Kaliningrad.

The province of Kaliningrad is geographically separated from the rest of Russia, lying more than 300 miles west of its western border on the edge of the Baltic Sea, bordering Poland and Lithuania. This heavily militarized Russian sovereign territory actually lies within Europe.

Israel's ImageSat International firm shared images with CNN showing major modernization activities taking place in at least four Kaliningrad locations. The images, captured between July 19 and October 1, show upgrades to Kaliningrad's nuclear weapons site, the Chkalovsk air base, Chernyakhovsk base and Primorsk Port.

"Tensions between Russia and the West have been at highs not seen since the Cold War, amid the poisonings in England, allegations of Russian election meddling, and Western sanctions on Moscow" CNN reported.



SHOW OF MUSCLE
Amphibious armored personnel carriers and an antisubmarine corvette participate in Russian Navy Day celebration. Below: Russian servicemen practice coastal defense exercises.



Some 15 years ago, just after Russian President Vladimir Putin had manipulated an election so as to tighten his grip on power, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry forecast that such acts of Russian behavior would frighten Europe into uniting. In his article "Russia Frightens Europe—and Fulfills Bible Prophecy," Mr. Flurry wrote: "Russian elections have recently moved President Vladimir Putin much closer to becoming a dictator. This strikes intense fear in Europe. The

Europeans still remember how violent Russia was in World War II, and Russia is a close neighbor with massive piles of nuclear weapons. ... The Russian election is triggering a fear that will hasten the uniting of the European Union" (*Trumpet*, January 2004).

Mr. Flurry based his forecast on Bible prophecies, including those in Daniel 11. For more insight into what the future holds for Russia and Europe, please order a free copy of Mr. Flurry's booklet *The Prophesied 'Prince of Russia.'* ■

Iran assassination in Europe foiled

On Oct. 30, 2018, Denmark announced that it had interrupted an Iranian plot to assassinate Iranian dissidents on Danish soil. This was the second Iranian plot against targets in mainland Europe that was foiled in 2018.

In June, authorities intercepted an attempt to attack an Iranian opposition rally in France. In response, the French government restricted travel by its diplomats to Iran and expelled an Iranian diplomat. The French said, "The behavior of the Iranian authorities suggests a hardening of their position vis-a-vis our country, as well as some of our allies."

Following the plot, Denmark recalled its ambassador from Iran and pressed the European Union to impose new sanctions on Iran. But to this point, Europe's response to such threats has been rather mild.

This will change. The Iranians are pushing hard against Europe. Ultimately, they will be the ones targeted. Bible prophecy states that Europe will respond to Iran's provocations with overwhelming force. ■

Another secret Iranian nuclear site revealed

In May, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu revealed details of a secret Iranian archive of its illegal nuclear weapons program. In a speech at the United Nations General Assembly in September, he disclosed yet another secret nuclear facility: a warehouse with at least 15 containers holding as much as 300 tons of nuclear-related equipment and material.

Iran claims to have completely abandoned its nuclear program, but the existence of these facilities proves otherwise.

Under President Barack Obama, the United States signed the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action nuclear agreement, which came into effect on Jan. 16, 2016. One day later, the U.S. imposed sanctions on Iran for enhancing its nuclear-capable intercontinental ballistic missile technology, breaking the spirit of the agreement.

Yet the Obama administration released over \$100 billion in frozen Iranian assets and removed sanctions against Iran, as did the European Union. Netanyahu said that the Iranian



regime hasn't used those billions of dollars to improve the lives of its people, but "instead, Iran used the money to fuel its vast war machine.

"The blatantly bold and aggressive foreign policy of Iran

must lead to war," writes *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry in *The King of the South*. "It will either conquer or be conquered." The Bible prophecies that Iran will be conquered for its unrelenting pursuit of weapons of terror. ■



PARTING THE WATERS
Spanning 34 miles, China's new Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge is the world's longest sea-crossing bridge.

China's new bridge: Symbol of Britain's demise

On October 23, China unveiled the world's longest sea-crossing bridge. The \$20 billion bridge spans more than 34 miles and connects mainland China to its two special administrative regions of Hong Kong and Macau. Containing more than 400,000 tons of steel—enough to build 60 Eiffel Towers—the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge is presented as a showpiece of Chinese might and innovation.

But the bridge's purpose goes beyond just showcasing China's impressive engineering capacity. It also signals China's resolve to tighten control over Hong Kong, the South China Sea and beyond.

When Great Britain ceded Hong Kong to China in 1997, the Chinese government promised that Hong Kong would retain its distinct identity under a "one country, two systems" model of administration. China's Communist government was obligated to allow Hong Kong to maintain its economic policies, and exercise a "high degree of autonomy" for at least 50 years.

The model was initially abided by, but by 2003, the Chinese government began stating that Hong Kong must be governed by leaders who "love the country and the city." In 2014, the Chinese government imposed electoral reforms: For the 2017 election

for Hong Kong's top civil position, the only candidates were those who had been preapproved by the Chinese government. In 2016, China prevented the seating of two politicians who had modified their swearing-in oath in protest against mainland rule. Meanwhile, the Chinese military presence in Hong Kong is gradually becoming more visible and active.

China's intensifying drive to control Hong Kong is partly due to the island's strategic location at the confluence of the Pacific Ocean and the South China Sea. In the July 2016 *Trumpet*, editor in chief Gerald Flurry highlighted the way China's tightening hold on Hong Kong has aided its efforts

to control navigation through the South China Sea. He wrote, "Now that U.S. military presence in the area has been drastically reduced, China is claiming the entire South China Sea as its own! ... Whoever controls these vital sea-gates controls one third of the world's maritime commerce."

Mr. Flurry explained that this development is of great significance in terms of Bible prophecy.

Genesis 22 records some astonishing promises made to the patriarch Abraham. One was that his descendants, mainly the peoples of Britain and the United States, would come to "possess the gate of his enemies" (verse 17), meaning strategic territories, such as Hong Kong.

Bible prophecy also forecast in Deuteronomy 28:52 that the U.S. and UK would later lose control of the gates God had blessed them with. Mr. Flurry's article explains that Britain's handover of Hong Kong to China was part of the fulfillment of this landmark prophecy. To know what to expect from the increasing power and ambition of China, please read Mr. Flurry's article "China Is Steering the World Toward War!"

Brazil to align with 'Holy Roman Empire'

Ret. Army Capt. Jair Bolsonaro was elected president of Brazil in a contentious runoff election on October 28. He won 55 percent of the vote after promising to upend Brazil's foreign policy.

Bolsonaro is a conservative and an avowed Catholic who often attends Baptist religious services, drawing support from both Catholics and evangelicals. He has voiced sympathy for the military dictatorship that ran Brazil from 1964 to 1985 and has pledged to give Brazilian police officers more latitude to shoot and kill criminals. He has also

pledged to end Brazil's endemic corruption and socialist policies and to improve ties with the West.

Bolsonaro's foreign policy adviser is Prince Luiz Philippe de Orleans e Braganca, a royal descendant of both Holy Roman Emperor Francis II and Brazilian Emperor Pedro II. Both Braganca and Bolsonaro are concerned about China's growing influence in their country: They want Brazil to instead draw closer to Europe and the United States.

Bible prophecy indicates that Catholic Europe will reap the full rewards of this geopolitical shift.

"Herbert Armstrong long prophesied, and we expect, the alliance between Europe and South America to grow extremely strong," *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry writes in *Isaiah's End-Time Vision*. "The most significant factors that will cement this connection are religion and language: Roman Catholicism is the dominant religion of Latin America But it will not be a union of equals: The Latin American countries will become vassal states to Europe!"



ANOTHER STRONGMAN
Bolsonaro greets supporters at a rally in Curitiba, Brazil.

President-elect Bolsonaro, the Catholic elites who back him, and the European aristocrats who advise him are all signs that Brazil will soon align itself with a revived Holy Roman Empire. To learn more about this empire's role in coming world events, request our free book *The Holy Roman Empire in Prophecy*.

40 percent of U.S. births occur out of wedlock

A study published by the United Nations Population Fund on Oct. 17, 2018, found that 40 percent of births in the United States happen outside of marriage. In 1970, the figure was 10 percent. This quadrupling of out-of-wedlock births within three generations is a major societal shift. With millions of babies being born to unmarried couples and single mothers, the need for marriage itself is being questioned.

The U.S. Census Bureau released a report Nov. 15, 2017, detailing figures that contribute

to the rise of out-of-wedlock births. From 1950 to 2017, the percentage of women who married fell from 65 to 51 percent. Meanwhile, the percentage of women who never married rose from 20 to 30 percent. This decline in the percentage of couples marrying has not corresponded to a drop in couples engaging in sexual activity or living together outside of marriage. From 2007 to 2016, the number of cohabiting adults in the U.S. rose from 14 million to 18 million. This moral breakdown in society is a sure sign of national collapse. ■

Only half of Americans have faith in democracy

Only 51 percent of Americans say they have faith in the country's democracy, according to an Axios/SurveyMonkey poll conducted in late October. The survey found that 37 percent of respondents said they have lost faith in American democracy, and 9 percent said they never had faith in American democracy.

The dissatisfaction ties in with a forecast that the *Trumpet* has made for decades: the breakdown of the political order in the



United States. The Bible shows that the descendants of ancient Israel include the United States and Britain. Isaiah prophesies that these modern Israelites will become sick in their reasoning and faint in their hearts. They will lose faith in government institutions and "revolt more and more" (Isaiah 1:4-7). ■

Synagogue shooting intensifies political division

Robert Bowers entered a synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on October 27 and opened fire on dozens of Jews. He murdered 11 people before police arrived to subdue him. Two other civilians and four law enforcement officers were injured. Victims included Rose Mallinger, who had three children and multiple grandchildren; Joyce Fienberg, a research specialist at the University of Pittsburgh; and Jerry Rabinowitz, a gregarious physician. Other victims included a dentist, two brothers, and a couple who had been married in the same synagogue over 60 years ago. The Anti-Defamation League said the shooting was

the deadliest attack on Jews in American history.

President Donald Trump visited the site of the shooting on October 30, along with his wife, daughter and government officials. He ordered that flags be flown at half-mast in honor of the victims. Yet, despite these gestures and the president's repeated comments decrying anti-Semitism, many on the left have blamed him for the attack. Thousands of protesters held a "Pittsburgh Loves All Our Neighbors" march. One sign read, "Hate Enabler in Chief, Fake President, Fear President, Lyin Don." Others compared the president to a Nazi. Instances of incivility, riots and *shootings* will only increase as the rhetoric intensifies. Ezekiel 7:23 prophesies such a condition, stating, "Make a chain: for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence." ■



PAYING THEIR RESPECTS
President and First Lady Trump visit the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh.

Democratic Party co-chair supports transgenderism for 8-year-olds

Democratic National Committee Deputy Chairman Keith Ellison is pushing for public schools to provide "safe spaces" for homosexuals and lesbians. He is also voicing support for children as young as 8 years old to identify as another gender. In the lead-up to midterm elections, Ellison approved a campaign ad featuring parents of an 8-year-old biological boy who identifies as a girl. The couple warned viewers that Ellison's Republican opponent for



the office of Minnesota attorney general opposes boys using girls' restrooms in schools and vice versa. The Bible warns that "neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind" will inherit the Kingdom of God (1 Corinthians 6:9-10). Yet some of America's highest political leaders forcefully advocate teaching such behavior to 8-year-old children. ■

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all things—meaning all foundational biblical doctrines—to His Church. But very few Christians even attempt to explain this prophecy, even though it was spoken by Jesus Christ Himself!

Yet there was a man in the 20th century who taught this prophecy toward the end of his 57-year ministry. He had started out not as a seminarian but as a businessman largely uninterested in religion. Through circumstances and forces beyond his control, he was brought to an intensive study of the Bible and then a penetrating repentance. There he found numerous scriptural teachings that directly contradicted the doctrines of mainstream Christianity: why God made human beings, the nature of God, why God made angels, the origins of the devil and demons, the weekly day of worship, what really happens after death, the meaning of the biblically mandated festivals, the true gospel, why God allows suffering, the purpose for the Church, ancient Israel's modern identity, the key to Bible prophecy, and a host of others. These doctrines can be proved from the Bible, they fit together with each other, and they match what Jesus Christ and the disciples had taught.

This man was Herbert W. Armstrong (1892–1986). He reestablished biblical doctrines that had been lost to Christianity for centuries. He proclaimed a strong warning to the modern descendants of the ancient Israelites, much like the Prophet Elijah had done 3,000 years ago. Toward the end of his life, he recognized that the fruits of his ministry had fulfilled Jesus Christ's prophecy of an end-time type of Elijah.

Herbert W. Armstrong *was* the end-time Elijah. This is a bold statement to make: I challenge you to prove it for yourself. You can find far more information proving this truth by reading our new booklet on the subject: *A Pivotal Sign of the End Time*.

The coming of an Elijah who would “restore all things” is indeed a *pivotal* sign that we are in the end time. Just like the sign of weapons of mass destruction, this sign of an Elijah was given by Jesus Christ Himself. And, just like that sign, this one has *already* occurred!



IN MATTHEW 24, JESUS CHRIST GAVE more signs of what would occur before His return. Among these descriptions, one statement flashes like a lightning bolt: “And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come” (verse 14).

Consider the radical implications of this clear, direct statement. Christianity has existed as a religion for 2,000 years since Jesus's lifetime. It is the world's largest religion. The New Testament has been translated into more than 1,500 languages, and Christian churches have gone to extraordinary lengths over those 20 centuries to preach its message in all nations.

So how could the gospel being preached in all the world be a sign of THE END? Christ's statement could *only* mean that the message being proclaimed by all those churches worldwide is *NOT* the true gospel!

The word *gospel* is used to refer to the record of Jesus Christ's life in the biblical books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. But its main meaning is *the message of Jesus Christ*. The gospel message preached by billions of Catholics, Protestants and others over the centuries has been a gospel *about* Christ. It has been a message proclaiming that Jesus Christ was the Son of God and died to pay for the sins of humanity.

But this is not the gospel Jesus Christ preached, and it is not the gospel He said would signal His return! Jesus Christ was the Son of God and did die to pay the death penalty for human sin, but that is not His gospel message. The gospel message He Himself preached is the gospel of THE COMING KINGDOM OF GOD! That establishment of God's rule over mankind will revolutionize the world and the universe (Mark 1:14-15; Matthew 9:35; Luke 4:43; 9:1-2, etc).

‘Elijah truly shall first come’
—JESUS CHRIST

Jesus Christ's disciples asked for a major sign that would precede His return. He confirmed that a man like the ancient Elijah would come “and restore all things.” To prove the identity of this man from the Bible and from recent history, request your free copy of our new booklet ***A Pivotal Sign of the End Time***.



Jesus Christ promised this specific event before His Second Coming.

Many scriptures actually describe the emergence of *false* gospel messages after Christ's crucifixion and resurrection (e.g. Galatians 1:8-9). In fact, false Christianity is another one of the signs that Christ's coming is approaching (Revelation 6:2). Christians have misunderstood Christ, misunderstood His message, and therefore the gospels they have taught are flawed. Satan has actually counterfeited Christ's message and His Church! (2 Corinthians 11:13-14).

Jesus Christ's Church *has* endured over the 2,000 years since His first coming—as He promised it would (Matthew 16:18). But it has not become a nation- and empire-dominating religious force of millions of people blending in the doctrines of many belief systems. It has not become a fractured coalition of thousands of independent churches

States Nancy Reagan, King Juan Carlos I of Spain, Chinese Premier Deng Xiaoping, Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie, King Hussein of Jordan, Egyptian presidents Anwar Sadat and Hosni Mubarak, Otto von Habsburg, Bavarian Premier Franz Josef Strauss, the emperor, crown prince and seven successive prime ministers of Japan, and six prime ministers and three presidents of Israel. He also met the presidents, prime ministers or kings of Argentina, Bangladesh, Chile, Costa Rica, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Lebanon, Mexico, Nepal, the Netherlands, Panama, Peru, the Philippines, Romania, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam, as well as dozens of ambassadors, plus numerous cabinet ministers, legislators, governors, mayors, generals, judges and other representatives, as well as chief executives,

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with differing beliefs. It has been small and persecuted. And it had *not* preached the gospel of the Kingdom of God in all the world for a witness to all nations.

But in the 20th century, a time of increasing dangers and weapons of mass destruction, God used an end-time Elijah to restore all things—including THE GOSPEL MESSAGE of the Kingdom of God. That man preached the same gospel that Jesus Christ preached—and did so “in all the world for a witness” for the first time in almost 2,000 years! Herbert W. Armstrong preached that message to tens of thousands of members of the Worldwide Church of God, to millions of *World Tomorrow* radio listeners and television viewers, and to millions of *Plain Truth* readers. He also traveled extensively to deliver his message personally—and not only to everyday people and those in poverty in various countries. Mr. Armstrong personally met more than 500 heads of state, heads of government and other world leaders. Those he met included Britain's Prince Charles and Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, King Leopold III of Belgium, First Lady of the United

college presidents, musicians, artists, athletes, Nobel Prize winners and other leaders of industry and culture.

Many of these leaders met him privately in their offices, conversed with him several times and invited him to speak to other important individuals. Some of these meetings were covered by national news media. Other leaders he met at banquets or formal meetings in which he was frequently the guest of honor and keynote speaker. Some legislators, mayors, professors, princesses and kings accompanied him on the corporate jet he used to convene with other world leaders or to visit Ambassador College, where some of them enrolled their children. Some of these leaders referred to Mr. Armstrong as an “ambassador without portfolio” whose commission was world peace.

When Mr. Armstrong first started receiving invitations to these meetings, he didn't know exactly why this was happening. But he then realized that this was God spreading the gospel message of the Kingdom of God to the whole world as a witness. He wrote in a Sept. 17, 1982, letter to Church supporters,



Do you know the true gospel?

Herbert W. Armstrong answered this crucial question straight from the Bible. He proved how little known is the true gospel message Jesus Christ taught. Read it for yourself: Request your own free copy of **The Incredible Human Potential**.

“Jesus's SIGN we are near the END OF THIS WORLD (Matthew 24:14), which YOU have backed me in proclaiming to the world—the gospel of THE KINGDOM OF GOD—has been going to the world in great POWER!”

You can prove from your own Bible what is that true “gospel of the kingdom of God” that Jesus Christ emphasized in Matthew 24:14. Mr. Armstrong wrote an entire book about it, called *The Incredible Human Potential*. As with all our other literature, we will gladly send you a free copy.



gathering together unto him, That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand” (2 Thessalonians 2:1-2).

This passage of scripture is revealing. In Paul’s lifetime, there were people who believed that Christ would return, but they were saying that He could return at any moment, and this was troubling the true Christians Paul was ministering to. They were in danger of being deceived by false Christianity. So he explained another specific sign God had given that had to happen *first*: a “falling away.”

“Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come, EXCEPT THERE COME A FALLING AWAY FIRST*, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God” (verses 3-4).

What a remarkable and troubling sign of Christ’s imminent return! Writing to true Christians, Paul said that inside the New Testament “temple”—the Church (e.g., Ephesians 2:19-22)—an extremely wicked leader would rise up, and there would be a great falling away: many true Christians forsaking God!

As discussed, God used Herbert W. Armstrong to restore foundational truths to His true Church. God used him to preach the gospel to all nations as a witness. And after Mr. Armstrong died in 1986, new leadership took over. These leaders deliberately rejected the doctrines Mr. Armstrong had restored, one after another, and subtly but progressively transformed the Church into a Protestant group. They stopped printing books and booklets authored by Mr. Armstrong, shut down the Church’s broadcast programs, and ended its educational and cultural projects. They even sold off its assets. This was led by one man in particular who used oppressive and deceitful methods to influence ministers and members.

This was the “falling away” prophesied by the Apostle Paul! And it has happened!

This shocking history is recorded in our book *Raising the Ruins*, by *Trumpet* executive editor Stephen Flurry. And the biblical, prophetic history of this

prophesied “great falling away” is revealed in *Malachi’s Message*, the founding book of this organization, authored by *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry.

Despite the falling away that Paul spoke of, the work of God did not stop. Gerald Flurry founded the Philadelphia Church of God to continue to teach the doctrines Mr. Armstrong had restored. The PCG reprinted Mr. Armstrong’s most important books, including *Mystery of the Ages*. The Worldwide Church of God sued the PCG for the express purpose of suppressing Mr. Armstrong’s teachings. During the ensuing six-year copyright lawsuit, the PCG fought to continue Mr. Armstrong’s legacy. *Raising the Ruins* is based on a trove of documents, including private memos, obtained during the discovery process of the copyright litigation. And the book also tells the story of how this work is reviving Mr. Armstrong’s legacy.

Weapons of mass destruction. An end-time Elijah. The true gospel preached around the world. The true Church splitting apart. These are four signs of Jesus Christ’s return that God inspired to be recorded and miraculously preserved in the Bible for 2,000 years. Today, they have *all been fulfilled!* These four specific signs, along with many others, show for certain that Jesus Christ is not just going to return, but He is going to return **SOON**. ■

THE EXISTENCE OF WEAPONS THREATENING all human life, the coming of a man to restore all things, and the preaching of the true gospel around the world are all signs that Jesus Christ Himself said would immediately precede His return. And all three of these signs *have occurred*.

The existence of weapons that can annihilate humanity is a sign Jesus gave

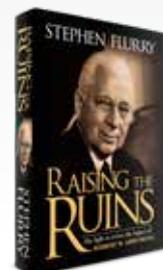
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that everyone in the world can see. The sign of an end-time Elijah and the sign of the true gospel being preached around the world are signs that require you to focus on *God’s Church*.

There is another major sign of Jesus Christ’s return that concerns God’s Church. It is a prophecy written by the Apostle Paul roughly 20 years after Jesus Christ had been crucified and resurrected, and it concerns the timing of His future return. To Church members in Thessalonica, he wrote, “Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our

DO YOU REMEMBER HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG?

Millions heard what he taught from the Bible. Those teachings are still alive. Find out where they are by reading your own free hardback copy of ***Raising the Ruins***.



Advice for the Aged

Your impact on others can be greater now than ever.

NEW, NEW, NEW! OUR SOCIETY LOVES WHAT IS NEW. RELENTLESSLY we upgrade to the new and junk the old—old clothes, old technology—even old *people*. Ironically, the most mature, experienced, knowledgeable, proven and perhaps most valuable people among us are those paid the least attention.

Much of the responsibility for righting this wrong lies with those who are younger. But some of it lies with you seniors.

God wants you to savor what should truly be your *golden years*. He wants your relevance to your family and your society to *increase* with age, and He reveals how in the Holy Bible.

To evoke honor among younger people, God obliges you to *live honorably*. You must not only accumulate years of experiences, but also develop sterling character through those experiences. Proverbs 16:31 states, “The hoary head is a crown of glory,

if it be found in the way of righteousness.”

Titus 2:2 gives this instruction: “Bid the older men be temperate [self-controlled], serious [venerable, honorable, honest], sensible, sound in faith [strong faith and moral conviction], in love [God’s love], and in steadfastness [cheerful endurance and patient continuance]” (Revised Standard Version). Examining definitions and examples of these words is a good personal Bible study for older men.

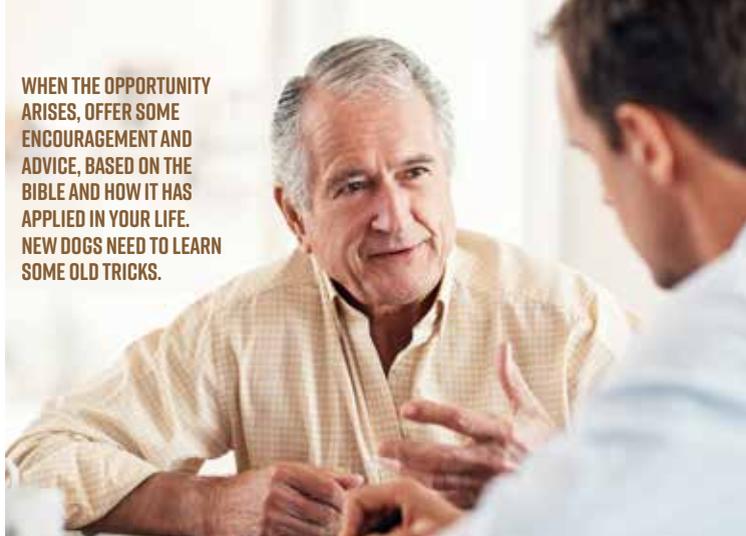
The passage continues: “Bid the older women likewise to be reverent in behavior, not to be slanderers or slaves to drink; they are to teach what is good, and so train the young women to love their husbands and children, to be sensible, chaste, domestic, kind, and submissive to their husbands, that the word of God may not be discredited” (verses 3-5, RSV).

God commands that older women make themselves teachers of younger women. Older men ought to do the same for younger men. This cannot happen if the younger don’t listen, but neither can it happen if the older don’t teach!

Younger people *need* the experience and wisdom of their elders. This requires seniors to conduct themselves as godly examples and to be willing to take the lead in conversation to pass on the lessons God has taught them over the years. “With the ancient is wisdom; and in length of days understanding” (Job 12:12; see also Job 32:7). Seniors, do you see yourself this way? Or do you think, *I have nothing to teach*. Even if you have been overlooked in the past, seek to align your thinking with God’s.

Your mission is to pass on years’ worth of experiences, biblical wisdom and godly maturity. Your mission is to help the next generation to avoid mistakes, to have a better life, and to transmit even *more* wisdom to the generation after them.

WHEN THE OPPORTUNITY ARISES, OFFER SOME ENCOURAGEMENT AND ADVICE, BASED ON THE BIBLE AND HOW IT HAS APPLIED IN YOUR LIFE. NEW DOGS NEED TO LEARN SOME OLD TRICKS.



Don’t feel resigned to life on the sidelines. Don’t allow yourself to be isolated. Don’t think that because you are unfamiliar with some *gadget* or *style*, your *life experiences* are irrelevant. Work to become more comfortable and confident speaking to and even seeking out the young parents, the college students, the teens. Ask them questions. Learn what challenges they face. Get them talking. And when the opportunity arises, offer some encouragement and advice, based on the Bible and how it has applied in your life. New dogs need to learn some old tricks.

Pray that God will open the door for these kinds of exchanges. And even if a conversation is awkward at first, don’t give up! Remember that if the young people around you neglect contact with you, their lives will be poorer for it.

“A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children’s children” (Proverbs 13:22). Perhaps the greatest inheritance you can give your children and grandchildren is your experience, your wisdom, your *life*.

For this purpose, keep your mind fresh. Never stop learning. Your vision may dim, putting one foot in front of the other may get harder, but God expects you to continue to grow mentally, emotionally and spiritually right up until you draw your last breath. Herbert W. Armstrong did the best work of his life from ages 86 to 93, even as his health grew frail. Interestingly, in his final years, he focused a lot on youth: He launched several programs for children and teens, including a youth magazine. Without a determination to squeeze all he could out of his physical frame, his body surely would have failed much earlier.

“One of the most important lessons we all must learn is to *live the present* and not the past,” the *Good News* of June-July 1979 advised. “Perhaps the greatest service older people can render younger ones is to show them by their own example and positive attitude that one can be happy at any age.”

How you start your life is not as important as how you finish it (Ecclesiastes 7:1). God is judging you according to how you use your life *today*. You can’t change the past. But you *can* change the present by aligning your thoughts and attitudes with God’s.

Show those around you, of all ages, a life lesson with your words and your example. Your smile, your questions, your answers, your encouragement, your laughter can change people’s lives, perhaps now more than ever. And with your example in mind for years to come, the next generation will be able to do the same for those who come after. ■

I saw a copy of the *Trumpet* magazine in my dentist's office a while back. I read in it that your booklets and this magazine are free, so I subscribed. I've been reading my two booklets, and they are awesome! I also just sent my cousin a subscription, and called to tell her how informative and necessary these publications have been for me and that she will love them, too. Thank you, and God bless you for helping others learn, experience, think, and love the Lord even more!

Charleen Moss LIVE OAK, FLORIDA

Truths shared by the *Philadelphia Trumpet* are very helpful not only in gaining insight into critical issues of worldwide import, but also as a resource material for educational purposes. I adapted the article "Is There a Deep State?" as a case study on the concept of bureaucracy in preparing a comprehensive examination for a Masters in Management, major in public administration, an Online Distance E-Learning program of the Philippine Christian University, Manila. God bless!

Prof. Origen P. Pascua PHILIPPINES

I just want to say a big thank you for all the magazines, booklets and pamphlets you've been sending me after requesting them. I can't quite believe how they have restructured my biblical thinking and helped me comprehend the Bible better than ever before. Those little books and literature are full of valuable information. I take it all to heart. Thank you for

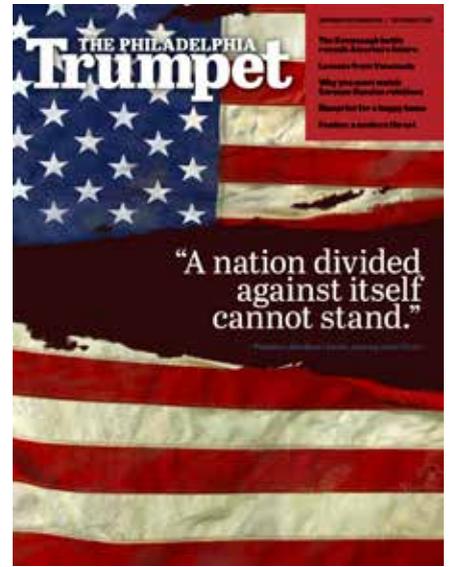
clearing up so many concerns I had and for helping me understand the Bible better. Your website keeps me informed of the daily news and what has been happening to our world.

Bernice Barnes BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

I noticed that many of the titles to the *Trumpet's* top stories are headlined "Anglo America." Are you reporting information targeted to just "white English-speaking Americans"? Not Hispanic, Asian, Black or other non-white Americans?

Darryl Draper SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

"Anglo-America" is a term of convenience to differentiate the English-speaking nations that biblical prophecy refers to as "Israel" from other major geopolitical blocs: Europe, the Middle East, Asia, etc. Prophecy shows that the fate of all Americans and British, irrespective of race, will be the same.



You have made my day today. Just received my June 2018 *Trumpet*. Inside I found a booklet that I have been longing for: *How to Pray*. I have always wanted to talk with God, but never sure how. I think this booklet will answer me.

Sifrin John Khumalo SOUTH AFRICA

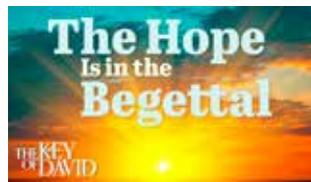
I really appreciate being able to get your insightful material for absolutely *nothing, nada, zip and zilch!* That is really kind and generous of you and your supporters. I hope God blesses you from top to bottom and all throughout your organization for your solid and faithful, hard, generous work.

Ian Cox

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There Is a Way of Escape

How you can be protected from the impending nuclear nightmare **BY HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG**

TOO MANY PEOPLE ARE GETTING USED TO VIOLENCE AND WAR and threats of war. The world is too busy pursuing material goods to be much concerned about the oncoming NUCLEAR World War III that WILL, unless prevented by Almighty God, simply erase human life from this planet!

Soft words and pretty speeches do not arouse people out of this pleasant dream. It takes a *jolt!* When we attempted to warn our readers with words strong enough to arouse, I received letters saying: “Cancel my subscription! That article frightened me.” Yes, IF YOU ARE TO CONTINUE TO LIVE, you need to be frightened—enough to take the *action* that will SAVE YOUR LIFE!

But, you say, what can I do? Well, there is something you *must* do IF you are to escape the agonies of, and probable terrifying death in, the coming prophesied Great Tribulation!

YES, YOU CAN ESCAPE ALL THIS!

That is what we are trying to make our readers understand!

God Almighty *will* intervene. He *will* prevent entire cosmocide! But He will *not* intervene to stop the carnage *until* man has come to the very end of his rope! So long as man thinks he can save himself, without God, the Eternal will let him go on trying. God will not intervene until man’s last hope is gone. God will never allow man to accuse Him, saying, “Your intervention was unnecessary and tyrannical! We could have saved ourselves if you had not used your arbitrary God-power to intervene.”

God’s final last-minute intervention will FOLLOW—*not prevent*—this Great Tribulation that will be World War III.

But, I repeat, YOU CAN *escape* ALL THIS!

It is only those who *will not* heed who must go through its agony. And remember—God is not going to CAUSE it. MAN HIMSELF will bring it on. But God will protect His own from it!

Jesus’s young students—His disciples—came to Him privately and asked *when* the end of the world would come, and what would be the sign of His return IN POWER to rule all the Earth, in peace.

These things, Jesus replied, must come first: a false “Christian” religion, whose ministers would falsely claim to be Christ’s ministers, coming in His name, deceiving the MANY. Then wars, climaxing finally into world wars; then famines and disease epidemics and increasing earthquakes. *Just before* the end, He said, His true gospel of God’s Kingdom would be preached in all the world—*not* to convert the world, but “for a witness”—AND THEN, He said, shall the END of this world come!

All these things already have occurred—except that we are

now in a recess during the world wars—between World Wars II and III; and that we have so far had only the first forerunners of the famine and disease epidemics and earthquakes. These shall increase greatly.

Then what? “Then,” continues Jesus, “shall be GREAT TRIBULATION,” a time of violence, destruction and death greater than anything that ever was, or ever shall be! Jeremiah foretold it (Jeremiah 30). He identified the nations primarily affected. It will be those whom God caused to be named after Jacob—or Israel—the nations descended from the two sons of Joseph. And those are the United States and British peoples of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. (Request our free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.)

Ezekiel foretells it (Ezekiel 5:12; 6:6). Moses describes it (Deuteronomy 28—especially verses 20-24, 32-34 and 49-50; also Leviticus 26, especially verses 16-20). Already these prophecies are *beginning* to be carried out. Already the “pride of our power” (Leviticus 26:19) has been broken. Britain, the former world’s number one power, has been reduced to a second-rate power. And the “PRIDE” of America’s power was certainly broken in Vietnam.

The Great Tribulation is to be primarily on the United States and the British peoples! Events leading to it are smoldering under cover now, gradually gaining momentum. And then, suddenly, the WORLD WILL EXPLODE into *nuclear* World War III.

But let me tell you, I do not expect to be here in its path when it strikes! And YOU need not be one of its multiple millions of victims!

Jesus Christ gave the warning (Matthew 24; Mark 13; Luke 21). And when He said, in Luke’s version of His warning: “WATCH YE therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to ESCAPE ALL THESE THINGS that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man” (at His coming—Luke 21:36), He was giving you and me a PROMISE of divine protection from these very things He had been describ-

ing—*IF* we do watch world events AS PROPHESED, and remain obedient and continually in contact with God through prayer.

There is another promise of miraculous protection from this Great Tribulation. It is in the third chapter of Revelation. Beginning verse 7 is a description of how the living Christ would OPEN A DOOR by which His gospel may go out to all the world as a witness and a warning. That is the very work being carried on today by the organization that prints this magazine.

In verse 10 is Christ’s PROMISE that *because* we have been faithful WITH HIS WORD, He will also keep us from “the hour of temptation.” But the marginal reading—the correct translation from the original Greek—is “*trial*” or “Great Tribulation.”

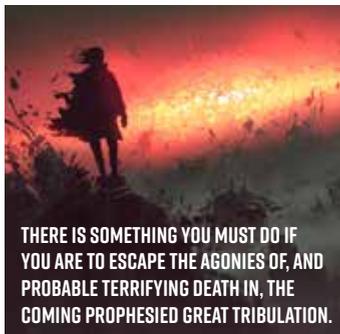
These events are REAL!

This world is hurling itself rapidly to the grand-smash CLIMAX of world trouble. Crime, violence, lawlessness, disrespect for authority are increasing at a RAPID RATE!

God help us not to treat this warning lightly.

Take heed and read in Psalm 91 the further promise of protection not only through the Great Tribulation, but also the plagues of the Day of the Lord to follow. ■

Excerpted from the *Plain Truth*, March 1984



THERE IS SOMETHING YOU MUST DO IF YOU ARE TO ESCAPE THE AGONIES OF, AND PROBABLE TERRIFYING DEATH IN, THE COMING PROPHESED GREAT TRIBULATION.

And by doing so, France will betray America and Britain, as Reuben did anciently. Macron's remarks in November were laced with a spirit of betrayal. And they were consistent with what we have prophesied for over 80 years!

Herbert Armstrong was right. Britain is on the way out of the beast power described in Revelation 17:12. But France is definitely IN!

A strongman is ready to come on the scene. People are pushing German Chancellor Angela Merkel out. Who will replace her? Every leader in Europe would like to have that job. But only one will get it. And we believe we know who he is. Please read my cover story about this subject on page 1 of this issue.

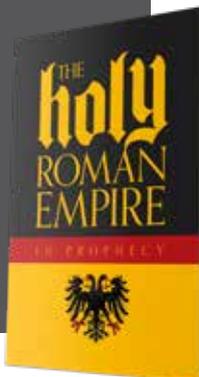
"O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation" (Isaiah 10:5). The modern-day counterpart of Assyria is Germany. God is going to use Germany to correct the nations of Israel. Why? Because He is wrathful with these nations because of their sins. Rather than thank God for the birthright blessings, Israel takes credit for creating those blessings and all that wealth itself. But those blessings are disappearing fast. Just look at what is happening in America: wildfires in the west, floods in the east, mass shootings, protests, division, hatred. Just 10 years ago you wouldn't even recognize what the radical left is doing today throughout society. America is on course to collapse—at lightning speed—just as God prophesied.

Thankfully, every bit of what is happening is leading directly to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ! Bible prophecy makes this abundantly clear. Christ said that if He didn't return, *no flesh would be saved alive* (Matthew 24:22). We are living in the days when this prophecy will be fulfilled! Mankind has never been more capable of utterly destroying itself than right now. Yet so many leaders and heads of government act like they can solve these problems. That is delusional! Only God can solve this. Yet they refuse to turn to God.

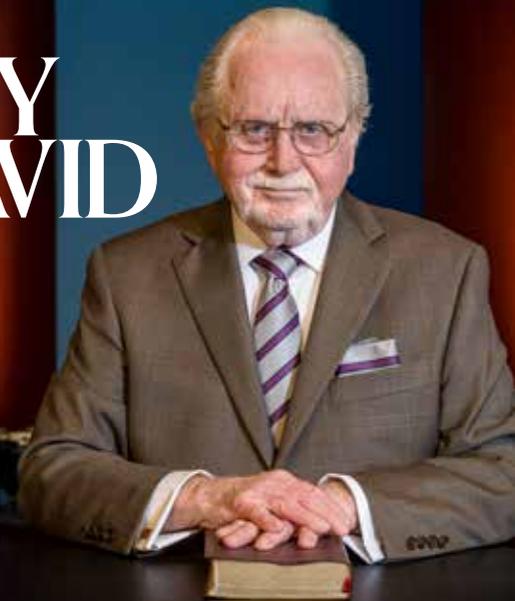
What about YOU? We must stand up and speak for Jesus Christ. If you *come out* of this world today, God says, then He will protect you physically and give you the highest honor forever. God wants to make you part of His royal Family. He is offering a group of people today the opportunity to be the Bride of Jesus Christ and share His throne with Him for all eternity as kings and priests. That is an unparalleled reward!

NOT JUST ANCIENT HISTORY.

History books say the Holy Roman Empire ended hundreds of years ago. Bible prophecy shows that its most terrible exploits lie yet ahead. Learn this biblical perspective in our free book ***The Holy Roman Empire in Prophecy***.



THE KEY OF DAVID



Philadelphia Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry appears each week on *The Key of David* explaining the meaning behind world events and teaching the inspiring truths of the Bible. The program is also available at keyofdavid.com.

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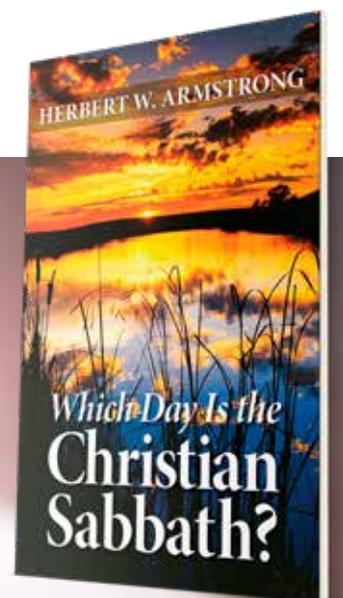
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