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# Is KT zu Guttenberg About to Come to Power?

Germany is in political turmoil. Europe is desperate for strong leadership. Bible prophecy speaks of a man who will fill this void. Here is what we know about him.

**A** STRONG LEADER IS PROPHESED IN THE BIBLE TO RISE IN Europe very soon—perhaps even within months. I believe almost certainly that you can identify who this man will be. Only one man appears able to fulfill what the Bible says about this strongman. His name is Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg.

Guttenberg left German politics in 2011 after a plagiarism scandal, and he moved to the United States. But in September 2019, he and his family relocated back to Germany. This move, along with the present state of German politics, may indicate this key Bible prophecy is about to be fulfilled.



**GERALD FLURRY**

Though he hasn't been in politics for some years now, KT zu Guttenberg is keenly tuned in to world events. He has impressive political, economic and military understanding, and he frequently writes articles and gives interviews for some of America's and Europe's biggest news organizations. Guttenberg is a brilliant man in many ways, and for about a decade now I have indicated that he could be the next leader of Germany—and really, of Europe.

Germany is now in political crisis, and the question of national leadership looms large. The task of leading Europe's strongest nation has always been enormous, but Germany's current challenges make it even more daunting. Its leaders are being overwhelmed by the refugee crisis, Brexit, Donald Trump's presidency, China's rise, and competition and threats from Russia. Added to all these problems, Germany's economy is bordering on recession. In Germany—and even throughout Europe and beyond—the pressing question is, who will succeed Chancellor Angela Merkel? Germany needs an experienced and assertive leader. It needs someone special.

The Bible prophesies in vivid detail that such a leader will emerge in the end time. We need to understand this prophecy, because it says that this German strongman will plunge the whole world into a new dark age!

## Revived Militarism

Near the end of World War II, as a bloodied and exhausted world contemplated the lessons that war taught at such a frightful cost, the Allied leaders agreed that radical steps had to be taken to prevent Germany from ever wreaking such devastation again. At the Yalta Conference in February 1945, Winston Churchill, Franklin Roosevelt and Joseph Stalin signed their names to a document that decisively declared: “It is our inflexible purpose

to destroy German militarism and Nazism and to ensure Germany will never again be able to disturb the peace of the world.”

These leaders recognized that Germany has a proclivity to start wars! World Wars I and II are only the most recent and devastating examples of this reality. (For proof, request our free booklet *Germany and the Holy Roman Empire*.)

Sadly, though, that “inflexible purpose” *did not last*. Today Germany is again a major military power, and is being *encouraged* to become even greater!

Did you know that Germany today is a leading weapons manufacturer and one of the world's top five arms exporters? *It is even building submarines that can carry nuclear warheads!* Israel has six German-built submarines, some of which are believed to carry Popeye Turbo Cruise Missiles that can deliver a nuclear payload. Israel is one of the most advanced nations economically and militarily, and it gets its submarines from Germany.

The nation that started the Second World War has an advanced military industry, one capable of building equipment to silently and stealthily deliver a nuclear attack. **WHAT KIND OF DANGER IS THERE IN THAT? How many people even realize this?**

Some analysts say Germany has neglected its *own* military. There is some truth to this. Some parts of Germany's military are tired or underdeveloped. But let's not forget that this nation possesses incredible industrial might. It is the world's fourth-largest arms exporter! If Germany simply decided to keep some weapons for itself, with modern technology and its strong industrial base, its military could be expanded and updated swiftly! For now, the nation lacks a leader willing to make this decision. **THIS WILL CHANGE OVERNIGHT WHEN A STRONGMAN GETS CONTROL!** Germany's transformation under Adolf Hitler in the 1930s, dramatic as it was, will not even compare to what is coming!

As far as we know, Germany does not have its own nuclear bombs. But America stores nuclear weapons there. France has also offered to share its nuclear weapons with Germany. So it is accurate to say that Germany is a nuclear power even now!

Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg has already played an important role in improving Germany's military position. He served as Germany's defense minister from 2009 to 2011 and left a defining mark. He transformed the Bundeswehr from a conscription-based army to an all-professional military. This major change shifted the army's focus from defending Germany's borders to fighting in missions abroad. As defense minister, Guttenberg wanted a small, more professional, better-equipped military that could be dispatched anywhere in the world.

Guttenberg also helped change the German public's perception of the military. He led them to begin viewing their army, not with shame, but as part of Germany's contribution to the world. He was the first politician to call Germany's military operation in Afghanistan a *war*. How many remember today that Guttenberg was one of the key figures behind Germany's military presence in Afghanistan? He was thinking in terms of *offensive warfare*. And he accomplished all this under the moderate rule of Chancellor Merkel.

This past August, Guttenberg criticized Chancellor Merkel for neglecting Germany's military. "I feel that the attention for the Bundeswehr has suffered in the last few years," he said. He believes Germany's military isn't as prepared as it needs to be, and he believes Merkel hasn't engaged in enough military action. For years he has called for Germany to get involved militarily in Syria, and to this day it has not done so (though recently there is serious discussion about deploying there).

Today, everyone knows Merkel's time as chancellor is nearing its end. The chancellor is struggling with health problems and has lost credibility and influence within her own government.

Imagine if Guttenberg took charge of Germany. Imagine the changes in Germany's military—even in Europe's military!

The Bible prophesies that Germany will emerge in the end time as a GLOBAL MILITARY POWER. It also says this powerful nation will be led by a unique individual, a strongman. We find this prophecy in the book of Daniel.

### 'Dark Sentences'

For 2,500 years, the book of Daniel has not been understood. That is because it is only for this end time (Daniel 12:4, 9). Its meaning has been revealed in our day.

The prophecy about this strongman is in Daniel 8:23-24. First, notice that these verses state explicitly that these events occur in "the latter time." This will be a time "when the transgressors are come to the full." Godlessness is rife, modern technology is proliferating immoral filth with malignant efficiency, and people are wallowing in unspeakable evil. Verse 25 says the individual discussed here will "stand up against the Prince of princes"—referring to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. So this is *clearly* a prophecy for the end time.

Now read about this man in verse 23: "And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up." This is talking about the coming leader of Germany. We can know this by putting this together with other prophecies. For example, the prophecy in Daniel 11:40-45 says "the king of the north" shall rise "at the time of the end." This is talking about a German-led European superpower. Isaiah 10:5-19 give a similar prophecy, adding that this leader shall be "the king of Assyria." The modern Germans are the descendants of ancient Assyria. (For proof, read "[The Remarkable Identity of the German People](https://www.theTrumpet.com/7490)" at [theTrumpet.com/7490](https://www.theTrumpet.com/7490).)

Daniel 8:23 supplies some key details about this soon-coming German strongman. The *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament* explains that the expression "dark sentences" means riddles, difficult or dark speeches, or sayings, questions or parables. It says it is used "at a higher social level," and cites a similar word being used in 1 Kings 10:1, where the Queen of Sheba



tested Solomon's reputation for wisdom with "hard questions." Josephus's *Antiquities of the Jews* likewise describes "Hiram of Tyre sending Solomon sophisms and enigmatical sayings." These world leaders brought enigmas to Solomon hoping to learn from his wisdom. *Gesenius' Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon* defines "dark sentences" as "twisted, involved, subtlety, fraud, enigma." This strongman grasps things that are obscure, things you can't understand without explanation or interpretation.

This is revealing insight. The prophesied strongman operates on a high social level; he is capable of understanding and solving complex issues and questions. He is brilliant and sophisticated, and he has intellectual depth and power. The context shows he enjoys notoriety and fame for it.

KT zu Guttenberg fits this description. He served as Germany's minister of economics and technology, and then as minister of defense. After his resignation, he joined the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C., as a distinguished statesman and served as senior adviser to the European Commission leadership on global Internet freedom. He also sits on a variety of international corporate and nonprofit boards, including the advisory board of Ripple since 2014 and of Lufthansa since 2015. Much of his activity in recent years has revolved around giving strategic advice to politicians and businesses.

Guttenberg is also German nobility, which adds to his prestige and fame. The baron is often invited to speak about geopolitics, emerging financial technologies, trans-Atlantic relations, cyberwarfare, Brexit and other complex subjects. In many of his speeches, which he gives without notes in both English and German, he is comfortable addressing experts in their various fields.

In January 2019, Guttenberg spoke at the annual Crypto Finance Conference in St. Moritz, addressing an audience of experts in financial technologies. There aren't many politicians

# CHANCELLOR MERKEL CALLED GUTTENBERG

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capable of delivering expert views about crypto-currencies! What can a former politician teach such a group? The answer is simple: Guttenberg not only understands these important developing technologies, he understands how they connect to politics and international relations. This knowledge gives him rare and powerful insight—insight that many people seek!

## ‘By Flatteries’

The Bible gives us even more clues on what this coming German strongman will be like. “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” (Daniel 11:21). This strongman will come to power, likely not by votes from the people, but “by flatteries.” He will somehow manipulate the political system to effectively hijack Germany and, by extension, Europe.

Knowing that such political intrigue will occur makes the bureaucratic turmoil in Berlin important to watch. The government is shaky, the need for strong leadership is clear—but the path to achieve it is unknown. This prophesied leader may well exploit this frustration and confusion by rallying a coalition behind him and vaunting himself to power. This would take a lot of intelligence and calculation; it would require unusual skill to deceive people in high places with flattery. But the prophesied Daniel 8 man will do it magnificently. Adolf Hitler was a man of mental strength, but he was not as adept at deceiving people as this coming strongman will be! This leader will come as an angel of light.

Do we see a German leader who comes even close to having such power over people?

Here are some statements from German news media describing Guttenberg. In 2011, *Tagesspiegel* referred to him

as a “GREAT CAPTIVATOR” and a “MAN CATCHER.” Even after Guttenberg’s plagiarism scandal, Chancellor Merkel referred to him as “A MAGNET WHO FASCINATES THE PEOPLE.” In 2016, *Die Welt* called him a “talented orator who can CAST A SPELL OVER PEOPLE.” Such charisma is rare, even among politicians, and it is one of KT zu Guttenberg’s defining traits!

Look at the public resentment and anger in Germany and Europe. The opportunity is growing ripe for someone to take power by flatteries!

God told Daniel that He would reveal what would happen “in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end shall be” (Daniel 8:19). That “time appointed” is here; Daniel’s prophecies have been revealed!

Verse 23 speaks of this “king of fierce countenance”—then verse 24 says that “his power shall be mighty, but NOT BY HIS OWN POWER ....” This means HE HAS AN EVIL SPIRIT HELPING HIM. This man definitely is not receiving this added power *from God*. Revelation 13:2 says of the empire he commands, that “THE DRAGON gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.” That’s talking about Satan the devil! And it takes a certain mindset for Satan to be able to use a man in such a way.

Daniel 8:24 continues, “[A]nd he shall destroy wonderfully [it should read *mightily*], and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.” This man will try to destroy even God’s own people!

This man will preside over the final resurrection of a mighty political-military empire that has arisen repeatedly on European soil: the Holy Roman Empire. This is the SEVENTH TIME over a period of more than 1,500 years that this empire is rising.

Anciently, this prophecy in Daniel 8 was fulfilled in type by a man named Antiochus Epiphanes. This history is recorded in history books such as the book of Maccabees, which says this man entered into Jerusalem: “And spake peaceable words unto them, but ALL WAS DECEIT: for when they had given him credence, HE FELL SUDDENLY UPON THE CITY, AND SMOTE IT VERY SORE, AND DESTROYED MUCH PEOPLE OF ISRAEL” (emphasis mine).

That is the way this end-time Antiochus Epiphanes will operate! Like Antiochus anciently, he will come as an angel of light—with charisma, and in love and peace (e.g. 2 Corinthians 11:13-15). BUT HE HAS MALIGNANT PURPOSE, AND HE USES CRAFT AND DECEIT IN EVERYTHING HE DOES. What he says causes nations to be destroyed—and suddenly! His empire will crush many peoples!

## The Source of His Power

To understand these prophecies, you must understand Germany’s role in Europe. This nation dominates the Continent today. It is increasing its already formidable economic and military power over other European nations—despite having one of the weakest governments in its history!

When this strongman comes to power, he will lead not only Germany but, in effect, all of Europe. This is what the Bible prophesies: “And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast” (Revelation 17:12-13). This chapter is all about the Holy Roman Empire, especially its seventh and final resurrection.



In the end time, 10 “kings” or “kingdoms” in Europe will give the beast their power. They will get behind and empower this “king of fierce countenance,” and he will lead them in devastating exploits.

The Prophet Habakkuk refers to this power by a name that Bible prophecy uses for the German-led Holy Roman Empire—one of many indications that Germany will be at the vanguard, and a German strongman the spear tip: “For, lo, I raise up THE

and holidays. His wife gave an interview about the role religion plays in their household and child rearing. In their biography about him, Eckart Lohse and Markus Wehner point to religion as a defining element of Guttenberg’s life and his public service.

After he left office, the baron put a high value on religious observances and defending Christian values. In a 2017 speech in Bavaria he told the audience that if they don’t “recall where we came from, what our history means,” then other cultures

CHALDEANS, that bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the breadth of the land, to possess the dwellingplaces that are not theirs. They are terrible and dreadful .... Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves .... They shall come all for violence ... and they shall gather the captivity as the sand” (Habakkuk 1:6-9).

Verse 11 gives a terrifying detail about THE MAN AT THE HELM of this dreadful force: “Then shall his mind change, and he shall pass over, and offend, imputing this his power unto his god.” If you look at this man today, you won’t see anything that looks capable of such appalling destruction. But his mind is going to CHANGE RADICALLY as Satan seizes control.

This prophecy shows that this strongman has a “god”—he will be a *very religious man*. Not many mainstream politicians in Germany openly talk about their religion. Most try to hide it, because church and state are to be kept separate. GUTTENBERG DOESN’T KEEP IT SECRET. During his time in government, he made frequent references to Catholic symbols

## GUTTENBERG: The One-Man Bridge

The U.S. and Germany may be in for their last ride. **BY JOSUÉ MICHELS**

**S**INCE THE INAUGURATION OF United States President Donald Trump, relations between Germany and the U.S. have drastically declined. Yet amid the tensions, one man may hold the key to their future ties: Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg.

He has spent much of his political career furthering the trans-Atlantic relationship. In 2003, Guttenberg joined the American German Young Leaders program. In 2011, after resigning from German politics, he moved his family to America, where he continued to advocate close U.S.-Germany ties.

Ever since he left office, news media and politicians have remained

interested in Guttenberg’s strategic insight. With his consultant firm Spitzberg Partners, he helps companies do business across the Atlantic.

Guttenberg believes in cooperation between the U.S. and Germany, lest Russia, China and others benefit. Yet, although he lived his last eight years in America, he is staunchly European. He advocates a stronger, more assertive and independent European Union and praises Europe’s cultural achievements. Asked by Austria’s *Puls 4-Talk*, what the best place to live is, he simply answered, “Europe.”

But Guttenberg also enjoys great favor in America. He speaks often on *Fox Business*, appears occasionally on CNBC

and CNN International, and has written articles for *Time* and the *Wall Street Journal*. He is also well connected with the political community.

In general, Americans love Germany and want a good relationship. According to a 2018 survey by the Körber Foundation and Pew Research, 70 percent of Americans described relations with Germany as “somewhat good” or “very good.” In stark contrast, the study found that 73 percent of Germans saw relations as “somewhat bad” or “very bad.”

While Guttenberg appears to ardently support U.S.-Germany relations, he is no fan of America’s current president. President Trump stands for an America-first policy that has pushed back against many U.S. allies. He has exposed Germany for

will come in and define them. He urged them to remember their history “with its dark and bright sides” and to take a “unapologetic stand for our culture.”

THE HISTORY HE REFERRED TO IS THE HISTORY OF THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE! One of Guttenberg’s titles even means “baron of the Holy Roman Empire.”

You need to understand the history of this empire. IT HAS COST THE LIVES OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE! To get a true historical perspective, request a free copy of our book *The Holy Roman Empire in Prophecy*.

But notice the last sentence in verse 12 of Habakkuk 1: “O mighty God, thou hast established them FOR CORRECTION.” God is CORRECTING the people of America and Britain especially with this empire, because of their sins against Him (for more detail and proof of this statement, request our free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*).

### ‘Broken Without Hand’

“For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak ...” (Habakkuk 2:3). At the end this vision will speak! God will make it available to millions of people! A loving God always warns and tries to help us understand so we need not experience such terrible suffering. This is especially true of the suffering that will occur just ahead of us—the worst in human history—immediately before the Second Coming of Jesus Christ!

Even if people don’t repent at this time, there is still great hope. That is because these horrific events are all leading to the best news this world can hear.



## A bold prediction

For 10 years, the *Trumpet* has spotlighted Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg, even while he has been out of power. Why? We know an ominous Bible prophecy is about to be fulfilled, and we think he may be the man who will do it. To learn how this prophecy relates to current news, request your free copy of ***A Strong German Leader Is Imminent***.

having taken unfair advantage of the U.S. in trade and relying on the U.S. security umbrella without paying its fair share. Guttenberg often criticizes Trump for his “erratic” nature and has called him “a jack in the box” and “a clown in the White House.” This criticism is most revealing. It suggests a certain contempt not just for the man, but also for the 63 million Americans who voted for him.

There is growing desire within Europe for independence from America. Many leaders, including French President Emmanuel Macron and German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas, are calling for Europe to sever ties. And conditions are prime for this: The U.S. is declining in influence and pulling away from the

Continent. The German-led Europe undeniably has less need for the U.S. than it once had.

Guttenberg says the two continents should continue their partnership. Many in America believe this message. However, evidence shows that Germany is mostly interested in exploiting the relationship to facilitate its own rise to greatness, which means this message is dangerous and deceitful.

For decades, Germany and the U.S. have been allies. They have shared military strategies and technologies on a level that demands a high degree of trust. But the Bible warns that this supposed friendship will prove fatal.

A prophecy in Ezekiel 23 shows that Assyria, modern-day Germany, will

You see this in how Daniel’s prophecy about this strongman concludes: “And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: *he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; BUT HE SHALL BE BROKEN WITHOUT HAND*” (Daniel 8:25). This leader is so arrogant and self-willed that he will stand up against Jesus Christ! He and many other leaders in this world will not submit to God when He comes: They think they can conquer God, who is descending in power and glory from the heavens! Blind with hate, they will deploy all their sophisticated technology and modern armaments to fight Him.

They will fail utterly. The European strongman and his empire will be “BROKEN WITHOUT HAND”—broken forever, not by human hands or physical armies, but by the very POWER OF GOD!

The book of Revelation describes the same end for the beast power: “These [speaking of the 10 European ‘kings’ or ‘kingdoms’] have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast. *These shall make war with the Lamb, AND THE LAMB SHALL OVERCOME THEM: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings ...*” (Revelation 17:13-14). Christ will ensure that the Holy Roman Empire will never rise again. He will destroy that evil empire and all other empires that fight against Him! (see also Revelation 19:11-21).

Jesus Christ is about to reign forever, bringing peace and joy and happiness to all mankind! WATCH VIGILANTLY: THE IMMINENT ARRIVAL OF THIS PROPHESED EUROPEAN STRONGMAN CONNECTS DIRECTLY TO THIS INSPIRING, FAST-APPROACHING REALITY! ■

betray the U.S. “Wherefore I have delivered her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the Assyrians, upon whom she doted” (verse 9). As punishment for its sins, God will deliver America into the hands of its enemy, which it trusted as an ally. “Ezekiel 23 explains this heinous double cross,” *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry writes in his book *Ezekiel: The End-Time Prophet* (free upon request).

Guttenberg’s cordiality—and underlying animosity—are a picture of how this prophecy will likely come to pass. He may be perfectly positioned to instill greater trust in America, only to execute this prophesied double cross. If he comes to power, German-U.S. relations may see somewhat of a brief renaissance. But beware: Betrayal looms. ■

**P**ROMINENT OBSERVERS are discussing the possibility of civil war in America. In November, the Democratic Party began an impeachment inquiry against President Donald

Trump. At least 228 Democrats in the House of Representatives support this inquiry, and it only takes 218 to impeach the president. Some polls, if they can be trusted, indicate popular support for impeachment (though others do not); one betting website puts the odds of the president being impeached at 78 percent.

Article I, Section 2, of the U.S. Constitution gives the House of Representatives the sole power to impeach officers of the federal government, including the president. An “impeachment” is a formal charge of misconduct. If the president is impeached, he is tried in the Senate. If two thirds of senators vote to convict him of “treason, bribery or other high crimes and misdemeanors,” he is removed from office.

With Democrats controlling the House of Representatives (and likely to impeach), and Republicans controlling the Senate (and likely to acquit), President Trump may become the first impeached president in U.S. history to run for reelection. Whatever happens, the 2020 U.S. presidential election is set to be the most contentious since the American Civil War.

Democrats are accusing Republicans of obstructing justice to protect a corrupt president. Republicans are accusing Democrats of attempting a coup d'état. The impeachment process, whatever its outcome, will exacerbate this division. A Georgetown University poll showed that two thirds of Americans believe the U.S. is “ON THE EDGE OF CIVIL WAR” (emphasis added).

Think about that for a moment. The American Civil War took 620,000 American lives—more deaths than all other American wars combined. Could America really be on the edge of another such catastrophe?

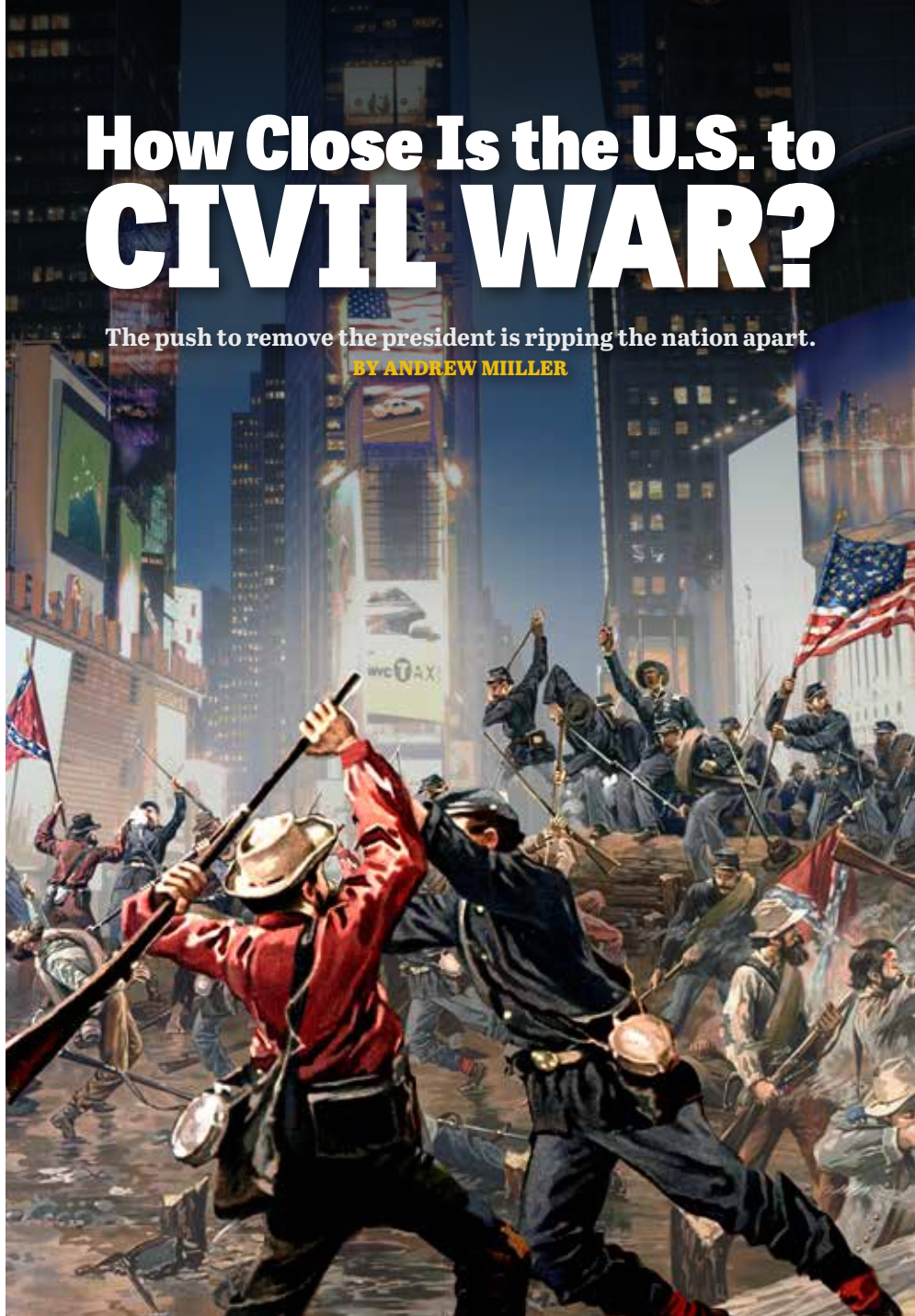
Bible prophecy gives the sobering answer.

Bitter division in America today is leading toward a time of strife *that will be 10,000 times worse than anything the nation has experienced before!*

# How Close Is the U.S. to CIVIL WAR?

The push to remove the president is ripping the nation apart.

BY ANDREW MILLER



## Ukraine Hoax

Former Vice President Joe Biden is a top Democratic candidate for president. While Biden was in office, his son was hired as a board member at a Ukrainian gas company. After President Trump took office, he asked the president of Ukraine to look into the matter for possible corruption. A Central Intelligence Agency whistle-blower, revealed to be Eric Ciaramella, accused President Trump of threatening to withhold aid to Ukraine to damage the Bidens and increase his own chances for reelection.

This set off the impeachment clash. Democratic Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi announced the impeachment inquiry by saying President Trump had violated the Constitution, betrayed his oath of office, and endangered national security by enlisting a foreign power to tarnish the reputation of a rival.

But Democrats are clearly motivated by other factors. After all, they raised *no* concern when, in 2018, Biden openly bragged that when he was vice president he threatened to withhold \$1 billion in U.S. loans from Ukraine if the Ukrainian



government did not fire a prosecutor who was investigating his son's dealings with the energy company.

To clear his name, President Trump released the transcript of his July 25 phone call with the Ukrainian president, which showed that the whistle-blower's accusations were false: The president had not threatened the Ukrainian president.

"I would like you to do us a favor though, because our country has been through a lot, and Ukraine knows a lot about it," the transcript recorded President Trump as saying. "I would like you to find out what happened with this whole situation with Ukraine. ... I would like to have the attorney general call you or your people, and I would like you to get to the bottom of it." This was in reference to the 2016 election meddling case that special prosecutor Robert Mueller finished investigating in May 2019.

Later in the call, Mr. Trump mentioned Joe Biden bragging that he had forced Ukraine to fire the prosecutor investigating his son. President Trump stated, "There's a lot of talk about Biden's son, that [Joe] Biden stopped the prosecution, and a lot of people want to find out about that; so whatever you can do with the attorney general would be great. Biden went around bragging that he stopped the prosecution, so if you can look into it. ... It sounds horrible to me."

The CIA whistle-blower accused Mr. Trump of threatening to cut off aid to Ukraine to get information on Joe Biden. But in the transcript, *it was Ukraine's president that brought up American aid and Javelin antitank missiles; Mr. Trump hardly mentioned them.*

An honest look at the transcript gives no evidence that President Trump threatened the Ukrainian president. But his critics say the threat is *implied*. For example, CNN quoted former Trump lawyer Michael Cohen, who said in congressional testimony last February that Trump "doesn't give you questions; he doesn't give you orders. He speaks in a code. And I understand the code, because I've been around him for a decade." By this reasoning, the president is guilty of blackmail because Democratic officials are able to divine a corrupt motive.

If an impeachment inquiry finds President Trump guilty of using his office to gain an advantage in an election, it

would be a civil violation of campaign finance laws. But the people pushing for Mr. Trump's impeachment are not doing so because they passionately cherish the stringent enforcement of campaign finance law. They are opposed to the Trump administration's agenda for America and are using anything they can to restrict his power and oust him from office.

### **Evangelical Base**

Public opinion polls published by FiveThirtyEight indicate that 48 percent of Americans believe President Trump should be impeached, including 84 percent of Democrats and 11 percent of Republicans. Yet the president does have a group of supporters who oppose all attempts to remove him from office. Findings released on Oct. 21, 2019, by

**“Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand.” —JESUS CHRIST**

the Public Religion Research Institute found that 99 percent of white evangelical Christians do not believe Mr. Trump should be impeached.

During the 2016 presidential election, 81 percent of white evangelical voters cast a ballot for Donald Trump. This means they account for almost half (more than 29 million) of President Trump's supporters.

Asked about how evangelical Christians are responding to impeachment, Dallas pastor Robert Jeffress told *Fox & Friends*: "Look, I don't pretend to speak for all evangelicals, but this week, I have been traveling the country and I've literally spoken to thousands and thousands of evangelical Christians. I have never seen them more angry over any issue than this attempt to illegitimately remove this president from office, overturn the 2016 election, and negate the votes of millions of evangelicals in the process. ... And I do want to make this prediction this morning: If the Democrats are successful in removing the president from office, I'm afraid it will cause a civil war-like fracture in this nation from which this country will never heal" (Sept. 29, 2019).

President Trump tweeted Jeffress's warning. A month later, he met with 25 evangelical leaders who prayed with him in the White House. These religious leaders assured Mr. Trump that evangelicals across America support him. In a bitter election year, President Trump is certain to court his evangelical base for support.

### **House Divided**

Jesus Christ warned, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand" (Matthew 12:25).

America cannot afford to ignore this sober warning.

Democrats think they must do whatever it takes to bring down the president. Are they, in actuality, bringing down America itself? Many Republicans

and evangelical Christians are praying for God to save the nation, but is God answering these prayers?

During the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln called for the nation not just to pray, but to *repent of its sins*. In a March 30, 1863, proclamation, he wrote: "We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us."

Some religious leaders are calling out the numerous sins of the radical left, but who is calling for the nation as a whole to turn to God in repentance? *Abortion, adultery, drug abuse, homosexuality,*

lying and sexual promiscuity are sins publicly endorsed by the radical left. And one of America's greatest sins is ingratitude to God for making America great. Even many conservative Christians fall into the trap of imagining that America's greatness was "produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own."

Could God be punishing Americans for their sins once again? America no longer has leaders like Lincoln who will call for national repentance. And because the nation refuses to repent of its numerous sins, a lawless spirit is fomenting bitter division in the nation.

### Civil War

You cannot understand what is really happening in the current impeachment hearings until you realize the spiritual dimension behind America's downfall.

"An invisible evil power is *destroying* this nation with great speed and fury!" *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote in the October 2017 issue. "Satan manipulates human moods, attitudes, feelings and emotions (Ephesians 2:2). He can easily stir up people to try to kill each other in violent riots. He targets America, Britain and the Jewish state in the Middle East above other nations because of their special history with God. God allows this so our rebellious people will learn a valuable lesson the hard way—*unless* they deeply repent as Abraham Lincoln advised."

Anyone can see that America is bitterly divided. Yet it is hard to imagine people killing their neighbors on a mass scale as long as economic conditions remain stable. In the advent of a devastating economic collapse, however, Satan could easily exploit people's rage and bitterness to stir them to try to kill each other in violent riots.

In Ezekiel 5, God reveals that *one third* of the population of end-time Israel (the United States and Britain primarily) will die from the pestilence, famine and violence that will result from civil war. "And I will do in thee that which I have not done, and whereunto I will not do any more the like, because of all thine abominations. ... A third part of thee shall die with the pestilence, and with



famine shall they be consumed in the midst of thee ..." (verses 9, 12).

This sobering prophecy says more than 100 million people will die in rioting and warfare in the United States while the nation is under economic siege. (Request our free book *Ezekiel: The End-Time Prophet* for further proof.)

You can see the fault lines of this seismic conflict forming. On the one side, Satan is using radical-leftist politicians and their allies in the mainstream to stir up race and class hatreds in the nation. These figures are convincing millions of people that the president is a wealthy racist who needs to be overthrown by any means necessary. On the other side, working-class Republicans and evangelical Christians are trying to defend America's constitutional system of government. But the vast majority are unwilling to accept the Prophet Ezekiel's warning that God is cursing the nation

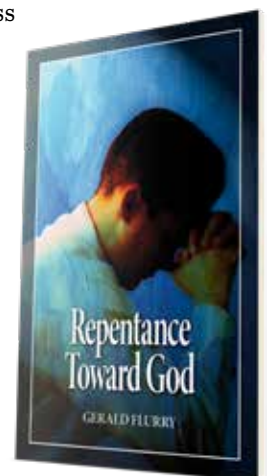
because the American people have turned away from God.

"Many Americans are troubled by the divisions and hatreds being expressed right now," Mr. 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!"

God will allow the people of America to experience a second civil war within the next few years for the same reason He allowed them to experience the first Civil War: to teach them the consequences of broken law. 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 offers protection from the coming civil war (Revelation 12:14), but we must do more than pray. We must turn from what we have "vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts," as Lincoln said, and turn to God in heartfelt repentance! ■



## Could you be part of the problem?

Fake news, impeachment, riots—what does this have to do with you? To understand how your personal life plays a role in your nation, request Gerald Flurry's free booklet *Repentance Toward God*.



# The Conspiracy Against Brexit— Revealed

The way Britain's politicians are deceitfully subverting the will of the people is now clear. But why are they doing it? **BY RICHARD PALMER**

**Y**OU CAN CALL IT THE “DEEP STATE,” the “establishment” or simply “the great and the good.” Practically anybody who is anybody has spent the last three years working to stop Brexit and keep Britain in the European Union.

Only now, years after British citizens voted to leave the European Union, is the full extent of the conspiracy revealed. And the plot reveals a force working behind the scenes not just in British politics, but around the world.

## Lies

For years, a rather vocal segment of the population has wanted Britain to leave the EU. The Brexit referendum was designed to shut them up. It was called by Prime Minister David Cameron—a “Remainer”—as a way of finally putting the issue to bed.

The Remainers thought they would win easily. After all, look who was on their side: every living former prime minister, every major political party, all the government agencies, the BBC, the Bank of England, all the major international banks, the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the Confederation of British Industry, the president of the United States and a host of celebrities.

How could Brexit succeed against all that?

Just to make sure, Remainers stuck to one consistent message: BREXIT EQUALS CATASTROPHE.

The Treasury said a “leave” vote in the referendum would trigger an immediate recession and that the United Kingdom would lose half a million jobs in the year after the vote. Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne said he’d have to call an emergency budget and raise taxes to cover the £30 billion (US\$38.7 billion) hole Brexit would open in the nation’s finances.

The IMF said a Brexit vote would provoke “sharp drops in equity and house prices.” The government claimed households would lose £4,300 a year, every year, for the foreseeable future. Barclays said the economy would shrink by 0.4 percent in 2017; Credit Suisse said it would shrink 1 percent. One expert on CNN said, “Lehman Brothers’ collapse could be as nothing compared to Britain leaving the European Union.”

Other experts predicted food shortages. The Food Research Collaboration forecast “major disruptions” to Britain’s supply chains. Across the country, sick people would die as they lost access to medicine.

Given all this pressure, many thought a Remain victory was inevitable. Even Nigel Farage, one of the Leave campaign’s top leaders, thought they had lost. The day of the vote, he said it “looks like Remain will edge it.”

Then the unexpected happened. More than 16 million voted Remain—but more than 17 million voted Leave. The 52 percent to 48 percent victory for Brexit

gave the nation its largest democratic mandate in history!

The aftermath of the Leave vote exposed all the dire warnings as lies. Britain’s economy didn’t shrink by 1 percent, or even half a percent. It *grew* by 1.4 percent. There were no food or medicine shortages. None of the predicted calamities happened.

## Hypocrisy

The day after the vote, pro-EU campaign groups called for a second referendum. It’s the EU’s tried-and-tested tactic. They used it after Ireland rejected the Nice Treaty, and when they rejected the Lisbon Treaty: *You got the answer wrong—try again.*

But pro-EU politicians could not embrace such a call so quickly. During their “Remain” campaign, they had emphasized that this was the one and only vote, because they had been confident they would win. “There are no second chances or reruns,” the Remain campaign office had said. Former Prime Minister John Major declared, “There will not be another referendum on Europe. This is it.” A government leaflet, sent to every household in the country, promised that the vote would be a “once-in-a-generation decision.” “The government will implement what you decide,” it read. For politicians to turn around and campaign for a second referendum the day after this “once-in-a-generation decision” would have exposed them as liars and hypocrites.

We now see that they adopted a subtler strategy. While saying they respected the will of the people and the result of the referendum, they worked to delay its implementation. Their strategy was to cause enough time to pass that they could indeed call a second “once-in-a-generation decision,” get the answer “right” this time, and keep Britain in the EU.

Nine months after the Brexit vote, Britain held a general election. Politicians had to make crystal clear where they stood on Brexit—and all the major parties said they would respect the vote. Pro-EU politicians knew that if they were honest about their intentions, they would be rejected by a pro-Brexit electorate. So they too promised to uphold Brexit. Here is a small sample of a mountain of similar statements from M.P.s:



**“I was a Remainer, but the minute we start ignoring the democratic will of the people in this country, we are slipping very quickly towards the kind of banana republic I don’t want to live in.”**

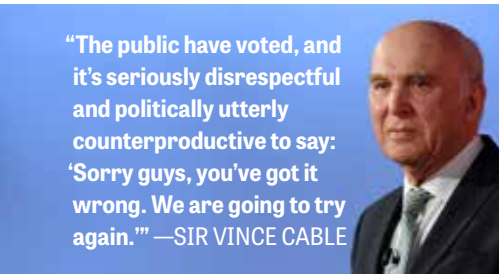
—HEIDI ALLEN, then a Conservative, now jumping between several parties



**“Nobody said, ‘Well you know what, I’m just not going to respect the result afterwards’—that’s the kind of thing that Donald Trump says.”**—YVETTE COOPER, Labour Party



**“Many people voted Leave for genuine and respected reasons. We have to respect the result.”**—ANNA SOUBRY, then Conservative, now with the Independent Group



**“The public have voted, and it’s seriously disrespectful and politically utterly counterproductive to say: ‘Sorry guys, you’ve got it wrong. We are going to try again.’”**—SIR VINCE CABLE



**“We all have to accept and respect the referendum outcome. I campaigned to stay in the EU. I would have expected the result to be honored if we had won it.”**—SIR KEIR STARMER, Labour

But once these promises got them elected, these same members of Parliament proceeded to seriously disrespect the democratic will of the people. They worked to keep Britain in the EU.

Again and again, Parliament blocked any form of Brexit deal. Every one of the M.P.s quoted above has since supported either a second referendum or canceling Brexit without any kind of vote. They were elected under false pretenses.

### Excuses

Soon after the vote to leave the EU, the actual date for Brexit was kicked down the road. Officials insisted it would take years to unwind Britain’s relationship with the European Union. Brexiteers agreed to the delay. After all, Brussels’ pervasive control of every aspect of British law and lives was a major reason they wanted Brexit; if it took time to make a proper break, they reasoned, it would be worth it.

So Britain waited until March 29, 2017, to even begin the official process. This began a two-year countdown, with the deadline for actual departure set at March 29, 2019. While negotiations and delays continued behind the scenes, public figures began promoting a host of excuses for a second referendum: *The public didn’t know what they were voting for. The Leave campaign was based on lies. The Russians did it!*

The Electoral Commission, a supposedly neutral body designed to ensure fair elections, swung into action. Though it ignored any irregularities committed by Remain campaign groups, a young Leave campaigner named Darren Grimes was investigated three times—until the commission finally found one box he ticked incorrectly. They spent a million pounds trying to prosecute him. But the courts eventually cleared him.

The official Leave campaign also felt the sting of the commission. They asked it for advice on the correct, legal way to handle donations. The commission gave the advice, and the Leave campaign followed it. Yet after the vote, the commission sued the Leave campaign, saying its behavior was illegal—though the courts again disagreed.

The Electoral Commission referred Arron Banks, a significant donor to the Leave campaign, to the National Crime Agency. He too was completely cleared. The Leave Campaign has also been accused repeatedly of Russian collusion. In its investigation, the National Crime Agency also cleared Banks of this smear.

This has been a significant, though failed, part of the plot against Brexit. Remainers hoped to find an excuse to invalidate the election, to paint the whole thing as flawed so they could redo it. Former Labour Party Minister Ben Bradshaw said it was “highly probable” that

Russian cyberwarfare caused Britain’s Brexit vote, and left-wing news outlets jumped on the idea. The *Guardian*, especially, has spent months gleefully peddling left-wing conspiracy theories about Russia. It even claimed that then-UK Independence Party leader Nigel Farage ferried data between Donald Trump’s campaign and Wikileaks founder Julian Assange on a USB stick as part of a Russian plot to steal both the Brexit vote and America’s presidential election.

Again and again these accusations have been proved false. But that doesn’t stop new claims from being made. It’s a desperate but potent effort to manufacture an excuse for a second referendum.

### Conquest

While the excuses rolled out, Brexit negotiations continued. Led by Prime Minister Theresa May (who supported the Remain campaign) and carried out by a civil servant who worked to stop Brexit, the two years of negotiations disappointed everyone.

May’s Brexit deal was unveiled in November 2018. “If M.P.s vote for this deal, we are bowing our neck to the yoke,” wrote Boris Johnson, then a backbench M.P. “We are preparing to take colonial rule by foreign powers and courts.” Like most Leavers, he had resigned from the government rather than support May’s approach.

Cambridge history professor Robert Tombs agreed. “It is practically unheard of in modern international relations for an independent state to place itself under foreign jurisdiction and foreign legislation,” he wrote. “One would have to think of colonial status (for example of the American colonies before 1776) for an adequate analogy.” The EU had effectively responded to Britain’s Leave vote by trying to turn the United Kingdom into a colony. As the *Telegraph*’s Ambrose Evans-Pritchard wrote, “No nation would normally accept such terms unless very small, or bankrupt, or first defeated in war.”

The deal failed in Parliament. Repeatedly. This left pro-EU politicians with a problem. According to laws passed in the months after the referendum, Britain would leave the EU on March 29, 2019. If Ms. May’s deal was voted down, then as the law stood, Britain would

leave the EU completely on March 29 without a deal. Initially, May stuck to that hard deadline, trying to pressure reluctant M.P.s into accepting her deal.

The Remain M.P.s then launched a push to overthrow Britain's constitution.

Britain has no single written constitutional document. Instead, its history of established rules and procedures *are* its constitution. That constitution clearly defines the roles of the government and Parliament. In general, the government initiates legislation, controls Parliament's schedule, and conducts diplomacy with other nations.

In an effort to stop Brexit, pro-EU politicians attacked all of these powers.

M.P.s began an unprecedented push to control Parliament's schedule, to decide what laws were voted on and when. Typically such a push would be disallowed. But the speaker of the house—the man who acts as umpire and plays a crucial role in upholding the constitution—was, until recently, John Bercow, a passionate Remainer. Bercow drives around with a bumper sticker using an expletive to describe how much he hates Brexit. When Brexit hit the agenda, he routinely ignored the advice of Parliament's clerks and said that rather than be guided by precedent, we need “political and intellectual flexibility.” When convenient to his cause, he was a stickler for precedent and the constitution—digging up long-forgotten rules from hundreds of years ago. But if it would hinder Brexit, he would bend the rules to amazing degrees of “political and intellectual flexibility.”

The prime minister, reluctant to leave the EU without a deal, backed down and asked European leaders to extend Britain's membership in the EU. As weeks passed by, it became clear she could not get any kind of deal through Parliament. On May 24, she announced her resignation as leader of the Conservative Party.

The party held elections for its new leader. On June 23, Boris Johnson was announced the winner, and he became prime minister the next day. He won by being the toughest candidate on Brexit, and promising to extract Britain from the EU.

Remainers reacted by intensifying their push to stop Brexit by any means necessary.

## Coup

From day one of Johnson's term, there has been a push to portray his prime ministership as illegitimate. British voters vote for a party, not specifically for a prime minister. The leader of the party or coalition that can command a majority in Parliament is prime minister. Many have come to power between elections. But because Brexit was in the mix, Remainers argued that Johnson was not a proper prime minister without an election.

“Boris Johnson has won the support of fewer than 100,000 unrepresentative Conservative party members by promising tax cuts for the richest, presenting himself as the bankers' friend, and pushing for a damaging No Deal Brexit. But he hasn't won the support of our country,” tweeted Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn. He then posted, “The people of our country should decide who becomes the prime minister in a general election.”

M.P.s also swung into action to stop Mr. Johnson from meeting his pledge to get Britain out of the EU by its new deadline, October 31. Parliament seized control of its schedule and of British foreign policy from the government, passing a law stating that the prime minister must ask for a Brexit extension.

Remainers brought up all the same bogeymen they had used in the campaign for the 2016 referendum. If Britain left without a deal, the economy would crash. Every household would become thousands of pounds poorer. Shops would run out of food. People would die as medicine supply ended. It was, they claimed, their patriotic duty to stop Brexit.

They did this in cahoots with the European Union, a genuine example of foreign collusion in the Brexit debate. The former chancellor of the exchequer led his own talks with EU Brexit negotiators. The supposedly neutral Mr. Bercow met with EU officials to discuss the way forward. Former prime minister and ardent pro-European Tony Blair traveled Europe, meeting with national leaders. Parliamentary leaders working to stop Brexit got advice from abroad on how to word the legislation. Others sought Europe's help on pushing Britain toward a second referendum. The foreign interference became such an irritant that the government considered passing a UK equivalent of the Logan Act to stop it.

The government tried to fight back against this parliamentary power grab by “proroguing”—similar to suspending—Parliament. An overwhelmingly pro-EU justice system then stepped in. The UK's Supreme Court created a new law that limits how long Parliament can be suspended. Constitutionally it is the Queen, on the advice of her M.P.s, who prorogues Parliament. The Supreme Court, in making this new law, set itself up as the highest authority in the land, overruling even the Queen. Thus, suddenly, Britain now has an American-style Supreme Court that involves itself with the biggest political issues of the day—but without America's balance of powers regarding the selection of judges.

Leavers weren't alone in decrying the egregiousness of the court's power grab. Channel 4's Fact Check stated, “[T]he experts we've spoken to are unanimous: Today's ruling is massive.” Prof. Tom Poole of the London School of Economics told the UK-based news source, “I can't think of a bigger UK constitutional law case.” Historian David Starkey said, “The events since the referendum have broken the English constitution. They have broken it, shattered in pieces like a noble statue which has been pushed over and deliberately broken. It is an act of utter vandalism. And once it's broken, I don't think it can be put back together again. The last time we were in territory like this, it was settled by civil war.”

## Overthrowing Brexit

With Mr. Johnson's push for Brexit blocked, the only way forward seemed to be fresh elections. But—despite implying that Mr. Johnson was illegitimate because he had not been elected in a national vote—Jeremy Corbyn fought against elections. Pro-EU M.P.s insisted they could only hold elections once a “no-deal Brexit” was off the table.

The situation descended into farce. The government could accomplish nothing and was repeatedly blocked on the most important item on its agenda. Finally, on October 29, Parliament voted to hold an election.

Back in 2017, all the major political parties had pretended to support Brexit. All promised to respect the result of the referendum. The two years that

# THE UNSEEN CONSEQUENCE OF CLIMATE CHANGE

Some scientists say wildfires, floods, droughts and dozens more disasters trace back to carbon emissions. But there is a disaster far more important they are missing. **BY JOEL HILLIKER**

**S**OMEWHERE IN THE WORLD, ENVIRONMENTAL disasters are always wreaking destruction and taking lives. In 2019, we saw Hurricane Dorian, Cyclone Idai, the Midwest U.S. “bomb cyclone,” earthquakes in Indonesia, tornadoes in the United States, and other deadly disasters, with California wildfires, Italian floods, and Australian and South African droughts pushing on into the new year.

Despite these disasters being drastically different—even antithetical—and hitting disparate locations across the globe, they are believed to all trace back to a common cause.

The 2019 California wildfire season included more than 6,000 fires, burning an estimated 200,000 acres, killing three people, and damaging or destroying more than 700 structures. Some of the scorched areas were still recovering from wildfires in 2017 and 2018 that destroyed more than 32,000 buildings and killed 150 people. Energy companies cut electricity to 2.7 million Californians to prevent their lines and equipment from igniting new blazes in the dry, windy conditions. Thousands of evacuees struggled to find shelter.

“This is what climate change looks like,” New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez tweeted, linking to footage of the fires.

“The GOP like to mock scientific warnings about climate change as exaggeration. But just look around: It’s already starting. We have 10 years to cut carbon emissions in half. If we don’t, scenes like this can get much worse” (Oct. 28, 2019).

Nearly 11,000 miles away, South Africa’s water taps are running dry. Low rainfall and poor infrastructure have left thousands of people without water in the Eastern Cape province. Five villages have been without running water since July. Livestock lie dead, crops are withered, and schools are closed. One hydrology expert claims that South Africa is suffering its worst drought in a thousand years.

“Southern Africa is feeling the effects of climate change,” reported Forbes. “The United Nations is reporting that prolonged droughts there and across the continent have led to food shortages, which will impact 45 million people. ... In southern Africa, temperatures are rising at twice the global average” (Nov. 7, 2019). University of Cape Town climate scientist Peter Johnston wrote on the Conversation.com that researchers foresee further increases in temperature caused by carbon emissions (Nov. 12, 2019).

About 8,800 miles north, people in Venice, Italy, would have gladly given South Africans water if they could. There, streets became raging rivers



SCORCHING OCTOBER  
The Kincadee Fire  
burns California.  
(Below) An Australian  
farmer views his  
drought-stricken  
property.



WET NOVEMBER  
Venice suffers its  
highest tide in 50  
years, causing  
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and centuries-old buildings flooded as waters rose to their highest point since 1966. Rising water levels are making floods there more common, threatening the tourist haven. “This is the result of climate change,” Mayor Luigi Brugnaro said on Twitter (Nov. 12, 2019).

Southeast 16,300 miles in Australia, average rainfall for the first nine months of 2019 was at its lowest since 1965, while average temperatures were the highest since record-keeping began in 1910. The severe water shortage is devastating farmland across Queensland and New South Wales and causing the worst drought in more than 400 years, some sources say. One of the largest dams in the Murray-Darling Basin, Australia’s main agricultural region, is barely 4 percent full. Water supply is about to run dry in many towns, and summer is coming. Some farmers are asking for aid to abandon their farms. Australia, once the world’s top wool producer and fourth-largest wheat exporter, has a sheep flock at a 100-year low and had to import wheat this year. Many of Australia’s prime breeding cows are being slaughtered due to lack of water and feed. Combined with high winds, the dry conditions have led to huge bushfires along the east coast, with 4,000 square miles (three times more than last season) having burned across New South Wales before summer even began. The smoke from these fires reached New Zealand, 2,547 miles away.

“Temperature, fuel load, dryness, wind speed and humidity all affect fire risk and are compounded by global heating,” the *Guardian* reported. “The link between rising greenhouse gas emissions and increased bushfire risk is complex but, according to major science agencies, clear. Climate change does not create bushfires but it can and does make them worse” (Nov. 10, 2019).

### A Common Cause

Many emergencies, one cause. Even threats that seem wholly unrelated are also being traced back to this same cause. After a hunter recently ate a wild rabbit in Inner Mongolia, China suffered an outbreak of bubonic plague. State media said that rodent populations there mushroomed because of droughts, and the droughts intensified because of—you guessed it—*climate change*.

The list of global problems being blamed on this single cause is rapidly growing. They include, but are far from limited to: more floods, more droughts, more wildfires, more heatwaves, rising temperatures, dropping temperatures, increased tornadoes, stronger hurricanes, rising sea levels, shrinking arctic sea ice, higher ocean acidity, less drinking water, imperiled agriculture, expanding desertification, multiplying disease-carrying insects. Then, climate change is blamed for the resulting deprivation, malnutrition, starvation, economic inequality, civil unrest, population displacement and so on.

As the list of climate-change consequences grows, more and more people are rallying to the common cause of combating it. The most impressive demonstration came on Sept. 20, 2019, when millions of people across an estimated 185 countries linked up in marches to protest the problem. It was a dramatic climax of a growing outcry

**“This is what  
climate change  
looks like.”**

ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ



against what is increasingly viewed as the greatest threat facing humanity.

To get scientists, educators, politicians, celebrities, pundits, professionals, students and even children, millions of people from nearly every country on Earth, to agree on something, it must be simple. And this is exceedingly simple: An entire panoply of catastrophe and chaos fits neatly into a single basket called *climate change*. Moreover, this is a problem with a clearly identifiable cause: *carbon emissions*. Thus, to solve all these troubles, humanity need do just one thing: generate less carbon.

All who disagree are viewed as ignorant, possibly evil, a threat to humanity.

Every time another disaster strikes, it is held up as more proof that world leaders are not doing enough to force carbon reduction.

Thus activists grow more impatient, their warnings more extreme, their “solutions” more radical, and their voices more shrill. “People are suffering; people are dying; entire ecosystems are collapsing,” 16-year-old activist Greta Thunberg told the United Nations in the days after those mass protests. “We are in the beginning of a mass extinction, and all you can talk about is money and fairy tales of eternal economic growth.”

This idea has grown stunningly popular: Climatic shifts will bring mass extinction, and the only prevention is to reshape modern civilization. More specifically, saving the world from environmental annihilation requires the West to abandon free-market economics. One blunt headline by Guardian Unlimited captured the gist: “Ending Climate Change Requires the End of Capitalism. Have We Got the Stomach for It?”

On Nov. 5, 2019, the academic journal *Bioscience* published a declaration signed

by 11,000 scientists stating “clearly and unequivocally that planet Earth is facing a climate emergency” and “[a]n immense increase of scale in endeavors to conserve our biosphere is needed to avoid untold suffering due to the climate crisis.” Among their prescriptions: end fossil fuel drilling, reduce living standards for the rich, shrink national economies, and take meat off the menu.

The real pith, though, is population control. “[T]he world population must be stabilized—and, ideally, gradually reduced,” the scientists write. They tout “proven and effective policies that strengthen human rights while lowering fertility rates,” including government-supplied contraception and abortion.

Over the roar and clatter of such alarmism, truth can get drowned out. This leads to what *truly is* a terrible consequence of “climate change”—one with life-and-death effects.

### Manipulating the Data

A report endorsed by 11,000 scientists sounds unimpeachable—virtual scientific unanimity. But several skeptics

scoured the list of these “scientists” and found huge numbers with questionable credentials: students, “researchers,” professors or associate professors in fields that have nothing to do with climate, such as gynecology, ethnomusicology and food safety. Some had no credentials at all. One signatory was Mickey Mouse, professor at the Mickey Mouse Institute for the Blind.

These skeptics had good cause for their suspicion: This kind of fraud is routine in climate change science.

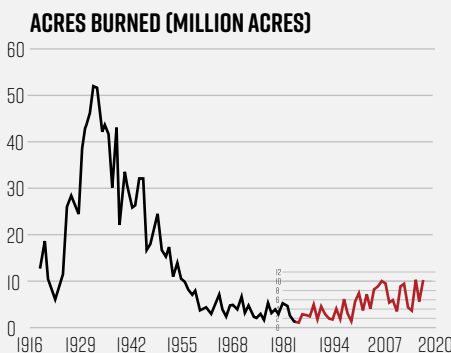
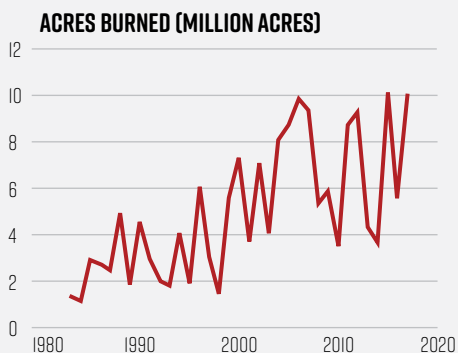
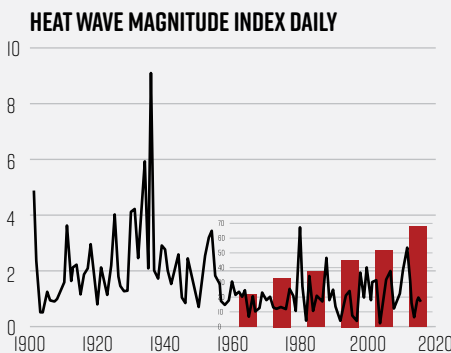
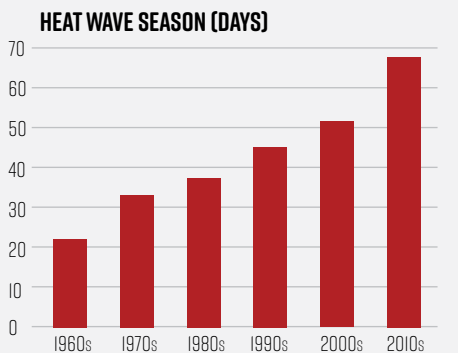
For example, the U.S. government’s Fourth National Climate Assessment in November 2018 included a series of charts showing trend lines that presumably prove climate change. But as actual scientist Tony Heller points out, the start date for each of the trends is different: The graphs show heat waves increasing since 1960, arctic sea ice declining since 1979, U.S. wildfires increasing since 1983, and sea levels rising since 1920. Why? Parameters for each chart were deliberately chosen to ensure the trend line told the “right” story. Heller notes, “When you want to mislead people with statistics, picking your start date is very important.” The National Climate Assessment chose dates that avoid the hotter temperatures prior to 1960, the decreased sea ice prior to 1979, and the far larger number of acres burned by wildfires prior to 1983. Meanwhile, statistics show that sea levels have been rising at a steady, slow rate of 2.84 millimeters per year since at least the mid-1800s, and were also rising for thousands of years before that.

There are certainly actual scientists with actual expertise in climatology who believe that human activity is creating apocalyptic conditions. But before we start dismantling civilization and purging the planet of people, it is worth remembering: Science’s track record on this issue is abysmal.

The notion that the only hope for this doomed planet is to eliminate humans is at least decades old. Fifty years ago, Stanford professor Paul Ehrlich suggested that, to prevent global *cooling*, the government might reduce the population by putting sterility drugs in the food and water supply. In 1971, John P. Holdren (who later became President Barack Obama’s science adviser)

## Only showing part of the picture

On the left are charts from the National Climate Assessment “proving” climate change. On the right are the same charts shown with a bit more context.







# Is Iran's Power Slipping?

DEMANDING CHANGE  
Lebanese protesters,  
suffering under a  
nationwide economic crisis,  
rally for regime change.

Massive protests in Iraq and Lebanon seek to nullify 40 years of Iranian work. Will they succeed? Bible prophecy answers. **BY BRENT NAGTEGAAL**

## JERUSALEM

**I**RAQ AND LEBANON ARE VERY DIFFERENT countries, but in recent months they have experienced similar turmoil: The streets are swarming with protesters, and for similar reasons.

Many Iraqis and Lebanese recognize a strong force interfering in their politics, and they are reacting against it.

That force is Iran.

These protests worry Iran's leaders. If the governments of Iraq and Lebanon succumb to the will of the people, its control over these nations will be finished. So Iran is doing all it can to prevent the people's demands from being met.

These protests reveal a basic tension between pro-Iran governments and anti-Iran segments of the populace. What will happen? Will these two countries remain in Iran's camp, or will the protesters prevail? Bible prophecy answers.

## Lebanon

PROTESTS began in Lebanon on Oct. 17, 2019. Since 2015, the Lebanese have endured daily water and power cuts, sewage crises and trash in the streets as the government has proved unable to serve its people's basic needs. In October, the announcement of new taxes on the use of online calling programs such as WhatsApp and Telegram tipped the nation over the edge. If you have lived in the Middle East, you know you can't touch people's WhatsApp.

Small demonstrations quickly escalated to Lebanon's largest protests in decades. Universities and schools closed. Banks limited the amount people could withdraw. Normal life in Lebanon skidded to a halt. Within a week, over a million Lebanese, nearly a quarter of the population, were on the streets demanding fundamental change.

As the people demanded resignations of the same leaders who have ruled since the end of the civil war in 1990, *Kilon yanni kilon* ("all of them means all of them") became their mantra. Back then, a sectarian democracy was set up to account for Lebanon's diverse religious population. Former warlords, generals and tribal leaders who claimed leadership over the Sunnis, Shiites, Christians and Druze sects became political leaders representing these varying factions.

These leaders and their offspring have ruled ever since, and the protesters view them as corrupt, mafia-like political families that enrich themselves and preserve their power rather than serving the people. The revolutionaries demand that all these familiar leaders vacate and let the people set up a government of technocrats, so-called experts without sectarian affiliation.

Understandably, the political class has different views. The protests have forced the resignation of Prime Minister Saud Hariri, but Christian President Michel Aoun, who is aligned with the powerful Hezbollah terrorist group, is staying put.

In a November 12 interview, he said that if demonstrators "see no decent people in this state, then let them emigrate."

Hala Nasreddine was one of thousands who marched outside the president's palace after those remarks. "His words were offensive; it was an insult. It just fueled everyone, made everyone very angry," she told Al Jazeera. "If anyone should leave this country, it should be him and his cronies."

Aoun won't go easily. Not only is he motivated to preserve his power, but he has support from Iran. Iran's proxy, the Shiite group Hezbollah, is the kingmaker in the current Lebanese Parliament and wants to preserve its power.

## What It Means for Hezbollah

After Lebanon's civil war, the only militia allowed to keep its weapons was Hezbollah, which is based mainly in southern Lebanon. The rationale was that Hezbollah needed to protect Lebanon from a possible invasion by Israel. In the years since, Hezbollah has engaged in deadly exchanges with Israel, but it has also used its position to conquer political rivals. In the latest election in 2018, Hezbollah won enough seats and cabinet posts to make it the nation's de facto political leader.

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Now, Hezbollah won't allow protesters to nullify its years of hard work. Yet the longer the government fails to serve people's basic needs and refuses to comply with their demands, the more Hezbollah exposes itself to criticism.

Surprisingly, many Shiites and even some Hezbollah supporters are beginning to voice disdain for their own leaders. "[F]or the first time since Hezbollah was formed in the 1980s, Lebanese Shiites are turning against it," wrote Hanin Ghaddar for the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. "In Nabatieh, the group's heartland in the south of Lebanon, Shiite protesters even burned the offices of Hezbollah leaders" (Oct. 22, 2019).

One Hezbollah fighter who returned from fighting in Syria told the *Christian Science Monitor* he was tired of being underpaid while Hezbollah's elite still live luxuriously. "The most important thing is, if a person cannot feed and support his family, what is he doing with Hezbollah? ... And they [leaders] drive Range Rovers, very rich, don't care about anybody. It's a big problem. People can't take it anymore" (Nov. 12, 2019).

Hezbollah seems left with no good solutions. If it tries to physically force the protesters off the streets, the people will resist. "If Hezbollah itself attempts to intimidate the protesters and possibly moves into areas of non-Shiite religious sects to do so, this would almost certainly lead to civil war," wrote *Diwan* editor Michael Young (Nov. 13, 2019).

The United States, the United Kingdom and others consider both the political and military wings of Hezbollah as terrorist entities. Reporting indicates that the U.S. and others will offer a bailout package for Lebanon conditioned on Hezbollah's removal from government. If Hezbollah and other leaders try a compromise with the protesters that preserves their own power, and the nation is denied that aid money, the people will be back out on the streets.

It seems Lebanon's fate likely rests on Hezbollah's next move. But it is hard to see how Hezbollah can come out on top.

## Iraq

IRAQIS started demonstrating in the streets against the government on Oct. 1, 2019. Their issues were similar to Lebanon's: an enduring housing shortage, an unstable power supply, high unemployment and political corruption. But that's not all they were protesting.

Iraqis were also upset over the ouster of a popular general, Abdul-Wahab al-Saadi, who was instrumental in the fight against the Islamic State. According to Iraq analyst Johnathan Spyer, Saadi was viewed as an Iraqi nationalist, independent of Iran. Iraqi citizens view his firing as a blatant move by Iranian-linked Popular Mobilization Units to eliminate a rival. In other words, it symbolized the power that Iranian-backed groups wield inside Iraq.

Anger against Iran had already been rising. Since the removal of former Iraqi

President Saddam Hussein in 2003, Iran has steadily gained political power in Iraq. Through diplomacy and especially through the militias of the Popular Mobilization Units, it has infiltrated Iraq's military, parliament and top cabinet positions, and even influenced the selection of its current prime minister.

According to a recent *New York Times* report, Iran-linked parties now hold at least five major ministries, including the lucrative Interior Ministry, which it can use to reward and empower other pro-Iran elements in Iraqi society. "That gives them access to thousands of patronage jobs, contracts and grants, and breeds the corruption that the protesters are condemning," wrote Alissa Rubin (*New York Times*, Nov. 4, 2019).

Many Iraqis have simply grown weary of the combination of poor quality of life and deepening Iranian infiltration.

The day after the protests began, Iran reportedly sent Qassem Suleimani, head of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Quds Force, to Iraq. As a direct emissary of the supreme leader in Tehran, Suleimani brought a message to the government in Baghdad: Use any means necessary to stop the protests. Within a week, clashes between protesters and the Iraqi government left more than 100 dead. Reuters later reported that snipers belonging to Iran-backed militias were deployed on rooftops surrounding the protesters with orders to shoot to kill.

Rather than scare people off the streets, this crackdown galvanized even more people to protest. Many were convicted that Iran was behind the massacre. The sentiment that increasingly dominated the protests was resentment toward Iran. Protesters burned pictures of Suleimani and Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. Many chanted, "Iraq is free; Iran, get out!"

Soon Baghdad was flooded with hundreds of thousands of Iraqis, and tens of thousands filled other major cities. Iraqis stormed the Iranian consulate in the Shiite holy city of Karbala, Iraq, scaling the compound's concrete barriers and lobbing stones and firebombs. Outside, a mob chanted, "Iran, get out; get out from Iraq," as they burned Iranian flags and raised the Iraqi flag. Similar protests filled the southern port city of Basra, where Iraqis shouted, "Stop the Persian occupation of Arab Iraq."

Suleimani returned to Baghdad on October 31 and demanded that the government use more force. "We in Iran know how to deal with protests," he told Iraqi officials, according to *Haaretz*. "This happened in Iran, and we got it under control." There is evidence that Suleimani's Quds Force may already be operating inside Iraq to lead the crackdown.



By mid-November, more than 300 protesters had been killed. Iraq's government is standing firm.

### What the Future Holds

The protests in Iraq and Lebanon have similar motives. In both nations, intense public distrust of leadership and poor living conditions have embittered people against Iran's powerful influence. As Spyer wrote, "In both the Lebanese and Iraqi situations, once the decorations, fictions and formalities are stripped away, the protesters are faced with an unelected, armed, utterly ruthless political-military structure which is the final decider and wielder of power in the country. This structure, in turn, is controlled from Iran" (*Jerusalem Post*, Oct. 31, 2019).

Yet the response from Iran and its proxies in these two nations could not be more different. In Lebanon, Hezbollah has been careful not to forcefully shut down the protest, at least not yet. In Iraq, Iran authorized lethal force on day two.

The difference reveals the contrast between the great power Iran holds in Iraq versus its more fragile position within Lebanon.

Iran shares a thousand-mile border with Iraq, and its influence there enables it to project power through the region. Losing Iraq would significantly reduce Iranian power. “If [the protest] is not



ANTI-GOVERNMENT  
Protests in Iraq  
continue to swell  
despite arrests and  
violence, leading to  
hundreds killed and  
thousands wounded.

stopped quickly, it could undermine Iran’s most important base of control in the Middle East,” wrote Zvi Bar’el for *Haaretz* on November 4. Iran is worried that protests in Iraq could spill over into Iran itself and threaten the regime there. Iran also cares about the \$12 billion in trade it shares with Iraq each year. This is essential to help Iran mitigate the effect that United States sanctions are having on the Iranian economy. As Bar’el added, Iran’s ability to control Iraq “establishes Iran’s status as a regional superpower.”

Iran has worked for 40 years to finally subdue Iraq, and it has almost succeeded. The mass protests show that Iraqis have awakened to the fact that their nation is not their own.

The boldness with which Qassem Suleimani flies into Baghdad to tell the government what to do shows how Iran’s strategic ambitions will overtake Iraq’s national aspirations. Iran cannot afford to lose Iraq, and it will stop at nothing to preserve its hold there, even if it requires sending in its forces.

In Lebanon, there is still hope that the shackles of Iranian domination can be cast off. While Iran’s control of Hezbollah is total, the Shiites form a minority in Lebanon, unlike in Iraq. Iran will not give up its control in Lebanon easily, but if unrest both there and in Iraq forces Iran to choose which of the two to defend, it will choose Iraq. It is also possible that the international community will provide full support, even military help, to rid Lebanon of Hezbollah.

Astoundingly, a Lebanon free from Iranian influence, and an Iraq that is controlled by it, were forecast long ago.

Based on biblical prophecy, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry has made two relevant forecasts for more than 20 years: 1) Iraq will fall to Iran; and 2) Lebanon will separate from Iran. He

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bases these forecasts on two passages in Scripture that prophesy of the formation of two Middle Eastern alliances in what the Bible calls “the time of the end.”

The first, found in Psalm 83, details an alliance of nations that includes “Gebal” (another name for Byblos, located in modern Lebanon) and the “inhabitants of Tyre” (located in southern Lebanon). For the most part, the current-day Lebanese are descendants of their ancient biblical counterparts. “Gebal” and the “inhabitants of Tyre” are the Lebanese today. Other nations in this Psalm 83 alliance are Turkey, Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

This alliance of moderate Middle Eastern nations is largely an *anti-Iranian* alliance. This indicates Lebanon will flip from a proxy of Iran to an adversary. Such a dramatic shift probably could not happen if Hezbollah were to maintain its power in Lebanon. We can deduce that Hezbollah’s power will be significantly reduced or even eliminated somehow. Given how well armed the

group is, this may well take a civil war.

The second prophecy is found in Daniel 11:40, which discusses a “king of the south” rising “at the time of the end.” This power possesses enough strength to make a provocative push at “the king of the north,” prophetic terminology for a German-led European superpower. In 1993, Mr. Flurry identified the king of the south as radical Islam, led by Iran, and events have powerfully vindicated this analysis.

At the time, Mr. Flurry warned explicitly that Iran would eventually dominate Iraq. In his December 1994 article “Is Iraq About to Fall to Iran?” he wrote: “The most powerful [Islamic] country in the Middle East is *Iran*. Can you imagine the power they would have if they gained control of Iraq, the second-largest oil-producing country in the world? If so, there seems to be little doubt that Iran would lead the king of the south (Daniel 11:40).”

Ten years later, right after America invaded Iraq, Mr. Flurry wrote, “It may seem shocking, given the U.S. presence in the region right now, but prophecy indicates that, in pursuit of its goal, Iran will probably TAKE OVER IRAQ.”

Now we are witnessing the complete fulfillment of this forecast as Iran reaches the point of dictating terms to Iraq.

These two prophecies found in Psalm 83 and Daniel 11 form the bedrock of our understanding of the future dealings of Middle Eastern nations and the foundation of our Middle Eastern analysis.

More than that, seeing how quickly these alliances are coming together is a reminder of the critically important times we live in. These prophecies are harbingers of the most decisive prophetic event: the return of Jesus Christ.

As Daniel 12:9 says, God intended these prophecies to be “sealed till the time of the end.” The fact that these prophecies have been unsealed shows that we are in the end time. But now they are more than just unsealed: The fact that they are being *fulfilled* shows that we are moving closer to their spectacular conclusion.

When Christ does come, He will usher in a time of effective government underpinned by God’s law. Self-serving, corrupt leaders will be history. And protest movements like those in Lebanon and Iraq will have no reason to take to the streets ever again. ■

## Syria

20% Shia

Syrian President Bashar Assad has clung to power through the last decade thanks largely to the backing of 2,500 soldiers from Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, at least 7,000 Iran-backed Hezbollah fighters, and great sums of Iranian cash. Thus Assad, who is Shiite, can dominate Syria's majority Sunni population, despite a civil war that has raged since 2011. Iran supports Assad's Syria as part of its strategy to dominate the Shia Crescent, a swath of land stretching from Iran to Iraq, Lebanon and Syria. Last year, the investments paid major dividends when Syria agreed to lease its commercial port in Latakia to Iran. This gives Iran direct access to the Mediterranean Sea, a port for moving military matériel and an asset in a potential war with Israel. *However, Bible prophecy shows that Iran's alliance with Syria will soon come to a decisive end.*

## Lebanon

55% Shia

Iran's proxy Hezbollah has had a grip on Lebanon for almost a decade. At present, the Hezbollah-led parliamentary coalition holds 71 of Lebanon's 128 seats. The 2016 election of Hezbollah ally Michel Aoun as president was followed by Hezbollah gaining 17 of 30 cabinet positions. Hezbollah has also managed to build up its military capabilities with an estimated 50,000 fighters, making it larger than the Lebanese Army. *However, Bible prophecy shows that Iran's power over Lebanon will soon end. The current wave of anti-Iranian protests could hasten this outcome.*

## The Palestinians

In August, Iran increased its monthly payments to Palestinian terror organization Hamas to a record \$30 million. The massive increase—up from just \$6 million per month in 2018—showed Iran's commitment to the terror group that rules the Gaza Strip and seeks Israel's annihilation. In exchange, Hamas provides Iran with intelligence regarding Israel's missile stockpiles. From 2012 to 2017, Iranian-Palestinian ties were severed due to differing stances on the Syrian civil war. Now their common hatred for the Jewish people is trumping those differences. *Despite Iran's current sway, biblical prophecy indicates that the Palestinians will soon break from Iran in favor of a Sunni alliance.*

## Egypt

Iranian state-run Mehr News Agency reported on June 18, 2019, that high-level talks were underway between Iranian and Egyptian authorities regarding rising tensions in the Mideast. Such talks could revive cooperation efforts that began in early 2011 after Egypt's longtime anti-Iranian leader, Hosni Mubarak, was ousted and replaced by Mohamed Morsi and his Muslim Brotherhood-dominated, Iran-friendly government. Early in Morsi's reign, Egypt let two Iranian naval ships pass through the Suez Canal—a first since the 1979 Iranian Revolution. Morsi was replaced in 2013 by current president Abdel Fattah al-Sisi, who has not prioritized ties with Iran. But increasing domestic and regional pressure could spark a renewal in Iran-Egypt ties—with or without Sisi. *Daniel 11:40-45 show that, ultimately, Egypt will be in an alliance with Iran.*

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The roots of Iran's influence across the Middle East have grown deep, and they twist into the soil of several regional nations, allowing them to antagonize enemies beneath the cover of proxies, and

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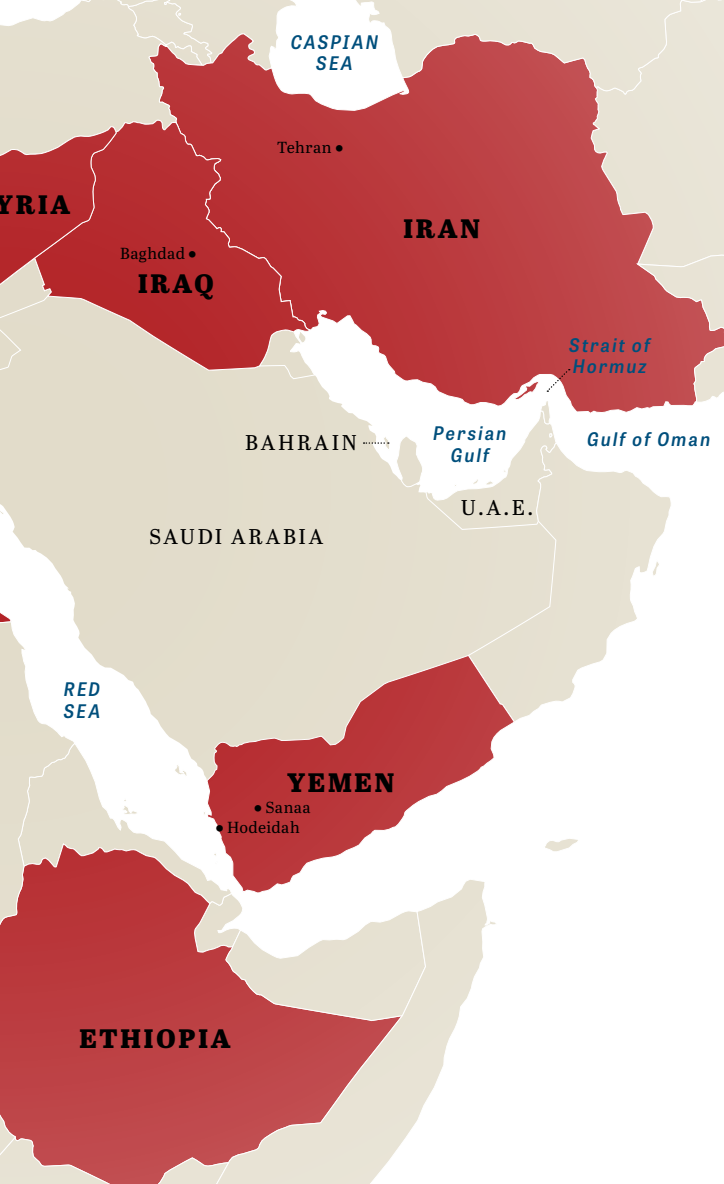
### Prophecy fulfilled

Starting back in 1994, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry said Iran and its leadership of radical Islam would become the biblically prophesied "king of the south" mentioned in Daniel 11:40. At the time, the facts on the ground made that difficult for some readers to believe. But a look at Iran's deepening and expanding roots across the Middle East today shows the accuracy of his forecast. To understand the prophecies that allowed Mr. Flurry to make this startlingly accurate forecast, order his free booklet ***The King of the South.***



# Invasion

rown diverse, gnarled and deep. Shooting out from Tehran, pushing the Islamic Republic to sway neighboring governments, and to advance its general ambitions far beyond its borders.



## Iran 95% Shia

Recent estimates by the Center for Strategic and International Studies say Iran has 523,000 active military personnel and 250,000 reserves. To its north lies the Caspian Sea, and to its south the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman, including the Strait of Hormuz. One third of global oil tanker traffic transits Hormuz, which at its narrowest point is less than two miles wide. Blocking this strait could shrink global oil shipments by 30 percent and pulverize markets worldwide.

## Iraq 55% Shia

The United States has abetted Iran's takeover of Iraq, not only by deposing Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein in 2003, but also more recently by fighting alongside Shiite forces against the Islamic State. This has helped make Iran, in Mr. Flurry's words, "appear to be the savior in Iraq." This has helped place Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps in power over more than 100,000 troops of Iraq's Popular Mobilization Forces—an assortment of roughly 50 paramilitary militias made up mainly of Shiite Iraqis. Many PMF units have officially integrated into the Iraqi military, and the group now controls almost a third of Iraq's parliamentary seats. This gives Iran staggering power over Iraq. *Despite an ongoing protest movement that is largely against Iranian influence, Tehran's sway over Baghdad will only grow.*

## Yemen 35% Shia

Divided since the start of its civil war in 2014, the small country of Yemen is falling increasingly under Iran's sway. The current struggle is between Houthi rebels, backed by Iran, and the Saudi-backed Yemeni government. The Houthis have already won control over Yemen's capital and the vitally important Sanaa and Hodeidah Red Sea ports, through which 80 percent of the country's imports arrive. Each victory by the Houthi's 200,000-strong forces advances Iran's goal to control the country—and the Red Sea. "The Houthis' takeover of Yemen was not just a grassroots revolution," Mr. Flurry wrote in our April 2015 issue. "It was a part of a deliberate and calculated Iranian strategy to conquer the Red Sea."

## Libya Ethiopia

Libya and Ethiopia, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry writes in *The King of the South*, "are the key that unlocks the strategy of radical Islam." They are on the Mediterranean and Red seas that comprise the world's most important trade route. Libya is Sunni, and Ethiopia is Christian and Sunni, making them unlikely allies for Shiite Iran. *But Daniel 11 shows they will soon be drawn into Tehran's orbit. Iran will then be able to control vital trade to Europe, putting it on a collision course with Germany.*

## Pushing Against the World Through Terrorism

### APRIL 2019

United States President Donald Trump labels Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards, which is a major branch of Iran's armed forces, as a "terrorist organization."

### MAY 2019

Iran and its proxies sabotage four tankers off the coast of the United Arab Emirates.

### JUNE 2019

Iranians attack two oil tankers near the Strait of Hormuz, and shoot down a U.S. drone flying in international airspace. Also in June, Iran hosts a delegation from the Palestinian terrorist organization Hamas and reiterates Iran's backing of those terrorists.

### JULY-AUGUST 2019

Iranian hackers infiltrate Bahrain's infrastructure.

### SEPTEMBER 2019

Iran's most notable terrorist act of the year: Oil facilities in Saudi Arabia are hit by attacks orchestrated by Iran from behind the scenes. As the world's number one sponsor of terrorism, Iran continues to push its destructive ideology.

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VER THE PAST CENTURY of biblical archaeology, a plethora of finds have been discovered backing up many of the biblical stories.

Thus far, nearly 60 individuals and dozens of cities found in the Hebrew Bible have been independently proved through archaeological discoveries, in addition to cultural customs, minor skirmishes, major conflicts, architectural elements, articles of clothing, dietary details and even common sayings.

Archaeology has forced Bible skeptics to repeatedly adjust their arguments to maintain their conclusion that the Bible is flawed. *Belshazzar was a fictional character!* (Archaeological proof was discovered in 1854.) *The Hittite Empire never existed!* (Archaeological proof was discovered in 1906.) *King David was a myth!* (Archaeological proof was discovered in 1993.) And so on.

Stating that archaeology “proves the Bible true” is uncontroversial to believers, but jarring to skeptics. Skeptics argue that no matter how many biblical individuals or cities or civilizations are discovered, the Bible as a whole cannot be true. Because, they argue, *Genesis*.

The biblical book of origins is completely at odds with a host of scientific discoveries about the past: the age of Earth, the dinosaurs, the Ice Age, prehistoric man. Or so they suppose.

### 6,000 Vs. 13.8 Million Years

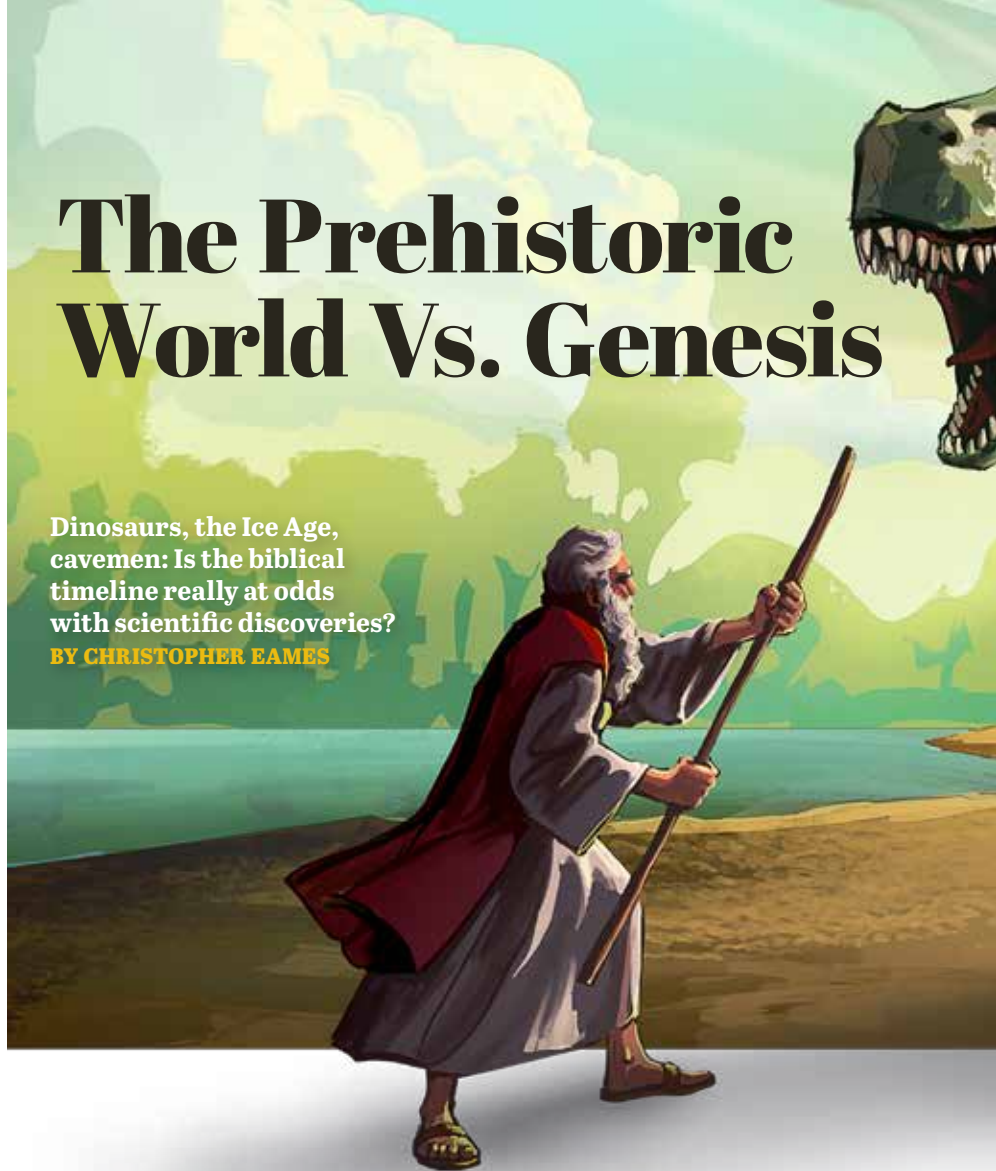
Many Bible believers think the Earth and universe are 6,000 years old. They believe that God’s creation of the heavens and Earth and the “days of creation” in Genesis 1 occurred all at once. Therefore, they believe, dinosaurs were created at the same time as man and either existed until the Flood, or were even brought aboard Noah’s ark. These believers are known as “young Earth” creationists.

Scientists say the measured expansion of the universe, the fact that light from most stars has taken billions of years to reach Earth, and the obvious age of the dinosaurs prove these beliefs false.

# The Prehistoric World Vs. Genesis

Dinosaurs, the Ice Age, cavemen: Is the biblical timeline really at odds with scientific discoveries?

BY CHRISTOPHER EAMES



These scientific facts *are* problems for many believers, but not for the Bible itself. The Bible actually *does not* state that the Earth was created 6,000 years ago. Genesis 1:1 states: “In the beginning God created the heaven[s] and the earth.” This has no time stamp: It could be referring to a time millions of years ago. Verse 2 states: “And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep.” Notice that heavens, Earth, darkness and “the deep” are all described as being created by God *before* the seven days of creation! And notice “without form, and void” (*tohu* and *bohu* in the original Hebrew). That doesn’t just mean that the Earth was unfinished; it means it was in a state of total desolation. Isaiah 45:18 asserts that God “formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not

in vain ....” *Vain* is translated from *tohu*: chaos. The Bible specifies that God *did not* create Earth in a state of chaos.

Now look at the word “was” in Genesis 1:2. The Hebrew word for “was” could be translated “became.” Verse 2 is stating that after God originally created the Earth, it *became* without form and void. So what happened?

Genesis 1 describes *two* creations of the Earth! Verse 1 describes the creation of the physical universe, perhaps millions or billions of years ago. This was the world of dinosaurs and other prehistoric beasts and sea creatures. And this was the world that, as science has proved, came to a mysterious, cataclysmic end! Evidence exists of vast, planet-wide destruction, apparently relating to asteroid impacts, as well as volcanic eruptions and sea-level changes. The sedimentary



stratum line of this destruction layer has been unearthed at sites all around the world. It is noted to contain high levels of iridium—a metal rare on Earth but common in asteroids. In scientific terms, this disaster is technically known as the Cretaceous-Paleogene extinction event. It is what killed the dinosaurs.

Yes, Earth *became* “without form and void.” Darkness indeed came upon the face of the deep. This account of total *darkness* matches up with the conditions following a massive asteroid impact. This impact is most commonly associated with the massive Chicxulub crater found in the Gulf of Mexico. This crater measures 93 miles wide and 12 miles deep, and it relates directly to the same period of destruction strata discovered around the world. Estimates vary wildly, but the energy released by the impact of this asteroid could have been up to 921 *billion* times more powerful than the atomic bomb that destroyed Hiroshima.

The scientific evidence of destruction matches the biblical account of a

primordial destruction. Other verses in the Bible describe a massive *angelic rebellion* that occurred following the original creation of the Earth, yet before the creation of man. (See Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28, and read “[Dinosaurs and the Bible](http://theTrumpet.com/5800)” at [theTrumpet.com/5800](http://theTrumpet.com/5800).) This angelic rebellion wreaked havoc on the Earth, extinguishing dinosaurs and other prehistoric life forms and ending the Mesozoic Era. Scientists date this Cretaceous-Paleogene extinction event to around 65 million years ago. This might be right or wrong—again, the Bible gives no time stamp.

Scientists also talk about other mass extinctions before the Cretaceous-Paleogene extinction event. This might be right or wrong—again the Bible does not give us many details about the prehistoric world.

### **Cenozoic: ‘New Life’**

“And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved

upon the face of the waters” (Genesis 1:2). Here on this destroyed, wasted planet, God began to *re-create* the Earth.

Genesis 1 goes on to record the *re-creation* of the surface of the Earth, not the original creation of the entire Earth, which was recorded in Genesis 1:1. Psalm 104:30 specifies: “Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou *renewest* the face [surface] of the earth.”

Genesis 1:1-2 is actually the briefest of summaries of the primordial universe and Earth. Millions of years could have transpired between verses 1 and 2, and even more years could have transpired before the end of verse 2. There are no time stamps. But with the *re-creation* of the surface of the Earth, the Bible and science do begin to provide time stamps.

Following the extinction event ending the Mesozoic Era, we come to the next era of planet Earth, the Cenozoic Era. *Cenozoic* means “new life,” and it is the era we are still living in today. This is essentially the “age of mammals,” and it likely began with the re-creation of Genesis 1.

The rest of this chapter records God stabilizing and re-creating the surface of the Earth in six days (Genesis 1:5, 8, 13, 19, 23, 31). “And God said, Let there be light: and there was light” (verse 3). This starts off the re-creation week, clearing the darkness that covered the destroyed Earth. This week of renewal culminated in the creation of man on the sixth day, and finally the establishment of the Sabbath on the seventh day (Genesis 2:2-3). God re-created the surface of this world specifically for *man*—a new divine plan to make man “in our image, after our likeness” (Genesis 1:26). For information on this divine purpose for man’s creation, request *Mystery of the Ages*, noting Chapter 3. This would be the world of *mammals*—a world within which man could thrive and have “dominion,” as the same verse says. Man certainly could not have had dominion over a world of dinosaurs.

The Cenozoic Era, this mammalian period, includes prehistoric man and many warm-blooded animals, such as “Ice Age” woolly mammoths, giant sloths, saber-toothed tigers, and (my favorite) glyptodonts. Scientists see that the Cenozoic Era began with a rapid *explosion* of unique life forms—and they have trouble explaining what would have caused it.

Genesis 5 records a genealogy beginning with the first man, Adam, and establishes that the re-creation week occurred roughly 6,000 years ago.

*Stop right there!* say the critics. Scientists tell us that mammals, Ice Age creatures, the Neanderthal, Denisovan, *Homo* human ancestor bones and other evidence show that mammals and even “modern man” developed not 6,000 years ago but tens and hundreds of thousands of years ago.

### A Really Bad Date

Put simply, dating methods are at best unreliable, at worst disastrously *wrong*. Methods such as carbon, uranium, and samarium dating over vast spans of time are unreliable. Sometimes these methods yield wild data, but their main flaw is that they are calibrated based on *assumptions*. They operate

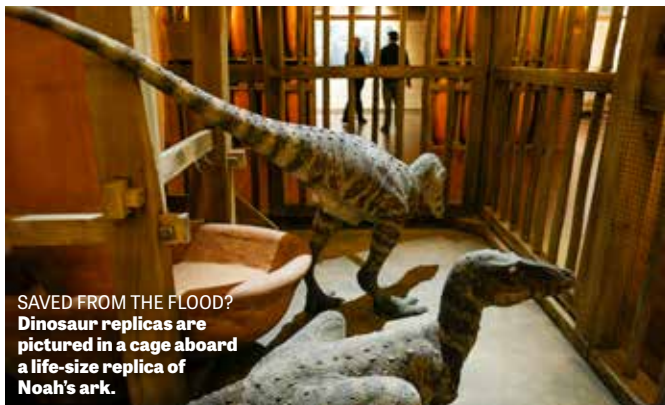
on the theory of uniformitarianism, the belief that the Earth was shaped by very slow, gradual changes. If the Earth was shaped by dramatic and sudden events, as the Bible records, then these dating methods are invalid.

Radiometric dating determines age by analyzing the prevalence of certain radioactive isotopes, and assumes that the amount of these isotopes on Earth has remained roughly constant. Yet scientific research has been proving that this assumption is not just slightly wrong but utterly wrong. Solar flares, which occur frequently, fluctuations in Earth’s magnetic field, minuscule residue from nuclear weapons testing, and even changes in the seasons, have been shown to affect the prevalence of these isotopes.

Generally, these issues haven’t led to any significant response from the broader scientific community regarding dating methods. Isotopic dating is the much-cherished tool of evolutionary scientists attempting to plot animal development over millennia. Certain measures have been undertaken to correct the errors, such as revamping dates found to be 10,000-plus years off, to throwing out some dates entirely. Still, radioisotope dating is often way off the mark, generally providing exaggeratedly

old dates. One example highlighted by the Associates for Biblical Research is of a Himalayan geological event that was originally given an age 20 times greater than that established by later research (an especially significant discrepancy, considering the date is in the realm of *millions* of years ago).

It is faulty logic to assume a constant, stable, uniform existence of Earth’s



SAVED FROM THE FLOOD?  
Dinosaur replicas are  
pictured in a cage aboard  
a life-size replica of  
Noah's ark.

surface. Scientists know that catastrophes have pockmarked Earth’s past, the Cretaceous-Paleogene extinction event being a case in point.

What else could have disrupted the uniformity of material on the surface of the Earth, dramatically affecting the dating of early human history? Perhaps something like a *worldwide flood*?

Biblical chronology dates this catastrophic event to nearly 4,500 years ago. Such an event would cause dates prior to that time to be *significantly* inflated. Scientists know that moisture affects carbon dating results. Water causes the leaching of compounds and, if unaccounted for, can cause greatly exaggerated dating results.

### Adam and Eve

Did you know that geneticists have proved that all mankind descended from *just one man and just one woman*? They call the man “y-chromosome Adam” and the woman “mitochondrial Eve.” Scientists date this “Adam and Eve” to roughly 200,000 years ago on the evolutionary spectrum (though the proposed date has regularly yo-yoed from between 50,000 and 500,000 years ago). These dates are calculated by calibrating y-chromosome and mitochondrial mutation rates to fit timelines of human

prehistory based on radiocarbon and Potassium-argon dating (which we have previously established as unreliable). Research conducted by geneticist Dr. John Sanford and Dr. Robert Carter on this subject has found that applying modern mutation rates to ancient humans points to y-chromosome Adam and mitochondrial Eve living sometime within the past 6,000 years. This subject is discussed in detail in our article “[The Case for Adam and Eve](#)” ([watchJerusalem.co.il/465](#)). The article examines the surprisingly large amount of scientific evidence for the biblical couple—from genetics to morphology to archaeology.

Geneticists have also been surprised to find that nearly all animal species also trace back to a single pair. Those pairs are dated to sometime within the past 250,000

years. Scientists generally attempt to explain this as a “population bottleneck,” which must have resulted from a massive extinction event. (Incidentally, this too hurts the case for uniformitarianism.) Interestingly, researchers felt it necessary to follow up their findings by hastening to add that their “study is grounded in and strongly supports Darwinian evolution, including the understanding all life has evolved from a common biological origin over several billion years” (*Daily Mail*, Dec. 6, 2018).

The developing field of genetic research is proving problematic for the evolutionary theory. It has already proved that the ancient quasi-human Neanderthal “species” is actually 100 percent “human,” as closely related to modern humans as Germans are to Chinese. Actually, all those ancient human species—Neanderthals, Denisovans, *Homos*—are simply one and the same “species.” And they fit well within the biblical account of the world prior to the Flood.

### The Pre-Flood World

Several particulars recorded in Genesis 6 about the pre-Flood world match the archaeological record. Genesis 6:4 describes a race of “giants” living on the Earth prior to the Flood. Unlike our modern idea of giants, the Hebrew word



implies giants in physical strength. This actually matches the physique of the ancient Neanderthals, a large-boned, powerfully built, stocky race of humans.

The Bible also describes the pre-Flood world as one of widespread violence, debauchery and intermarriage. Archaeology and genetic research have found that human flesh was a common part of the diet for prehistoric humans. Genetics have proved that promiscuous early humans interbred multiple times in a “World of Debauchery,” as headlined by the *Mirror* in November 2018. Research has shown that—just as the Bible describes—the different human groups, primarily *Homo sapiens*, Neanderthals and Denisovans, were all “interbreeding.” (Notice Genesis 6:2-4: The “sons of God” and the “daughters of men” actually refer to descendants of Seth and Cain.)

Something can even be said for the biblical account of pre-Flood longevity. Take a look at our article “[Biblical Longevity of the First Humans](#)” ([watch Jerusalem.co.il/413](#)) for archaeological and biological evidence backing up the biblical account.

## The Flood

Genesis 1:1-2 match up beautifully with the creation of the Earth and the universe, culminating in Earth’s Mesozoic Era—the “age of the dinosaurs”—and the ensuing Cretaceous-Paleogene extinction. Genesis 1:3 onward marks the *re-creation* of the Earth, the start of the Cenozoic Era: the age of man and mammals. This period began 6,000 years ago. The dating is critically flawed and especially thrown off by a worldwide Flood that the Bible says occurred some 4,500 years ago.

Scientists have discovered through butchered remains and other evidence that “Ice Age” animals existed at the same time as early humans. What happened to these creatures? What happened to the human relatives of *Homo sapiens*: the Neanderthals and Denisovans?

Scientists recognize another extinction period they call the Quaternary extinction event. Its cause is much debated, but some link it to increasing temperatures, glacial activity, rising sea levels and *floods*. Could this have been the Flood of Noah’s day that Genesis 7:20-21 say covered the

mountains and killed all flesh that moved upon the earth, minus the species from each genus aboard the ark? And could such a flood be the reason for such piecemeal, scattered evidence of very early man—a skull here, a finger bone there?

If there was such a water-based extinction event, it is logical that all the structures archaeologists have discovered would date to some time *after* that catastrophe. Anything before the Flood would have been nearly obliterated. Scientists say that after this extinction event, civilizations began popping up around the Middle East. They say one of Earth’s oldest cities is Jericho, which they traditionally date to roughly 10,000 B.C. This is just after the traditional dating of the Quaternary extinction event. Scientists say the earliest religious settlement is Göbekli Tepe in Turkey, which they also date to roughly 10,000 B.C. Peculiarly, it features all kinds of animals carved into its ritual monoliths. Is it coincidence that this site also emerged just following the Quaternary extinction event, and not far from Mount Ararat, where the Bible says the ark landed and unloaded the surviving humans and animals?

The dating of 10,000 B.C., of course, conflicts with the Bible, but we have already covered the issues with dating methods. What is interesting is that science acknowledges a major, possibly water-related extinction event and the subsequent emergence of civilization, starting in the Middle East.

The Bible places the Flood at circa 2500 B.C. Only following this period do we begin to see a clearer picture of ancient human civilizations. Ancient texts from around the world date to this general period. Interestingly, these texts describe versions of a creation story—a worldwide Flood story, and a tower-building and confusion of languages story (see Genesis 6-8, 11).

## Science and the Bible: A Synthesis

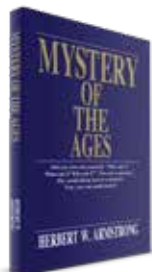
Is the Bible’s record of Earth’s history incompatible with scientific

discoveries? A resounding *no!* And you do not have to change your beliefs to fit the science. The *Trumpet* and its predecessor, the *Plain Truth*, have been publishing these same Bible principles for about 60 years, before much of this new scientific research has emerged. Genesis is not some murky, unscientific attempt to postulate a 6,000-year-old Earth and universe by writers ignorant of dinosaurs or the Ice Age. Scientific discoveries over the past several centuries have only served to confirm what was in the Bible already.

Setting aside the flawed dating methods, when comparing the modern scientific timeline of Earth with the biblical timeline, you see a remarkable synthesis of events. Scientists are at a loss to explain many of these events: the Quaternary extinction event, humans and animals descending from a single male and female ancestor, the rapid development of new life at the start of the Cenozoic Era, the extinction of life at the end of the Mesozoic Era, and the very origin of life and the universe.

The Bible explains all of these things. And it explains *why*.

Our 300-page book *Mystery of the Ages*, by Herbert W. Armstrong, explains this biblical history in full detail (request your free copy). The first chapter explains who and what is God. Chapter 2 explains God’s original purpose for creating the universe and Earth, as well as the angels, in Genesis 1:1. It details the angelic rebellion that led to the catastrophe that is Genesis 1:2. Chapter 3 details the purpose of man—why the Earth was re-created. Chapter 4 explains the origin and development of civilizations—why the world has become the way it is. Chapter 5 explains why God chose the ancient nation of Israel. Chapter 6 describes the history of God’s people and the purpose of their calling. And Chapter 7 explains that subject misunderstood by so many in this world: the Kingdom of God—what is it, what comes after death, and what the future holds for mankind. ■



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**O**VER 25,000 PEOPLE DIE EACH day of starvation, according to the United Nations. Some 795 million people are undernourished. Around 1 billion people live on less than \$2 a day.

How can we solve problems of such crushing magnitude?

Usually, our efforts fall woefully short. Mankind spends billions of dollars trying to address these problems, yet the basic numbers have remained virtually unchanged. Trends in rising food costs and decreasing production suggest the crisis is about to get far worse.

Starvation is only one of literally thousands of major problems plaguing civilization: sickness, disease, pollution, illiteracy, family breakdown, moral collapse, crime, corruption, slavery, racial hatred, religious tension, terrorism, warfare, the spread of WMDs—the list goes on and on. It seems that for every crisis we tamp down, three more rise up in its place.

Our knowledge is not solving our problems. In fact, as our knowledge increases, so do our problems. Clearly, something is missing in our knowledge.

The reason we cannot gain ground on these civilization-destroying troubles is that we fail to confront their *real cause*.

That cause is rooted in the very *foundation* of our civilization—a foundation well documented in history.

Yet the majority of our most exalted decision-makers contemptuously ignore it. Even those few who study it do not understand how important it is in unraveling the most puzzling challenges facing mankind today. That crucial history actually holds the almost universally overlooked **KEY TO SOLVING OUR PROBLEMS**.

Believe it or not, that history can be found in *the first three chapters* of a book YOU ALREADY OWN. You may even have multiple copies sitting on your shelf.

To understand the world you live in, you must go back to the beginning, the very foundation of civilization. You can find that in the book of Genesis, the first book of the Holy Bible.

### God's First Instructions

Genesis 1 talks about God creating man. That is important history. But just as important is this: After He created him, what did God teach him? What *message* did God have for man from the beginning?

Read the next chapter, and you will see that God's fundamental instruction involved *two trees*—the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2:9, 15-17).

Considering that God discusses this *immediately* after the creation of man, these two trees must be extremely important. God must have wanted man to understand this lesson first of all!

Yet this subject is a mystery to most people. How many people—even religious leaders—talk about this foundational subject? Christ said we are to live by every word of God (Luke 4:4), and that certainly includes the first three chapters of the Bible!

These two trees illustrate the *foundation* of the world that you and I live in today. **WE CANNOT UNDERSTAND EVENTS IN OUR WORLD IF WE DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS FOUNDATION.**

At the same time, this history shows very clearly how to solve our problems.

### The Tree of Death

Here was God's instruction to Adam: "And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (Genesis 2:16-17). Those are strong words. This tree caused *death*. You could call it the tree of death.

The tree of the knowledge of good and evil represented mankind taking to himself the ability to produce knowledge of what is good and evil, what is right and wrong (see Genesis 3:22). God told them plainly that this was the way that would lead to death! It represented the cause of all the unhappiness, suffering, contention, violence and death in our world!

Nevertheless, Adam and Eve both took of that tree. Sure enough, soon their lives were plagued with violence and death.

That act was the foundation of the world as we know it today! That is where our civilization started: with that seminal act of rebellion against God.

Today, mankind faces the legitimate threat of world war involving weapons that would cause human annihilation! Nobody has any solutions—and it is because they have ignored this fundamental teaching.

### The Serpent's First Attack

Where did Adam and Eve go wrong? That is explained in the third chapter of Genesis. There, Satan the devil, in

# THE MYSTERY OF CIVILIZATION

The beginning of our civilization holds the key to solving our deadly problems today. Yet it is a mystery to the world. **BY GERALD FLURRY**

the form of a serpent, deceived Eve into taking of the tree of death.

Again we see the *foundational importance* of the two trees. Not only did God's *very first instruction* to human beings revolve around them, but so too did the *very first test* human beings faced. Satan used *one of those trees* to launch his first challenge to human beings and to what God had taught them!

Satan knows how important this subject is. That is why he directly contradicted God's instruction about it, shrouding it in mystery. And believe it or not, that is why this subject is such a mystery to the world *even today*.

Satan contradicted God, and mankind followed Satan and ate from the wrong tree. Eve trusted Satan's lies rather than God's instruction, and she gave the fruit to her husband, who followed her in sin. They chose *their own* knowledge instead of God's—and that choice produced suffering and death, curses that have plagued us ever since (Romans 5:12).

Today, Satan the devil is doing to the world what he did to Adam and Eve. He is seducing us into choosing our own sick human reasoning over God's revealed understanding. Just look around to see the problems that result. You can plainly see what happens when people eat from the wrong tree.

Mankind, day in and day out, is tuned into Satan's broadcasts, as "the prince of the power of the air" (Ephesians 2:2). Herbert W. Armstrong said he could not fully understand that concept until he understood the way radio and television broadcasts work. The way Satan operates is similar to the way a radio wavelength works. But rather than broadcasting in words, sounds and pictures, Satan broadcasts in attitudes, impulses and moods. Mr. Armstrong thoroughly explained this in Chapter 4 of his masterwork, *Mystery of the Ages*. Satan is able to reach mankind because we don't look to God and allow God to empower us to deal with the devil!

Are you going to follow God, or are you going to follow the devil? That is what the two trees are really about.

### **The Fruits of Eating of the Wrong Tree**

God tested Adam and Eve's character. He made them *choose* from which tree to take. God wants us to build character,

## **God is allowing us to experience the bitter fruits of our wrong choices in hopes that we will recognize our error and then voluntarily seek out the fruit of the tree of life.**

and that requires *voluntarily choosing* God's way of life rather than the devil's.

The troubles we face are a result of *our choices*. God is allowing us to experience the bitter fruits of our wrong choices in hopes that we will recognize our error and then voluntarily seek out the fruit of the tree of life.

Satan appears as an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14), deceiving mankind (Revelation 12:9). But from the first murder, to every murder throughout the ages, Satan has been inspiring and stirring people to commit these heinous crimes and then lie about it, just as Cain did when God confronted him. Satan was there from the very beginning, influencing the very first family.

The first child born into Adam and Eve's family was Cain. He ended up killing his younger brother, Abel, and lying to God about it (Genesis 4:1-9).

YOU WOULD THINK ADAM AND EVE WOULD HAVE RECOGNIZED THAT ABEL'S BLOOD WAS SHED BECAUSE OF THEIR DECISION TO EAT FROM THE WRONG TREE! But they didn't. They just kept eating from the tree of death. That example illustrates how hard human nature is.

Look around. Our world is filled with similar evils: broken families, rebellious children. Why? Because people are eating from the wrong tree!

In a world with weapons of mass destruction, we face the grave threat of human extinction. In fact, Jesus Christ prophesied that He would have to cut this era of human rulership on Earth short just to prevent us from annihilating all flesh! (Matthew 24:21-22). Why have human affairs taken such a destructive course? It is all because we are eating from the tree of death.

### **The Tree of Life**

Consider: God had *personally* instructed Adam and Eve, yet they *turned away from Him* and listened to the devil. That shows that there is

something wrong with the human mind! We like to congratulate ourselves for our intellectual and creative abilities, but clearly, apart from God, we are incomplete. There is something unstable about our reasoning.

That is where it is so critical to understand about the *other tree* God offered Adam and Eve.

The tree of life represented the Holy Spirit of God—the very life-impregnating Spirit of the great Creator. It is the *essence* and *power* of God, which imparts the ability to understand spiritual truth (1 Corinthians 2:7-14).

God wanted mankind to eat from the tree of life so we could experience stability and joy—so our marriages and families could be happy—so we could live at peace with our neighbors and within ourselves. Eating from the tree of life enables us to solve our problems.

Genesis 3:22 records the truth that if Adam had taken of the tree of life, he would have *lived forever!*

Think about that! Many people believe they have an immortal soul inherent within them. That is not true. The truth of the Bible is that the only way you will live forever is if you eat from the right tree.

Do you want to live forever? Do you want eternal peace, happiness, joy and spiritual understanding?

### **The Character of God**

Mr. Armstrong wrote, "Had Adam taken of the proffered tree of life the whole course of civilization would have been entirely different. Peace, happiness, joy, health and abundance would have spread over the Earth" (*Mystery of the Ages*).

Once Adam made the choice to rebel against God, however, God had to cut him off from access to the tree of life (Genesis 3:23-24). That tree has remained inaccessible to the vast majority of mankind ever since.

followed revealed the truth. No pretense is possible now.

So the Liberal Democrats now plan to completely cancel Brexit. Their manifesto states that if elected, they will pretend the referendum never happened. They will erase the largest democratic mandate in Britain's history.

The Labour position is more devious. They promise a second referendum. But this won't be a rerun of the first, because they are afraid voters might get the answer "wrong" again. Instead, a pro-EU Labour government would negotiate a new deal with the EU—one that keeps Britain tied to the EU even more than Ms. May's or Mr. Johnson's deals. Then they will give voters a choice between that deal, or staying in the EU.

It will be a choice between "Remain While Claiming to Leave" and "Just Remain."

If they succeed, the elite will have finally successfully overridden the will of the people.

But this isn't happening in a vacuum. The story of Brexit powerfully illustrates a global trend. In the United States, politicians are working to undo the election of a president they dislike. In Israel, the press and judiciary are trying to bring down Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

### The Spiritual Cause

*Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry discusses this trend in his booklet *Great Again*, writing, "Do you have a favorable view of the Founding Fathers, the Constitution, separation of powers, rule of law, Manifest Destiny, freedom of religion, freedom of speech, free-market economy, and America's role in World Wars I and II? IF YOU DO, THEN SURELY YOU ARE DEEPLY ALARMED BY THE STATE OF AMERICA TODAY. All of these pillars of American history and identity are being vilified and destroyed."



## Have you noticed how similar politics in the U.S. and Britain are?

Both nations have embattled leaders, a government willing to break laws to undermine the will of the people, and media that spread lies. To learn the common source, request Gerald Flurry's free booklet [Great Again](#).

The same trend exists in Britain, and for a common reason. "THERE IS A SPIRITUAL DIMENSION TO AMERICA'S DECLINE THAT MOST PEOPLE DO NOT SEE," writes Mr. Flurry. "The crisis facing this nation is *not* because of a bad president! THE CAUSE IS FAR DEEPER. But most people are unwilling to face it."

In both countries, we see the same arrogance and power of the elites. "Before the last presidential election, these people just knew they would win," wrote Mr. Flurry in the July 2019 *Trumpet* issue. "They think they are *destined* to 'rule the universe'! In most cases, they are not elected officials, nobody voted for them, but they consider themselves the only ones *qualified* to govern. They *cannot believe* a 'barbarian' like Donald Trump became president, and they cannot take it! So they must overthrow him." In Britain, they cannot believe that the barbaric average citizen voted for Brexit. So they must overturn the result.

"These educated elites are trying to overthrow the votes of 63 million Americans!" Mr. Flurry wrote (*ibid*). And in Britain, they are trying to overturn the votes of 17 million people.

"THESE INDIVIDUALS DO NOT FEEL BOUND BY THE [U.S.] CONSTITUTION—THE SUPREME LAW OF THE LAND! They have no respect for our Bill of Rights, which safeguards our freedom of speech and freedom of religion and protects us from governmental overreach" (*ibid*). The same is true in the UK. Events in both nations have made this trend clearer than ever.

"Since Donald Trump became president, the depth of lawlessness and corruption permeating America's leadership, aided by America's media, is being uncovered," Mr. Flurry wrote. "If Hillary Clinton had won the last election, 'none of this corruption would have come to light!' But God wants it exposed! He is *saving America temporarily*—and one reason is to expose this evil" (*Trumpet*, November 2018).

The Brexit vote is exposing the same kind of evil. No one thought politicians were saints, but the length the pro-EU establishment will go to get its way against the will of the people is shocking.

There is a reason God wants the truth to come out. Notice what Mr. Flurry wrote: "God wanted that cancer exposed. We all need to think seriously about why—and the responsibility that puts on us individually!" (*ibid*).

An evil force is trying to bring down both Britain and America. If you believe the Bible is the Word of God, then you cannot deny that there is a devil. And you cannot deny that Britain and America have been blessed by God. The devil is working against those blessings to bring down our nations.

"That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the Lord," God says in Isaiah 30:9, describing our modern politics. Where does all this lying come from? Christ called Satan the father of lies (John 8:44).

"God wants us to recognize Satan's involvement and activity—so we can see the real danger, understand where it is leading the nation, and individually seek God's protection against it," wrote Mr. Flurry (*ibid*).

Satan is working to bring down America through the deep state. And he is working to bring down Britain through the European Union. The EU is simply a cloak for the Holy Roman Empire, a dictatorial power that has risen repeatedly in Europe to try to impose its will and religion on the world.

Despite these attacks, Britain and America have not repented of their sins and turned to God. They have not sought His help. Regardless, God has saved our nations temporarily. And He has been using this time to expose evil. The fact that there is a lawless, spiritual power working against Britain and America is clearer than ever. He wants our nations to see the danger and repent.

But there is no evidence that our nations are doing that. Without repentance, this resurgence will only be temporary. Satan's wrath against these powers will continue.

But you can see the danger and turn to God. You can intensify your prayers and support for God's work, and help get this warning message out. ■

# How Companies Create Junk Food Addicts

The food industry hooks millions on unhealthy, processed products. Are you one of its junkies? **BY JORG MARDIAN**

**P**ROCESSED FOOD IS NOW EMBEDDED in modern society. We eat processed pre-packaged foods for breakfast, processed fast food for lunch, processed restaurant food for dinner, and processed snacks in between.

For food processing manufacturers and their grocery and restaurant clients, this is a profitable business model.

But why do you buy junk food? Some say manufacturers simply give us what we want, but the truth is more sinister. Over 15,000 new processed food products are introduced in the United States every year. And they don't come from the scenic farms and grandmother's kitchens pictured on the packaging. They come from labs, where they are assembled through advanced chemical manipulation, and from mass production facilities, where costs (not nutritional value) are monitored to the fraction of a fraction of a cent.

The key is *demand*. Food manufacturers need you to demand their products. Since global transport, long shelf lives and low costs inherently reduce nutritional value, these companies must rely on your apathy toward nutrition, your attraction to colorful packaging and advertising, and most of all, your partiality for *taste*.

Cheetos are made of corn, fat, salt and something called "cheese seasoning" (a formula of canola oil, "yellow 6" artificial coloring, and nine other ingredients, including "natural and artificial flavors," which contain still further components). According to *Salt Sugar Fat*, industry insiders regard Cheetos as "one of the most marvelously constructed foods on the planet, in terms of pure [salivary] pleasure."

Such foods are the product of millions of dollars of investment into crunch-softness balance, salivary response, olfactory release, vanishing caloric density, and salt-sugar-fat craving wonders of chemical engineering. Well-paid chemical engineers are at work right now optimizing the crunchiness

of potato chips and the perfect fizz of soda pops and other components needed to generate cravings.

The profits rely on one gambit. Corporate behemoth Frito-Lay even puts it on the packaging: "Bet You Can't Eat Just One."

Another way to say it might be, "Bet you care about the present more than your future." Either way, that bet is paying off for Frito-Lay: Its thousands of production plants, warehouses and offices in dozens of countries sell about \$16 billion in chips, pretzels and other unhealthy snacks every year.

If we all put our bodies' needs for nourishment ahead of our senses of taste, Frito-Lay's revenue would be \$0.

Manufacturers understand that food addiction is a real phenomenon. The additives they inject share the same biological basis as dependence on recreational drugs. Thus, eating junk food releases chemicals in the brain, including the neurotransmitter dopamine, and the brain's response is far more powerful than those released while eating natural, nutritious foods. This can affect patterns of behavior and thought, and generate symptoms of tolerance and withdrawal, which are signs of physical addiction.

Producing a product that can reduce costs and increase cravings and profits means producing an unhealthy product. The "living" elements of food are often what make those foods nutritious, and these elements spoil soon after the fruit, vegetable, grain, dairy or meat is harvested. To slow the spoiling process, food laboratories must introduce chemicals and other additives that literally are not foods. If they didn't, they would not have a product to sell. People would have to get their foods from gardens, farms, orchards and fresh grocers, rather than gas stations.

Food technology is profitable for corporations, but devastating to your



health. Sucrose, high-fructose corn syrup, salt and fat are assets to food manufacturing, but detriments to those who eat them. Processed-food executives, stakeholders and even employees understand that their products are nutritionally dangerous.

The actions of these "food" companies, and our willingness to prioritize taste and put off consequences, have caught up with us. In 1990, no American state had an adult obesity rate above 15 percent. Today, all states are over 20 percent obese, and 31 states are over 30 percent obese.

God designed us to need food—but it is a need with almost limitless possibilities in nutrition and enjoyment. We cannot afford to prioritize convenience, cost and especially taste above nutrition. Our best option is to emulate what educator Herbert W. Armstrong said: "Eat only those natural foods that will spoil, and eat them before they do." This type of diet includes more fresh vegetables and fruits, fresh meats, cooked whole grains and healthy fats. When you need to eat food from a box or a can, live by the rule of six or fewer recognizable, pronounceable ingredients.

Quitting processed food is a battle. There is simply too much investment and too much profit at stake for food companies: They will continue to entice you at every turn. But choose to fight this battle. It is far better than battling ill health and even terminal disease. Start by changing just one habit for one month. Then build from there. Build discipline. Build strength of mind and discover the God-intended enjoyment of real food and good health. ■

Björn Höcke celebrates with AfD supporters during the Thuringia election.

## Far right surging in eastern Germany

In eastern Germany, extreme parties on both the left and right are gaining popularity. In Oct. 27, 2019, elections in the German state of Thuringia, extremist parties gained more than half the vote. Die Linke (The Left), is the successor party to East Germany's infamous and brutal Communist regime of the 1960s, '70s and '80s. Yet it came in first place with 31 percent. The Alternative für Deutschland, the new far-right party, came in second place, with 23.4 percent.

After state elections on September 1, the Alternative für Deutschland (AfD) also became the second-largest party in the German states of Saxony and Brandenburg. In Saxony, the AfD rose from a mere 9.7 percent in 2014 to 27.5 percent on September 1. In Brandenburg, the party jumped from 12.2 percent to 23.5 percent. These AfD victories toppled the ruling coalitions in both states.

Charlotte Knobloch, former president of the Central Council of Jews in Germany, said the AfD's

success “shows that our whole political system is coming apart at the seams” and shows strong support for a party that has “downplayed the horrors of the Nazi era, who are openly nationalistic and have spread messages of hate against minorities, including the Jewish community.”

Christoph Heubner, vice president of the International Auschwitz Committee, said, “For survivors of German concentration camps, this massive increase in votes for the AfD in Thuringia is another menacing signal that right-wing extremist attitudes and tendencies are consolidating in Germany.”

“The last time we saw something of this kind in Germany was in the Weimar Republic, where political life was polarized between the Communists and the National Socialists,” political scientist and commentator Werner Patzelt told the *Local* (Oct. 28, 2019).

*Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote in the January 2019 issue that “the leadership of Europe is about to become a lot more authoritative.” The appetite for this kind of leadership is clearly rising. ■

## Austria's example for Germany

Sebastian Kurz's Austrian People's Party won national elections by a landslide on Oct. 29, 2019. It won 37 percent of the vote and has a range of partners to choose from to form a governing coalition.

Before 2017, the party had been sharply declining, polling below 20 percent, with some polls indicating it was less popular than the far right. Kurz, who was only 31 years old, accepted leadership of the party only on the condition that he could reorganize it and concentrate power with himself. He led the party to victory, became chancellor,



Sebastian Kurz has appealed to the right without seeming extreme.

addressed voters' concerns about immigration, and entered a coalition with a far-right party, all without losing popularity.

In May 2019, a scandal in one of his coalition parties resulted in him losing the chancellorship. Yet Kurz and his party have now emerged with an even larger

share of the vote than they won two years ago.

Many politicians in Europe are now looking to Kurz's example in handling his party and the chancellorship. He is strong on restricting immigration. He is willing to bring the far right into government. He promotes

Vox leader Santiago Abascal saw his party swell in popularity.



## Far right gains in Spain

Spain held its fourth national election in four years on Nov. 10, 2019—and it was again inconclusive. The nation is divided between left and right, and over policy toward its separatist regions. New fringe parties have taken votes from established groups, making stable coalitions almost impossible.

In April's election, the far-right party Vox won 10 percent of the vote and entered parliament for the first time in Spain's democratic history. In November, it catapulted into third place, winning 15 percent of the vote and more than doubling its number of seats. ■

Europe's Catholic heritage. Yet he doesn't present himself as a Nazi. This winning combination is the type of politician European voters have been crying out for, especially voters in Europe's most important nation, Germany.

Germany wants its own Kurz: charismatic, competent, religious, proud of his nation's heritage, and willing to restrict migration.

The Bible prophesies that a strongman will arise in Germany in the end time who will dominate all of Europe, leading the Continent to great power, but also to great atrocities and great danger. To learn more, read Gerald Flurry's cover story in this issue (page 1). ■



B-61 NUCLEAR BOMBS

## German military prepares to use nuclear bombs

**O**n Oct. 18, 2019, Germany's *Die Welt* headlined, "The Bundeswehr Is Training in a Secret Exercise for Nuclear War," based on information released by the German Press Agency. The exercise involved Germany and the Netherlands, North Atlantic Treaty Organization members that have access to the alliance's nuclear weapons, American B61 tactical bombs.

Most people do not consider Germany a threat to world peace, but we should give attention

to its military preparations. Germany initiated both world wars. Toward the end of World War II, with an estimated 75 million people dead, Herbert W. Armstrong said: "We don't understand German thoroughness. From the very start of World War II, they have considered the possibility of losing this second round, as they did the first—and they have carefully, methodically planned, in such eventuality, the third round—World War III!"

In the decades since, Germany has quietly worked to gain access to nuclear bombs, and it has trained its air force to use them. ■

## EU grabs power to police speech beyond its borders

**E**uropean Union countries can order social media platforms like Facebook to remove content worldwide, the European Court of Justice ruled on Oct. 3, 2019. If one EU country deems something illegal, it can order Facebook to block all equivalent content in all other countries, even if it is not illegal in those countries.

The ruling establishes European national courts as global speech police. In practice, it will mean that social media sites must impose automated content filters to block what the European Court of Justice considers "illegal."

"This judgment has major implications for online freedom of expression around the world," stated Thomas Hughes, executive director of free-speech group Article 19. He warned, "This would set a dangerous precedent where the courts of one country can control what Internet users in another country can see. This could be open to abuse, particularly by regimes with weak human rights records."

Admitting that policing speech worldwide is a drastic step, the court said the answer was to "adopt an approach of self-limitation." This is an admission that

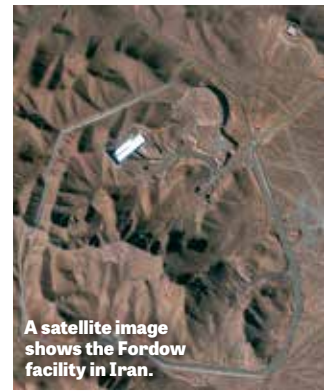
## Iran's 'most serious violation' of nuke deal

**I**ran resumed nuclear enrichment at its Fordow facility on Nov. 5, 2019, intending to increase its enrichment to 5 percent uranium purity.

A Eurasia Group report said, "The decision to expand nuclear activities at Fordow is Iran's most serious violation of the nuclear deal to date. [This] violation represents a significant escalation, not a continuation of incremental steps away from its nuclear commitments."

Under the terms of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, Iran was required to repurpose Fordow's centrifuges to produce stable isotopes for civilian use. However, Iran never complied, because it intended to resume uranium enrichment at Fordow.

Iranian officials originally insisted that this advanced facility would enrich uranium only to 5 percent purity, but it eventually enriched to 20 percent. Reopening Fordow, Iran's only facility capable of producing 20 percent uranium, is a threat. If it again produces 20 percent enriched uranium



A satellite image shows the Fordow facility in Iran.

there, it will be perhaps two to three months away from producing 90 percent enriched uranium, the radioactive material needed to build a nuclear bomb.

About 79 million Iranians, 90 percent of the population, follow "Twelver" Shia Islam, a teaching that believes the Mahdi, its version of the Messiah, will return in a time of chaos and destruction. Iran's leaders believe that causing chaos and destruction can accelerate and hasten the return of the Mahdi. Iran is pushing the world closer to nuclear chaos and destruction. The Bible prophesies that another world war is coming, and that Iran will be part of it. What happens at Fordow may determine whether its part will be nuclear. ■



there will be no check on these courts' powers.

This is the latest in a range of Europe's efforts to control the Internet. Its 2018 General Data Protection Regulation and 2019's Directive on Copyright in the Single Digital Market force all content on social media sites to be filtered before posting.

European Digital Rights called it a "censorship machine." Over the next couple years, European nations will have to write their own national laws to enforce the directive, and European courts, apparently unchecked, will preside over any disputes. ■

For more: [theTrumpet.com/go/Internet](http://theTrumpet.com/go/Internet).

## Egyptians demand radical change

**R**ioters calling for the resignation of Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi began on Sept. 20, 2019, and have spread nationwide despite a government clampdown.

Egyptian businessman and actor Mohammed Ali posted online videos in which he accused Sisi of spending millions of dollars on luxury palaces and hotels. Sisi dismissed the accusations as “lies and slander,” but the videos quickly spread and sparked the fumes of discontent that have been building in the repressed and impoverished populace.



Protesters in Cairo seek a new government.

Security forces have used tear gas, beatings, rubber bullets and live bullets to disperse rioters, and reportedly arrested more than 2,000 people. The

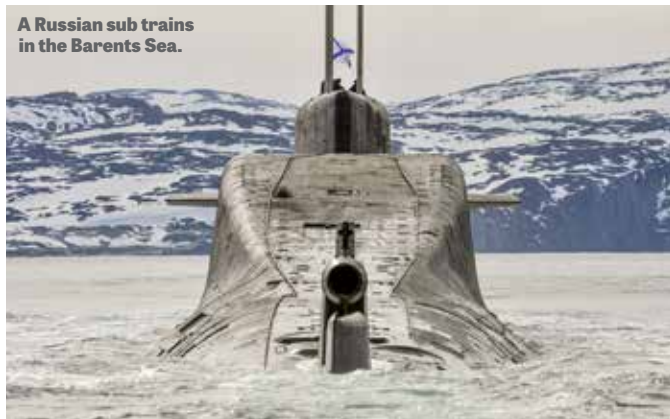
strictly controlled media began a pro-Sisi campaign and issued warnings against opposition figures. Police in Cairo are stopping and searching pedestrians,

sometimes searching phones for political content.

Several Egyptian authorities, including Sisi, have accused Islamic groups such as the Muslim Brotherhood of causing the riots. Though this does not appear to be true, the Iran-allied group stands to benefit from Egyptians' unrest and dissatisfaction.

“Daniel 11:42 implies that Egypt will be allied with the king of the south, or Iran,” *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry writes in *The King of the South*. “This prophecy indicates there will be a far-reaching change in Egyptian politics! We had been saying since 1994 this would occur, and look at Egypt today.” ■

A Russian sub trains in the Barents Sea.



## The ‘disappearing’ Russian submarine threat

**R**ussia began its most extensive underwater exercises since the end of the Cold War on Oct. 29, 2019, with eight nuclear and two conventional submarines rehearsing for major conflict.

The fleet conducted most of its drills in the waters between Greenland, Iceland and the United Kingdom, a strategic passage that is closely monitored by global powers. If Russian submarines slip through undetected, they can vanish into the Atlantic Ocean and reappear off the coasts of France, Portugal, the United Kingdom, the United States or other nations without warning.

“If Russian submarines can break through [these waters] undetected,” the *Drive* wrote, “they have a far better chance of disappearing into the Atlantic to go about their potentially very deadly business without being traced. During a time of war, this can include wreaking havoc on Allied shipping and naval flotillas and executing pinpoint attacks on key land targets” (Oct. 29, 2019).

Europeans are warily observing Russia's increasing military preparedness. Watch for not only Russian militarization but also European militarization to increase rapidly. ■

## China prepares to blind U.S. satellites

**C**hina is rapidly developing military capabilities that could compromise American satellites, according to a Sept. 27, 2019, report by John Raymond, head of United States Space Command. “We’re pretty comfortable [in asserting] that they are developing directed energy weapons—probably building lasers to blind our satellites,” the report stated. Much of the nation's military technology relies on satellite positioning systems.

Herbert W. Armstrong proved in *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* that Americans are descendants of the ancient Israelites. They have an intimate history with God, but they have engaged in rampant rebellion against Him. God has prophesied that He will punish the nation to correct it for its sin. Ezekiel 7:14 specifies one chilling result: “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.”

Regarding this verse, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote, “The trumpet of war was

blown in Israel—mainly America and Britain. It seems everybody was expecting our people to go into battle. But the greatest tragedy imaginable occurred! Nobody went to battle—even though the trumpet was blown!” (*Trumpet*, January 1995).

How could the world's greatest military superpower fail to even go to battle? Perhaps because God has allowed its crucial space and cyber capabilities to be attacked. To learn more about this vulnerability in space, read Mr. Flurry's article “*America's Achilles' Heel*” ([theTrumpet.com/457](http://theTrumpet.com/457)). ■

A Chinese KZ-1a launches in November, putting two satellites into orbit.





Sinaloa state police agents stand guard.

# Drug cartels threaten United States

**M**exico is a failed state where drug cartels are stronger than the government in many cities. On Oct. 17, 2019, a battle occurred in Culiacán between the Sinaloa cartel and militarized police, with the cartel clobbering law enforcement.

The military had captured the two sons of jailed drug lord Joaquin “El Chapo” Guzman.

Cartel gunmen quickly freed the elder son, Ivan, then besieged the entire city in an effort to free his younger brother, Ovidio. Using machine guns and armored vehicles including a truck with a turret, the cartel overpowered Mexican security forces. Eight hours into the battle, Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador ordered troops to release Ovidio and surrender.

## Scotland outlaws spanking

**S**cotland banned parents from physically punishing their children in a vote taken on Oct. 3, 2019. Members of Parliament passed the Equal Protection Act, criminalizing corporal punishment under the same laws that govern assault between adults. In doing so, Scotland has outlawed a basic and vital parental right, and is actually harming children.

Various groups harbor differing views on this vital issue of child rearing. But what does the Bible say?

If done out of anger and with excessive force, spanking is indeed harmful to children and should never be done. But done for the right reasons in a way that temporarily stings but

causes no harm, it will teach a child discipline and benefit him or her for a lifetime. In “Not Spanking Shows a Lack of Love,” *Trumpet* contributor Dennis Leap wrote that spanking exists, not as a form of abuse, but as a way to save children from making harmful choices. “The first and most important part of effective child rearing is showing deep love for a child,” he wrote. “The second part is

This warfare occurred only 600 miles from the border of the cartels’ main market: the United States. If cartels have the firepower to take on Mexico’s military, they can take on U.S. police and Border Patrol agents.

The Prophet Hosea foretold that the modern-day descendants of ancient Israel (America and Britain) would suffer if they rebelled against God’s law. “Hear the word of the Lord, ye children of Israel: for the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood” (Hosea 4:1-2).

Because there is “no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land,” people lie, kill, steal and take drugs. The violence is becoming so bad that there is hardly a reprieve between stabbings, shootings and gruesome violence. ■



## United States income inequality at record high

**H**ousehold income inequality in the United States has reached its highest level since the government began tracking the statistic in 1967. The Census Bureau released data on Sept. 26, 2019, showing that median household income topped \$63,000 for the first time in U.S. history, but the gap between the richest and poorest households continues widening. The poorest fifth of American households now earn an average of \$13,775; the richest fifth earn an average of \$233,895.

Politicians such as Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren are using such statistics to call for a wealth tax and increased socialism. They point to the “Gini coefficient” measure of income inequality, which has risen 22 percent over the last 50 years. They ignore the fact that the coefficient for *individual* adults has remained almost unchanged. The main reason for this discrepancy is the breakup of households by divorce. This causes the same wealth to be spread over more households, causing household income to plummet.

Census Bureau data also show that 77 percent of the richest fifth of American households are headed by a married couple, while 83 percent of the poorest fifth of American households are headed by singles. The only way to rebuild America’s middle class, alleviate child poverty, and improve income equality is to build a society based on strong families. ■



educating that child in love. The third part is disciplining in love. Effective child rearing requires discipline, which should include spanking” (Nov. 29, 2017).

The ultimate authority on spanking is not Scotland’s parliament, but God’s Word. Proverbs 13:24 in the Revised Standard Version states, “He who spares the rod hates his son, but he who loves him is diligent to discipline him.” ■

wrote an essay, “Overpopulation and the Potential for Ecocide,” warning of a coming ice age. Examples of such deranged and failed predictions are legion. (Read Brad Macdonald’s August 2019 commentary, “**Environmentalists’ Attack on Family**,” showing how the real motive behind the push to depopulate has nothing to do with concern for the Earth: [theTrumpet.com/20889](http://theTrumpet.com/20889).)

It is important to be reminded of such facts, because they are being absolutely buried by noise. We’re told that teenagers like Greta Thunberg “get it” as they scold and scream at the world for supposed inaction regarding climate change. And what barbarian would dare question 11,000 scientists? The media is on board this train, and more and more leaders are clambering on, or being pushed there—and are making ruinous decisions accordingly. It has become the presumed consensus. But it still doesn’t make it true.

Every new disaster we suffer brings out climatologists speaking as though these curses would cease if only we would all become vegetarians, erect windmills, and stop flying airplanes. This is not only delusional, it is terribly dangerous.

Many people see the dishonesty and hypocrisy of climate alarmism. But even they do not see the real disaster in it: the fact that this error obscures the *real lesson* we must take from these curses!

### The Real Lesson

The focus on climate change hides the real issue. If human carbon emissions aren’t causing floods in Venice and droughts in Australia, then *what is?*

To be sure, human activity *does* directly cause some nature-related problems. Burning fossil fuels does release pollutants like sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide into the environment (though the U.S. has cut sulfur dioxide emissions by 91 percent and nitrogen oxide emissions by 60 percent since 1970). This can create “acid rain” that, though far less than in the 1970s, still poisons streams, lakes and marshes. Soil degradation is another man-made environmental threat: Scientists estimate our soil has lost 25 to 75 percent of its organic content since the dawn of human agriculture—and *mostly* because of crop monocultures that sap nutrients. There

is also the issue of people building homes in flood zones, coastlines and other high-risk areas, where the routine workings of nature become calamitous only because they disrupt human activity.

But there is yet another, far more germane factor to consider regarding the cause of disasters. It is *spiritual*.

The Creator of the Earth has power over the weather (e.g. Psalm 148; Nahum 1:3; Job 38:28). And He uses it to accomplish very specific purposes.

Notice the promises God makes in Leviticus 26:3-4: “If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.” Contrast this with verses 14, 19 and 20: “But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments ... I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass: And your strength shall be spent in vain: for your land shall not yield her increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruits.”

These verses and other related passages make clear that obedience leads to rain in its season, causing the land to produce plenty. God is able to create favorable weather and other conditions for people who are faithful to Him. But at times He holds back rain and creates other environmental-related challenges to correct those who disobey His laws.

“He loads the thick cloud with moisture; the clouds scatter his lightning. They turn round and round *by his guidance*, to accomplish *at that he commands them* on the face of the habitable world. WHETHER FOR CORRECTION, OR FOR HIS LAND, OR FOR LOVE, HE CAUSES IT TO HAPPEN” (Job 37:11-13; Revised Standard Version).

God bathes the Earth with gentle, life-giving rain to show His loving concern and mercy. But as human beings reject Him and hurt His creation and each other, He sends storms, tornadoes, hurricanes, floods, droughts and other disasters *for correction*. He is trying to help people recognize that they are pursuing the *cursed* way of disobedience, the way of immorality, deceit, coveting, violence, hatred, lust, greed, idolatry, blasphemy, vanity, selfishness.

This great Creator promises, “If my people, which are called by my name, shall *humble themselves*, and *pray*, and

*seek my face*, and TURN FROM THEIR WICKED WAYS; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will *heal their land*” (2 Chronicles 7:14).

This is the plain truth of the Bible! Those who attribute these disasters to the supposed “sins” of emitting carbon, eating meat and having children—rather than the *actual sins* that God defines in His Word—are directly contradicting and defying God’s truth!

When you understand that “natural” disasters represent our Creator reaching out to us to try to correct us and guide us back into a relationship with Him, the real tragedy of “climate change” becomes clear. Rather than seeing God and accepting His correction, they are being moved to anger, stirred to protest and revolt and castigate their leaders. They are throwing their emotional support behind misguided leftist causes and being overtaken by passionate self-righteous indignation that is weakening and fraying society.

This entire trend is covered with the fingerprints of the father of liars, who hates human beings and was “a murderer from the beginning” (John 8:44), “the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience” (Ephesians 2:2)—Satan the devil. This evil dragon deceives the whole world (Revelation 12:9), and few issues demonstrate this heartbreaking reality as plainly as this issue of climate change.

Obviously most people dismiss and mock this view, but the Bible could not be more plain. With these verses in mind, the nonsensical and bizarre actions of individuals and nations begin to make sense. And even more, you begin to see how crises, like droughts in South Africa and Australia, fires in California and flooding in Europe, can actually be solved.

I urge you to read our free booklet *Why ‘Natural’ Disasters?*—especially Chapter 3: “The Deadly Climate Change Deception.” Amid all the cacophony and hullabaloo on this subject, here is some *truth*—ABSOLUTE truth based on the Bible. It gives the *real solution*. It is not suppressing fertility or financing abortions. It involves getting ourselves right with the Creator God, who yearns to bless us. ■





## When to Holster Those Thumbs

**S**HOULD I SEND THIS TEXT? SHOULD I MAKE THIS COMMENT? Should I express that thought? It seems fewer and fewer people ever ask themselves these questions—and it's causing mayhem.

To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven, wise Solomon wrote. This includes “A TIME TO KEEP SILENCE” (Ecclesiastes 3:7). Yes, there is a time the thought in your mind is best left right where it is—unspoken, untexted.



JOEL HILLIKER

Sadly, this is becoming less and less “common sense.” Our world is faster than ever; news, facts, opinions, judgments, “hot takes” and other reactions circle the world in a blink. People not only *say* all that is on their minds, they text, tweet,

chat, blog or vlog it too, without hesitation.

It's *never* a good idea to speak rashly. Knowing when to keep your mouth closed and your thumbs off your phone is a critical life skill. And God has a lot to say about it. The Bible brims with admonitions to control what you say and warnings of the woe you'll cause if you don't. This invaluable guidance is *doubly* true of texting and posting online.

“A FOOL takes no pleasure in understanding, but *only in expressing his opinion*” (Proverbs 18:2; Revised Standard Version). Is there any better description of what triggers a *majority* of social media posts?

If you aren't restraining your words, God bluntly calls you a *fool*. “Be not rash with thy mouth .... [A] FOOL'S voice is known by *multitude of words*” (Ecclesiastes 5:2-3). “[T]he mouth [or phone] of fools pours forth foolishness” (Proverbs 15:2; New King James Version).

Compare what you see online to the wisdom in these proverbs: “He who guards his mouth preserves his life; he who opens wide his lips comes to ruin. ... He who restrains his words has knowledge, and he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding. ... He who keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps himself out of trouble” (Proverbs 13:3; 17:27; 21:23; RSV).

This advice is important for what you *say* to a friend or two, and *essential* for what you text or post online to be seen by dozens or thousands or more. Online, that offhand comment can easily reach ears and eyes you never intended, and cause untold damage to others' names and your own. In addition, colleges, employers and others often scrutinize your online statements when deciding whether to offer you opportunities like admissions and job offers. What you post can live on and be difficult or

impossible to erase. Many people are frustrated to find their lives “coming to ruin” because of ill-considered comments or photos they posted—sometimes years ago as teenagers.

This is one more reason we ought all heed the Apostle James: “[L]et every man be swift to hear, slow to speak [slow to text, slow to post], slow

to wrath .... If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain” (James 1:19, 26). Another proverb: “Do you see a man who is hasty in his words? There is more hope for a fool than for him” (Proverbs 29:20; RSV).

Biblical wisdom gets more specific about one area where *far too many people* have grown *far too comfortable* letting their opinions fly: criticism and condemnation. Workplaces echo with it. The Internet swims in it.

When a condemning thought pings your mind, it is definitely “a time to keep silence”! James says plainly, “Speak not evil one of another, brethren” (James 4:11). The Apostle Paul says we ought to “speak evil of no man” (Titus 3:2).

Why is this so important? Ignoring this wisdom destroys relationships, ruins reputations, and brings bitterness and grief to others—and to you. “There is one whose rash words are like sword thrusts, but the tongue of the wise brings healing” (Proverbs 12:18; RSV). Before you speak or post, honestly ask yourself: Do your words wound, or do they heal?

At the heart of all this biblical instruction beats this simple truth: God's way of life is giving, loving concern for others above self. Satan's way is getting, vain concern for self above others. The urge to criticize springs from *Satan's* way. You trumpet the weaknesses and mistakes of others to knock them down a notch. You tell that juicy story to feel superior and get a laugh, not even considering whether you have the whole story, how it might hurt the person, whether he or she deserves the courtesy of privacy, or how you want others handling such unflattering tidbits about you.

Gossip, rumor and slander have bedeviled all human history, and now they are amplified by smartphones and social media. With the scuttle of thumbs on a little screen, gossipy goodies can resound around the world within seconds. The feeling you get is potent and addictive.

And God hates it. He commands, “Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people ...” (Leviticus 19:16)—and with 4G and wifi, you can “go up and down” without leaving your seat. Even more: “Thou shalt not hate thy brother *in thine heart* ...” (verse 17). God wants you to bridle not just your lips and your fingers, but also your mind and heart.

Learn the godly wisdom in recognizing “a time to keep silence.” Live the *give* way. Think on the good and praiseworthy in others (Philippians 4:8). Show kindness and respect. Speak what builds up (Ephesians 4:29)—not what hurts, but what heals. ■

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**Thank you for blessing me with your *Trumpet* magazine and books. Your words and Church have truly helped me grow close to our heavenly Father and Jesus Christ.**

**Thomas Eghert** ARIZONA

Thanks for updating me with the latest global news. The Word of God is indeed inspiring, giving hope to our generation. May God continue to bless this ministry. Please advise on how I can get a copy of your new booklet on Hebrews.

**Rocky Robert Wakinda** PAPUA NEW GUINEA

**Absolutely! This and all other booklets we produce are free—just look at the back cover of this magazine for how to get copies online, or via telephone or mail.**

I was glad to read your article on arthritis (“Manage Your Aching Bones,” *theTrumpet.com/21314*). Another huge contributing factor to flare-ups of rheumatoid arthritis is that insidious caffeine that so many people are addicted to. Also, someone hyped up on caffeine and on their cell phone while driving is as big a road hazard as someone drinking alcohol.

**Mardem**

I am an elderly retired man with little money to live on. Really appreciate the Bible correspondence course that I’ve received. I love the tests, and I’m learning a lot. I want to thank the PCG for offering it free.

**Leatherman**

**You are welcome! All interested in this free course can visit [bcc.hwacollege.org](http://bcc.hwacollege.org).**

*theTrumpet.com* is by far my favorite website. Your library section and reading materials are staggering, educational, mind-blowing and have been extremely helpful to me in building my faith and keeping me strong. I love *Mystery of the Ages* (read it six times) and *Does God Exist?*, and lots of others that are free to read. It amazes me how atheists are so blind. It is not easy being a firm believer in this atheistic world. I recently did 10 years of teaching in China and found that some Chinese people take atheism to incredible new heights. I found it alarming.

**Brian Nash**

I am eternally grateful to the *Trumpet* for the clarity and comfort each monthly issue brings to this troubled world. I am also guilty that I have not responded to any of the articles; no one else in Britain, it would seem, bothers to do so either, even though I am sure they enjoy the magazine as much I do. But what has prompted me now are the brilliant articles from your October issue: “Making Britain Great Again?” (*theTrumpet.com/21165*) and “Inspiring Lessons From the Battle of Britain” (*theTrumpet.com/21166*). In the first, “the parallels between Boris Johnson and Donald Trump are remarkable,” as indeed are the forecasts by Amos of “future leaders who would have accomplishments similar



to Jeroboam II,” albeit only temporary! The Battle of Britain is exceptionally described. What stands out, at the end, is Air Chief Marshall Hugh Dowding observing that there had been “some special divine intervention.” These interventions at various stages have always struck me: Neville Chamberlain, with “peace in our time,” was stalling Hitler to gain time to rearm. At the evacuation of over 330,000 troops from Dunkirk, why did Hitler delay the Wehrmacht? Also: Diverting the bombing to London enabled the regrouping of the Royal Air Force. All these and more were divine interventions; I called them miracles!

**Peter Smith** ENGLAND

Thank you everyone at the Philadelphia Church of God for all of the hard work that goes into all these important publications. I pray that everyone will stay strong in fulfilling the great commission.

**Henry Whitley** GEORGIA

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# The Left's Talent for Mainstreaming Immorality

BY BRAD MACDONALD

**D**ESMOND NAPOLES IS A DRAG PERFORMER, fashion model and actor. He performs at lesbian-gay-bisexual-transgender-queer parades, on stages and on runways across the United States. He calls himself “Desmond Is Amazing.” He is 12.

A video of this child was posted on YouTube about a year ago. It has been “liked” by 2,700 viewers, and it has been “disliked” by 48,000 viewers. At a ratio of 18:1, people do not like seeing a child turn into a sexual deviant.

Yet do you know who posted this particular video? *Good Morning America*, the most popular morning television show in the largest television market on Earth. And they presented it not only as if it were normal, but as if it were heroic. As Desmond strutted in, the audience gave raucous applause, grinning ear to ear. He was embraced by fawning, almost awestruck hosts. At the end of the segment, Desmond was surrounded onstage by adult drag queens.

The average American's disgust for such a horrible thing happening to a child was not reflected on the show. *Good Morning America* made the story of the then 11-year-old pre-pubescent drag queen dressing like a prostitute seem laudable, and certainly normal and acceptable.

This reveals more than just the enormous divide between the media's liberal elites and the average human being. Something much more sinister is at work.

How many of this show's 4 million-plus viewers reacted with aversion to what they were seeing, yet saw their favorite hosts and others in the studio gushing with adoration—and then questioned themselves? *Maybe Desmond Is Amazing is normal? Maybe this isn't as bad as I think? Maybe I'm the one who's wrong for being disgusted?*

That segment was *mainstreaming* wickedness. Its obvious intent was to present as normal and good something the vast majority of people still believe is deviant and wrong. It turned evil into good, and good into evil.

The radical left does this all the time.

We are experiencing a *global* campaign to make gender perversion normal. Entertainment, news and advertising media are full of homosexual, bisexual, transgender and other sexual deviance. One gets the impression that millions of average people are experimenting with their sexuality or gender, and millions

of others have no issue with transgenderism and gender fluidity.

*In fact, only 0.6 percent of American adults identify as transgender.* The figures are roughly the same in other nations.

In mainstreaming evil, one of the left's greatest success stories is homosexuality. In our society, the debate over homosexuality is over. It is considered entirely normal by both the left and right. Judging by homosexuals' influence on Western culture, you could assume that many average people are homosexual. Over 10 percent of TV characters are LGBTQ—but

Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation wants that figure bumped up to 20 percent by 2025.

*In fact, even with the negative stigma gone, only 4.5 percent of American adults identify as homosexual.*

This isn't bigotry or hate. This is fact. Transgender and gender-confused people, and even homosexuals, are part of a tiny, in some cases, *minuscule*, minority. Yet these groups have a powerful presence and incredible influence in society. How did it get to be this way?

The radical left has been incredibly successful at normalizing the most extreme of beliefs!

This mainstreaming of minority views and opinions occurs daily on all sorts of issues, including climate change, gender inequality and feminism. You even see it in political issues, such as the presidency of Donald Trump, or Brexit. Media personalities convey the impres-

sion that the overwhelming majority of the population believe Donald Trump should be impeached, or that Britain should remain in the European Union. They create the impression that Trump supporters and Brexiteers are part of a small minority of radical, far-right bigots. In fact, 63 million people voted for Donald Trump, and a clear majority of the British people voted to leave the EU—and still want to leave the EU today.

Only one mind can come up with a strategy this sinister. Only one being can persuade people to turn evil into good and good into evil. The Bible clearly reveals the presence of a devil. Revelation 12:9 says that there is a devil “which deceiveth the whole world.” Jesus Christ called the devil “a liar, and the father of it” (John 8:44).

Biblical passages in Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28, among others, show that Satan has employed this strategy of mainstreaming evil from the very beginning. He sold rebellion, immorality and lawlessness as right and good.

When very powerful, very influential forces, including the prince of the power of the air himself (Ephesians 2:2), are pumping huge amounts of evil into the mainstream, what are you to do? The Apostle Paul gives the answer in 2 Thessalonians 2: “Therefore, brethren, *stand fast*, and hold the traditions which ye have been taught, whether by word, or our epistle” (verse 15).

To avoid deception, hold fast to the truth. Defend the law. Value tradition. Build your life around the knowledge of God. Love it with all your being. Let God's Word be the standard by which you measure all truth. Don't let your moral compass be moved by the elites, by crowd, or by the fake crowd. Rely on the power of God.

In an upside-down world, it's the only way.



**WE ARE EXPERIENCING  
A GLOBAL CAMPAIGN  
TO MAKE GENDER  
PERVERSION NORMAL.**

2 Corinthians 4:4 says that “THE GOD OF THIS WORLD hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.” That’s right—*Satan* is the god of this world today. He has *blinded* this world to the truth of God. He has deceived this world, as he did Eve, into eating from the wrong tree! Yet people don’t even realize it. Those two trees are a mystery to them. This crucial understanding about the roots of our present civilization remains a mystery to them.

But it’s not a mystery to God. It’s not a mystery to God’s very elect. And it need not be a mystery to you. It simply requires believing what God has revealed.

## What could be more wonderful than becoming a spirit-born member of the God Family?

Soon the *second* Adam, Jesus Christ, will return. He will kick Satan off the throne of the Earth and establish His Kingdom. At that time, He will open up access to the tree of life to all mankind once again.

Look again at the first chapter of Genesis. In verse 26, God says He made mankind *in His own image and likeness*. The word *likeness* means that we look like God. The word *image* means He intends us to exhibit His very CHARACTER! He wants us to ACT like Him.

Building that character requires a *voluntary choice* to live God’s way. It requires *choosing* to eat of the tree of life and growing in the Spirit of God. It means *preparing* to enter the very Family of God.

What an exalted potential God has given human beings!

What could be more wonderful than becoming a spirit-born member of the God Family?

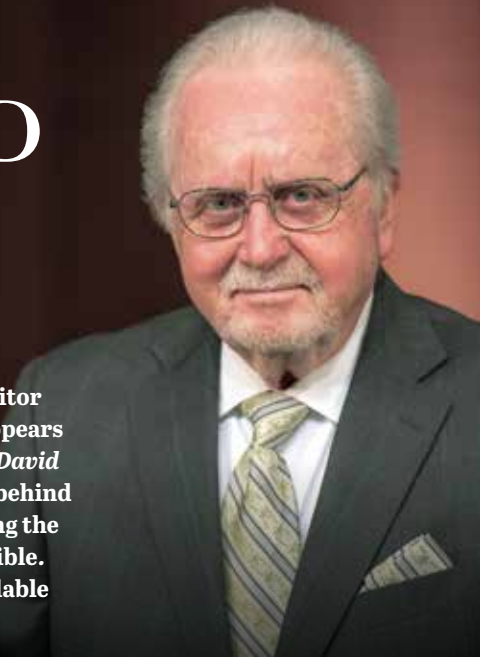
God wants to open the tree of life *to you*. He wants you to stay away from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, the cause of this world’s problems. He is saying, *I want you to eat from the tree of life and live happily—FOREVER!* ■

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