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The Holy Roman Empire Is Back!



GERALD FLURRY
EDITOR IN CHIEF

A foundational prophecy of your Bible has just been fulfilled. The perfect military storm is about to explode. Let the world beware!

THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE BECAME OFFICIAL JANUARY 1, 2010. On that date, the European Union implemented its diplomatic service and appointed other officials. That made the Holy Roman Empire official.

Now they have already begun to build their own military, which is destined to become a world-shaking superpower!

The EU *constitution* was signed in November 2009. IT IS FAR FROM BEING A DEMOCRATIC CONSTITUTION. The EU is absolutely domineered by Germany—a nation that started World Wars I and II!

The empire is to be guided by the Vatican. That makes it a church-state combine—hence, the name *Holy Roman Empire*. But if you look at the previous six heads of that empire, you will see that it was the opposite of *holy!* (Request our free booklet *Germany and the Holy Roman Empire*.)

The Holy Roman Empire has seven heads. The seventh is now on the scene. The first head began in A.D. 554 and was ruled by Justinian. The sixth head ended at the conclusion of World War II in 1945. It was ruled by madman Adolf Hitler, one of the bloodiest tyrants in the history of man.

According to your Bible, the seventh head will be the bloodiest one of all—by far!

We have been prophesying this for 65 years! Now it is here.

The world is so ignorant about the Holy Roman Empire that people don't see what is happening. Even most Europeans don't understand.

Otto von Habsburg was a member of the European Parlia-

The EU is now comprised of 27 nations. But your Bible says it will have 10 kings. That means this political-religious union is about to be radically reduced.

ment only a few years ago. Here is what he said: "The [European] Community is living largely by the heritage of the Holy Roman Empire, though the great majority of the people who live by it don't know by what heritage they live."

The *undemocratic* constitution the EU signed was called the Lisbon Treaty. Few people even understand what this treaty is. Such deceitful tactics are why most people in Europe and the world are unaware of what is really happening. The EU has just created a constitution for the Holy Roman Empire.

The EU is now comprised of 27 nations. But your Bible says

it will have 10 kings. That means this political-religious union is about to be radically reduced. Perhaps another financial crisis, or some other disaster, will produce that result.

Making the EU smaller will make it much less democratic, more unified, and more powerful—so powerful that it will start World War III!

It is high time people understand what is happening in Europe!

The world is about to be bludgeoned into this reality. The Holy Roman Empire has risen six times in Europe. EACH TIME, IT HAS SOAKED THE CONTINENT IN BLOOD. The seventh head is going to shed blood around the world. Its past strongly indicates what it will do in the future. Its history alone should make people tremble with fear today!

Thankfully, this will be the seventh and last head of this empire. Then this world is going to be filled with peace, joy and abundance forever! That too is prophesied in the Bible and *must* be fulfilled—just as the prophesied seven heads of the Holy Roman Empire have been.

History Has Been Forgotten

Here is what Winston Churchill and Franklin Roosevelt stated in a document signed in February 1945, toward the end of World War II: "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" (emphasis mine throughout).

Why were they determined to *never* let German militarism disturb the world's peace again? Because that military had started two world wars! (It also started a war with France in 1870 and conquered one half of that country.)

Churchill and Roosevelt knew the history of Germany. But most of our leaders today have forgotten that history—if they ever knew it.

Here is what Herman Hoeh, a German, wrote in the *Good News* magazine of April 1952, seven years after the war: "The question that President Truman and Secretary Acheson and *you* face is causing careful observers to tremble!

"DOES AMERICA DARE ARM GERMANY?"

"Can we unite Europe and *guide* the colossal military machine we envision there by 1955? ...

"OUR LEADING GENERALS IN EUROPE ADAMANTLY WARN THAT GERMANY IS A CALCULATED RISK. What will a Germany, armed with American help, think of her new power?"

"*The hour of decision struck* at Lisbon when it was decided to rearm Germany. *Your future is at stake!* How are *you* going to know what will happen in Europe? ...

“WHY WILL THE DIPLOMATS THINK THAT *TODAY* THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE IN GERMANY ARE DIFFERENT FROM YESTERDAY? Every one of those UNDEMOCRATIC nations when once armed has turned upon us. We are the hated ‘have’ nations, the ‘capitalist’ nations, the ‘imperialistic’ nations.

“THE HEART OF THE GERMAN PEOPLE, INDOCTRINATED WITH NAZISM, HAS NOT BEEN CONVERTED TO OUR WAY OF LIFE. If they really ... have come to love us since their defeat, *would they now be trying to bargain for domination in Europe*, and *threatening* to withhold support from the cause of democracy against Russia? Is that the way *love* is manifested? Can we purchase *love* with money?”

Remember, this was written 58 years ago!

As I mentioned, Dr. Hoeh was also a German and understood the German mind.

EVEN BACK IN 1952, GERMANY WAS FIGHTING FOR DOMINATION OF EUROPE—and America didn’t understand what it meant, or chose not to understand. That has been Germany’s goal from the beginning!

German Industrialists’ Secret Plan

Was Germany really trying to dominate Europe in 1952? Let’s take a look at some evidence that proves it was.

In 1996, a shocking World War II intelligence document was made public. The document, detailing an August 1944 meeting between top German industrialists, reveals a secret postwar plan to restore the Nazis to power. Several of Germany’s elite industries were represented, including Messerschmitt and Volkswagenwerks. These companies, the document asserts, were to “prepare themselves to finance the Nazi Party which would be forced to go underground.” When the U.S. declassified this document, it received only sparse news coverage. Yet even more disturbing than the deep stupor of the media is the fact that THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DID NOT MAKE IT PUBLIC UNTIL 1996—over 50 years later!

By 1944, the Germans knew they would lose World War II and were already planning for the next round! “Existing financial reserves in foreign countries,” the document says, “must be placed at the disposal of the party so that a strong GERMAN EMPIRE can be created after the defeat.”

The U.S. government knew all about this treachery and shamefully kept quiet. How utterly condemning!

Those at the 1944 meeting understood that the most prominent members of the Nazi Party would be condemned as war criminals. “However,” the document maintains, “in cooperation with the industrialists it is arranging to place its less conspicuous but most important members in positions with various German factories as technical experts or members of its research and designing offices.”

How alarming! Why was so little written about this in 1996? Why did it take so long for it to be declassified? Or better yet, why was it even declassified in the first place? America and Britain have fallen asleep—our people don’t understand what is happening behind the scenes!

That is why we at the *Trumpet* feel compelled to return to these issues again and again. Hardly anyone else will!

HISTORIANS HAVE LONG DEBATED WHETHER OR NOT A SECRET NAZI PLAN WAS MADE FOR A POSTWAR, INTERNATIONAL NETWORK. Now that it has been confirmed, as Elan Steinberg of the World Jewish Congress said, “the central question is whether it has been carried out.”

The obvious answer is, it has!

That Nazi intelligence document was written in 1944. Here is what Herbert W. Armstrong said on radio, May 9, 1945: “THE



WAR IS OVER, IN EUROPE—OR IS IT? WE NEED TO WAKE UP AND REALIZE THAT RIGHT NOW IS THE MOST DANGEROUS MOMENT IN UNITED STATES NATIONAL HISTORY, INSTEAD OF ASSUMING WE NOW HAVE PEACE!

“Men plan, here, to preserve the PEACE of the world. What most do not know is that the Germans have *their* plans for winning the BATTLE of the peace. Yes, I said BATTLE of the peace. That’s a kind of battle we Americans don’t know. We know only *one kind* of war. We have never lost a war—that is, a military war; but we have never won a conference, where leaders of other nations outfox us in the BATTLE for the peace.

“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! Hitler has lost. This round of war, in Europe, is over. And the Nazis have now gone UNDERGROUND. In France and Norway they learned how effectively an organized UNDERGROUND can hamper occupation and control of a country. Paris was liberated by the French UNDERGROUND—and Allied armies. Now a Nazi underground is methodically planned. They plan to COME BACK and to win on the third try.”

That intensely galvanizing prophecy was proclaimed in 1945! It ought to stir us to action like a thousand volts of electricity. Our response must be immediate or it will be too late.

Mr. Armstrong sent that message around the world for over 30 years. He was on over 400 TV stations, often broadcast on radio and had a *Plain Truth* magazine circulation of over 8 million—more than *Time* and *Newsweek* combined at that time.

This world has been warned! There is no excuse for people to be ignorant. When we ignore God’s strong warning, we pay a dreadful price! For a full understanding on this subject, request our free booklet *The Rising Beast*.

How many of our people can face the dangerous truth before it’s too late?



DER FÜHRER
Millions of devoted Germans who supported Hitler's plans cared less about having a vote than about having a great nation.

Just two years after the war, Allied authorities foolishly handed over denazification responsibilities to, of all people, the Germans.

The Danger in a United Germany

Brian Connell, in his 1957 book *A Watcher on the Rhine*, offered abundant proof of that Nazi plan being carried out. He drew attention to a watershed event in 1947, just two years after the war, when Allied authorities foolishly handed over denazification responsibilities to, of all people, the Germans! After 1947, denazification in Germany, according to Connell, was a farce!

British newspapers jumped on the story when documents were released last September

disclosing Margaret Thatcher's vigorous opposition to German unification in 1989.

In one Kremlin transcript, the former prime minister was revealed as telling Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in off-the-record meetings in September 1989 that the "reunification of Germany is not in the interests of Britain and Western Europe." While that might appear different from public pronouncements, she stated, Britain does "not want a united Germany."

THE DOCUMENTS REVEAL FRENCH PRESIDENT FRANÇOIS MITTERRAND TELLING THATCHER THAT A UNITED GERMANY COULD "MAKE EVEN MORE GROUND THAN HAD HITLER." If Germany expanded, he said, then Europe would be in the same position that it had been in before World War I. He also said that reunification could turn Germans into the "bad" people they used to be.

The documents also show Nikolai Ryzhkov, the premier of the Soviet Union, telling Gorbachev that if Germany was allowed to reunify on its own terms, "then in 20 or 30 years Germany will start another world war."

Jacques Attali, adviser to the French president, was equally concerned. He told a Gorbachev aide that French leaders questioned whether Russia's lack of interference in the fall of the Berlin Wall meant that "the USSR has made peace with the prospect of a united Germany and will not take any steps to prevent it." He said, "This has caused a FEAR APPROACHING PANIC." Attali later told Mitterrand that he was so fearful of a united Germany that, should it come to pass, he would "fly off to live on Mars."

These documents reveal that Mrs. Thatcher was far from alone in her apprehensions; they actually justify her concerns as legitimate. It is true that these leaders mostly gave up their concerns after the fall of the Berlin Wall. Courageously, Britain's Iron Lady didn't. "You have not anchored Germany to Europe," she warned America during a conference in Colorado Springs in October 1995. "You have anchored Europe to a newly dominant, unified

Germany. In the end, my friends, you'll find it will not work."

As the *Trumpet* has explained extensively in recent issues, the "end" that Mrs. Thatcher mentioned is very nearly here. Germany is united and strong. It has cemented itself as the most powerful and dominant force, politically, economically and militarily, on the Continent. It has used that power to bully the rest of Europe. And the European leaders know it!

Who Will Be the Next Charlemagne?

Otto von Habsburg once said, "We possess a European symbol which belongs to all nations of Europe equally; THIS IS THE CROWN OF THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE, WHICH EMBODIES THE TRADITION OF CHARLEMAGNE."

Charlemagne waded through rivers of blood to rule Europe and convert Europeans to Catholicism. His empire was called the First Reich (empire). Hitler and Mussolini led the Third Reich (the sixth head).

Will the seventh Holy Roman Empire also be in the "tradition" of Adolf Hitler and the sixth head? Yes it will—so states Bible prophecy! But that history is too recent for European leaders to discuss it coming in the *tradition* of Adolf Hitler!

In 1983, Pope John Paul II was in Vienna—300 years after the city was attacked by the "barbarian Turks" and the Polish king rallied the European kings and drove out the barbarians. JOHN PAUL WAS SAYING, BACK IN 1983, THAT EUROPE NEEDED TO GET BACK TO ITS CHRISTIAN ROOTS. He was referring to the "Christian roots" of the bloody Holy Roman Empire. The current pope will rally Europe into making this a reality.

The Vatican leaders understand their history—unlike most of the world. This is why many millions of people are so easily deceived.

The next Charlemagne will be much more sophisticated than Hitler—much more cultured. But he is going to FIGHT CHRIST at His Second Coming!

In 1926, Hitler stated, "Christ was the greatest early fighter in the battle against the world enemy, the Jews The work that Christ started but could not finish, I—Adolf Hitler—will conclude." He did not consider Jesus a Jew, but only a half-Jew because He was begotten by God.

Hitler was an extremely radical Catholic (just as Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, the Iranian leader, is a radical Muslim). Roman Catholicism plays a major role in the *Holy Roman Empire*.

The biggest problem that Hitler posed to the world was not being a fanatical anti-Semite. That is only part of the story. This is where many people are deceived. Much of the world looks upon the Jews as God's chosen people. In Vienna, Hitler came to believe that God had replaced the Jews with the Germans and the Holy Roman Empire. He learned this in that cultured city—looking at and studying all about those crown jewels and the opulence of the Habsburgs.

He believed the *Germans* were God's chosen people. This is why the crown jewels of that empire meant so much to him.

In 1938, Hitler had brought the insignia of Charlemagne's First Reich—the imperial crown, the orb of empire, the scepter and the imperial sword—from Vienna to Nuremberg. At a rally, he vowed that they would remain there forever.

Soon the world will know who the modern Charlemagne is to be. You can be sure he will have Germany's stamp of approval. His actions will shock the world far more than the original Charlemagne. He will lead the world into the greatest "sea of blood" that humanity has ever seen or even dreamed about! Whether we realize it or not, the Fourth Reich has arrived.

Who Is Baron Guttenberg?

The Bible prophecies of this European strongman (see our October 2009 issue, “Is Germany’s New Charlemagne About to Appear?”). We have been watching for this individual to emerge.

Long-time *Trumpet* readers know that we have drawn particular attention to Edmund Stoiber. Because of the urgency of the time, I have strongly felt that this prophesied leader will come onto the scene shortly. In the May/June 2009 *Trumpet* magazine, for example, I wrote, “You need to watch the September 27 election this year in Germany. It could very well produce the political leader of the Holy Roman Empire.” Then again in that October issue, I said, “As I write this article, Germany is just weeks from electing a new chancellor. That election and events to unfold from it are going to bring devastating consequences to this world.”

I believe we may have witnessed a fulfillment of that prediction.

An impressive man appeared in the front line of German politics when he was appointed as Germany’s minister of economics just February of last year. Then, *right after Germany’s election*, Angela Merkel rocketed his political stature overnight by giving him the senior portfolio of defense minister in her new coalition cabinet.

The current Baron Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg’s official title was granted to his forebears during the 18th century. His correct title is *Reichsfreiherr*, the English translation being, “Baron of the Holy Roman Empire.”

His name is Baron Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg.

The Defense Ministry was Guttenberg’s portfolio of choice. “Following the success of the Merkel-led conservative political bloc at last month’s election, Baron Guttenberg has made little secret of his desire to switch from the Economics Ministry to the defense portfolio” (Deutsche Presse-Agentur, Oct. 23, 2009).

The timing of this appointment of the aristocratic Guttenberg could hardly be more significant. After the full implementation of the Lisbon Treaty, the European Union will now begin developing its long-awaited European military force, a force set to rival and even overtake the military power of the once mighty United States. Germany is going to forcefully lead that powerful church-state combine.

Guttenberg recently passed Chancellor Merkel in favor as the most popular politician in Germany.

Guttenberg was a bright young leader of the young set in Bavarian politics during Edmund Stoiber’s long reign as Bavaria’s prime minister. The two carry a mutual respect for each other’s political achievements. Recently Guttenberg strongly endorsed Stoiber’s efforts to cut European Union red tape to the tune of multiple billions of euros in savings.

This young, aristocratic Guttenberg is particularly interesting because of his family and political connections. His early development in political life was guided by Stoiber. He was appointed secretary general of the Bavarian Christian Social Union, Stoiber’s political party, when Stoiber was considered a prime

candidate for the German chancellorship before he was just barely beaten by Angela Merkel in a national election. Stoiber’s political mentor was the Bavarian prime minister whom he succeeded, Franz Josef Strauss, who was known in his time as “the strongman of Europe.”

Guttenberg is also connected through part of his family line to the house of Habsburg. Strauss and Otto von Habsburg shared a common dream of a united Catholic Europe. Both personally shared details of that vision with Herbert Armstrong during visits they made to the campus of Ambassador College in Pasadena, California. To Otto von Habsburg, the dream was of a revived Holy Roman Empire. To Herbert Armstrong, that dream would become the reality of the biblically prophesied seventh resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire.

Herbert Armstrong foresaw, and prophesied, that the European Union would fulfill that prophecy under German Roman Catholic dominion.

Take Guttenberg’s impeccable Frankish-Bavarian Roman Catholic connections into mind and add them to the thread of political thought that has pervaded Bavarian politics for decades under Strauss and Stoiber—the dream of a united Catholic Europe under German leadership. Then add to it something that neither Strauss nor Stoiber ever possessed—a striking family title that cements all of these connections together—and we have a MAN TO WATCH in the shaky coalition of Chancellor Merkel’s government.

What is that family title?

The current Baron Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg’s official title was granted to his forebears during the 18th century. His CORRECT TITLE IS *REICHSFREIHERR*, THE ENGLISH TRANSLATION BEING, “BARON OF THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE.”

A fascinating title when you consider what is happening in Europe!

Notice what Ulrich Rippert wrote about Guttenberg on the World Socialist Web Site, Nov. 7, 2009: “The appointment of the new defense minister, Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg (Christian Social Union, CSU), UNLEASHED A STORM OF ENTHUSIASM IN THE GERMAN OFFICER CORPS, according to Spiegel Online. ...

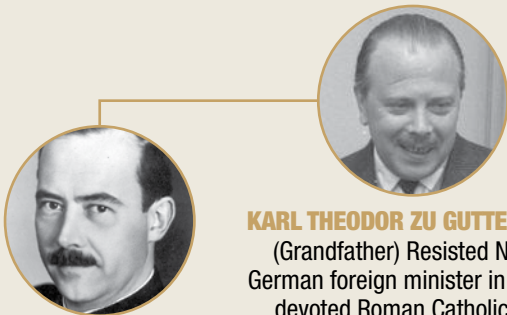
“Guttenberg was welcomed by the assembled military as one of their own. His noble title and his aristocratic family’s 800-year-old tradition played a not insignificant role in their response.

“There is hardly another country in the world in which the influence of the aristocratic caste in the army—as well as in other areas of society—has remained as strong as in Germany. ...

“THE ARISTOCRATIC ELITE HAS PLAYED A DEVASTATING ROLE IN GERMAN HISTORY. It dominated both the officer corps of the Reichswehr (Imperial Army) and the Wehrmacht. In the Weimar Republic, the Reichswehr formed a state within the state, HAVING REJECTED THE DEMOCRATIC FOUNDATIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION and being implicated in numerous coup attempts. In Hitler’s Wehrmacht, it was the aristocratic generals who organized the war of extermination and conquest.

“The field marshals of the Nazi period were nearly all of noble birth. ...

“Karl-Theodor—we will dispense with his eight other first names—Baron von und zu Guttenberg is part of this aristocratic caste and maintains its elitist habits. He lives in Burg (castle) Guttenberg near Kulmbach in Franken, which has been the family headquarters since 1482. Since February 2000, he has been married to Stephanie Countess von Bismarck-Schonhausen, who is directly descended from Otto von Bismarck, the iron chancellor. ...



KARL THEODOR ZU GUTTENBERG
(Grandfather) Resisted Nazis, German foreign minister in 1960s, devoted Roman Catholic and European integrationist.



COUNT JOHANN JAKOB ELTZ
(Grandfather) German aristocrat, Roman Catholic, descendant of Habsburg dynasty, Croatian politician, Council of Europe member.



OTTO VON BISMARCK
(Ancestor) Unifier and "Iron Chancellor" of the German Empire in 1800s.

KARL LUDWIG FREIHERR VON UND ZU GUTTENBERG
(Great-great uncle) German World War II officer, part of the failed plot to kill Adolf Hitler.



FRANZ JOSEPH STRAUSS (left) Bavarian "strongman of Europe" and mentor of **EDMUND STOIBER** (right), former premier of Bavaria, now chairman of a high European Union group and mentor to Guttenberg.



STEPHANIE ZU GUTTENBERG
(Wife) Countess, great-great granddaughter of Bismarck, speaks five languages, mother of two.



CHANCELLOR ANGELA MERKEL
Recognized Guttenberg as a rising star in Bavarian conservative politics in the Bundestag, where he chaired the Christian Social Union's foreign policy committee. In February 2009, appointed him as the youngest-ever economics minister. In October, after he drew a large percentage of the vote, acquiesced to his demand for a senior federal post: defense minister.

DR. KARL-THEODOR MARIA NIKOLAUS JOHANN JACOB FRANZ PHILIPP JOSEPH SYLVESTER FREIHERR VON UND ZU GUTTENBERG

He was born in Bavaria into an illustrious family history. "Zu" denotes ownership of Guttenberg, where the family has lived in a castle since 1482 and has the power to appoint the local parish priest. Holding the title of "baron," the Roman Catholic Guttenberg served in the German mountain infantry and worked as a journalist and executive over his family's extensive holdings before going into politics. He became an expert in foreign policy and a specialist on Iran, revitalizing his party's image with straight talk, pro-industry views, style, and rock-star appeal to young people, who call him "KT," the "Rocking Baron." As economics minister, he excelled during the financial crisis and then cashed in his performance for leadership of the Defense Ministry.

Making the Man

Meet the pedigreed German political superstar **KARL-THEODOR ZU GUTTENBERG**.

“Before taking his ministerial post, for several years Guttenberg led the CSU executive committee’s Special Committee on Foreign Policy. ...

“GUTTENBERG LEFT NO DOUBT THAT IT WAS NECESSARY TO COUNTER THE WIDESPREAD ANTIWAR SENTIMENTS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC. ...

“Guttenberg stressed, ‘There is no alternative to the German commitment in Afghanistan.’ ... He justified the establishment of a special department for Afghanistan in the chancellery with these concluding words, ‘This measure could contribute crucially to optimizing Germany’s overall deployment in Afghanistan and TO HEIGHTENING ACCEPTANCE OF OUR [MILITARY] COMMITMENT WITHIN THE POPULATION.’ ...

“Under these conditions, Defense Minister zu Guttenberg has gone on the offensive. Just a few days after taking office, he stressed that it is indeed WAR that is being waged in Afghanistan. Under these conditions, he said, it would be wrong to use ‘euphemisms’ regarding the Bundeswehr’s mission. In a discussion with *Bild Zeitung*, he explained that it is a combat mission. Although international law was clear that wars could only take place between states, he did not believe that a soldier could relate to such ‘necessary legal, academic or semantic sensitivities.’ ...

That means that Baron Guttenberg calls war and terrorism what they really are—not vague or deceptive “euphemisms.” That makes the German military ecstatic. At the same time, he is swinging the German population into a military mindset. That has to be extremely disturbing to those people who understand Germany’s history. The end result is going to be horrifying!

IT ALSO SIGNALS A DANGEROUS TURN IN GERMANY’S FOREIGN POLICY! AND THE WHOLE WORLD IS GOING TO BE GREATLY IMPACTED BY THAT NEW DIRECTION.

Germany’s allies also have high expectations for Baron Guttenberg. Since Germany domineers Europe, that portends some extremely bad news for the world!

WATCH BARON GUTTENBERG!

EU Access to U.S. Nukes

LET ME RELATE SOME OF THE MOST SHOCKING AND FRIGHTENING NEWS I HAVE READ IN YEARS!

In an article titled “What to Do About Europe’s Secret Nukes,” *Time* wrote on Dec. 2, 2009: “Twenty years after the fall of the Berlin Wall, Dutch, Belgian, ITALIAN AND GERMAN PILOTS REMAIN READY TO ENGAGE IN NUCLEAR WAR.”

NATO, describing the characteristics of the nuclear forces based in Europe, says on its website: “Nuclear forces based in Europe and committed to NATO provide an essential political and military link between the European and the North American members of the Alliance. The Alliance will therefore maintain adequate nuclear forces in Europe” (April 24, 1999).

An earlier *Time* article, written by the same author, Eben Harrell, said, “ALTHOUGH TECHNICALLY OWNED BY THE U.S., NUCLEAR BOMBS STORED AT NATO BASES ARE DESIGNED TO BE DELIVERED BY PLANES FROM THE HOST COUNTRY” (June 19, 2008).

The December 2 *Time* article asked: “IS ITALY CAPABLE OF DELIVERING A THERMONUCLEAR STRIKE? Could the Belgians and the Dutch drop hydrogen bombs on enemy targets? ... GERMANY’S AIR FORCE COULDN’T POSSIBLY BE TRAINING TO DELIVER BOMBS 13 TIMES MORE POWERFUL THAN THE ONE THAT DESTROYED HIROSHIMA, COULD IT?”

Time continued, “IT IS EUROPE’S DIRTY SECRET that the list of nuclear-capable countries extends beyond those—Britain and France—who have built their own weapons. Nuclear bombs are stored on air force bases in Italy, Belgium, Germany and the Netherlands—and planes from each of those countries are capable of delivering them.”

The June 2008 article reported that these four NATO nations house an estimated 200 American B61 thermonuclear gravity bombs. Harrell said that, in fact, “THE U.S. KEEPS AN ESTIMATED 350 THERMONUCLEAR BOMBS IN SIX NATO COUNTRIES”—another of which is Turkey.

“Under a NATO agreement struck during the Cold War, THE BOMBS, WHICH ARE TECHNICALLY OWNED BY THE U.S., CAN BE TRANSFERRED TO THE CONTROL OF A HOST NATION’S AIR FORCE IN TIMES OF CONFLICT,” the 2009 *Time* article stated.

EVEN AFTER THE COLD WAR ENDED, OVER 20 YEARS AGO, THESE NATO COUNTRIES STILL ARE ALLOWED TO USE U.S. NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN CASE OF “CONFLICT.”

WHAT A MIND-SPLITTING ALARM!

According to a survey released Dec. 11, 2009, nearly three quarters of the German people fear the spread of Islam. IF THE EU AND IRAN HAVE A “CONFLICT,” IT COULD LEAD TO THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE COUNTRIES LOADING U.S. NUKES INTO THEIR PLANES AND FLYING OFF TO WAR. Bible prophecy says these two powers are going to clash—and the EU, or Holy Roman Empire, is going to prevail.

If this empire’s air force were to have some nukes left from the conflict, they could be used on the U.S. That is exactly what Herbert W. Armstrong predicted!

THE GREATEST NUCLEAR CRISIS IS NOT IN THE MIDDLE EAST—IT’S IN EUROPE AND THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE!

Baron Guttenberg strongly desires aligning NATO forces with the EU military—undoubtedly because they can use America’s nuclear bombs.

The U.S. ambassador recently called Germany America’s most important ally. Britain was our closest ally in two world wars. Germany was our number-one enemy, which started both wars!

Bible prophecy states that three Western nations will be double-crossed and attacked by their “lovers” (Ezekiel 16:33-34

The Seven Resurrections of the HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE

“And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space” (Revelation 17:10).

A.D. 554
Justinian



IMPERIAL RESTORATION



A.D. 774
Charlemagne

FRANKISH KINGDOM

A.D. 962
Otto the Great



GERMAN KINGDOM



A.D. 1520
Charles V

HABSBURG DYNASTY

A.D. 1804
Napoleon



FRENCH KINGDOM



1870-1945
Garibaldi - Hitler

GERMAN-ITALIAN AXIS

Rising Now!

Union of 10 rulers under one leader

REVIVED ROMAN EMPIRE

and Ezekiel 23). (Request our Ezekiel booklet for a detailed explanation. All of our literature is free.)

If people understood the Holy Roman Empire, our nukes in the hands of Germany and Italy would leave them aghast! It READS LIKE THE HORROR OF ALL HORRORS!

It's time for the world to wake up! Will *you* wake up in time? Very soon it will be too late.

A Great Prophecy Becomes History

“And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space” (Revelation 17:10).

REVELATION 17:10 IS ONE OF THE GREATEST PROPHECIES IN THE BIBLE. CONTAINED WITHIN THIS ONE VERSE IS THE HEART OF PROPHECY FOR THESE LATTER DAYS. Just during the period when “one is,” it encapsulates the fulfillment of several other major prophecies: Matthew 17:10-11, which talks about the end-time type of Elijah restoring all things; Malachi 3:1, which discusses an end-time messenger preparing the world for Christ's return;

The way of happiness has been rejected by mankind throughout history. They must suffer until they are willing to obey God—and be happy the way God is happy.

and Matthew 24:14, which describes the gospel being preached around the world. Those prophecies were at the heart of the Philadelphia era work under Herbert W. Armstrong. He prophesied during the time when “one is”—when Hitler ruled over the sixth head of the Holy Roman Empire. (This is explained thoroughly in our free booklet *Daniel Unlocks Revelation*.)

After the “one is” era, there's just a short space left for “the other [that] is not yet come.” This statement is the most acute kind of emphasis for the seventh head. We are now witnessing the seventh head. It will continue a short time—and then we can forget about the beast! Wars, terrorism, weather disasters—these will all be gone FOREVER! When “the other” comes and finishes its work, CHRIST IS GOING TO COME AND RULE FOREVER! THAT'S WHAT WE NEED TO GET EXCITED ABOUT MOST OF ALL, NOT SOME TITILLATING PROPHECY ABOUT THE BEAST.

We must remember not to blame the Holy Roman Empire for inflicting evil upon the nations of Israel. (If you don't know who the nations of Israel are, request our book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.) “For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled” (Revelation 17:17). God has put it in the heart of this empire to fulfill His will. We are being punished because of “all our abominations.”

God is calling upon so-called Christians in this world to repent. That is the *only* solution to our problems.

The sixth head has come and gone. Now the seventh head has come. Both of these electrifying prophecies have become history! This last head is destined to be the most infamous one of all. It is prophesied to wreak unparalleled destruction on this world.

This last head of the Holy Roman Empire is going to fight Jesus Christ at His Second Coming! Then the world will see how *unholy* the Holy Roman Empire is.

HOW CAN WE NOT BE MOVED AND STIRRED INTENSELY BY THIS UNIVERSE-SHAKING PROPHECY?

WHAT AN EXCITING TIME TO BE ALIVE! Not because we understand the Holy Roman Empire, but because we understand the omnipotent God who revealed this prophecy to us!

The Best News Ever

The *Plain Truth* of September 1979 said this about Franz Josef Strauss: “In April 1970, on one of his many trips to the United States, Strauss visited the campus of Ambassador College in Pasadena, California. During his two-day visit, he addressed the student body (he speaks fluent English and French) and was interviewed for the *World Tomorrow* television program. He was the honored dinner guest of *Plain Truth* editor in chief Herbert W. Armstrong in Mr. Armstrong's home. (Mr. Armstrong later said of Dr. Strauss's visit: ‘At the close of the first day, *he commented that he had just spent the happiest day of his life*. The peace and happiness here are contagious. Dr. Strauss drank it in. Herr Strauss said, “*We need an Ambassador College in Germany.*”’)”

Soon God's colleges are going to fill this Earth.

What an amazing statement for a powerful world leader like Franz Josef Strauss to make— THAT HE HAD JUST SPENT THE HAPPIEST DAY OF HIS LIFE!

The inspiring truth is, he had just gotten an insight into the wonderful *World Tomorrow*. Mr. Armstrong and his supporters worked extremely hard to obey every word of the Bible.

Ambassador College was like a beautiful Garden of Eden on Earth. It won the most beautiful campus in America award three different years. Soon the whole Earth is going to look like that! And people are going to be happy as never before. That time is almost here!

If Adam, Eve and the whole world had obeyed God, the Earth would look like Ambassador College did and be filled with happiness today.

The way of happiness has been rejected by mankind throughout history. They must suffer until they are willing to obey God—and be happy the way God is happy.

Winston Churchill said that men occasionally stumble onto the truth, but they quickly pick themselves up and hurry along.

How much suffering is it going to take to wake men up? Will it take THE WORST SUFFERING EVER before they finally turn to God?

“Three years later, on May 8, 1973, Dr. Strauss again emphasized before the *World Tomorrow* television cameras (this time in Germany) the same theme: ‘We must achieve, we must bring about and we must realize West European unity before the Soviet vision of the Europe of tomorrow comes into reality’” (ibid.).

Mr. Strauss had a vision of the Holy Roman Empire. He passed that on to his protégé, Edmund Stoiber. And now Stoiber has mentored Baron Guttenberg to nurture the same vision.

That vision has been alive for 1,500 years. But it always ends in catastrophe, even when it begins with good intentions.

The wrong people have hijacked the powerful European Union. That empire is about to clash with Jesus Christ Himself. Take a good look at this Holy Roman Empire; it's going to be the last one you will ever see—forever!

That is the best news this world has ever heard. And you can prove it from your own Bible. ■



BY ERIC ANDERSON

THIS WORLD IS running out of time! Signs are accelerating that Jesus Christ's return is imminent.

Will you be ready? *Time* is a precious asset.

The Apostle Paul cautioned Christians to use time wisely, "Redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (Ephesians 5:16). The Greek word translated "redeeming" in this verse literally means to *buy up*. Are you "buying up" each moment, each day, and gainfully using it? Are you making the most of every opportunity to grow in Christian character?

Time is something that true Christians, living in the last hour of this evil world,

1. Time With God

The First Commandment requires that we put God above all else (Exodus 20:2-3). Jesus reiterated this fact, promising also that if we put God first, then He will supply all our physical needs (Matthew 6:33). Yet in this fast-paced society with so many demands on our time, finding adequate time for God can be an elusive goal.

How can you consistently make time for God each day?

Simple: You *decide* to. Each day you must *determine* to put "first things first." You make a commitment that God comes first in your daily allocation of 24 hours.

In most cases, the best part of the day is first thing in the morning, when you are refreshed after a good night's sleep. Otherwise, you become quickly preoccupied with daily routine and ultimately give God the leftovers of your day.

If interruptions occur, learn to adjust

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should be acutely aware of. But if we're not careful, many seconds, minutes and hours will slip by unproductively. This is dangerous. Wasted time is irretrievable; it cannot be "bought back." And Christ promised to bless only those who would actively prepare for His return to this Earth (Luke 12:40, 43).

Where can you find the time to be a growing Christian, a profitable servant for God? How can you find time for heartfelt prayer, engrossing Bible study, meditation, and meaningful time for your marriage and family—let alone time for yourself?

How we use our time reveals a lot about our character. It shows where our heart is (Matthew 6:21). Matters that are important to us will receive proper attention only if we first learn how to use time wisely.

This involves *prioritizing*.

In fact, a Christian must have three major priorities, put in a certain order, if we are to manage our time as God intends us to.

by making up for missed prayer or study time during a lunch break or at the end of the day.

A practical suggestion for organizing your morning time is to allow yourself no more than one-half hour to rise, stretch, shave, shower, brush your teeth, comb your hair and get dressed. Next, get right to your prayer and study—for one full hour. Then, spend one-half hour having a leisurely, nourishing breakfast (with your family if possible), before heading off to work or getting involved with the day's other activities.

If you can learn to follow the above suggestion, you will have to get out of bed only *two hours* before leaving for work. And you'll have plenty of time to put "first things first." You'll be amazed at how much better your day will go if you make time for prayer and study first thing in the morning. And you'll feel better and have freer use of the rest of the hours for yourself.

If you are not a "morning person," adjust your schedule to fit your needs. Organize your time so that you can spend quality time with God in the evening hours.

Busy mothers with small children often find their time consumed with tending to little ones. If you are in that situation, then decide to change it. Begin training them, at an early age, to pick up after themselves. Train them to take a nap at a certain time each day—and then take advantage of the

free time you have, while they are sleeping, to pray and study.

You can also “mat train” your small children. Sit them down on a rug or mat with some books or toys and instruct them to stay there quietly. Discipline them lovingly but firmly for leaving the rug, until they follow your instruction. When they can stay in one place and play quietly, you will have some time to study, pray or use as you choose.

A housewife and mother of school-age children may have to rise early in the morning in order to fix breakfast (Proverbs 31:15) and help her husband get off to work and children get to school on time. But as soon as this is accomplished, she should get her prayer and study in.

Still, redeeming the time generally involves sacrifice. What can you cut out of your life to make more time available for God? Take a candid look at how you

time should be a high priority in our lives.

Extreme preoccupation with careers, entertaining, service to others and social clubs—or even the Church—is not an acceptable excuse before God for having neglected our vital family responsibilities. Paul wrote, “[I]f any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an [unbeliever]” (1 Timothy 5:8). But what does it mean to “provide”? Much more than just seeing to your family financially, “providing” also means caring for physical, mental, emotional and spiritual needs. It is giving your time.

Former Chrysler Corporation president Lee Iacocca wrote, “No matter what you’ve done for yourself or for humanity, if you can’t look back on having given love and attention to your own family, what have you really accomplished? Doing things for total strangers is great, but

of traveling and working, so much so that they didn’t even have time to eat proper meals, Christ instructed them to go away, by themselves, to a remote place where they could rest awhile (Mark 6:31).

We do need to strive to live balanced lives, exercising moderation in all things (Philippians 4:5). There is a time to commune with God, a time to be with family, a time to work, a time to play, and a time to be alone.

Take time to “stop and smell the roses.” If you are a workaholic or a chronic entertainer and socialite, evaluate whether all such pursuits are helping your relationship with God, your mate or your family.

What Are You Waiting for?

If you’ve read this far and you find that you still don’t have enough time, then ask yourself the following questions:

What am I doing now that really doesn’t

“WASTING THE TIME”?

spend your time—and learn to maximize your daily time with God through more efficient use of latent times and by cutting out the non-essentials in your routine. Arrange your life so you can spend profitable time every day with God.

If you commute on a bus or subway, use travel time to read Church literature. If you drive your own vehicle, take advantage of audio readings from the Bible. Take a moment at lunchtime for meditation and prayer in a quiet location. Another idea is to write out key scriptures and practice committing them to memory. Carry them with you for free moments. Housewives, you too can keep scripture cards close by as you work. You can also listen to recorded readings of the Bible as you work, particularly if you own a portable headset.

Finally, don’t get flustered if something goes haywire. If you have an attitude of putting God first, He *will* help you in managing your time.

2. Time With Family

Family is deeply important to God. God is a *Family*, and we were created to become part of that divine Family (request our free booklet *God Is a Family*). God desires that we ultimately become unified in a close *family relationship* with Him. That is why He created the physical family—to prepare us for that future. Thus, family

remember, giving starts at home” (*Lee Iacocca’s Talking Straight*).

Sometimes because we are so busy, we tend to place family time on the back burner. Make sure to schedule quality time with your spouse and children, as well as other relatives when possible. Have regular Bible studies with your family. Take walks together (which are especially nice in a place where you can enjoy God’s creation). Talk with each other! Schedule a regular weekly family night to play games, read stories or enjoy other activities.

How much of a priority is family time in your life?

3. Time for Yourself

God said of the first human, Adam, that “It is not good that the man should be alone” (Genesis 2:18). Why is it not good to be alone? Well, for one, too much time alone tends to foster brooding introspection focused excessively on *self*.

However, everyone needs some “space” now and then—time to be alone; time to slow down, rest and recuperate. Time to be in solitude to think and meditate on what is truly important in life, and our divine purpose for existing.

Jesus set for us a perfect example in all things so we could follow in His footsteps. One time, after His 12 disciples had returned from an unusually grueling stint

need doing? Eliminate the unnecessary.

What am I doing that could be done just as well by someone else? Learn to delegate.

What am I doing that wastes my time or others’ time? (Have I observed that often what I put off I end up not doing anyway?)

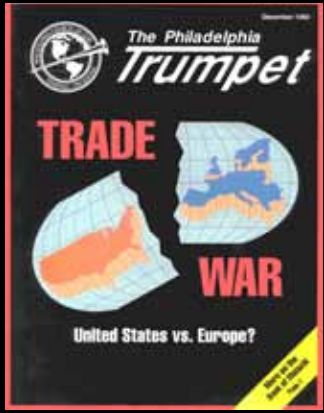
Am I biting off more than I can chew, time-wise? Am I trying to cram too much into one day? Remember the importance of prioritizing. Break down big or hard tasks into smaller, manageable tasks.

Am I setting deadlines for what I want to do? Or am I drifting through life, with no plans, no schedules, and no organization?

Do I have trouble telling people *no*? One of the most effective timesaving techniques is learning to decline, tactfully but firmly. (Of course, we should be ready to assist others if an emergency arises, or give your child the attention he needs, but don’t let *unimportant* matters distract you.)

Take a hard look at your life. Don’t let your time keep slipping away. Remember, it is one of your most valuable resources for character growth. Frankly, there is no way to “save” time. All we can do with time is either use it profitably or waste it. So, think on these things—and use all your creative energies to come up with ways to “invest” your time as well as you can.

What will you do with your next 24 hours? Redeem the time! What are you waiting for? ■





Two Decades of Fulfilled Prophecy

IT couldn't have started more humbly—but the name spoke volumes. The first edition of the *Philadelphia Trumpet* was three typed pages of announcements, followed by three pages of letters from supporters of a fledgling organization aimed at raising the ruins of an important work.

The *Plain Truth* was one of the highest-circulation magazines in history. For over 50 years, its Bible-based insights had helped readers understand the true significance of world events. It had attracted a huge readership: At its peak in 1985, the *Plain Truth* went out 8.5 million copies strong each month, in seven languages, around the globe.

But when its founder and editor in chief, Herbert W. Armstrong, died in 1986 at the age of 93, his successors quickly began to destroy all he had built. The *Plain Truth* lost its singular purpose, and with it, its power.

Four years later, in February of 1990, the *Trumpet* launched with an aim to fill the void.

The two decades since have witnessed some extraordinary,

epoch-changing history. Events are fulfilling biblical prophecy at a quickening pace. The work of analyzing them and publishing the message has grown progressively more urgent and vital. The *Trumpet's* blast has had to grow louder and clearer.

In this, our 205th issue, we reflect on 20 years of the *Trumpet*, focusing on the prophecies we've highlighted that have already significantly come to pass. We hope you will view this retrospective, as we do, as a powerful vindication of the biblical model of predictive analysis pioneered by Herbert W. Armstrong in the pages of the *Plain Truth*.

More importantly, this look at the *Trumpet's* history highlights the dramatic *acceleration* of fulfilled prophecy. This is deeply significant, because these biblical forecasts are *signs* of God's hand in world events—and of the imminent *end of this age of man*.

"Can you not discern the signs of the times?" Jesus Christ asked. Over the past two decades, those signs have grown ever more obvious. His Second Coming is almost here. ■

Tracking the rise of the European Union to global dominance—the final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire!

BY RON FRASER

The World's Next SUPERPOWER

AS 2009 DREW TO A CLOSE, OUR editor in chief announced to the world that “In the next two months the Holy Roman Empire is going to be official in Europe!”

From its earliest beginnings, the *Trumpet* has watched and reported on this rising European imperial power, now in its guise as the European Union.

Why is that so? Why such a strong focus on the European Union?

Seizing a Lost Opportunity

The *Trumpet* looks upon Herbert Armstrong as its prime mentor. Mr. Armstrong published the *Plain Truth* magazine and was the voice of the *World Tomorrow* radio and television program, both serving international audiences numbering in the millions.

Europe’s unification was the key prophecy Mr. Armstrong highlighted over the years. So well known was he for this forecast that in 1989, when the Berlin Wall fell, a news station in Seattle called

the *Plain Truth*’s headquarters to ask for a statement on the event—after all, Mr. Armstrong had been saying this would happen for over 40 years. Sadly, Mr. Armstrong had died a few years before, and those in his place offered only the weakest, vaguest statement of the significance of this prophetically electrifying event.

The *Trumpet* has seized that lost opportunity and, as resources have permitted, sought to provide an ongoing educational service in the public interest exposing the truth about the dramatic turn of world events introduced by the fall of the Berlin Wall. Thus we have worked to expose the true nature of the imperial power that is readying itself to burst onto the world scene, for a brief period in time, as a superpower of frightening strength!

After Germany’s reunification, we declared in the first year of the *Trumpet*’s publication, “*The Holy Roman Empire is almost resurrected*” as Bible prophecy said it would be (see Revelation 13 and 17). Here is what Otto von Habsburg of

the European Parliament recently had to say: “The [European] Community is living largely by the heritage of the Holy Roman Empire, though the great majority of the people who live by it don’t know by what heritage they live” (December 1991).

In May of 1992, the *Trumpet* warned: “Recent political events happening within Germany and Europe should cause alarming concern for people within the United States, England and even the rest of the world. But most do not know the true meaning behind all of these events.

“A major political, economic and religious conglomerate of nations is poised ready to burst onto the world scene. Historically, this union of nations was known as the *Holy Roman Empire*.”

First the Balkans—Then the Rest!

Up to the Berlin Wall’s fall, the project to unite Europe—church and state—into what Otto von Habsburg described as a union reflecting the “heritage of the Holy Roman Empire” had stalled at the Iron

Curtain separating Europe's western democracies from the Communist states of the Soviet Union. European elites had long planned to fix that after what they saw as the inevitable reunification of Germany. When Germany reunited in 1990, it did not take long for that plan to emerge. It all began in the Balkan Peninsula.

Prophesying of the expansion of the final resurrection of this empire, the Prophet Daniel was inspired to write that it would wax "exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east and toward the pleasant land" (Daniel 8:9). Any Bible commentary will confirm that "the pleasant land" is the land of Israel.

Thus, for 20 years since the fall of the Berlin Wall, we have anticipated and reported on the southern and eastern expansion of the European Union. We have especially watched for a multinational EU "peacekeeping" force to eventually surround Jerusalem (Luke 12:20).

From 1991 we tracked German hegemony as it began expanding south and east.

In our September/October 1995 edition, our editor in chief reported, "In December 1991, some politically serious events began to take shape within Germany and Eastern Europe. Strongly opposed by the European Economic Community, the United States, and the United Nations, Germany recognized the 'breakaway' states of Croatia and Slovenia. The pope very quickly followed Germany by also recognizing these states. This was not by coincidence; the people of these two states are very loyal to the Roman Catholic Church. ... There is something very dark and sinister stirring in Europe." Gerald Flurry then prophesied, "What is *now happening* in Croatia is only a small sample of what is about to spread over the entire continent! This is the 'straw that is going to stir the drink' to unify all of Europe. It will not be long until Europe is reunited as the *Holy Roman Empire*."

Four years later, as attention in the Balkan wars shifted to Kosovo, we forecast, "America (and almost the whole world) strongly opposed Germany's plans in the beginning. But the U.S. weakened and then even decided to *support* Germany in their war to control the Balkans! Then the civil war spread into Bosnia-Herzegovina. The Serbs lost control of a large portion of this republic also. Now the Serbs see Germany supporting a guerrilla army

of Albanians. ... *The only real winner in our war with Yugoslavia will be Germany. America and Britain will be the great losers. They will grow weaker as Germany grows in power*" (May 1999).

In the same edition we commented, "This spring has been a monumental time for Germany. Not only has the Luftwaffe gone to war for the first time since World War II [in the Balkan wars], but the official opening of the Reichstag in Berlin has brought a visionary parliament together in a building 66 years after a fire there ushered in Hitler's dictatorship and the Third Reich. ... [A] *European empire is to revive one last time in Western and Central Europe. Germany will spearhead this revival. The Reichstag's reopening is yet another indicator that 'classic Europe,' as historians call it, is not a thing of the past.*"



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**GERALD FLURRY
May 1992**

Quickening Pace

Over the ensuing three years, we reported on the quickening pace of EU expansion, highlighting Europe's right-wing swing and the increasing involvement of Europe—in particular Germany—in the Middle East peace process. We also warned of the impending financial crisis and the risk to America of an alliance between Germany and Russia. Meanwhile, Germany's efforts to control the Balkan Peninsula—using NATO, under the EU umbrella, as its proxy—were steadily bearing imperial fruit. We wrote in May 2001, "Events unfolding in Europe's Balkan Peninsula are a *major sign* of how close Germany is to achieving its *worldwide goals*."

In our March/April 2003 edition we followed up: "State by state, the country of Yugoslavia has been conquered. Even the name *Yugoslavia* is being discarded.

"Most of this conquering was accomplished with U.S. military power. But it is Germany and the European Union that are taking control of the former Yugoslavia." This article spoke about the strategic value of the Balkan Peninsula, and how the German-led EU sought to gain control of it as part of a larger strategy to control the Mediterranean Sea.

By 2004, we witnessed—for the first time since Hitler had achieved the same goal by more aggressive means—the uniting of Eastern and Western Europe by treaty, when 10 ex-Soviet nations were accepted into the European Community. Two years later, Bulgaria and Romania

joined, spreading Europe's eastern leg clear on up to the Black Sea. The rising imperial European power now symbolically stood on its two legs, east and west, as prophesied in Daniel 2:33.

That which Herbert Armstrong had so consistently prophesied had become a current-day reality!

Shifting Policies

As 2005 rolled around, we warned of a political shift in Europe: "Germany is rapidly shifting to the right wing politically," we wrote in January that year. Quoting Stratfor, we noted that Germany was "shifting toward policies 'reminiscent of Hitler's.' Today, Germany is by far the greatest economic power in Europe. It leads the powerful 25-nation [now 27] European Union superpower, which is frequently challenging the U.S. A powerful right-wing Germany is far more dangerous to America than terrorism is. We just don't know it yet."

With the Balkans in the bag and a whole swag of ex-Soviet satellite nations firmly ensconced under the EU imperial umbrella, the following year we warned, "Watch for Europe to become more involved with Israel, especially Jerusalem. This rising Holy Roman Empire has already taken over the Balkans—and now it has its steely eyes set on Jerusalem!" (November/December 2006).

Earlier, encouraging our readers to watch events unfolding in Europe even more intently, our editor in chief wrote in our April 2006 edition, "Current events are starting a chain reaction that is going to stir Europe into actions that will *shock* this world. The iron strength at the core of an imperial European Union is growing. As it has done repeatedly in history, once again it is going to *smash* its way to global dominance! ... Herbert W. Armstrong believed the same pattern would occur again in our time—that European nations would unite suddenly because of a crisis, and that the Roman Catholic Church would play a huge role in solving that emergency. In times of *crisis*, religion has a way of pulling people together!"

What would that crisis be? In 2006, a number of pundits began to vocalize their concern over America's ballooning debt. Some predicted financial and economic disaster. These reports reminded us of a prophecy Mr. Armstrong had made concerning what exactly could trigger the unifying of the divisive nations of Europe and jolt into global dominance the prophesied great European power, the final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire.

Just as we have consistently watched for and reported on the expansion of the EU southward and eastward on into the Middle East, we have also looked for the seeds of that crisis which would suddenly truly unite the fractious nations of Europe. In our April 2006 edition we had asked, "What emergency might unify Europe again? Mr. Armstrong believed that crisis would be the fall of the dollar. The dollar's collapse could trigger a world financial crisis and make the European currency an attractive alternative for investors around the world. What other currency comes close? If the euro became the world's new reserve currency, Europe would be flooded with money and would dominate world markets. Today the dollar is in real trouble."



global economic and financial chaos, we noted, "a beast arises, a regulatory authority ruled by a banking cabal significantly hailing from Rome, Berlin and Berne, with the innocuous name of the Financial Stability Board. Its work is done in secret, behind closed doors. The outcome is prophesied in your Bible in Revelation 13. Deeply involved in lobbying the central bankers of Europe are the powerful global merchants (Revelation 18)—many of whom head the very corporations, on both sides of the Atlantic, that aided Hitler in his drive for global power. Coincidence?" (October 2009).

As the push by the Teutonic EU for the power to control the global economy continued, Agence France-Presse published this startling item Nov. 19, 2009: "[O]bservers believe Germany could be

Euro Gains, Papal Politics and Crisis

Over the next year, we increased our scrutiny of America's economy as the dollar continued to dip. "[T]he dollar's status as a reserve currency is shaky. The euro is rapidly gaining on the dollar as a unit of global trade," the April 2007 *Trumpet* said.

That year was the 50th anniversary of European union. In the same April edition, having the EU's foundational treaty, the Treaty of Rome, in mind, we observed, "It may have been apparent to few at the time, but the signing of that treaty in that ancient city [Rome] on March 25, 1957, laid the groundwork for what is yet to become the singular most dominant force in geopolitics this century, the European Union. ... The time will come when Europe will follow the rising fashion in Russia and Latin America, and the cry will go up for a populist leader. Such a man will come to office, not necessarily via the electoral process within the European Union, but rather by diplomacy—or flatteries (Daniel 11:21). He will lead the countries of Europe out of their divisions into great, though very temporary, imperial strength. Yes, that old *Holy Roman Empire will rise again.*"

The same year, we noted the demonstration of papal power in Italy when Pope Benedict forced the resignation of Prime Minister Prodi over the issue of state recognition of unwed and homosexual partnerships. We commented, "This is about

more than just blocking laws that promote immorality. The Catholic Church is seeking to unite Europe under the power of religion—the Catholic religion, and Catholic laws. The Bible prophesies that this powerful entity will yet gain the power to enforce the policies—including Sunday worship—it now calls upon Europeans to uphold" (May 2007).

The subprime mortgage fiasco spilled over into major financial crisis a year later. We did not have to wait long to see Europe's reaction to the crisis of autumn 2008! The EU proxy, the G-20, met in haste on November 14-15 that year "to consider global financial and economic regulation. The EU plan is submitted to the leaders of these 20 leading nations. Commentator Dick Morris observes, "The results of the G-20 economic summit amount to nothing less than the seamless integration of the United States into the European economy. ... Sovereignty is out the window. Without a vote, we are suddenly members of the European Union. ... [M]erging with the Europeans is like a partnership with death" (October 2009).

Mr. Armstrong's prescience in declaring decades ago that a banking crisis in America "could suddenly result in triggering European nations to UNITE AS A NEW WORLD POWER" seemed startling as we observed the beginnings of its prophetic fulfillment (co-worker letter, July 22, 1984). Out of the

saving itself to push for the top job at the ECB [European Central Bank]—arguably *the most influential EU post*, as the president governs monetary policy for all the countries that share the euro" (emphasis mine throughout). Within the G-20, it's the powerful central bankers who call the tune and control the purse strings of the world. Hence Germany's desire to seize the top job of the most powerful and influential of all central banks, the European Central Bank. "The ECB president is and will remain *one of the most powerful European voices in global policymaking*," said Marco Annunziata, chief economist at Italian bank UniCredit. But Berlin will not be alone in competing for the ECB president's job. The other strong contender is—guess who? Rome!

Whether Berlin or Rome is successful in seizing what has become the most prominent central banking post on the planet doesn't matter in the whole equation of unfolding events involving centralized control over the global economy. Either way, one powerful entity wins: the rapidly emerging seventh and final resurrection of the *Holy Roman Empire!*

Watch ... and Pray!

By the time the Berlin Wall fell, the European Community was already a trading bloc wielding significant economic power. Afterward, the European Community became a definite *political force* via the 1992

Maastricht Treaty, changing its name to the European Union. That treaty opened the way for members to unify on matters of defense, justice and home affairs and primed the drive toward *monetary* union.

For 20 years, we have watched and reported on the metamorphosis of the European Union from a free-trade bloc, into a united political entity, into a global financial and economic regulatory power—and on to its present status: an imperial power of rising global influence, under its own federal constitution, possessing its own diplomatic corps, subject to the oversight of its own president—the *final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire!*

Of the greatest concern is that the recently ratified Lisbon Treaty/European constitution legitimizes the creation of a pan-European military force. Indications are that this will be largely enacted by combining existing EU military forces and assets with those of NATO, a process favored by the EU's strongest military power, Germany. It will include access to nuclear weapons.

Already European industry is gearing up to unify and consolidate its component parts to support this end. The time it would normally take for such a process could be drastically hastened by crisis. The rising tension being created by Islam's

push into Europe's sphere of influence could mean the EU is but one terrorist attack away from such a crisis.

With the EU now significantly advanced toward fulfilling its goal of global dominance as a superpower, to use Herbert Armstrong's words, "greater than either the U.S. or Russia," what will the *Trumpet* be watching for in the immediate future? To achieve the ultimate fulfillment of the prophecies detailing the seventh and final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire, we shall continue to watch for a number of events to fall into place, among which will be:

- The reorganization of EU member nations into 10 distinct regions, each under its own leader subordinate to Brussels/Berlin (Revelation 17:12)

- Increasing cooperation between EU and NATO defense forces until the one subsumes the other (Revelation 13:4, 7)

- Increasing penetration of the Middle East peace process by a German-dominated diplomatic thrust (Obadiah 1:7)

- An EU international "peacekeeping" force to surround Jerusalem (Luke 21:20)

- Increasingly aggressive initiatives by

the Vatican to enforce Rome's religion as the ideological glue to unite the masses in Europe behind the imperialist motives of both Rome and Berlin (Revelation 13)

- The rising European sentiment against Islam to spark a cry from Rome calling for a "Christian" backlash, culminating in a whirlwind response to Iran and its lackeys (Daniel 11:40)

As 2010 dawns, it does so with the words of a startling announcement from our editor in chief reverberating: "The *final* resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire *IS HERE!*" That declaration ought to be a powerful stimulus to action to anybody who ever heard the voice of Herbert Armstrong prophesying for decades that these events would occur exactly as Bible prophecy declares they will. It ought to stimulate our watching and our praying—even as Jesus Christ appended to His great prophecy

of end-time events in Luke 21 this warning (verse 36): "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the son of man." ■



"What is now happening in Croatia is only a small sample of what is about to spread over the entire continent! This is the 'straw that is going to stir the drink' to unify all of Europe."

GERALD FLURRY, Sept./Oct. 1995

"Thou Must Worship on Sunday"

Dec. 1, 2009, was a historic day in Germany in more ways than one.

THE same day the Lisbon Treaty went into effect, December 1, Germany's Constitutional Court ruled that the nation's capital must, like the rest of the country, abide by the law instituting Sunday as a day "of rest from work and of spiritual improvement."

Soon after World War II, Berlin had enacted its own legislation allowing 10 shopping Sundays per year. That local ruling is now quashed. Effective from Jan. 1, 2010, Berlin must fall in line with the law institutionalizing Sunday as a day of rest and religious contemplation as contained in Germany's Basic Law.

The actual law establishing Sunday as Germany's weekly day of worship is enshrined in an appendix to the Basic Law under the heading, "Extracts From the German Constitution of Aug. 11, 1919"—that is, the Weimar Constitution. There we find, under the subhead "Religion and Religious Societies," Article 139, which reads: "Sunday and holidays recognized by the state shall remain protected by law as days of rest from work and of spiritual improvement."

Under that same section, Article 137 (1) states, "There shall be no state church." But in reality, the effect of the Sunday law is to institutionalize Roman Catholicism and its daughter churches as Germany's state religion.

Those aware of the history of the Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation will see this move by Germany's highest court as one

step toward enforcing Rome's religion as the state religion, not only on Germany, but also on the whole European empire.

With this ruling of Germany's Constitutional Court, the prophecies of Revelation 13 leap into current-day perspective. The entrenchment of Roman Catholicism in European politics, and particularly the enforcement of Sunday worship, are forecast there; students of prophecy have been anticipating this development for decades. As of Dec. 1, 2009, it is upon us.

For a clearer understanding of just where this is all leading, request a free copy of Herbert W. Armstrong's electrifying booklet on the subject, *Who or What Is the Prophetic Beast?*

RON FRASER



A NEW POWER The rise of Islam has become one of the biggest stories of the past decade.



Unriddling the Middle East

A record of accurate analysis on the world's knottiest region BY BRAD MACDONALD

TWENTY YEARS AGO, *TRUMPET* editor in chief Gerald Flurry was putting the finishing touches on his first book. In it, he encouraged readers to always pay close attention to the anniversary of Herbert W. Armstrong's death. January 16 is a significant date, he explained in *Malachi's Message*: "Will we see some dramatic event in the world or within God's Church ... then?"

Mr. Flurry posed that question in late 1989. *Malachi's Message* began landing in mailboxes on Jan. 16, 1990. Exactly one year later—on Jan. 16, 1991—the Gulf War erupted.

America's invasion of Iraq dramatically changed the landscape of the Middle East, triggering a chain reaction of events in the region the end of which we have not yet seen. Looking back, Mr. Flurry's 1989 forecast of a "dramatic event" possibly occurring on the anniversary of Mr. Armstrong's death was the beginning point of what has turned out to be a remarkable legacy of prophecy.



WHEN THE FIRST GULF WAR exploded on Jan. 16, 1991, Mr. Flurry saw immediately that it would have tremendous repercussions for the future of the entire region. "Saddam Hussein appears to have plunged the world into war," he wrote in the February 1991 *Trumpet*. "[Hussein] has created a Middle East that is *out of control*. ... That means events are going to be terrifying and move at a dizzying pace."

As events in the region unraveled, Mr. Flurry turned to the Bible for insight. His

understanding centered around a single prophecy: "And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him; and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over" (Daniel 11:40).

This prophecy is clearly about an end-time clash between two great powers. The identity of the "king of the north" was also

clear: Herbert Armstrong had taught it for decades. The question, it seemed—and the key to understanding events in the Middle East—revolved around the identity of the "king of the south."

By the summer of 1992 the answer was coming into focus. "The king of the south could rule Iraq or Iran or both countries. But it is looking more now like Iran may produce this king," wrote Mr. Flurry in the July issue of the *Trumpet*. Mr. Flurry didn't just identify Iran as

possibly producing the king of the south, he also stated: “It looks very much like the end-time king of the south will rule the radical Islamists! ... Much of the world is *unaware of what a powerful and dangerous force the Islamic camp is becoming.*” Remember, that was July 1992.

It wasn’t until nearly a decade later, on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, that much of the world awakened to what a “powerful and dangerous force” the radical Islamic camp had become.

After 1992, the *Trumpet’s* forecast that Iran would grow stronger and eventually rise as the most dominant power in the region grew progressively stronger. By the end of 1994, Mr. Flurry added new details about Iran’s future. In a December 1994 article titled “Is Iraq About to Fall to Iran?” he stated, “The most powerful [Islamic] country in the Middle East is *Iran*. Can you imagine the power they [Iran] would have if they gained control of Iraq, the second-largest oil-producing country in the world?” Saddam Hussein and Iraq exhibited few signs they were about to fall under Iranian influence, yet a prophecy in Psalm 83 guided the forecast that Iraq would ultimately end up in Iran’s hands. “Prophecy strongly indicates that Iraq will unite with Iran,” we stated in the March/April 2001 issue, *two years* before American forces invaded Iraq.

In the spring of 2003, when American forces stormed Baghdad, toppled Saddam, crushed the resistance and liberated the Iraqis, the *Trumpet* forecast that the victory might facilitate an Iranian takeover. “Saddam Hussein was the only leader that Iran feared,” wrote Mr. Flurry in June 2003. “Now the U.S. has taken him out of the way. ... *Have we now cleared the way for Shiite Iran to rule Shiite Iraq?*”

By late spring that year, the war in Iraq was widely considered a terrific victory. With Saddam on the run, his followers in retreat, and an awesome amount of American military power on the ground in Iraq, President Bush famously declared “mission accomplished” on the deck of the USS Abraham Lincoln. Still, Mr. Flurry wrote in November 2003, “Human logic should show America and Britain that they can’t win the war against terrorism.” By invading Iraq, the U.S. confronted a dangerous part of the equation, he wrote, “but [Iraq] is not the head of the terrorist snake.” He continued, “The fruits and evidence of the past two decades overwhelmingly prove where the king of state-sponsored terrorism is! ... [T]he solution to terrorism lies in doing something about it! We must confront the source. The terrorist

movement flows from Iran.”

Consider these forecasts in the context of current events. Despite war in Iraq and Afghanistan, Islamic terrorism looms as large over America and the West as ever. After creating a wobbly administration in Baghdad, the U.S. is now drawing down its presence in Iraq. Washington hopes that Iraqi elections in March will produce a more stable, Western-friendly administration. But ongoing explosions, ethnic unrest and political wrangling indicate this won’t happen. Why is a stable, Western-friendly Iraq a fallacy? Primarily because Iraq’s infrastructure—*politically, socially, religiously and militarily*—has been infiltrated by IRAN!

And Baghdad is just one of Tehran’s many playgrounds in the Middle East. The fact is, Iran is the primary cause of *most* of the region’s major problems. It terrifies neighboring larger, moderate states, persecutes the smaller ones and—via its terrorist proxies in Lebanon, Gaza and the West Bank—causes the entire region, particularly Israel, to live in fear. With its apocalyptic ambitions, war talk and oil wealth, Iran also features prominently in the foreign policies of *every* major world power, often provoking serious tension in international relations. Its rogue nuclear weapons program is one of the most dangerous threats to regional and global peace and safety.

Today, Iran is on the verge of acquiring the most terrifying of all weapons, the nuclear bomb. The success of Iran’s nuclear program fulfills another of the *Trumpet’s* long-held forecasts. As early as 1992, Mr. Flurry alerted readers to the possibility of nuclear weapons falling into the hands of radical Islamists. “The Islamic world ... has much of the world’s oil,” he wrote in the July issue. “And now they have nuclear bombs!” he stated, citing reports that Iran had obtained nuclear warheads from a Soviet satellite state.

From then on, the *Trumpet* warned that unless America acted decisively, it was inevitable that the king of the south would obtain nuclear weapons. “Iran is far ahead of any ... Arab country in developing nuclear warheads and bombs,” Mr. Flurry wrote in December 1994. “They are a very aggressive force that will be stopped only by a superior force!”

In 2003, Mr. Flurry told readers where Iran’s weapons buildup would end: “[N]uclear capability is just the capstone of a comprehensive Iranian military buildup. ... [I]n the hands of a country like Iran, this terrifying arsenal won’t sit idle for long. Their history shows that they are

adept at USING those means at their disposal to meet their objectives” (June 2005).

Just as the *Trumpet* has forecast over the past 20 years, the “king of the south” ranks among the world’s most pressing, dangerous and hardest-to-solve problems!



ONE OF THE MOST UNDERREPORTED trends in Israel in recent years has been the emergence of Europe as a dominant player in Israeli politics, particularly in the Israeli-Palestinian peace process. Europe’s enthusiasm for this role was evident last December, when—within hours of enacting the Lisbon Treaty—EU leaders gathered to produce an official statement on Israel-Palestinian relations. In its declaration, the EU went beyond merely urging peace talks; it made clear that it supports dividing Jerusalem and establishing East Jerusalem as the capital of a Palestinian state.

The EU expressed its intent with all the subtlety of a Hitler speech. The ink had barely dried on the Lisbon Treaty before the EU was making it clear that it wants the chief seat at the negotiating table. For *Trumpet* readers, this wasn’t the least bit surprising. This is something we’ve been forecasting since 1993.

This forecast hinged on a specific prophecy in Hosea 5: “When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah saw his wound, then went Ephraim to the Assyrian, and sent to king Jareb: yet could he not heal you, nor cure you of your wound” (verse 13). The *key* to understanding this verse is knowing the modern identities of Ephraim, Judah and Assyria. Explained plainly in our free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, they are Britain, Israel and Germany, respectively.

This scripture prophesies that in the end time, Britain and Israel will turn to Germany, the lead nation in Europe, for assistance. The obvious question is *why*. The answer—which Mr. Flurry began explaining as early as 1993—can be found in the meaning of the term *wound* in Hosea

5:13. *Strong's Concordance* defines the original Hebrew word, Mr. Flurry noted in November 1997, as, "in the sense of binding up: a bondage, i.e. remedy." *Gesenius' Lexicon* defines it, "the pressing together, binding up of a wound; here used figuratively of a REMEDY APPLIED TO THE WOUNDS OF THE STATE."

This "wound" is also discussed in Obadiah 1:7, Mr. Flurry explained. *Gesenius* defines *wound* as "falsehood; hence, fraud, insidious dealing ... net, or snare." "IN OBADIAH THE *wound* IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO BEING DECEIVED BY A PEACE PACT!" he wrote. "Is the 1993 *peace pact* with the Arabs the Israeli *wound* that God refers to in Hosea 5:13?"

Remarkably, immediately after Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin shook hands on the White House lawn in September 1993 and the world celebrated the Oslo accord as heralding a new era of peace in Israel, the *Trumpet* forecast the ultimate failure of the peace pact. In November that year, Mr. Flurry wrote, "Today the radical Islamic movement is causing other nations to fear—even motivating *peace treaties*. BUT THESE TREATIES ARE DESTINED TO FAIL. The deadly delusion that 'all problems can be solved by negotiation' is going to lead Israel and the U.S. to disaster."

Confident in the Word of God, the *Trumpet* has since consistently encouraged readers to ignore the periodic signs of peace, the ongoing negotiations, the apparent breakthroughs, and simply believe the Bible's forecast that Israel's peace pact is a WOUND, not a remedy. "WHAT MOST [JEWS] DON'T KNOW IS THAT THE PEACE PROCESS IS A DEADLY DELUSION," Mr. Flurry wrote in the September/October 2000 *Trumpet*, after the failed Camp David talks between Ehud Barak and Yasser Arafat. "It is a wound that will cause death, if they don't repent. IT IS LIKE TERMINAL CANCER!"

Three More Prophecies

The *Trumpet* has also delivered three other specific forecasts relating to the Jewish state, each of which is clearly evident on the world scene today. First, we have forecast that America would diminish its support of Israel and eventually divorce from the Jewish state. "As America grows weaker, she is pushing Israel more and more into a state of RETREAT," Mr. Flurry wrote in August 1995 (article, page 22).

Second, we have repeatedly reminded

readers that Europe, particularly Germany, will eventually replace the U.S. as the key "mediator" between Israel and the Palestinians. This forecast is also based on Hosea 5:13, which says that when Judah recognizes its wound, it turns to Germany for help. Why does Judah turn to Europe, and not its old friend the United States? Mr. Flurry asked in February 1992. "It's rather obvious that the U.S. CAN'T HELP THEM. The stock market will probably have collapsed by that time and chaos will be reigning."

Regarding Europe replacing America in the Israeli-Palestinian peace process, Mr. Flurry wrote 15 years ago, in December 1994: "What we actually see here is a GREAT SHIFT IN WORLD POWER. A *weak* U.S. is being pushed aside by Europe—the king of the north. ... Europe is moving not only to be a co-sponsor in the peace process—THEY WANT TO TAKE CONTROL OF IT!"

Since 1992, *Trumpet* readers have been repeatedly reminded that Catholic Europe is bent on developing a dominating presence in Israel, specifically Jerusalem. "Watch for the U.S. being sidelined in the peace process," we wrote in March/April 2001, "and for a Vatican-EU-UN combined diplomacy to take over and consummate the Middle East peace process" Isn't that exactly what we see the EU doing today?

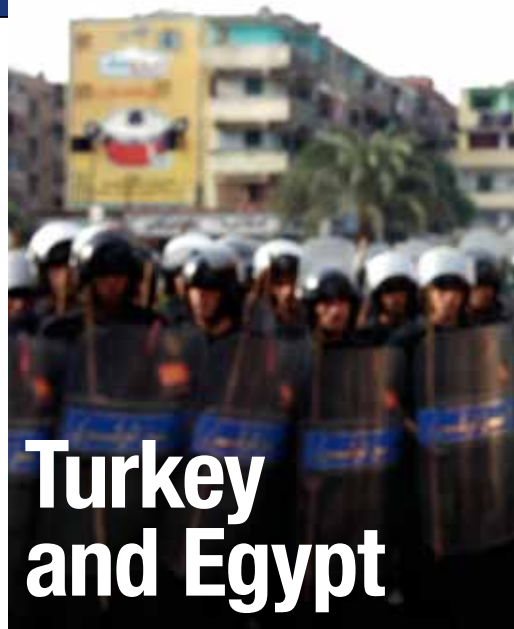
Third, we have consistently forecast that East Jerusalem would eventually fall under control of the Arabs. According to Zechariah 14:2, this transfer of control will not be peaceful; rather, East Jerusalem will be snatched from Israel in a fit of violence. In a November 1996 article, "Is Jerusalem About to Explode?" Mr. Flurry stated, "The recent violence in Jerusalem reveals how ONE HALF OF JERUSALEM SHALL BE TAKEN CAPTIVE IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. ... That is the critical event prophesied in Zechariah 14:2."

Four years later, Mr. Flurry delivered another powerful warning: "There is about to be a war over Jerusalem! IT WILL PROBABLY COME AFTER THE JEWS HAVE LOST CONTROL OF EAST JERUSALEM AND THE U.S. CAN NO LONGER HELP THEM. Regardless, the Jews will go to Germany for help" (September/October 2000). With a conservative government in Israel, a radicalized Palestinian population being goaded by Iran, and the prospects of the peace process looking dim, the time when the Arabs rise up to take half of Jerusalem appears closer than ever.



"Europe is moving not only to be a co-sponsor in the peace process—they want to take control of it!"

**GERALD FLURRY
December 1994**



Turkey and Egypt

IT IS HARD TO OVERSTATE HOW MUCH Israel's safety, and the entire security equation of the Middle East, hinges on Israel's relationships with Egypt and Turkey. For years, Israel's leaders rested comfortably knowing that although they were surrounded by an arc of Islamic hatred, they had friends in Cairo and Ankara. For years, the *Trumpet* has warned that Bible prophecy indicates that these relationships will be short-lived and that Egypt and Turkey will ultimately sever their connection to Israel and ally themselves elsewhere.

For nearly 20 years, we have forecast that the moderate government in Cairo will be replaced by hardcore Islamists who will quickly align Egypt with the anti-Israel, radical Islamic administration in Tehran. Our editor in chief first said this in the November/December 1990 *Trumpet*, after the assassination of Egypt's speaker of the parliament: "Egypt's President Mubarak could [also] be assassinated This could radically change Egyptian politics" Mr. Flurry went on to explore the prophecy in Daniel 11, which states that Egypt will be destroyed along with the king of the south by the king of the north. Why is Egypt also destroyed? he asked: "IS IT BECAUSE EGYPT IS SOMEWHAT ALLIED WITH THE KING OF THE SOUTH ...?"

By July 1993, Mr. Flurry's prophecy for Egypt had grown even clearer: "Islamic extremism is gaining power at a frightening pace in Egypt. ... This verse [Daniel 11:42] indicates EGYPT WILL BE ALLIED WITH THE KING OF THE SOUTH. ... I believe this prophecy in Daniel 11:42 indicates you are about to see a radical change in Egyptian politics!"



NEXT One of millions of Muslim Brotherhood supporters faces down police working for the aging and waning Mubarak regime.

When we first wrote about Egypt, reality didn't seem to back our forecast. During the early 1990s, Cairo and Tehran were barely on speaking terms. Egypt was the most moderate Arab state in the Mideast and widely considered to be America's and Israel's firmest ally in the region. Iran was an unfriendly Islamic theocracy. Yet the *Trumpet* invested its confidence in biblical prophecy and maintained that Egypt, under the sway of radical Islam, would eventually align itself with Iran.

As the years passed, events validated the prophecy. During elections in December 2005, the Muslim Brotherhood won 88 seats in Egypt's parliament, a six-fold increase over the previous election. Although that was fewer than a quarter of the parliament's seats, the Brotherhood's success exposed radical Islam's growing influence and popularity. Since then, President Hosni Mubarak's health has grown steadily worse, while the health of the Muslim Brotherhood and radical Islam has grown stronger. Many experts now admit that radical Islam is a strong force in Egypt—and may soon gain the upper hand.

The *Trumpet's* forecast for Turkey centers on a prophecy in Obadiah, and includes history revealed in the Bible as early as Genesis 25 and 27. Essentially, we have forecast that Turkey, while it may appear to be a friend of Israel and America, will ultimately betray both. Before this final act of betrayal, we explained, expect Turkey to reduce its support of Israel and position itself for greater cooperation with its Muslim neighbors. "Obviously, with decreasing incentive to remain on friendly terms with the West," we wrote in December 1997, "TURKEY MAY DECIDE TO RESOLVE

ITS PROBLEMS BY MAKING CONCESSIONS TO THE ARABS."

"What will happen to the Turkish-Israeli military alliance?" we asked in February 1999. "Turkey will betray the peoples of the very nations that it is allied with today. ... The Turkish-Israeli alliance will end in betrayal." In November 2007 we wrote: "Suspicion between Turkey and Iran has thawed in recent years, and ties have improved. ... The more cooperative these two nations are, the more latitude the Turks are likely to give Iran without feeling directly threatened as Tehran pursues its regional ambitions. Watch for that cooperation to increase—and for Iran to become even more brazen."

If you've read anything about politics in Turkey lately, you know that forecast is coming true. In January last year, Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan lambasted Israel for standing up to Hamas in the 2008 Gaza war. In October he refused to participate in planned military drills with NATO allies because of Israel's involvement in the exercises. And while a chill is setting in on the Turkish-Israeli relationship, Ankara's relations with its neighbors, including Iran, are steadily growing warmer.

Why Prophecy?

These analyses of Middle Eastern affairs are not the product of human intellect or lucky speculation. They are based on Bible prophecy. And the purpose for Bible

prophecy, as many of the ancient prophets explained, is to declare the power and presence of an Almighty God!

Notice what the young Jewish Prophet Daniel told King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon before he interpreted the king's dream: "No wise men, enchanters, magicians, or astrologers can show to the king the mystery which the king has asked, but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days" (Daniel 2:27-28; Revised Standard Version).

Our message to you is the same. While there are some extremely astute, clear-thinking intellectuals out there producing exceptional analysis of current world events, no politician, commentator or columnist can explain the full meaning of world events and where they are leading. Only the majestic "God in heaven who reveals mysteries" can do this. And He does. How? Through the "more sure word of prophecy" (2 Peter 1:19).

Truly, our motivation for revisiting these older articles is to solicit a reaction—even if only in a handful—similar to Nebuchadnezzar's after Daniel explained the king's dream. Notice it: "Then King Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face ... [and] said to Daniel, 'Truly, your God is God of gods and Lord of kings, and a revealer of mysteries ...'" (Daniel 2:46-47; RSV).

Awesome, isn't it? Humbling too. After witnessing God's power and willingness to reveal prophecy, the king of one of the greatest empires ever to exist fell on his face in reverent worship of God. How do you react in the presence of revealed prophecy? ■

FAILURE OF THE PEACE PROCESS

WHAT WE SAID

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LETTING IT GO
A Jewish resident mourns the Gaza pullout.



1 Europe's Unification

Since its inception, the *Trumpet* has prophesied the unification of Eastern and Western Europe. This happened in 2004, when a huge swath of Eastern Europe joined the European Union. Even as Bonn and Rome sparked the Balkan wars, we said this would yield the EU's first colonies; the integration of the Balkans into the EU is now well advanced. We have continued to declare that this empire will be dominated by the religion of Rome, resulting in Islamist Turkey being locked out of EU membership.



Iran's Rise

In July 1992, *before* the rise of Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, *before* the toppling of Saddam Hussein, *before* Iran's apocalyptic nuclear ambitions became widely known, the *Trumpet* began prophesying that Iran would become the most dangerous and dominant power in the Middle East. Nearly two decades later, it's indisputable that Iran has fulfilled this forecast: Tehran fervently pursues nuclear weapons, is the world's top state sponsor of Islamic terrorism, and operates as the greatest force for instability, not just in the Middle East, but in the world.

Even amid apparent prosperity, the *Trumpet* said greed and corruption, debt and overconsumption would come back to bite America. We prophesied of the dollar's fall (its value has already dropped 37 percent this decade) and a global shift toward a different reserve currency. In November 1998 we spoke of America's increasing economic vulnerability due to "credibility-destroying scandals, a mountainous and expanding national debt, a hugely overvalued stock market, record-low-yielding bonds and other 'confidence shakers.'"



3 America's Economic Meltdown



4 Peace Process Failure

Immediately after Yasser Arafat and Yitzhak Rabin shook hands over the Oslo accord in September 1993, Gerald Flurry wrote that this treaty is "*destined to fail*. ... The deadly delusion that 'all problems can be solved by negotiation' is going to lead Israel and the U.S. to disaster." More than 16 years of negotiation, compromise, concessions and war later, peace between Israel and the Palestinians is as unlikely as it was in 1993.

Since Germany reunited in 1990, we have prophesied its rise to become the leading power in Europe, which it has definitely become. In tandem with Germany's rise, the *Trumpet* has prophesied the rapid decline of British influence and power in Europe toward its eventual descent to vassal status under Berlin and Rome's dominance of the EU. It became so on Jan. 1, 2010. We have continued to prophesy that Britain will either opt out or be cast out of the European Union.



Germany's Dominance of Europe

10 Fulfillment of Prophecy

Trumpet's forecasts that have

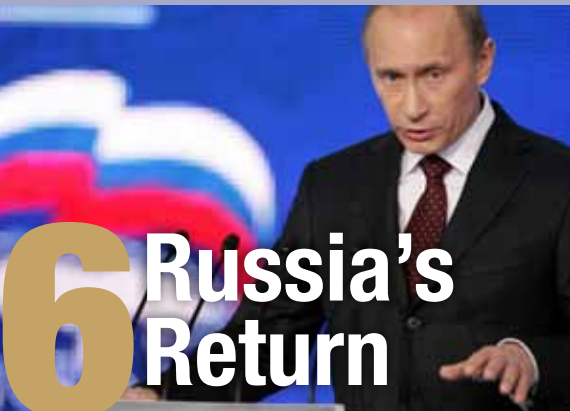
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8 Collapse of American Will

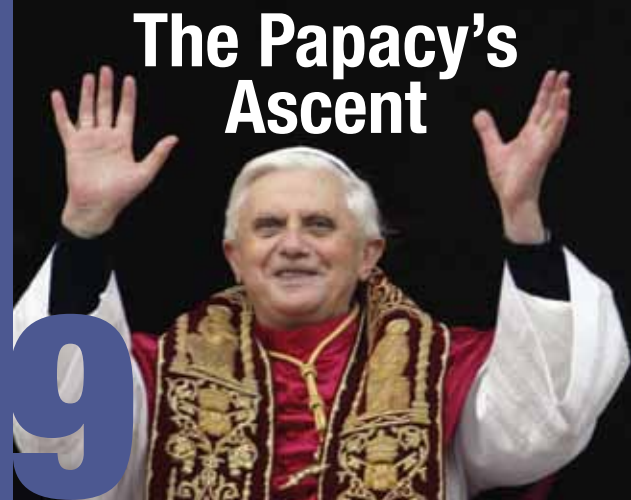
While President Bush Sr. claimed victory in Desert Storm and his son said “mission accomplished” in Operation Iraqi Freedom, the *Trumpet* took the long view, upholding Herbert Armstrong’s prophecy that “America has won its last war.” Now 19 years after the First Gulf War, the world’s greatest military continues spending its strength on ill-advised nation-building, while tolerating and appeasing the most dangerous state in the Mideast, Iran. Few events have confirmed the accuracy of biblical prophecy more.



6 Russia’s Return

Though after the Berlin Wall fell many prognosticators considered the Soviet Empire nothing more than a historical footnote, the *Trumpet* told readers that the Bible said that Russia would again, one day soon, “drag itself out of economic slough and reassert itself as a world power” (November 2000). We foresaw that Russia’s vast resources and nuclear technology would give it a powerful weapon, and that the future borders of Europe would be determined in a deal struck with Germany.

Having carefully monitored the Vatican for 15 years, the *Trumpet* accurately predicted the election of Bavarian Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger as pope in 2005. We have continued to predict that Pope Benedict XVI will successfully work to strengthen right-wing influence in the Catholic Church in preparation for the institutionalization of the religion of Rome as the state religion of the EU in its manifestation as the Holy Roman Empire.



The Papacy’s Ascent

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Rome’s Returning Daughters

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The *Trumpet* has repeatedly reminded readers of Herbert Armstrong’s prophecy that Rome will succeed in garnering back to its fold its wayward Protestant and Orthodox daughters. Last October, Pope Benedict invited Anglicans to rejoin his flock, and many of them are accepting. Representations to the Orthodox patriarchs continue to indicate a similar invitation will soon be issued for Rome’s eastern daughters.

U.S. Alliances Severed

The *Trumpet* has long maintained that historical allies America, Britain and Israel would turn on each other in favor of sham alliances with other foreign states, particularly Germany. This prophecy’s fulfillment has become especially clear during the Obama presidency. America has snubbed longstanding friendships; and time will tell that, despite its best efforts, it has gained *no* loyalty from the “lovers” it is courting. The Bible says weakened and desperate America, Britain and Israel will all be abandoned and ultimately betrayed by those nations.

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11 Iraq’s Fall

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Heralding the End of an Empire

Consistent forecasts
of America's fate

BY JOEL HILLIKER

SMOLDERING RUIN The remains of the World Trade Center billow smoke on Sept. 12, 2001.

WHEN THE COLD WAR ENDED, the glittery idea of a “new world order” came into fashion. Many envisioned a more cooperative, unified globe on the horizon. “Tolerance is the alpha and omega of a new world order,” said Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in June of 1990. He advocated troop cuts, anti-weapons treaties, one world economy, increased global trade, a global communal security structure—a sunshiny, join-hands-around-the-world future.

U.S. President George H.W. Bush evoked the theme when ordering troops to punish Saddam Hussein’s Iraq for attacking Kuwait. The Gulf War, he said, was a marvelous example of squashing the offensive use of force, promoting collective security, and cooperating among the world’s great powers. He used the phrase “new world order” no fewer than 42 times between the summer of 1990 and the end of March 1991. Critics saw it as ominous code for something else: *unchallenged American global dominance*. After all, the Soviet Union’s collapse had left the U.S.

the last remaining superpower, towering over all other nations.

It was in this political climate that the *Trumpet* magazine launched in 1990. Remarkably, among all the forecasts we have made in our analysis of world events over two decades, perhaps the one that has appeared more frequently than any other is that the United States would weaken to the point of being completely eclipsed as a world power.

Demonstrating the *Trumpet*’s political neutrality, this forecast has remained constant through two Republican and now two Democratic presidencies. For most of these 20 years, it has been a stubbornly contrarian view.

Nevertheless, we have held it because it is guided by biblical prophecy, consistent with the understanding elucidated by Herbert W. Armstrong in *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. That landmark book explains how not only the United States but also Britain and several other English-speaking peoples descended from the ancient nation of Israel. The tremendous material blessings these nations

have enjoyed came about not because of the virtues of the people, but because God was fulfilling promises of such prosperity He had given to the patriarchs of Israel. Today we are witnessing the subsequently prophesied *removal* of those blessings because of the peoples’ disobedience to God.

Year after year the *Trumpet* has tracked evidence of this national decline in several areas, including the quality of leadership, foreign relations and diplomacy, the will to use military power effectively, political and corporate integrity, economic vitality, industrial capacity, character and morality, family stability, physical and mental health, race relations, education, and spiritual well-being. In all of these areas and more, poisonous seeds have been sown; poor choices have accumulated; sins have mounted—and the resulting prophesied curses have grown sterner.

In recent times—particularly amid the current financial crisis—the evidence has grown so overwhelming that this reality is now becoming accepted more generally: America is the incredible shrinking superpower.

Fighting a Losing Battle

ONE OF HERBERT ARMSTRONG'S strongest assertions after World War II was that "America has won its last war." He based the statement on several prophecies that, in the days preceding Jesus Christ's return, the mightiest military in the world would become enfeebled, stripped of strong leadership and willpower, and finally conquered.

Consider the military conflicts the U.S. has been involved in since. Though Korea and Vietnam enjoyed the support of "Second World" Communist-bloc nations, both were poor and technologically bankrupt—and still gave America fits. Cuba, Iran, Grenada, Libya, Iraq, Somalia, Serbia, Afghanistan—despite being minor powers, all have delivered a black eye to America in one form or another.

The *Trumpet* had only existed for a year when the Gulf War began in 1991. After a short ground invasion, the Bush I administration claimed victory in the war. *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry strongly challenged that assessment.

"The truth is we won a *battle* in Kuwait. We did not win a war. The job was left unfinished," he wrote in the May 1991 issue. "Saddam Hussein is still in power—even stronger in some ways—and has turned Iraq into a killing field. Isn't [that] a sign we didn't win the war? That we lacked the will to win as it says in Leviticus 26:19?" What the U.S. did was essentially kick a massive problem down the road. "This will probably plague and *haunt* President Bush and America for the rest of our lives!" he wrote. That prediction has certainly proved true in the 19 years since.

Mr. Flurry was most critical of how, after encouraging the Kurds and Shiites to rise up against Saddam Hussein, the Bush administration abandoned them. Hussein then restarted his murderous rampage against these peoples, creating a humanitarian disaster. Mr. Flurry called this "the greatest betrayal in U.S. history." "President Bush's 'new world order' has brought some of the greatest shame on our nation's history!" he wrote. "American leaders say the U.S. has no UN mandate to interfere in Iraq on the refugees' behalf. This statement alone shows that we lack the will to use our power for a just cause. And if the Iraqi refugee crisis isn't a just cause, nothing is!"

The following judgment, written over 18½ years ago, has played out in America's

foreign policy to this day, when President Obama is announcing his exit plan from Afghanistan before even sending troops into battle: "America still fears getting bogged down in a Vietnam-type civil war in Iraq. Even after we had them almost defenseless! That is because God has broken the pride of our power—*our will to win!*"

Mr. Flurry's statements were informed by God's promise to a disobedient nation in Leviticus 26:19: "I will break the pride of your power." He expounded on a similar prophecy later that year in the December 1991 issue: Hosea 1:5, which says, "And it shall come to pass at that day, that I will break the bow of Israel . . ." "It is hard for our people today to accept the fact that our nations are going to be destroyed in the coming Tribulation. They say, *How can this happen? We have our great military power to protect us!*" Mr. Flurry wrote. "But God is going to 'break' our military power. The word *bow* refers to military might. . . . America and England have won their last war!"

The truth in this assessment was made even more plain after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. While much of the media was impressed with America's military response, the *Trumpet* focused on how it actually *confirmed* the condemnatory prophetic view. After quoting Leviticus 26:19 in our November 2001 issue, we wrote, "America's military power is unprecedented, but it lacks the will to use it. Look at what it took for us to *finally* do something! And even America's show of retaliation has, thus far, been a cautious, coalition-conscious strike against a tiny group of Muslim extremists known as the Taliban—a governing body the rest of the world does not even recognize.

"But what about the string of terrorist acts that led up to September 11—those we did nothing about? The *first* World Trade Center bombing, the American base in Saudi Arabia, Khobar Towers, the embassies in Kenya and Tanzania, the *uss Cole*. Terrorists have been emboldened by America's broken will in these instances. Years of skittishness over losing [a] single soldier in combat created a climate that ended up costing nearly 3,000 civilian lives in a single day.

"Now, after the most inconceivably brutal terrorist act imaginable, Americans seem unified in the fact that we had

to respond militarily. What does God have to say about this? '[Y]OUR STRENGTH SHALL BE SPENT IN VAIN . . .' (verse 20)." Sadly, this analysis was deadly accurate: Over 5,200 American lives and nearly a trillion dollars later, Iraq and Afghanistan both threaten to revert to being terrorist havens the moment the U.S. leaves them.

In the same November 2001 issue, the *Trumpet* focused on the fact that the U.S. *wasn't* targeting the world's number-one state sponsor of terrorism—Iran. In fact, Washington absurdly asked Iran for its *help* among a global coalition of anti-terrorist nations! "[W]e can see unequivocally that the terrorist snake will survive America's aggression—head intact, and stronger than ever," we wrote. "In plain terms, the U.S. is taking on the impossible task of *prosecuting a war with-*

out offending the enemy! . . . While the U.S. wants to eliminate terrorism and is becoming much more aggressive in trying to do so, its efforts will fall short. It frankly does not have the necessary will to tackle the enormity of the problem!" True enough: In the more than eight years since, Iran has actually grown *stronger*.

After the U.S. stormed Baghdad in 2003 and President Bush proclaimed "mission accomplished," the *Trumpet* continued to view events in terms of how they would play out in the long term. In November of that year, in an article called "Why We Cannot Win the War Against Terrorism," Mr. Flurry wrote, "President Bush and Prime Minister Blair have courageously restricted Iran's influence by toppling the governments of Afghanistan and Iraq. However, these are ongoing terrorist wars. We will still lose those wars if our nations don't unite behind our leaders. That is almost certainly not going to happen." Perhaps no issue has divided America and Britain more than these wars; today, even President Obama is alienating his base by sending more troops into Afghanistan. Terrorist enemies know they have nothing to fear from a nation so internally fractured.

Few events have confirmed the accuracy of biblical prophecy more than this protracted military campaign, where the world's greatest military, sapped of will, is losing ground on several fronts against primitive bands of terrorists and spending its strength in vain. If only America would acknowledge it.



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**GERALD FLURRY
May 1991**

Breaking the Brotherhood

ANOTHER REMARKABLE SET OF prophecies the *Trumpet* has highlighted are proving relevant: those centering on America's alliances in our day. The Bible is clear that the modern nations of Israel—the U.S. and Britain primarily—will turn against each other and against the Jewish state called Israel (biblical *Judah*), in favor of sham alliances with other foreign states, particularly Germany. It also speaks of their isolation and abandonment by those nations—and ultimate betrayal at their hands.

Mr. Flurry discussed this in one of the *Trumpet's* earliest editions. “God says the nation[s] of Israel [are] going to be attacked by their ‘lovers’—unless they repent (Ezekiel 23:9, 22),” the June 1990 issue said. “Their ‘loving’ relationship with Germany is a *snare*.”

Consider those words in light of America's ambassador to Germany recently labeling Berlin “Washington's MOST IMPORTANT ALLY.” This past December, Ambassador Philip Murphy called the U.S.-German relationship the most important of the past 60 years, saying, “We need strong partners—and nowhere are there better or more committed partners than in Europe. And Germany is the centerpiece of the European Union.” He certainly has that last part right.

But what a snub against Washington's *actual* most important ally, Britain! That relationship, as well as the one with Israel, has turned extremely chilly during the Obama presidency, as the *Trumpet* has documented in recent issues. A shocking example occurred in November, during a visit to D.C. by Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Caroline Glick reported, “It isn't every day that a visiting leader from a strategically vital U.S. ally is brought into the White House in an unmarked van in the middle of the night rather than greeted like a friend at the front door; is forbidden to have his picture taken with the president; is forced to leave the White House alone, through a side exit; and is ordered to keep the contents of his meeting with the president secret” (*Jerusalem Post*, Nov. 13, 2009).

This shameful, despicable treatment poignantly fulfilled a prophecy we began to highlight in our March/April 2004 issue. “For many Arabs, the number-one reason to hate America is its support



BROKEN BANKS and Other Unheeded Warnings

Does history indicate an even bigger crash is coming?

WHEN banking giant Barings collapsed in 1995, it shook the financial world to its core. How could a bank that survived the American Revolution, the Napoleonic Wars with France and both great wars collapse so quickly?

Because of an *earthquake in Japan*. After the Kobe earthquake on January 16 that year, Japanese stock markets plunged—and a 233-year-old banking icon disappeared.

Although Barings was not an American bank, it held special significance for America. It was the British bank that helped finance the Louisiana Purchase in 1803 for the fledgling United States. *It was that purchase that enabled America to become an economic superpower.*

Newsweek called the Kobe earthquake “an act of God.” In the April 1995 *Trumpet*, Gerald Flurry said he agreed. “The Barings Bank collapse is a *strong warning sign for America and Britain*. The collapse of our nations is going to be just as sudden if we don't repent!” he wrote.

Fifteen years later, has America learned anything?

A BUBBLE BURSTS

Soon after the Barings disaster, the world was shaken again. In July 1997, Asia went into currency meltdown. Beginning in Thailand and sweeping through virtually all of the Asia Pacific region, one currency after another collapsed as nations flirted with and succumbed to debt default.

After the Asian financial meltdown, the *Trumpet* warned that although America had

emerged relatively unscathed, we shouldn't “deceive ourselves by arrogantly thinking we are invincible” (November 1998).

“It is vitally important that we *see behind the record-setting U.S. bubble stock market* with all the hype and hoopla,” *Trumpet* writer Tim Thompson exhorted a few months later. “With the full view provided by combining news and prophecy, it is America which is in grave danger of an unstoppable fall over the precipice of financial ruin” (February 1999).

Over the following year, America's economy grew at a wildfire pace. Giddy venture capitalists and fat pension plans drove the stock market to astronomical highs. The technology-heavy Nasdaq broke 5,000 and was still going up and up. Companies like DrKoop.com, Boo.com and Pets.com were supposed to unleash a new era of prosperity. Shares rocketed from pennies to hundreds of dollars. Companies that had never earned a cent were worth billions.

But despite the euphoria, the *Trumpet* kept declaring that the economy was built on sand. America was not being blessed by God, we said.

At the *exact peak* of the dot-com bubble, the *Trumpet* repeated its warning: “U.S. corporations and individuals are on a borrowing binge of historic proportions, which is making them more vulnerable than at any time in history to a slowdown in the economy. ...

“A lot of people are going to be wiped out financially” (March/April 2000).

Who could forget what happened next?

The mania came to a dramatic end. The stock market plunged through the floor. The economy was thrust into a sharp recession, and millions of people lost their jobs. Silicon Valley became Death Valley for many.

A full decade later, America still hasn't recovered. It took the Dow Jones almost seven years to return to its peak, and it has since fallen below it again. The Nasdaq stock exchange is *worth less than half* of its March 2000 value. On an inflation-adjusted value, both markets are way down.

But the lessons learned from the dot-com delusion were soon forgotten. Greed, corruption and leveraged financing soon returned. And of course, America's moral slide continued.

In an effort to treat the symptom instead of addressing the cause of the collapse, the Federal Reserve slashed interest rates to 1 percent. Consumers and businesses dutifully gorged on cheap borrowed money again, and speculators and gamblers returned. The good times appeared to return too, but in reality, the seeds for an even greater bubble were being sown.

A BIGGER BUBBLE

By 2004, it was clear what that bubble would be—even if the Federal Reserve refused to even acknowledge that bubbles could be determined before they popped.

In November that year, in an article titled the "Biggest Bubble Ever," the *Trumpet* warned that this time the housing market was heading for a massive collapse, one even as bad as 1929. "Never before have we witnessed the confluence of so many negative economic factors to this degree," we wrote. "We are truly in *uncharted territory*. Yet the U.S. economy has been perking along largely because it's been propped up by the greatest housing bubble ever known."

The *Trumpet* told readers to begin preparing for a major crash by reducing their standards of living. When the housing bubble pops, it could hurtle the economy into "chaos reminiscent of the Great Depression—or worse!" we wrote (*ibid.*).

As it turned out, housing prices in America peaked two years later, in 2006. During the intervening time, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan still denied that a bubble even existed.

How were we so sure? Yes, we looked at house prices, ownership rates, debt levels, interest rates, evidence of speculation and complacency—the same sorts of indicators many analysts looked at. But we also considered one other, more important source of knowledge that few value today—God's Word.

"There is only one Master Economist, who knows *all* the intricate equations, *all* the delicate variables and *all* the laws that govern

our modern economy," the *Trumpet* wrote. "He has revealed some of the most *fundamental* principles of economics in His Instruction Manual for mankind" (May 2004).

God's words and God's prophecies form the basis of the *Trumpet's* message.

"Are you willing to face reality, or will you keep your head in the sand?" we asked. "That decision is yours."

Those who acted on these words had more than two years to prepare before things started to get really bad. It was time well needed because when the housing bubble popped, it exploded with a bang—taking much of Wall Street with it!

GETTING OUR ATTENTION

When Bear Stearns failed in March of 2008, the whole world saw that something was seriously wrong in America. Whereas it took weeks for Barings bank to finally succumb to bankruptcy, 84-year-old icon Bear Stearns was shattered in just 24 hours.

At that time, the *Trumpet* wrote, "Just like Bear Stearns, America is also about to wake up and discover that everything has changed."

By the time 2008 was over, America had changed. The biggest names in British and American high finance were lying prostrate before the world. Lehman Brothers, Merrill Lynch, Wachovia, Washington Mutual and Indi Mac Bank were gone. Citi Group, Bank of America, Royal Bank of Scotland, Barclays, Lloyds and many other banks continued to exist only due to massive government bailouts.

The chain of failures caused a massive credit crunch, and America's debt-addicted economy went into convulsions.

America's spectacular financial collapse brought home in vivid detail many of the *Trumpet's* earliest warnings.

In August 1990, we said corruption and the general way of greed within the business world and society in general portended far greater economic problems to come. Referring to the prophecy in Micah 2:1-2, we wrote how some businessmen are "continually devising evil," including "legalized robbery." "It is all based on GREED and the 'get' way of life," we wrote. "It is considered 'good business' today to make money and not worry about how you got it. ... Micah is telling us that the ruin is going to be horrible in every way!" (emphasis ours).

"People look at the surface of the economy and of their society. On the surface everything looks good," the November 1991 edition said. "Society looks so good to most people, as if it could last for thousands of years. But it is so badly eaten by the 'moths,' that a little pressure will cause it to fall apart"—referring to the prophecy of Hosea 5:12. "That is the condition of the U.S. and British economies today—right

now! They are almost ready to collapse—like a moth-eaten coat! ... This verse explains why people will believe the economy and their society is strong until they actually see it collapse!"

The lead-up to the housing bubble craze certainly was typified by fraud and greed, and it didn't take much for it to fall apart and take the whole economy with it. People buying unaffordable mansions in the hope prices would keep going up. Realtors pushing the biggest homes they could, to get the largest possible commission. Appraisers selling their reputations to make the sale. Banks lending money to people even though they knew they were not creditworthy. And then selling the junk mortgages on to unsuspecting investors and pension plans. Credit rating agencies giving triple-A ratings to junk mortgages. And leaders in Washington not just turning a blind eye to all the action, but actually encouraging it with artificially low interest rates and pressuring banks to remove lending standards.

An economic system engulfed by greed can only end one way, no matter how strong or dynamic it may temporarily appear.

The post-housing bubble picture of America's economy is not pretty. But it is going to get even uglier.

"The U.S. economy has helped to fuel the whole world's economy. When it collapses, it will impact forcefully on the whole world," we wrote in June 1992. The *Trumpet's* economic warnings grew stronger over the years as America became more overleveraged and indebted. "Countries, just like individuals, can become addicted to credit! In order to maintain a high standard of living, America has become increasingly dependent upon foreign credit to pay its bills, piling debt upon debt, until it has mortgaged itself to the hilt!" we wrote in August 1997.

Over the past three decades, America has gone from being the largest creditor nation in the world, to its largest debtor—by far. Now our foreign creditors wonder how the bills will be paid.

Will America's debt bubble be the next to burst?

When it does, it will irreversibly take America's standard of living with it. Interest rates will soar. Inflation will ravage consumers. The dollar will lose its reserve currency status. And the current rate of 17 percent unemployment will seem like something from a happy dreamland.

As Mr. Flurry said when Barings collapsed, "... I guarantee you, by the authority of God, these financial problems will intensify until they do get our full attention!" (April 1995).

America's history from Barings to Bear Stearns is that of escalating punishment from God that has gone unheeded.

ROBERT MORLEY and JOEL HILLIKER

for Israel. As the U.S. war against terrorism continues to yield high bills, a steady body count and a booming crop of anti-Americanism worldwide, is it possible that Americans will begin to think, *Why are we making ourselves such a target over that little country?*” we wrote. “Prophecy suggests such an eventuality.

“In Zechariah 11:14 is a prophecy that God would ‘break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.’ This may well refer to a future rift between America (biblical Israel) and the Jewish state (Judah). If America turned its back on the Jews, it would leave little Israel isolated and vulnerable.”

As that *Trumpet* predicted, the White House has taken to offending allies like Israel in hopes of currying favor with Muslim states in particular. But it is gaining no such benefit, even as it sacrifices hard-won, longstanding friendships. The net result is just as the *Trumpet* prophesied in our September/October 1992 issue, after a major United Nations conference. We wrote that the U.S. “has taken another giant step toward complete and total *isolation* from the countries which it has helped and befriended. The entire 23rd chapter of Ezekiel speaks of how biblical Israel and those who associate with her in this end time will be completely alienated from the rest of the world.” The article then quoted Jeremiah 30:12-14 and

concluded, “This is what the United States is setting itself up for: abandonment by its political and financial lovers!”

While this prophecy hasn’t played out to nearly the degree that it will in the time just ahead, it is certainly unfolding on schedule.

It was these same biblical prophecies that informed Herbert Armstrong’s forecast, as early as 1945 and continuing until his death in 1986, that when the nations of Europe would unify as the Bible prophesies they will, Britain ultimately would find itself *outside* this continental alliance. In 1956, for example, Mr. Armstrong wrote, “The Germans are coming back from the destruction of World War II in breathtaking manner. Germany is the economic and military heart of Europe. Probably Germany will lead and dominate the coming United States of Europe. *But Britain will be no part of it!*”

Even in recent years as Britain appeared fundamental to the nucleus of the European Union, the *Trumpet* has followed this forecast, repeatedly prophesying of Britain’s inevitable exclusion from the German-led Continent. “The financial capital of Europe is rapidly shifting from London to Frankfurt,” we wrote in August 1999—anticipating the transformational changes occurring today. “Bible prophecy indicates that Britain will ultimately *not* be a part of the European Union. The British public reject the switch from pounds

to euros,” a symbolic move that presaged Britain’s *political* separation. “Soon Britain will not be able to continue sitting on the fence, hiding behind its coveted euro opt-out clauses and veto powers,” the August 2000 issue said. “Britain will have to decide whether to be IN or OUT.”

Informed by these prophecies, in the July 2000 issue the *Trumpet* began bringing to light a trend destined to balloon into a crisis: the encroachment of EU law on British sovereignty. “There is reason for concern. Already in several instances British law has been superseded by the rule of the European ‘big brother,’” we wrote. “Britons are slowly starting to wake up to the fact that becoming a signatory to the next EU treaty would not only erode their power to regulate their national economy, it would restrict the use of their military forces, impose Roman law over the top of British common law, and draw them into a European super-police-state,” the November 2000 issue stated. As this prophetic analysis projected, this question has become a bitter pill to the British electorate, and will likely contribute significantly to their returning a Conservative government to power in their national election this year. That in turn will likely accelerate Britain’s alienation from Europe—and hasten the treachery it is prophesied to be victimized by.

Where God Pins the Blame

The Bible traces the decline of the modern nations of Israel particularly to the *leaders*. “[T]he whole head is sick,” prophesied Isaiah. “[T]hey which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths” (Isaiah 1:5; 3:12).

For 20 years the *Trumpet* has tracked the disappearance of quality leadership within the governments, industries, educational institutions and families of the U.S. and Britain—a trend that is at its worst crisis point today (Isaiah 3:1-4). “It is so clear in many different areas that our society is disintegrating through lack of strong male leadership,” we wrote in April 1992. “De facto relationships, unhappy marriages, rising divorce rates, absent and/or neglectful fathers and now more and more absent working mothers—this is the environment that is at the root of our social disintegration,” that year’s May issue said.

Speaking of Isaiah’s prophecy, our April 1993 issue said, “This is a 2,700-year-old prophetic description of NATIONAL SUICIDE. It’s a graphic example of cause and effect, leading to national captivity!

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Rising in the East

If you don't think biblical prophecy is a reliable predictor of events, take a look at Asia.

BY ROBERT MORLEY



THE WORLD CAN RADICALLY change in 20 years. Just think how different Asia is today from what it was in 1990. A new global economic heavyweight has emerged from obscurity. America's most important and longstanding ally in the Pacific has all but switched sides. And a defeated superpower has clawed its way back to prominence.

To most global prognosticators, the changes in Asia since the fall of the Berlin Wall are dumbfounding.

For example, who would have forecast the dramatic rise of China? Wasn't it just a backward Communist regime with dirt roads, decrepit sanitation and millions of impoverished people?

Even 10 years ago, this Asian nation wasn't but a second-rate power. Most analysts completely missed the boat on China. While Americans were focused on getting rich off the dot-com technology boom and the supposed new era of prosperity it would bring, 1 billion Chinese were building factories, developing businesses and creating real wealth. But when speculators are driving Nasdaq stocks up 100 percent per year, it is easy to miss even Earth-changing events.

Readers of the *Trumpet*, however, knew the dot-com revolution wouldn't alter America's economic direction. Bible prophecy indicated that history was moving on.

Empires were growing elsewhere. From our earliest editions in 1990, we noted that America was a nation in decline.

Feeding the Dragon

Ten years later, in the September/October 2000 edition, the *Trumpet* warned, "America's China policy is an exercise in self-deception." That article pointed out that not only was China blatantly stealing American technology, but America was actually helping craft China into a dangerous competitor by "rebuilding its inefficient economy and enhancing its military capability."

"A nation that permits other nations to steal from it and still maintain preferential trade relations as if nothing happened is a nation too absorbed in the pursuit of prosperity," we warned.

As Stephen Flurry wrote the year prior in an article titled "Feeding the Dragon," "It's time for America to wake up to what it has created in Southeast Asia—a monster" (June 1999).

China has indeed become a monster—and one with an incredible appetite.

Take a good look. From having no highways 20 years ago, today it boasts more than 30,000 miles of them. And those roads bear the weight of tens of millions of cars. Each day Chinese factories churn out more than 25,000 cars—over 9 million per year. In

2009, China eclipsed America as the largest car manufacturer in the world. At the end of 2008, China had 147 airports. In the coming decade, it plans to build 97 more.

Each year, almost 8 million Chinese move from the country to the city. This urban migration is driving the construction of the equivalent of a Los Angeles, Chicago and Philadelphia—from scratch, every year. Today, the United States has nine cities of over a million people. China has 160 of them.

It is little wonder that China now consumes one third of the world's iron, steel and coal, over half the world's cement, and is now the world's second-largest oil user after America.

In 2008, China's mushrooming economy grew at *21.5 times the rate of America's*. The most recent 2009 data show that China's economy is growing at a 7.63 percent rate, while America's economy is *shrinking* by 3.2 percent annually. China is now the third-largest economy in the world.

With its rapid economic growth, its military muscle has ballooned too.

In 2008, China overtook the United Kingdom as the world's second-largest military spender. The People's Liberation Army is now the largest standing army in the world, with around 2 million troops. But that is just a fraction of the soldiers

China *could* field: It has 375 million men fit for military service.

One of the biggest growth areas in China's military is its navy. It is building at least two aircraft carriers—possibly six—and currently has more submarines than any other Asian nation. It is using its navy to great effect, too.

To demonstrate China's naval capabilities, in 2007 a Chinese submarine slipped undetected into the midst of a U.S. carrier battle group and then surfaced within torpedo range of the USS Kitty Hawk carrier. The incident, which set off a political firestorm in Washington and was a major embarrassment to the U.S. Navy, clearly illustrated China's growing ability to challenge U.S. sea power in the Asian Pacific.

In November 2009, it was revealed that China had almost completed development of a mobile land-based anti-ship ballistic missile. U.S. military analysts claim that the missile is *specifically designed to defeat U.S. carrier groups*. Andrew Krepinevich, president of the Center for Strategic and Budget Assessments in Washington, said that with the deployment of this system, China could turn the South and East China Seas into no-go areas for the U.S. Navy (Bloomberg, Nov. 17, 2009).

Of course, despite its growth, China still lags behind the U.S. military overall. But for how long?

We reiterate the warning we gave almost 10 years ago: "Watch for China to continue to revive its economy and streamline its military as it exerts more power in Asia at the expense of American strength" (September/October 2000). Additionally, watch for future confrontations as China seeks to drive America from the Asian Pacific, consolidate control over resources and trade routes, and expand political influence.

But China isn't the only Asian nation that has radically changed over the past two decades.

Japan's recent transformation has come as an even greater shock for many people.

An Ally Slips Away

For over 50 years after its defeat in World War II, Japan was a loyal supporter of U.S. policy. The island nation was home to thousands of American soldiers. It provided aid for American missions around the world. Militarily, it was America's unsinkable aircraft carrier in the Pacific.

Economically, Japan was just as important. As the second-largest lender to the U.S., Japan bankrolled much of America's consumption and prosperity. Americans bought Japanese products, and Japanese

savers supported the value of the dollar by lending money to the federal government.

This economic relationship, along with Japan's supposed fear of China, led many to conclude that Japan and America were symbiotically and indefinitely linked.

Time has proven this myopic forecast completely wrong.

The September/October 1995 *Trumpet* asked, "[W]here is Japan heading? What is going to be the future role of this new 'global political superpower?'" Over the ensuing 15 years, we have used Bible prophecy to answer that question. Japan is shifting away from the U.S. and toward Asia. America will lose its staunchest Asian ally!

In 1999, when Japan began toying with the idea of rewriting its pacifist constitution and creating a larger military, the *Trumpet* warned: "Japan's tendency to play down its past militaristic history is being overtaken by a need to reconfigure its security arrangements to *reflect the impact of diminishing U.S. power* and, in particular, *the rise of China* to great-power status in the Far East" (June 1999).

In the December 2000 edition, the *Trumpet* was even more specific on what would soon occur in the Land of the Rising Sun: "Watch for another change of government in Japan and a more aggressive approach by future administrations forced not only to *consider hard decisions for economic restructuring*, but also to face up to building a *security and defense capability* commensurate with the size of the world's second-largest national economy."

This past September saw the above forecasts play out. A most dramatic and historic event occurred. After a half-century of virtual single-party rule, Japan

voted in new radical leadership. A new class of leaders govern Japan—and they are actively anti-American.

Yukio Hatoyama, Japan's new prime minister, is threatening a split with America. Hatoyama blames America for the global economic crisis and says the U.S. is responsible for "*the destruction of human dignity*." His finance minister is worried about the future value of the dollar, saying in May last year, during the run-up to the election, that his party would *refuse to purchase any more U.S. treasuries* unless they were denominated in Japanese yen.

"The financial crisis has suggested to many that the era of U.S. unilateralism may come to an end," Hatoyama wrote in an August 26 *New York Times* article, "A New Path for Japan," shortly before he came to power. "It has also raised doubts about the permanence of the dollar as the key global currency."

But Hatoyama isn't just charting a separate *economic* course for Japan. His election campaign also promised a more "independent" *foreign policy* from Washington and closer relations with Japan's Asian neighbors.

Most alarming for American policy makers, Hatoyama has authorized a wide-ranging review of the U.S. military presence on Japanese soil. He wants U.S. soldiers out! Hatoyama also moved to quickly end Japan's fueling support for the U.S. naval anti-terrorism efforts in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Additionally, both U.S. and Japanese officials confirmed last September that discussions were underway to *remove all U.S. fighter aircraft from Japan*.

Hatoyama's policies have completely shocked U.S. policy makers. But they haven't caught *Trumpet* readers off guard. "It is clear that strong economic, trade, political and cultural relations, combined with a *mutual desire to marginalize American hegemony, are driving China and Japan closer together*," we warned in 2004. "Years ago, the Japanese predicted China would become a superpower and, accordingly, planned to ensure they would be *close to Beijing* when that time arrived" (July 2004).

That predicted day is here. While paying lip service to the Japan-U.S. security pact, Hatoyama himself wrote, "[W]e *must not forget our identity* as a nation located in Asia. I believe that the *East Asian region*, which is showing increasing vitality,



"A new Russia has just been born. Mr. Putin has just changed the course of world history."

**GERALD FLURRY
January 2004**

A MONSTER RISES

In 2009, China eclipsed America as the largest car manufacturer in the world.

In 2008, its economy grew at 21.5 times the rate of America's. It is now the third-largest economy in the world.

Twenty years ago, China had no highways. Today it has 30,000 miles of them.

China is the world's second-largest military spender, with the largest standing army in the world.

THE RETURN OF RUSSIA

WHAT WE SAID

“A more dictatorial Russian government is coming fast, and you need to know where it is leading.”

JAN. 2004

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must be recognized as Japan's basic sphere of being. ... I also feel that as a result of the failure of the Iraq war and the financial crisis, the era of U.S.-led globalism is coming to an end ...” Japan, he wrote, must “spare no effort to build the permanent security frameworks” essential to creating a new anti-dollar regional Asian currency shared by China, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and Hong Kong (*New York Times*, op. cit.; emphasis mine).

Yes, America is about to lose its closest ally in the Pacific. The impact—economic, political and otherwise—is already hitting America.

Russia Is Back

Additionally, *Trumpet* readers were apprised in advance of the revolutionary resurgence of Russia over the past decade.

The Berlin Wall's fall 20 years ago heralded the collapse of the Soviet Empire and the end of the Cold War. Russia shuddered with social upheaval and economic collapse as it embraced democratic reforms.

Throughout the 1990s, hyperinflation ravaged Russia. Money became near worthless as the prices of basic consumer goods soared. By the early 2000s, economists wondered if Russia would ever recover. In 2001, inflation still stood at over 20 percent annually. But the price of oil, one of Russia's chief exports, languished at \$16 per barrel.

“Russia Is Finished,” blared the cover of the May edition of the *Atlantic Monthly* that year.

“Is Russia Finished?” the *Trumpet* responded in June. Even amid the backdrop of Russian disintegration, the *Trumpet* stood by its prediction of a dramatic Russian revival. This article first acknowledged that “Russia's sinking economy and its deeply concerning demographic challenge of a poverty-stricken, shrinking population spread over a heavily industry-poisoned, environmentally ailing and vast geography mitigate against this great country ever returning to superpower status.” But it proclaimed that this ailment wouldn't last. It pointed to the developing “strategic partnership” between Russian President Vladimir Putin and German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder. Built on the back of Russian oil and German technology and investment, Russia would return to superpower status.

That imminent return to power was boldly announced in January 2004 by *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry. “A new Russia has just been born,” he wrote. Talking about President Putin's illegal confiscation of privately owned oil giant Yukos, he wrote, “Mr. Putin has just *changed the*

course of world history. And Bible prophecy reveals exactly where it is leading.”

“Mr. Putin is going to control that asset, no matter how much Western powers thunder in protest. Oil profits will help to place Russia back on the world stage as a dominant world power,” Mr. Flurry continued. “A more dictatorial Russian government is coming fast, and you need to know where it is leading. That power will be able to challenge Europe, when nobody else can, including the U.S.”

Soon, Russia burst onto the world scene anew. Over the next five years, oil prices surged from \$30 per barrel up to a high of over \$140. Consequently, Russian confidence and power surged too.

After the Yukos seizure, Putin went on to consolidate his grip on the oil industry by seizing oil assets from British Petroleum, Royal Dutch Shell, Total and other privately owned Russian energy corporations. Many of these companies were combined into the two state-owned energy behemoths Rosneft and Gazprom—which Putin wielded like a war-hammer to batter opponents into submission.

In January 2006, after Ukraine's newly elected, pro-Western government balked at paying gas prices that were much greater than those paid by the previous, pro-Russian government, Gazprom cut off Ukraine's gas supply. Being in the midst of winter, Ukraine had little choice but to accept the higher prices. Georgia, Belarus, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova and Armenia also fell victim to Russian energy extortion. The message from the Russian bear was clear: Get in line or get mauled.

Meanwhile, the Russo-German relationship flourished. When Gerhard

Schröder stepped down from German politics, he immediately went to work for Russia, heading up a plan to bring Russian gas directly into Germany through the Baltic Nord Stream pipeline. In the future, Russia could cut off the gas to Ukraine or Poland and not affect its German collaborator.

Then in 2008, the accuracy of the *Trumpet's* message became far clearer when Russia invaded Georgia. In a dramatic attack, Russia proved to the world that it was more than just an energy superpower, but a military one as well. Russia could invade an American ally and elicit nothing but bluster from the U.S. in response.

“This was the first military strike of a rising Asian superpower—and there will be more!” wrote Mr. Flurry in October 2008.

At the time of the invasion, Mr. Flurry also wrote that Germany's response indicated it was probably complicit in Russia's attack on Georgia, and that some kind of deal—in the spirit of the World War II Molotov-Ribbentrop pact—had likely been cut between the two nations. A Russian-German pact is something the *Trumpet* has been predicting for years. In November 2000, for example, we warned, “The cozier relationship which is now developing between Chancellor Schröder and President Putin is a *harbinger of the future alliance* between those two nations, which they will seek in an effort to secure the line of division between the two.”

Just days later, geopolitical think tank Stratfor confirmed Mr. Flurry's belief, saying that its sources inside Russia reported that the Kremlin had offered Germany a “security pact for their two countries.”



Russia's attack on Georgia did one other thing: It awoke the world from slumber and brought many back to reality. They saw a nation filled with oil dollars and bristling with nuclear bombs. "Russia is back," shouted global headlines.

Trumpet readers could have written that title 10 years earlier. Yes, despite the skeptics, Russia has taken its place among the great powers once again, just as Bible prophecy said it would.

Russia and China Unite

Based on a prophecy in Ezekiel 38:1-6, the *Trumpet* has consistently said that a great Sino-Russian East Asian combine would form in the end time. "... Russia and China will be completely united as one gigantic ... Asian front," we wrote in June 1999. "[S]everal smaller nations in Asia ... will undoubtedly join the alliance."

This prophecy came a step closer to fulfillment when the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)—a grouping of China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, plus Mongolia, India, Pakistan and Iran as observer members—started in 2001.

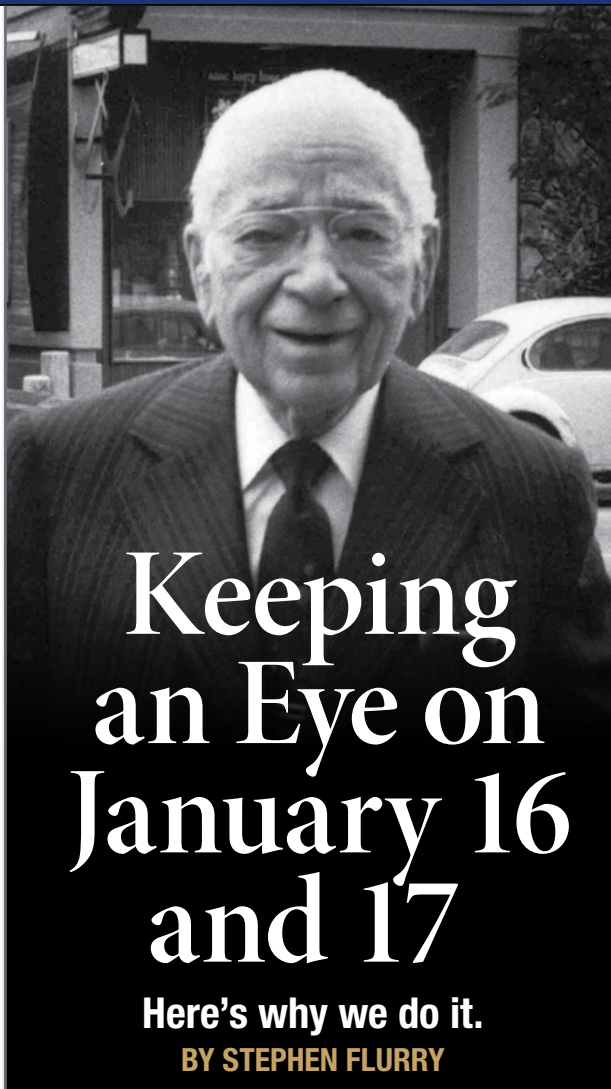
The SCO began as a forum for China, Russia and Central Asian countries to resolve border issues after the collapse of the Soviet Union. Its focus then shifted to counterterrorism, security and economic cooperation. Today, it is a developing bloc of significant powers rising to resist Western domination, being used as a vehicle to counter NATO and to impose the East's strategy on the Islamic threat.

"Watch for the SCO to grow more influential," we wrote in January 2006. "With Russia and China at the helm, it is entirely conceivable that this organization could burgeon into a pan-Asian coalition."

The SCO's development demonstrates the deepening of the biblically prophesied partnership between Russia and China, both of which will grow in wealth and influence in the years ahead, in part through such cooperation.

A lot can happen in two decades. As Asia shows, the world has changed. But the biggest, most dramatic, changes for Asia are still yet to come. The Bible paints a clear picture for China, Japan and Russia—and the prominent role Asia will play in end-time events. ■

Request our free booklet *Russia and China in Prophecy* for a glimpse at more future news headlines from this region.



THE REASON WE CAREFULLY watch for significant events in January is because of what happened 24 years ago. On Jan. 16, 1986, after preaching the gospel of the Kingdom of God as a witness to the world for nearly six decades, Herbert W. Armstrong died at the age of 93. The next day, January 17, marked the beginning of the Laodicean era of God's Church—an era characterized by spiritual lethargy, prophetic blindness and gross materialism (Revelation 3:14-22).

Early on, the new leadership in the Worldwide Church of God (WCG) tried to conceal its contempt for Mr. Armstrong's work and his teachings. But by the end of 1988, it had become painfully obvious to a few discerning observers that these men were maliciously intent on disassociating themselves from everything Mr. Armstrong stood for.

In March 1989, my father began working on a manuscript to explain, from a biblical perspective, why the WCG was

making so many changes. Later that year, on Dec. 7, 1989, after WCG leaders in Pasadena, California, had learned about the manuscript, they promptly fired my father and excommunicated him.

In the weeks that followed, my father converted his manuscript into an 83-page, photocopied "book"—called *Malachi's Message to God's Church Today*. On Jan. 10, 1990, a tiny church of only 13 people packaged 921 copies of *Malachi's Message*, and delivered the bundle to the post office the next day.

"This message is being received by many people on the very day of the anniversary of Mr. Armstrong's death," my father wrote toward the end of that first version of *Malachi's Message*. "We didn't plan it, but we are happy it happened that way." Then, he wrote this: "You are going to see the date of Mr. Armstrong's death take on more significance as time goes on. ... The third 19-year time cycle of the work of the Worldwide Church of God ends in January of 1991—the

same month as the anniversary of Mr. Armstrong's death. Will we see some dramatic event in the world ... then?"

On Jan. 16, 1991, exactly one year after we first distributed *Malachi's Message*, the fifth-year anniversary of Mr. Armstrong's death, the United States launched the Gulf War. As Brad Macdonald notes (article, page 16), that correct forecast in 1991 was only the beginning of a prophetic legacy we have been building on for the past 20 years.

Amos and the Earthquake

The first booklet my father wrote after *Malachi's Message* was *The Lion Has Roared*. It summarized the key prophecies proclaimed by the biblical Prophet Amos. As it happens, we also completed production of this booklet around January 16—this time in 1992.

In a speech he gave on Dec. 21, 1991, my father again noted that many people on our mailing list would be receiving *The Lion Has Roared* near the anniversary of Mr. Armstrong's death. Anciently,

the Prophet Amos delivered his warning message two years *before* a great earthquake, my father added. “And I mean they had a massive earthquake.” Later, he wondered, “What if there is another massive earthquake on this Earth—*maybe from two years by the time this booklet goes out?*” (emphasis mine throughout).

Then, toward the end of that two-year window, my father pointedly asked in a message delivered on Oct. 30, 1993, “Is it possible that God could strike with an earthquake the latter part of this year; maybe the first part of next year or maybe even on January the 16th, 1994? Is it possible something like that could happen? Well yes, I would say it’s possible, *especially in the state of California.*”

He was speaking of the possibility of an earthquake not only in January 1994—but even *in California!*

In the December 1993 *Trumpet*, he again asked, “Will an earthquake be the next California disaster?”

The FOLLOWING MONTH, on January 17, at 4:31 a.m., a massive earthquake rocked Southern California, causing \$20 billion worth of damage and leaving 20,000 people displaced from their homes. The massive jolt killed over 70 people and injured 9,000 more. The epicenter devastated the community of Northridge, which is about 20 miles northwest of Pasadena.

Yet another remarkable coincidence? OR AN UNDENIABLE SIGN that God’s prophetic work of BOLDLY WARNING THIS WORLD in the noble tradition of Herbert W. Armstrong had *continued*, without missing a beat?

To commemorate the 20th anniversary of our work this past December, my father said in a sermon on December 5 that the Philadelphia Church of God began on Dec. 7, 1989—the same date the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor in 1941—because God wanted to remind us that we *must* finish the work Herbert Armstrong began in warning the United States and Britain of their coming destruction at the hands of a European superpower. It will be a time of “great tribulation,” the likes of which this world has NEVER seen, Jesus said in Matthew 24:21.

In that same message, my father also noted that January 2010 marks the end of the *fourth* 19-year time cycle since God’s end-time work began in 1934. Should we then be surprised that as of this month, the European constitution is now being fully enforced in Europe? Or that Germany’s high court recently decided to ban Sunday shopping in Germany, effective

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Jan. 1, 2010? (page 15).

NOW GRASP THE SIGNIFICANCE OF WHAT IS HAPPENING BEFORE YOUR EYES. The seventh and *final* resurrection of the “Holy” Roman Empire is here! Yes, the European Union must still be pared down from 27 member states to the biblically prophesied 10 nations or groups of nations. *But we are living right in the midst of a revived Holy Roman Empire.*

Mr. Armstrong thunderously proclaimed this prophecy for nearly six decades! Now, it is REALITY! As of January 2010, my father noted on December 5, Revelation 17:10 will have been fulfilled, including the now-resurrected empire

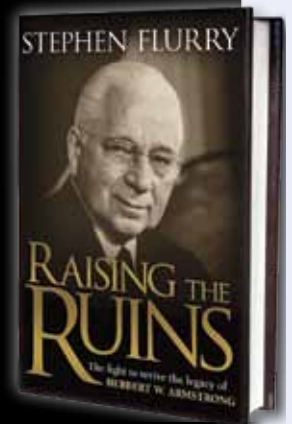
that had “not yet come” during the days of Herbert W. Armstrong.

The fall of the Berlin Wall in November 1989 is NOTHING compared to what is happening RIGHT NOW in Europe. Regarding the fulfillment of Bible prophecy, my father noted, January was *already* shaping up to be a “jam-packed” month. And as always with the history of this work, January 16 and 17, in particular, are dates we need to keep an eye on.

Given the NUMEROUS prophetic events that have been fulfilled since Mr. Armstrong’s death in 1986, do we dare not sit up and take note of the sure prophecies of God? ■

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Making



1990 Original members of the Philadelphia Church of God



Dec. 6, 1999 Gerald Flurry leads the way into the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals holding *Mystery of the Ages*.

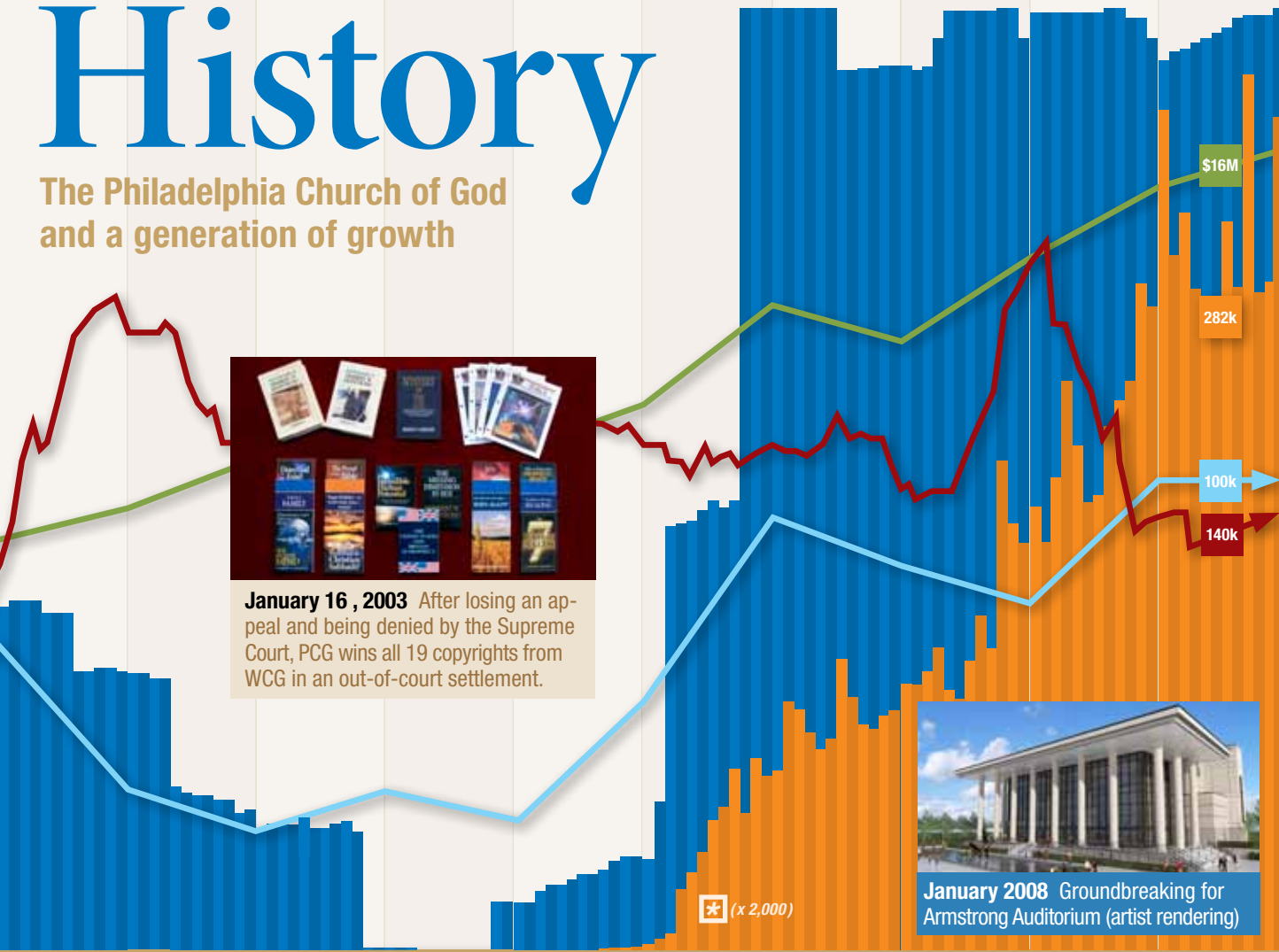
<p>(1989) December The PCG begins with 12 members and \$80.</p> <p>January 16 First copies of <i>Malachi's Message</i> hit mailboxes.</p> <p>February Inaugural issue of the <i>Philadelphia Trumpet</i> is published.</p>	<p>June First radio program debuts on one station in St. Louis, Missouri.</p> <p>August First issue of <i>Philadelphia News</i> printed.</p>	<p>July PCG hosts first youth summer camp.</p>	<p>January <i>Key of David</i> television program begins airing on eight stations.</p>	<p>October <i>Key of David</i> adds its second superstation, WWOR, to WGN.</p>	<p>July <i>Trumpet</i> subscriptions reach 50,000.</p>	<p>February PCG establishes Philadelphia Foundation humanitarian and cultural outreach organization, later renamed Armstrong International Cultural Foundation.</p>	<p>January PCG publishes Herbert W. Armstrong's book <i>Mystery of the Ages</i>.</p> <p>February Worldwide Church of God files a suit in district court against PCG for printing <i>Mystery of the Ages</i>.</p>	<p>January <i>Royal Vision</i> Christian living magazine begins.</p> <p>April <i>Key of David</i> begins broadcasting a toll-free 800-number nationwide.</p> <p>October PCG's official website goes online.</p>	<p>January Gerald Flurry makes his first Personal Appearance Campaign in Dallas, Texas.</p> <p>February <i>Trumpet</i> subscriptions surpass 100,000.</p> <p>April <i>True Education</i> youth magazine begins.</p>
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February 1990 Headquarters office established in Edmond, Oklahoma.

History

The Philadelphia Church of God and a generation of growth



January 16, 2003 After losing an appeal and being denied by the Supreme Court, PCG wins all 19 copyrights from WCG in an out-of-court settlement.



January 2008 Groundbreaking for Armstrong Auditorium (artist rendering)

2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009



June 29, 2000 PCG purchases a 40-acre tract in north Edmond for its college and headquarters campus.

Sept. 15
PCG opens Imperial College, later renamed Herbert W. Armstrong College.

November
PCG temporarily takes *Key of David* off the air to focus on winning copyright battle over *Mystery of the Ages*.

May
New *Key of David* set debuts, along with new Mail Processing Center.

July
The Trumpet launches redesigned, updated website, theTrumpet.com.

October
Key of David broadcasts on 200 stations.

May
First graduation for Herbert W. Armstrong College.

August
Herbert W. Armstrong College students fly to Jerusalem to volunteer for a City of David archaeology excavation.

August
Imperial Academy grade school and high school begins.

August
Imperial Academy goes online.



December 2006 Construction completed on Hall of Administration.

The cause is lack of strong, godly leadership. The effect is *social, economic and military destruction.*”

“For a nation to be great, it must have a great leader. Everything revolves around a strong leader who will lead the people to face the necessary sacrifices and hard truths,” Mr. Flurry wrote in January 2000. “Today our people want to hear ‘smooth things’ and ‘deceits.’ It’s the only way a leader can get elected.” The several U.S. elections since, including three for president, have revealed a steep slide even further down that dangerous slope. The American people “are too engrossed in self to ever have the will to remain a superpower,” Mr. Flurry continued. “It won’t be long before we have to face reality. WE ARE A PHONY SUPERPOWER WAITING FOR DISASTER, if we don’t awaken.” What a lightning-bolt verdict! And how painfully true.

Even at that time, referring to specific issues like the Gulf War and the handover of the Panama Canal, Mr. Flurry made another prescient statement: “The American people are being bombarded with *foreign-policy surrenders* on the part of their leaders!” (ibid.). A decade later, these surrenders are accelerating. Evidence of the end of America’s reign as a superpower has become undeniable. The U.S. is fulfilling the Bible’s description of its decline in finer and finer detail, as is Britain.

This fact, while sad, should build our faith in the certainty of the ultimate outcome prophesied in Scripture and described in *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. That outcome is that, while the immediate future will be grim, it will lead to the humiliation and ensuing *repentance* of these peoples! That is wonderful news.

The Bible’s prophecies—and the *Trumpet’s* proclamation of them—were given by God *in advance* to facilitate that repentance, even if only within individual readers at this time. *That* is the crucial underlying message of this 20-year review of the *Trumpet’s* biblically informed analyses.

Heed the warning *today*, turn to the God who issued those prophecies, *before* they are fulfilled—and that *same* Almighty God will fulfill His promises to *protect* you from the trials to come!

Those who respond to God’s calling today will actually have the opportunity to help Him usher in the *real* “new world order”—not an impractical dream of men, but the genuine and wonderful World Tomorrow that will spring to life after this tired age of man culminates in the Second Coming of Jesus Christ! ■



UNITED STATES

Nationwide satellite Galaxy 3 Trans. 21 11:30 am ET, Tue/Thu; Galaxy 5 Trans. 7 8:00 am ET, Sun

Direct TV DBS WGN Chan. 307 8:00 am ET, Sun

Direct TV DBS ION Ch. 305 6:00 am ET, Fri

Dish Network ION Ch. 216 6:00 am ET, Fri

Dish Network DBS WGN Chan. 239 8:00 am ET, Sun

Nationwide cable WGN 8:00 am ET, Sun

Alabama, Birmingham WPXH 5:00 am, Fri

Alabama, Dothan WTVY-DT 8:30, Sun

Alabama, Montgomery WBMM/WBMM-DT 8:30, Sun

Alaska, Anchorage KIMO-DT 8:30 am, Sun

Alaska, Fairbanks KATN-DT 8:30 am, Sun

Alaska, Juneau KJUD-DT 8:30 am, Sun

Arizona, Phoenix KPXX 5:00 am, Fri

Arizona, Yuma-El Centro KSWT-DT 9:30 am, Sun

Arkansas, Fayetteville KWFT 8:30, Sun

Arkansas, Fort Smith KCWA 8:30, Sun

Arkansas, Jonesboro KJOS 8:30 am, Sun

Arkansas, Rogers KWFT 8:30, Sun

Arkansas, Springdale KWFT 8:30 am, Sun

California, Bakersfield KGET-DT 9:30 am, Sun

California, Chico KHSL-DT 9:30 am, Sun

California, El Centro KWUB 9:30 am, Sun

California, Eureka KUVU-DT 9:30 am, Sun

California, Los Angeles KPXX 6:00 am, Fri

California, Monterey KMWB 9:30 am, Sun

California, Palm Springs KESQ/KCWQ-DT 9:30 am, Sun

California, Redding KHSL-DT 9:30 am, Sun

California, Sacramento KSPX 6:00 am, Fri

California, Salinas KION 9:30 am, Sun

California, San Francisco KKPX 6:00 am, Fri

California, Santa Barbara KSBY-DT 9:30 am, Sun

Colorado, Denver KPXC 5:00 am, Fri; KWGN 10:00 am, Sun

Colorado, Grand Junction KKCO-DT 10:30 am, Sun

Colorado, Montrose KKCO-DT 10:30 am, Sun

Connecticut, Hartford WHPX 6:00 am, Fri

Delaware, Dover WBD 9:30 am, Sun

Delaware, Salisbury WMDT-DT 9:30 am, Sun

Florida, Gainesville WCJB-DT 9:30 am, Sun

Florida, Jacksonville WPXC/WPXJ-LP 6:00 am, Fri

Florida, Miami WPXM 6:00 am, Fri

Florida, Orlando WOPX 6:00 am, Fri

Florida, Panama City WJHG-DT 8:30 am, Sun

Florida, Tallahassee WTXL 7:30 am, Sun

Florida, Tallahassee-Thomasville WTLF-DT/ WTLH-DT 9:30 am, Sun

Florida, Tampa WXPX 6:00 am, Fri; WTTA 8:30 am, Sun

Florida, West Palm Beach WPXP 6:00 am, Fri

Georgia, Albany WBSK 9:30 am, Sun

Georgia, Augusta WAGT-DT 9:30 am, Sun

Georgia, Brunswick WPXC 6:00 am, Fri

Georgia, Columbus WLGA 9:30 am, Sun

Georgia, Macon WBMN 9:30 am, Sun

Georgia, Savannah WGSA/WGCW-LP 9:30 am, Sun

Hawaii, Hawaii Na Leo Chan. 54 6:30 am, Sun; 8:30 am, Wed

Hawaii, Kauai Ho’Ike Chan. 52 9:30 am, Tue

Hawaii, Maui/Lanai/Molokai/Niihau/Akaku Chan. 52 6:30 pm, Sun; 3:30 am, Mon

Idaho, Idaho Falls KPIF/KBEO 10:30 am, Sun

Idaho, Pocatello KPIF 10:30 am, Sun

Idaho, Twin Falls KMVT-DT/KTWT-LP 10:30 am, Sun

Illinois, Bloomington WHOI-DT 8:30 am, Sun

Illinois, Chicago WCIU 9:30 am, Sun; WCPX 5:00 am, Fri

Illinois, Peoria WHOI-DT 8:30 am, Sun

Illinois, Rockford WREX-DT 8:30 am, Sun

Indiana, Fort Wayne WPTA-DT 21.2 9:30 am, Sun

Indiana, Indianapolis WIPX 6:00 am, Fri

Indiana, Terre Haute WBI 8:30 am, Sun

Iowa, Austin KTTC-DT 8:30 am, Sun

Iowa, Cedar Rapids KPXR 5:00 am, Fri

Iowa, Des Moines KFPP 5:00 am, Fri

Iowa, Keokuk WEWB 8:30 am, Sun

Iowa, Kirksville KWOT 8:30 am, Sun

Iowa, Mason City KTTC-DT 8:30 am, Sun

Iowa, Ottumwa KWOT 8:30 am, Sun

Iowa, Rochester KTTC-DT 8:30 am, Sun

Iowa, Sioux City KTIV-DT 8:30 am, Sun

Kansas, Topeka KSNT 8:30 am, Sun

Kentucky, Bowling Green WBKO 8:30 am, Sun

Kentucky, Lexington WUPX 6:00 am, Fri

Louisiana, Alexandria KBCA 8:30 am, Sun

Louisiana, El Dorado-Monroe KNOE-DT 8:30 am, Sun

Louisiana, Lafayette KLWB 8:30 am, Sun

Louisiana, Lake Charles WBLC 8:30 am, Sun

Louisiana, New Orleans WPXL 5:00 am, Fri

Maine, Bangor WABI-DT 9:30 am, Sun

Maine, Presque Isle WBPQ 9:30 am, Sun

Maryland, Hagerstown WJAL 12:00 pm, Sun

Maryland, Salisbury WBD 9:30 am, Sun

Massachusetts, Boston WBXP 6:00 am, Fri; WZMY 8:00 am, Sun

Massachusetts, Holyoke WBQT 9:30 am, Sun

Massachusetts, Springfield WBQT 9:30 am, Sun

Michigan, Alpena WBAE 9:30 am, Sun



Michigan, Cadillac WGTU/WGTQ 9:30 am, Sun
Michigan, Detroit WPXD 6:00 am, Fri; WADL 10:00 am, Sun

Michigan, Grand Rapids WZPX 5:00 am, Fri
Michigan, Lansing WLAJ-DT 9:30 am, Sun
Michigan, Marquette WBKP 9:30 am, Sun
Michigan, Traverse City-Cadillac WGTU-DT/WGTQ-DT 9:30 am, Sun

Minnesota, Duluth-Superior WDLH 8:30 am, Sun
Minnesota, Mankato KWYE 8:30 am, Sun
Minnesota, Minneapolis KPXM 5:00 am, Fri
Mississippi, Biloxi WBGP 8:30 am, Sun
Mississippi, Columbus WCBI-DT 8:30 am, Sun
Mississippi, Greenville WBWD 8:30 am, Sun
Mississippi, Greenwood WBWD 8:30 am, Sun
Mississippi, Gulfport WBGP 8:30 am, Sun
Mississippi, Hattiesburg WBH 8:30 am, Sun
Mississippi, Laurel WBH 8:30 am, Sun
Mississippi, Meridian WTOK-DT 8:30 am, Sun
Mississippi, Tupelo WCBI-DT 8:30 am, Sun
Mississippi, West Point WCBI-DT 8:30 am, Sun
Missouri, Columbia KOMU-DT 8:30 am, Sun
Missouri, Hannibal WGEM-DT 8:30 am, Sun
Missouri, Jefferson City KOMU-DT 8:30 am, Sun
Missouri, Joplin-Pittsburg K SXF 8:30 am, Sun
Missouri, Kansas City KPXE 5:00 am, Fri
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America's Decline

WHAT A SAD WAY TO GO ("CAN AMERICA Reverse Its Decline?", January). Unfortunately, the U.S., Britain and Israel (Judah) made that choice long ago when they rejected God in favor of materialism and their pleasures.

Cecilia Rivera—NEW YORK

RECORD DEBT, WARS THAT aren't being paid for, and a dearth of political intellect have ended what could have been the greatest nation for a millennia! Instead we only rode the wave of American strength for about 30 years. Sadly, we gave it away!

Norman J. Smith—UNITED STATES

Armstrong College

YOU ARE SO RIGHT! ("WHY IT IS NAMED Herbert W. Armstrong College," January). *Name*: a term by which any person or thing is known; their fame; reputation; honor; family; to nominate. The name *Herbert W. Armstrong* is so fitting for the college. Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong remains strong in my memories of the good old days. I fondly remember my father and I diligently listening daily to this great educator on the radio back in the 1950s. That foundation has held strong, thanks to you "raising the ruins" and continuing this awesome, burdensome work.

L.A.W.—ALBERTA

VERY INSPIRING. THE EXAMPLE SET BY Mr. Armstrong is one of the best in this age. His vision on education was particularly wonderful because it was based on the Word of God and therefore cannot be surpassed. This article gives hope and encouragement to anyone who wants to be a student and follower of the greatest TEACHER of all. Thank you.

Doris—CANADA

Fall of Berlin Wall

THIS ARTICLE IS GREAT! ("A NIGHT TO Remember," January). It does not only remind us of what happened in the past in relation to Mr. Armstrong's prophecies, it is also a supplement for the younger generation now studying history and world events. As parents, we see how our actions and reactions will impact our children today and tomorrow. Thank you!

Loralain Cruz—PHILIPPINES

AS A 15-YEAR-OLD IN THE WCG, I VIVIDLY recall it being announced that the WCG in New Zealand turned down the opportu-

nity to appear on prime time national television to comment on the fall of the Berlin Wall in light of Mr. Armstrong's prophecy. What the WCG leadership did was turn down a wonderful opportunity to deliver a warning message to the entire nation!

C.H.—NEW ZEALAND



Stampede to Gold

THANK YOU, MR. MORLEY, for an insightful and educational article ("The Stampede to Gold," January). America is truly on the precipice of catastrophic financial calamity as prophesied in the Holy Bible, yet the people are still in a slumber.

KON MU—QLD., AUSTRALIA

Catholic Attack

THANKS MR. MACDONALD FOR YET ANOTHER outstanding article ("How This Is an Attack on Britain," January). Thanks for pointing out that this was not merely a scrimmage between two churches, but an organized attack against what is left of the British Empire by what will become the European Empire.

Bill—OKLAHOMA

I'M UTTERLY SHOCKED AT WHAT IS GOING ON in the UK and in the constitutional courts of Germany. The civil liberties of many are being destroyed little by little around the world and no one seems to be shouting! The queen and monarchy might as well rent a U-Haul and move out of the palace; soon the powers that be will be walking the halls with an iron fist Time is short; may God drop the scales from the eyes of the "not so wise." Keep on reporting the truth; it's refreshing.

Rowena Freeman—HOUSTON, TEX.

Getting Out of Debt

GREAT ARTICLE! ("HOW TO GET OUT OF Debt," January). Just the advice needed as I am looking for ways to save more and budget my finances.

Shay—NEW YORK

VERY GOOD ADVICE! I DID THE SAME MYSELF over the last year and a half and paid off \$47,000 in mortgage debt. By catching a bus, cycling, walking to work, combined with selling the expensive car and reducing other discretionary expenses, such as the Internet and the phone, and denying myself many wants. Also, budgeting helped immensely by establishing a disciplined frame of mind. Whilst never neglecting the God-ordained commitments.

Jason Robertson—AUSTRALIA

Let Kids Be Kids

I SEE SO MANY CHILD STARS PUSHED BEFORE their time ("Let Kids Be Kids," January). They have to grow up way before they are supposed to, and then when they get to be adults, they end up with so many problems. ...

Josanne Small—CANADA

SADLY, EVEN WITH STRIVING TO PROTECT our young as best that we are able, we have a traumatized 17-year-old today that was made by the educational institution she studies at to watch the play *Equus* in class time and on her refusal was vilified for such. As parents we despair at the education and influences that our young must face and that are promoted as education. We don't understand what education she needed from this, and sadly it makes the article here painfully true and terribly sad for our beloved young ones.

Ross—AUSTRALIA

End of the World

I LIVE IN NORTHEAST FLORIDA AND SEE nothing wrong with preparing for uncertainty ("Are You Ready for the End of the World?", January). A severe hurricane can cause tragic loss of life, and despair for those who survive. Those who do not prepare usually suffer the worst while waiting for the government to provide assistance. If there is something that I can purchase to insure my family will survive a crisis scenario, it would be prudent to do so. I refuse to ridicule anyone who believes that people need to prepare for some serious economic troubles ahead. Perhaps the intuition to prepare for difficult times is the one insight the Bible teaches us that is most overlooked. Proverbs 27:12. *Thomas Rice*—UNITED STATES

Very Blessed

GOD BLESS YOU FOR THE WORK THAT YOU are doing worldwide and continuing with what was originally began by the *Plain Truth* magazine by Herbert W. Armstrong, a true biblical prophet of truth, which I first received in 1954. My wife and I, she is now deceased, followed his work for years. We broke away from the Church in 1967, and I am so very blessed I found your website and *Trumpet* recently.

Walter Baer—RAIL ROAD FLAT, CALIF.

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These Are Great Days!

What a momentous time to be alive. BY STEPHEN FLURRY

DURING A FIERY TRIAL, IT'S NOT EASY TO BE FILLED with hope. Had you lived in London during 1940, for example, how easy it would have been to slip into the depths of despair and discouragement. Yet, even as London was bombarded by German bombs, Winston Churchill grasped the significance of the moment for the British—indeed, for all defenders of freedom and democracy.

"Hitler knows that he will have to break us in this island or lose the war," Churchill told the House of Commons on June 18, 1940. This harsh reality, Churchill went on to say, actually presented Britain with a magnificent *opportunity*. "If we can stand up to him, all Europe may be free and the life of the world may move forward into broad, sunlit uplands."

With the prospect of survival for the West fast sinking into the abyss, Winston Churchill was the *lone* voice of hope for a brighter tomorrow.

After Churchill replaced Neville Chamberlain as prime minister in May 1940, Chamberlain stayed on as a member of Churchill's war cabinet. But because of his poor health, Chamberlain had to leave the cabinet later that same year. Upon learning about Chamberlain's decision to resign, Churchill encouraged the former prime minister to return to his post as soon as his health improved.

"Let us go on together through the storm," he told Chamberlain. "*These are great days.*"

Indeed. As Churchill predicted, it was Britain's finest hour.

Today, storm clouds are again gathering around Britain and the United States—two nations that have long been on course for decline. And numerous Bible prophecies tell us that our peoples are about to be thrust into the worst time of suffering *ever* experienced by human beings (Matthew 24:21-22).

The fact that we're entering this world crisis *without a Winston Churchill-type leader on the scene* is, in so many ways, TERRIFYING.

But at the same time, **THESE ARE GREAT DAYS!**

With Britain and the Western world teetering on the brink of annihilation during World War II, "the people of the land" SET Winston Churchill to be "their watchman," and he rallied the West to stand up to the fascist bully in Germany (see Ezekiel 33:1-6).

This time around, however, NO political watchman can save the United States and Britain from the destruction and captivity. Only God can! And so, in these latter days, GOD has raised up *His* watchman—not to marshal military forces against the enemies of freedom—but to proclaim an end-time warning message.

It's God's way of pleading for our peoples to repent of their many sins. "Say unto them, As I live, *saith the Lord God*, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: **TURN YE, turn ye** from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?" (Ezekiel 33:11).

What great *love* and *hope* there is in this **ADVANCE**

WARNING—delivered just *before* disaster strikes. Request our free booklets *Ezekiel: The End-Time Prophet* and *Winston S. Churchill: The Watchman* to get the full impact of this watchman warning being delivered to a dying world.

Another free booklet of ours, *Daniel—Unsealed at Last!*, thoroughly examines the four world-ruling empires described in Daniel 2. These four kingdoms, the Chaldean, Medo-Persian, Greco-Macedonian and Roman empires, were prophesied to continue in succession right up to the establishment of another worldwide kingdom—to be set up *in our day*.

Notice Daniel 2:44: "And *in the days* of these kings [the group of European nations that will soon become the world's next superpower] shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed" In **THE DAYS** of these kings, God's Kingdom—the *fifth* KINGDOM—will be established over all the Earth!

Could there be any other days as great as these in which we are now living? *There will never be another opportunity like this for those who lend their support for God's watchman warning.* As my father has often exclaimed, "What a momentous time to be alive!"

That doesn't mean the road ahead will be easy. But if we stay the course and weather the storms, God's Word assures us a bright tomorrow.

During his often-repeated speech at Harrow School in October 1941, a year after he encouraged Neville Chamberlain to continue on through the storm, Winston Churchill elaborated on the "great days" theme he used to uplift the former prime minister. Before the speech, the students at Harrow sang the school song for Churchill, who had attended Harrow when he was a boy, adding this extra verse in his honor: *Not less we praise in darker days / The leader of our nation, / And Churchill's name shall win acclaim / From each new generation. / For you have power in danger's hour / Our freedom to defend, Sir! / Though long the fight, we know that right / Will triumph in the end, Sir!*

Having heard the additional verse during a Harrow visit the year before, Churchill had arranged in advance with the school headmaster to make one slight alteration to the lyrics: changing the word *darker* to *sterner*.

"Do not let us speak of darker days," Churchill said near the end of his speech, "let us speak rather of *sterner* days. These are not dark days; **THESE ARE GREAT DAYS**—the greatest days our country has ever lived; and we must all thank God that we have been allowed, each of us according to our stations, to play a part in making these days memorable in the history of our race."

In light of Ezekiel 33, those same words, with another minor adjustment, could just as easily apply to today. These are not dark days. These are **GREAT DAYS**—the greatest days *God's people* have ever lived!





HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG

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1952 He prophesied the enforcement of Sunday-keeping through German and European law.

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1984 He forecast London's fall and Europe's rise out of the collapse of the global financial system.

NOW "Japan, China agree to enhance defense exchanges" —Nov. 27, 2009, Xinhua

NOW "Germany's highest court strictly enforces day of rest, bans Sunday shopping" —Dec. 3, 2009, ABC

NOW "Surprise Vatican plan would welcome Anglicans" —Oct. 20, 2009, *Los Angeles Times*

NOW "Europe tightens regulatory noose on City [of London]" —May 27, 2009, *Telegraph*

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