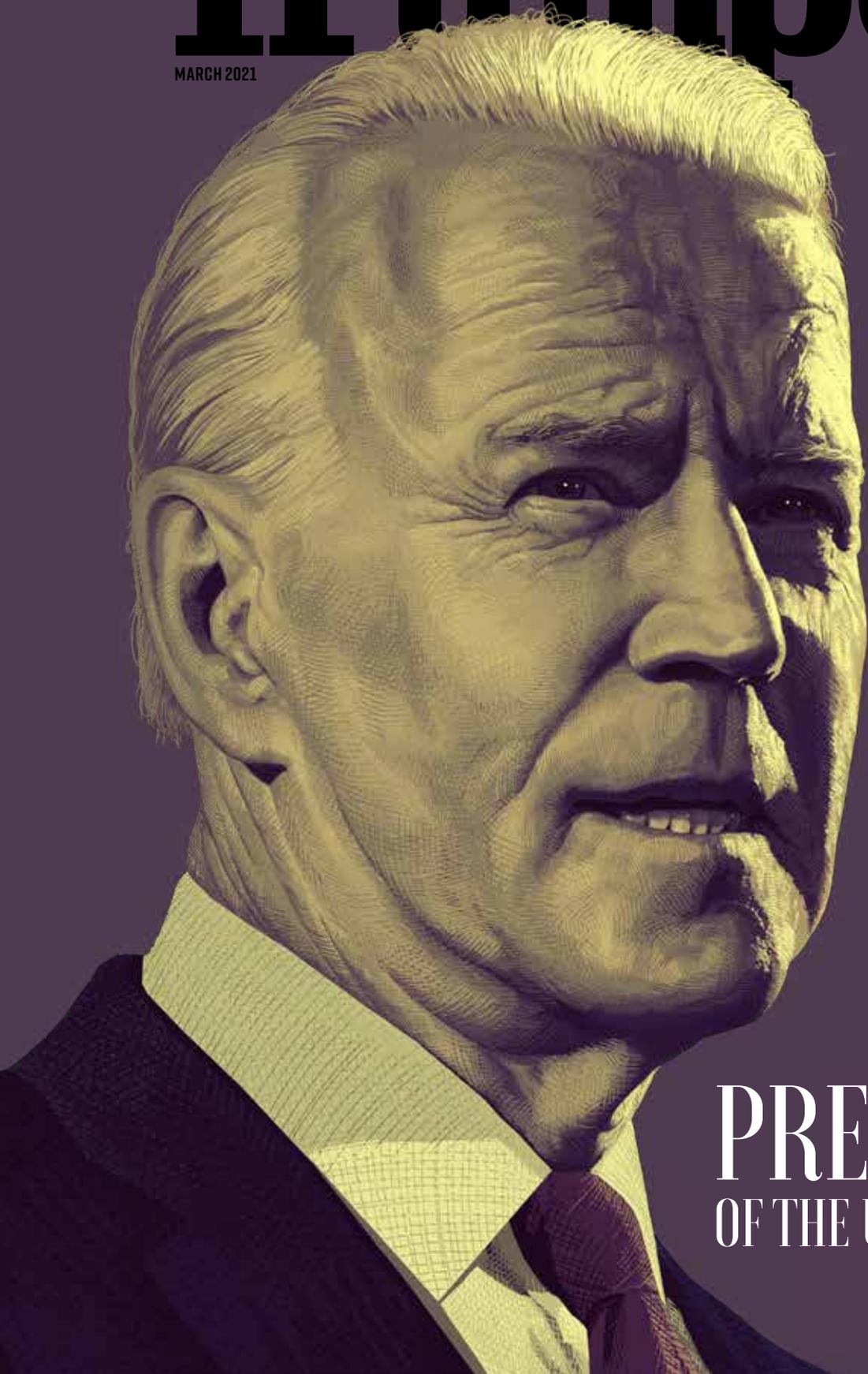


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FROM THE EDITOR  
GERALD FLURRY

# WHY I STILL BELIEVE DONALD TRUMP IS COMING BACK

Joe Biden's inauguration is not the end of the story.

**M**Y JANUARY 2021 COVER STORY WAS TITLED “WHY Donald Trump Will Remain America’s President” ([theTrumpet.com/23193](http://theTrumpet.com/23193)). Yet on January 20, Mr. Trump bid Washington farewell and flew to Florida, and Joe Biden was inaugurated president.

I have received some criticism for what I wrote. Perhaps some of it is justified. I made a mistake, and I don’t want to act like there was no mistake. I understand why some people were confused or upset.

However, I WANT YOU TO REMEMBER WHAT I WROTE IN THAT ARTICLE. I am not running away from it.

What happened in America at the inauguration is not the end of the story.

God prophesies in the Bible, and His prophecies are sure! (2 Peter 1:19). However, He usually does not show the whole picture in detail or all at once. He often speaks in a coded way, and only later reveals that code.

God knows what He is doing, and He can certainly correct me if He needs to. He is perfect—but His servants make mistakes. Hebrews 5:2 says His ministers are “compassed with infirmity.” I do make mistakes, and I will make mistakes in the future. I am not trying to defend myself—but *I do want to defend God and faith in God.*

The word “remain” is an important part of that article and its title. I apologize for creating confusion there. But as I want to show you, even with Mr. Biden now in the White House, “Why Donald Trump Will Remain America’s President” *might not actually be a mistake.*

## Two Sure Prophecies

I based my forecast about President Trump on two prophetic passages I have repeatedly emphasized over the past four years. I *know* these prophecies will be fulfilled, I am 99.9 percent sure my understanding of them is correct, and anyone can prove them!

One is in Amos 7. We have been watching this prophecy since June 1990, in the second issue of the *Trumpet* we ever produced. It speaks of a time when God is preparing to measure the destruction of end-time Israel—the United States and Britain—and He says, “I will not again pass by them any more” (verse 8). This is just before *severe* correction comes on these nations if they don’t repent. They are receiving their *final warning*.

The last part of verse 9 says this is about “the house of Jeroboam.” Verse 10 says, “Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel ....” Verse 11 says, “For thus Amos saith, Jeroboam shall die ...” (this is not precisely what Amos said—see verse 9). Verse 12 describes a message *from* Jeroboam that Amaziah delivers to God’s people. Then verse 13 talks about the king’s chapel—speaking of King Jeroboam. From verse 14 on is about the Great Tribulation, the time of suffering that closes the age of man.

So the entire context of God saying *I will not again pass by them anymore* is the time of “Jeroboam”—an *end-time antitype* of King Jeroboam II of Israel, whom I have said is Donald Trump (request my free booklet *Great Again* to understand and prove this important point). You can read Amos 7 and see how it looks like *one flowing event*. There is no HINT of a gap or pause in Jeroboam’s reign. So you can see why I wrote the article as I did. It all looks like it is Jeroboam’s timeline.

GOD SENT PRESIDENT TRUMP  
SPECIFICALLY TO DEAL WITH THAT EVIL  
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This is *clearly* a prophecy about the *very end* for this nation, and JEROBOAM is in power. This part of the prophecy has not yet been fulfilled. Based on this prophecy alone, we can be sure God is going to return Donald Trump to power sooner or later. As much as the radical left wants it to be otherwise, JEROBOAM IS NOT GONE FROM THE SCENE.

The second prophecy I have highlighted is in 2 Kings 14:26-27: “For the Lord saw the affliction of Israel, that it was very bitter: for there was not any shut up, nor any left, nor any helper for Israel. And the Lord said not that he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven: but HE SAVED THEM BY THE HAND OF JEROBOAM the son of Joash.”

Here is Jeroboam II again. This passage is *history* about this king—but it is also *PROPHECY*. It is from the section of the Bible called the former prophets. It was canonized by a prophet and preserved for thousands of years for us today. It is *prophecy*! The context, and the link with the prophecy of Amos 7, make clear that President Trump is an end-time Jeroboam.

“Israel” here refers to the *modern nations* descended from ancient Israel. Somebody is trying to *BLOT OUT* the very *name of Israel* from all over the Earth! This is someone motivated by the devil, who hates God and works continually to try to undermine and subvert everything God does. (Read my article from last month, “Barack Obama in Bible Prophecy,” [theTrumpet.com/23335](http://theTrumpet.com/23335).)

The devil has successfully used the radical left to attack America, the superpower of end-time Israel. But God intervened and *stopped him—temporarily*—by the hand of President Trump. That has enraged them all the more. They have committed several treasonous acts trying to ruin President Trump—ceaseless condemnation, spying, a groundless three-year criminal investigation, impeachment. These attacks were all based on grotesque lies—and they know it and don’t care! That is *diabolical evil*!

God sent President Trump specifically to *deal* with that evil and to save Israel temporarily. That work is not complete. So this too shows *HE IS COMING BACK*.

### Why No Gap in the Prophecy?

Polls show that over 70 percent of Republicans believe the presidential election was stolen, and some 75 million people voted for Mr. Trump! A lot of Democrats also believe the election was stolen; I think many of them *KNOW* it was.

I myself believe the election was stolen. I also believe that God has something to say about that stolen election!

Here is an important question: *WHY IS THERE NO HINT IN THE AMOS 7 PROPHECY ABOUT THERE BEING A BREAK OR PAUSE IN JEROBOAM’S REIGN?* Why doesn’t the prophecy tell us about this

presidency being lost and then somehow being restored? You have to realize that God is *invested* in this Trump presidency. *GOD HIMSELF SENT MR. TRUMP TO SAVE ISRAEL AND KEEP THE NAME OF ISRAEL FROM BEING BLOTTED OUT BECAUSE OF SATANICALLY LED PEOPLE!*

Is it possible that this prophecy doesn’t mention a gap because, in God’s view, there *IS NO GAP*?

There is a lot of evidence of election fraud. Democrats spent all four years of President Trump’s tenure trying to bring him down, and here they finally succeeded. Yet the courts didn’t want to get involved (read “America’s Broken Judgment,” page 12). Politicians and the media did their best to cover it up. *But God saw it all*. He is the only one who knows precisely what happened.

*IS GOD SHOWING US THAT THE ELECTION WAS STOLEN BY KEEPING THE FLOW ABOUT JEROBOAM GOING IN THIS PROPHECY? PERHAPS HE LOOKS ON MR. TRUMP AS STILL BEING PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES!*

The view that the election was stolen has far more weight if that’s the way God Himself sees it! *I BELIEVE THIS IS GOD’S WAY OF TELLING US THE ELECTION WAS STOLEN!* Other people will have to study this and decide for themselves what they think about it. Each of us has to make a judgment on this and walk by his or her faith.

The lack of a gap could speak volumes about the worst act of treason of all: stealing the election. The radical left has a track record of cheating, stealing and lying. *They lie as a way of life!* Anyone who acts that way shows that their father is the devil! (John 8:44). America’s Constitution was never intended to work for such people. It was made for a moral and religious people—not people who lie, cheat, steal and commit violence.

I’m not trying to defend my error (if it *was* an error), but I think there’s a reason God allowed me to write the article that way. It did bring me into Amos 7 again and got me to ask some questions. If there is a gap in Mr. Trump’s rule, why didn’t God include at least a word or two about it? There is *nothing* on it in Amos 7 that I can see. Isn’t that a kind of message from God saying *Mr. Trump is still president?* And if it is proved sometime soon that the election was stolen, and God ensures that this is exposed before the world, wouldn’t that make Mr. Trump president?

There’s an *irony* in all this: The title “Why Donald Trump Will Remain America’s President” *MAY BE CORRECT*. If Mr. Trump won the election, and God gets him back in there, isn’t that title OK? If God says he is president, who is going to stand up to God?



Former President Obama congratulates Joe Biden after he is sworn in as president.

**NOW MR. OBAMA  
HAS CONTROL AGAIN.  
HE HAS A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF  
CONTROL IN THIS NEW ADMINISTRATION.**

I do feel badly about some people being upset or angry, but that's OK if God has something He's trying to get across to them. We don't EVER have to apologize for God! He is ALWAYS RIGHT in every prophecy and every word of the Bible. If we make a mistake, we have to realize that and apologize. I'm a flawed human being. We're all going to make mistakes. But maybe this mistake is a little different from other mistakes. Maybe it led us into some understanding we direly need.

Sometimes God does things very differently than how we would. After all, He does have to get our attention. He knows how to put His message across.

Even looking at it the way I'm talking about it, you could say, *Flurry made a four-year mistake in his prophecy*. But the first-century apostles thought Jesus Christ would return *in their day*—so they were 2,000 years off in their thinking! And they certainly were much greater in doing God's work than I ever will be! It shows you that there is much we don't know that we have to wait and let God show us.

### Finishing God's Work

One thing is certain: God is going to bring Mr. Trump back. We KNOW he's coming back—it's in the prophecy! It's just a matter of *when*. It will happen *at most* in four years—yet I can't conceive of it being anywhere near that length of time. It could be much quicker—we will see.

Why? Because with radicals in power, how could God's work be completed? When the devil is motivating people, God's work is their number one target! Already God *had* to intervene and stop the evil that was happening, or the name of Israel would have been blotted out—and God's work is at the HEART of that name of Israel. The devil would like most of all to get rid of us.

And look at how the left is now using its power in the media, technology companies and social media to SILENCE anyone who disagrees with them! They are clamping down on free speech in a shocking way!

How many of our forefathers had to DIE to secure our freedom of speech and freedom of religion! But if the radical left remained in power for four years, how would this work escape their wrath? Only thanks to God's protection.

I believe those who are now in charge STOLE the election! What kind of people are we dealing with?

WE HAVE TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE RADICAL LEFT IS INTERFERING WITH GOD'S PLAN! Those criminals who helped steal the election are FIGHTING AGAINST THE LIVING GOD! You can be sure God will not let that stand. God's warning message is going to get out there. God *will not* let them blot out this work nor our message because we have a job to do! God opens doors that nobody can shut, and He will shut them when they need to be shut. So we will put it in God's hands and simply trust Him.

I hope Mr. Trump comes back quickly, but I don't know how God will do this. If this work is to survive and God does it the way He has in the past, we are going to need some mighty miracles.



President Donald Trump speaks to supporters near the White House on January 6.

## LOOK AT HOW THE LEFT IS NOW USING ITS POWER TO SILENCE ANYONE WHO DISAGREES WITH THEM.

If God believes the election was stolen, He must have a plan to take care of it—perhaps a lot quicker than four years. It might be four weeks, or four *days*—I don't know. God is *invested* in this. I still believe He is about to do some MASSIVE EXPOSING of how the election was stolen and other crimes the radical left is committing. I don't KNOW what God will do, but He could expose all this very shortly—and THEN what happens? If Mr. Trump had the election stolen from him, then it should flow right on with him being president. Time will tell if I'm right or wrong.

Amos 7:10 speaks of a time when “the land is not able to bear all his words.” That means God has a powerful message out there. Nobody will stop our message; that is clear. We have a message to deliver, and Amaziah—a Satan-inspired spiritual leader—will be helping Jeroboam. That indicates why this “saving” is so temporary: If *Jeroboam* doesn't repent, and his followers, then God is going to have to correct *him*.

In verse 13, Amaziah tells God's prophet, on behalf of Jeroboam, “Prophesy not!” This spiritual figure has said this to God's work before (request our free book *Raising the Ruins* to learn more)—but we prevailed because we believed and trusted God. Still, Amos 8:11 shows that ultimately there will be a famine of God's Word in the land, when God's people are taken to a place of safety.

God has said He will pass by for the last time! People will either receive this message now and repent, or God will plunge them into the Great Tribulation.

### Fantasy World

The radical left is committing diabolical acts, and STILL many Republicans won't stand up for President Trump in his greatest crisis ever. They are faint of heart—that is the biggest problem, I think. Or perhaps they have political ambitions they want to

sustain. Whatever the case, *God's view* will prevail! That we know.

Former President George W. Bush attended Mr. Biden's inauguration, along with Bill Clinton and Barack Obama. He said, "I think the fact that the three of us are standing here talking about a peaceful transfer of power speaks to the institutional integrity of our country." Isn't that wonderful? The election was stolen, but our institutions have so much integrity! How *phony!* Can't this man see that if this were allowed to stand, the left would ensure their political foes would never, ever win another election? Thankfully, God is going to stop this horrifying tragedy.

Former President Clinton said that he and Mr. Bush "are both trying to come back to normalcy, deal with fatally abnormal challenges, and do what we do best, which is to try to make a more perfect union. It's an exciting time." What kind of leaders are these? He is talking about making a more perfect union—while America is on the brink of losing everything!

Mr. Bush told Mr. Biden, "Mr. President, I'm pulling for your success. Your success is our country's success, and God bless

you." What a fantasy! Is Mr. Biden going to bring the country success? YOU KNOW he isn't, and President Bush ought to know it! Hasn't he seen what those people have been doing for the last four years? Does he have any concept of the damage they have wreaked on America?

These leaders are now branding Donald Trump's 75 million voters as "domestic terrorists" and repeating this lie incessantly! They are rapidly expanding their power to crush all opposition. They accuse millions of Americans of being white nationalists and white supremacists—and more and more people are coming to believe it! This does not bode well for the America's future!

Mr. Obama said, "Joe, I'm proud of you, and you and Kamala need to know that you've got all of us here rooting for your success, keeping you in our prayers. And we will be available in any ways that we can as citizens to help you guide our country forward. We wish you God speed." As explained in "Barack Obama in Bible Prophecy," *this man is running the whole show.* He comes as an angel of light, but that is TOTAL UNREALITY!

This nation is ready to die. America is being *swamped* by bad news, and God is warning that it is about to get *far worse*. Yet people will not listen! They are playing silly games! They are praising this "peaceful transfer of power"—when in reality, the left was determined to take over one way or the other, whether peaceful or not!

# AN INAUGURATION WITH A MESSAGE

**T**HE RADICAL LEFT IS BACK IN POWER, and they are bringing their immorality with them. With a vengeance.

This was a major ambition of the Obama-Biden administration. Between 2008 and 2016, it sabotaged the Defense of Marriage Act. It forced the military to allow homosexuals and transsexuals to join the ranks. It pushed hospitals, insurers, federal contractors, government agencies and even foreign governments to accommodate homosexuals, transsexuals and others. It lit up the White House in the colors of the homosexual flag to celebrate the Supreme Court ruling in favor of same-sex "marriage."

These efforts are quickly resuming under Mr. Biden and Ms. Harris. It started at the inauguration. The singer chosen for the National Anthem is bisexual, a gay icon—and an "ordained minister." The singer for "This Land Is Your Land" is a sex symbol; one recent project was a pornographic movie in which she plays a stripper; she is also executive producer of a homosexual television series. The finale song, performed by a woman who promotes the lesbian-gay-bisexual-transsexual faction, is considered an anthem for homosexuals.

The Biden team wanted to send a message! And the nation, and the world, is watching. But they had better realize that they are also sending a message TO GOD.

On his first afternoon in power, President Biden issued what one homosexual activist group praised as the "most substantive, wide-ranging LGBTQ executive order in U.S. history": It gives preferential treatment under the law "in employment, health care, housing, and education, and other key areas of life" to people based on sexual orientation and "gender identity." He also withdrew measures by the Trump administration that sought to limit the scope of a Supreme Court decision and allow people to block boys and men from going into girls' bathrooms.

These were among Mr. Biden's *first moves*. This is just a tiny sample of how radical leftists are using their power to mock and silence people who uphold biblical virtues while they attack God's creation of sex, marriage and family!



Fire from heaven engulfs Sodom and Gomorrah.

There is a *powerful spirit* behind these leftists. They are following Satan the devil, who has been cast down to Earth (Revelation 12:12). Satan has *no truth* in him (John 8:44), and he is very present in their lives. They are casting truth to the ground, just as the leaders in God's Church have done (Daniel 8:9-12). They worship their own human will rather than submitting to God's will, and they *impose* their will on others. They are weaponizing sin!

DO YOU THINK GOD WILL BE SILENT ABOUT THESE THINGS?

Look at the success these radical leftists are having at destroying the

When will the Republicans see that we are in a DEADLY WAR?

President Obama had been taking the radical left to the point of “blotting out the name of Israel,” and God sent Donald Trump to stop it. Now Mr. Obama has command again! He has tremendous control in this new administration. I don’t think Mr. Biden has a passion to blot out Israel—it’s this end-time Antiochus we have to be concerned about, because he is motivated by the devil! This is what we are dealing with! Republicans can try to get the radical left to love them, but they will get nothing but hatred and lies! That is all you will get from the devil! That is his way of life!

### More of Amos’s Prophecy

Look at the context of that pillar prophecy of Amos 7. The preceding chapter shows the dire reality we are facing: “Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Samaria, which are named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came!” (Amos 6:1). This is talking about God’s Church, but it also applies to the “chief of the nations”—specifically America, Britain and the Jewish nation.

In this prophecy, God condemns “[y]e that put far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near” (verse 3). Our nations are being besieged by crises, yet these people act

like everything is fine! The Tribulation looms, and they insist it is far in the future and of no concern.

Despite the impending horror, they serenely “lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall; That chant to the sound of the viol, and invent to themselves instruments of musick, like David; That drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments: but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph” (verses 4-6). *Joseph* refers to Manasseh and Ephraim—America and Britain. These nations are in *deep affliction!* They are plagued by violence, crime, family breakdown, drugs, pornography, perverted music, upside-down financial structure, societal unraveling. Yet the leaders are not grieving—they are living it up! They just want their wine and their pleasures. You would be better off NEVER TO LIVE if that’s all you have to live for! They don’t care about the people or the nation’s future. They have what they want, so they act like everything is alright—when NOTHING is right! EVERYTHING is wrong!

“The Lord God hath sworn by himself, saith the Lord the God of hosts, I abhor the excellency of Jacob, and hate his palaces ...” (verse 8). God ABHORS what these people are all about! That is a STRONG STATEMENT! God HATES their palaces and high lifestyles and lack of concern for the nations’ affliction!

Verse 7 shows that our nations are prophesied to GO INTO CAPTIVITY. Verses 9 and 10 talk about a *nuclear holocaust!* This is how serious these times are! This is the future of the three nations I just mentioned if they do not repent!

Terrible times are coming! Yet in many ways, it is exciting, because we are going to see more and more of God’s prophecies fulfilled. He is going to bring Jeroboam back for a time, to finish his role in prophetic events. He is going to continue the job of *saving America temporarily* through that man. It will be only temporary—but then, on the heels of all this, JESUS CHRIST IS GOING TO RETURN!

Christ promises to bring *true justice* to Earth. He is going to eliminate the evil, and *convert* many of these people who are committing such atrocities today. He will fill the world with His wonderful truth! It is going to be beautiful and wonderful, and it will be that way forever, on out into the universe! ■

moral, spiritual, economic and political foundations of this nation. They are effectively doing the work of the *worst enemies* of America! I am reminded of something Herbert W. Armstrong once wrote: “Communism uses every diabolical means to weaken us from within. We don’t understand this kind of warfare, sapping our strength, perverting our morals, sabotaging our educational system, wrecking our social structure, destroying our spiritual and religious life, weakening our industrial and economic power, demoralizing our armed forces, and finally after such infiltration, overthrowing the government by force and violence.” Study that list: THERE IS ONLY ONE OF THOSE OBJECTIVES THAT THE COMMUNISTS HAVE NOT YET ACHIEVED: THEY HAVEN’T OVERTHROWN AMERICA BY FORCE AND VIOLENCE. All of those other goals, they have completed. And prophecy shows that conquest by force and violence is coming.

Jesus Christ was a prophet. He prophesied that in the end time, just before His Second Coming, people would be steeped in sin as they were “in the days of Lot,” a godly man who lived in an exceedingly wicked city. “But the same day that Lot

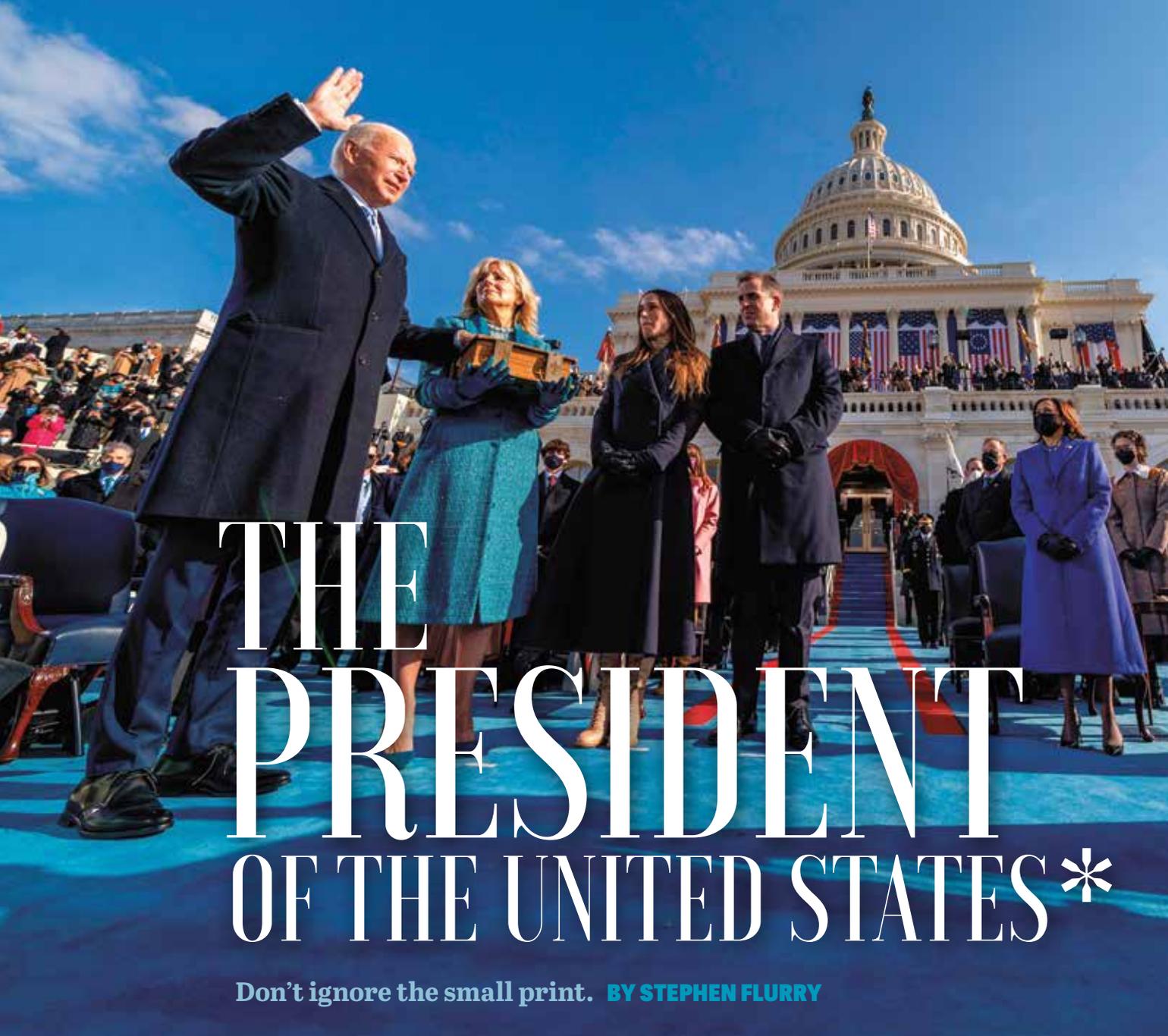
went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed” (Luke 17:29-30). God is sending His *wrath* on this land—His curses are already descending. Yet this is but one of *many* scriptures showing these curses are about to grow *far worse* unless we repent!

The Apostle Peter reminds us in 2 Peter 2:6 that God turned “the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly.” America is living ungodly—and we had better heed this historical example! Sodom and Gomorrah were cities that a lot of people thought *looked good*. Lot’s wife hated to see it go. But they were so wicked that God destroyed them with *fire from heaven*. And Lot’s wife became a pillar of salt.

The warning in Scripture is clear: IF WE LIVE LIKE SODOM, WE WILL DIE LIKE SODOM! ■

To learn more about the Bible’s warnings of the consequences of immorality, request a free copy of our booklet *Redefining Family*.





# THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES\*

Don't ignore the small print. **BY STEPHEN FLURRY**



IT WAS THE MOST UNUSUAL inauguration ceremony in American history. The area around Capitol Hill almost

looked like a ghost town. Roads were barricaded. Stores were boarded up. Military vehicles patrolled the streets. National Guardsmen stopped people at checkpoints for proof of identification. Twenty-five thousand vetted, loyalist soldiers guarded miles of barbed-wire fencing. And inside, Joe Biden and Kamala Harris were sworn into office in a staged event that attracted only a

few hundred supporters. It looked like something from a Third World banana republic under martial law.

Chief Justice John Roberts administered the oath of office to Joe Biden, and the new president gave an inaugural address on “unity” and “democracy.” His speech couldn’t have been more ironic. It was claimed that all the security measures were necessary to prevent insurrectionists from dividing the nation and subverting democracy. The *real* reason for the security was that *radical Democrats* had divided the nation

by subverting democracy and seizing power. They know it, America knows it, and much of the world knows it.

We know there was voter fraud. We know it was extensive. We know it was organized. And we know there was someone behind it who had the power, motive and gall to commit the greatest electoral steal in history. And Joe Biden knows all this too.

Joe Biden’s inauguration was the culmination of a massive “deep state” plot to destroy Donald Trump—and empower Biden’s boss, Barack Obama.



Joe Biden takes his oath of office, led by Chief Justice John Roberts.

### Art of the Steal

In an October 2020 interview, Joe Biden said, “We have put together ... the most extensive and inclusive voter fraud organization in the history of American politics.” He obviously did not intend to say that, but it’s hard to ignore the comment when extensive, organized voter fraud is what brought him into office.

Joe Biden supposedly won 12 million more votes than Barack Obama did—millions more votes, in fact, than any candidate in American history. This wasn’t because of an unprecedented swell of

enthusiasm for a singularly capable and attractive presidential candidate. It was brought about by careful planning, blatant lawlessness, rank corruption, shameless deceit and pervasive propaganda.

And the most extensive, organized voter fraud organization in the history of American politics wasn’t put together by the guy who accidentally told everybody he put together the most extensive voter fraud organization in the history of politics.

This organization’s main goal was to restore the political machinery of Barack Obama to power. He and his operatives worked furiously during the Trump presidency, during his reelection bid, and *especially* during the election itself.

Information on the extent of the voter fraud is copious, but one of the better sources is the third volume of Dr. Peter Navarro’s study on electoral fraud. It reveals that 3,069,002 “possible illegal votes” were cast in the swing states of Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. Mr. Biden’s margin of victory in these six states was a *10th* of that—only 312,992 votes.

No reasonable person can honestly conclude the 2020 presidential election was free and fair. And no observant person can honestly figure that it made no difference.

“At this point, we have moved dangerously, in what seems like a nanosecond, from a full and vibrant American democracy to a Communist Chinese-style, cancel-culture police state guarded by a collusive social media oligopoly that is beyond our control,” Dr. Navarro wrote. “If the U.S. Congress and state legislatures across the six battleground states ignore this evidence, they will do so not just at their own peril but also at the peril of America’s faith in our elections and the sanctity of our republic.”

This abrupt transformation was a deliberate strategy enacted by radicals like Barack Obama; deep state agents like former spymasters John Brennan, James Clapper and James Comey; oligarchs like George Soros and Mark Zuckerberg; state politicians like Jocelyn Benson and Kathy Boockvar; and operatives like Clinton campaign lawyer Mark Elias. (See the second volume of Dr. Navarro’s study.) To steal this election, people across the Democrat

media-Big Tech-electoral fraud complex *worked hard*.

### America’s Reichstag Fire

On Dec. 2, 2020, President Trump delivered what, he said, “may be the most important speech I’ve ever made.” In that 46-minute speech, he denounced “tremendous voter fraud and irregularities which took place during the ridiculously long November 3 elections.” He focused particularly on fraud related to unverified mail-in ballots and digital election rigging.

After this speech, a Quinnipiac University poll of 978 registered voters nationwide found that 77 percent of Republicans believed there was widespread voter fraud during the election, and 34 percent of registered voters thought Biden’s win was illegitimate. That means over 70 million Americans believe the election was stolen.

To call attention to election theft, President Trump supported a “Save America” rally in Washington, D.C., on January 6, the day the Senate met to certify the election results. About 200,000 people gathered in the city to protest election theft. Several dozen of these demonstrators illegally entered the Capitol building. Some chanted “Hang Mike Pence,” some vandalized Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi’s office, some smashed windows, and some even entered the Senate Chamber. Representatives and senators evacuated for a few hours as police re-secured the building. As one Trump supporter was climbing through a broken window at the Speaker’s Lobby, one U.S. Capitol Police officer fatally shot her.

What a tragedy at the very building that represents the American republic!

Yet this tragedy was not as it seemed. Dozens involved in the Capitol storming were found listed in the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Terrorist Screening Database. Some were members of the Oath Keepers’ anti-government militia; others were members of the far-left group Antifa. In fact, video and other evidence indicates that Antifa worsened the Capitol breach—and may have even staged it—to discredit President Trump.

Law enforcement has identified at least two known Antifa members posing as President Trump supporters during the rally. And John Sullivan, a well-known leftist agitator who founded the group

## THE LEFT IS USING THE JANUARY 6 RIOT AT THE CAPITOL, WHOEVER WAS BEHIND IT, AS AMERICA'S REICHSTAG FIRE.



Trump supporters protest at the Capitol on January 6.

Some weak-willed lawmakers acted like the violence at the Capitol meant Joe Biden's "win" was somehow legitimate. Republican senators, like Kelly Loeffler of Georgia and James Lankford of Oklahoma, had promised to object to the certification of Joe Biden's "victory" on January

6 but then either cowardly declined or were prevented from doing so.

After the protesters were dispersed and Congress resumed, Rep. Paul Gosar of Arizona and Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas objected to Arizona's election results. But both houses of Congress voted to overrule their objections. Later, Rep. Scott Perry of Pennsylvania and Sen. Josh Hawley of Missouri objected to Pennsylvania's election results. Again, both houses overruled them. So, at 3:44 a.m. on January 7, Vice President Mike Pence, who himself had declined to intervene, announced that Joe Biden had won the presidency.

The radical Democrats' ploy worked: Exaggerate and sensationalize a protest hijacked by a handful of rabble-rousers, then use this as a pretext to certify the stealing of a presidency and to amass more power to destroy what is left of the constitutional republic.

The Capitol riot reminds a lot of people of what happened at the Reichstag in 1933: Despite rumors that he himself had helped instigate it, Adolf Hitler used the destruction at Germany's capitol building to target his enemies and empower himself. The left is using the January 6 riot at the Capitol, whoever was behind it, as America's Reichstag fire.

### Attack on Free Speech

Even before the Capitol riot, radical Democrats began showing us what

21st-century authoritarianism looks like. They were targeting their enemies for censoring, smearing, silencing, boycotting and worse. Then the ugliness at the Capitol gave them an excuse to silence even the most powerful man in the world! Media and technology executives colluded to simultaneously muzzle President Donald Trump. Twitter banned Mr. Trump so his 88 million Twitter followers could no longer read his messages. Facebook shut down his account. Apple, Google, Discord, Instagram, Pinterest, Reddit, Shopify, Snapchat, Stripe, TikTok, Twitch, YouTube and other major platforms banned or restricted his messages and those of his followers in some form. Major television networks refused to broadcast the farewell speech of the president of the United States.

Parler, a social media platform similar to Twitter, insisted on allowing political free speech and refused to engage in Twitter-like political censorship. Apple and Google punished it by blocking it from their app stores, then Amazon shut it down altogether by refusing to allow it to use its servers. Parler went completely offline.

The chief executive officer of Mozilla—maker of Firefox, one of the most popular Web browsers—went further, saying that President Trump and his followers must be *monitored throughout the entire Internet*.

Now, these corporate liberals are ideologically in step with the White House. The radical left is blotting out free speech, a First Amendment right—and *you can be sure this is only the start*.

Across mainstream media and politics, Trump supporters are being labeled "domestic terrorists," to be subject to the agents of America's vast, intrusive intelligence networks. Sen. Dick Durbin is introducing legislation to classify "Make America Great Again" rallies as "domestic terrorist activity." Former Central Intelligence Agency Director John Brennan said, "Total denunciation of a

Insurrection USA, is seen in several videos. Sullivan can be seen wearing a "President Trump 2020" hat, attempting to whip up the crowd outside the Capitol, then inside the Speaker's Lobby, and smashing the window where the police had their weapons drawn. And when the officer pulled the trigger and the woman fell to the floor bleeding from the neck, Sullivan was right there. In fact, he immediately began claiming she was dead, even though this probably was not the case at the time and police who were immediately on the scene were saying they could save her. But he was trying to whip up the crowd and make the situation even worse.

Then Sullivan went on camera, including at CNN, to give his account of the violence—*without being identified as a leftist agitator*.

The violence that Sullivan and others encouraged gave leftist news executives a pretext to portray the violence at the Capitol as an "insurrection" started by President Trump. This despite the fact that President Trump told demonstrators to be peaceful, and as soon as the violence broke out he told them to go home. And despite the fact that these *same executives* portrayed the summer 2020 Black Lives Matter riots as "mostly peaceful."

Everyone ought to oppose violence and destruction, and the dishonoring of our Capitol. But no one should be deceived. The Capitol riots do not change the facts about the election. It was stolen!

despot's legacy is necessary to eradicate any remaining malignancy." The political director at ABC News said authorities must begin "cleansing the movement" associated with President Trump. This is a chilling preview of massive oppression under a Biden administration.

And those powering it are agents of the former *Obama* administration!

On January 7, former First Lady Michelle Obama wrote a letter to America's tech companies, saying, "Now is the time for Silicon Valley companies to stop enabling this monstrous behavior—and go even further than they have already by permanently banning this man from their platforms and putting in place policies to prevent their technology from being used by the nation's leaders to fuel insurrection."

The next day, the bans started. Nobody voted for Mrs. Obama or the tech executives. But many top media, tech and business leaders are linked to the Obama administration. It is as if Barack Obama is operating a shadow government that exerts its power largely through powerful tech corporations that are part of Americans' everyday lives.

### The Real Coup D'état

After the radical left stuffed ballot boxes with fraudulent ballots, rigged election machines, compromised the vote counting and monitoring processes, exacerbated or helped stage a Capitol riot to discredit President Trump, and colluded with media and tech executives to silence their critics, they began the final stage of the coup d'état against the legitimate, elected government of the United States. They moved to *impeach* President Trump. Again.

On January 8, Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi called Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Mark Milley to ask what she could do to prevent President Donald Trump from accessing nuclear launch codes. Then she attempted to coax Vice President Pence into invoking the 25th Amendment to remove President Trump. When neither effort succeeded, on January 11 she introduced articles of impeachment.

The impeachment case had more than 200 Democratic co-sponsors. They charge President Trump with "incitement of insurrection," saying he is guilty

of "willfully inciting violence against the government of the United States" by calling on his supporters to oppose the stealing of the election. Yet even liberal law professor Jonathan Turley noted that President Trump "never actually called for violence or a riot." Instead, Trump told his supporters "to peacefully and patriotically make your voices heard." And again, video evidence shows *Antifa* agitators stirring up the violence.

So, 222 Democrats and 10 Republicans voted to impeach Mr. Trump for a crime he did not commit.

Speaker Pelosi went through with this sham impeachment trial to keep people's minds focused on the Reichstag fire instead of evidence of voter fraud being uncovered by people like Dr. Navarro.

In a *60 Minutes* interview that aired on January 9, Pelosi admitted that a significant motivation for President Trump's impeachment was to eliminate any chance he has of being elected again. The 14th Amendment says no person who has "engaged in insurrection or rebellion" against "the Constitution of the United States" after having "previously taken an oath" to the Constitution is eligible for public office. Democrats hope they can somehow bar Mr. Trump from ever holding government office again. They *still* fear him!

This sham is nothing less than a coup against the legitimate winner of the 2020 U.S. presidential election!

### Obama 2.0

After Joe Biden got through his paramilitary inauguration ceremony, he got to work dismantling President Trump's legacy. Biden signed 17 executive orders on his first afternoon in office, sweeping aside President Trump's pandemic response, environmental plans, economic agenda and immigration policies. He also canceled the

permit allowing the Keystone XL pipeline to cross the border from Canada into the United States—a move that destroyed 11,000 jobs and sabotaged America's strategy for energy independence. He halted construction on America's border wall with Mexico, which encouraged a caravan of 8,000 Central American migrants to start heading for the United States of America.

Biden's actions are not reverting America back to the pre-Trump days or even the pre-Obama days. They are plunging it into an unprecedented radicalized future!

On the educational front, the instant he became president Biden deleted the Trump administration's *1776 Project*. This 45-page report was put together under the direction of Hillsdale College President Larry Arnn to restore honesty to the teaching of American history and to show children that the defining fact of the American founding was not slavery, as radicals teach, but freedom. But the Biden administration is deleting U.S. history so it can fulfill Barack Obama's stated goal of "fundamentally transforming the United States of America."

A Nov. 28, 2020, *American Spectator* article by Freddy Gray points out this



Joe Biden signs a series of executive orders just hours after his inauguration.

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significant fact: “[T]he incoming Biden administration is arguably more Obama-ish than the original Obama administration was. In 2008, when Barack won the White House, he was a Washington neophyte who had to contend with the considerable power of the Clintons. His campaign chiefs could only stand aside and gripe as Hillary Clinton, the woman Obama had beaten to become the Democratic nominee, became secretary of state and pushed her allies into the best positions. This time, it’s the Biden campaign people grumbling as Team Obama swoops back in. ‘The Obama staffers are now cutting out the people who got Biden elected,’ an anonymous Biden staffer told Politico this week.”

Yes, Democrats’ main goal was not to have Joe Biden lead a new era of American politics—but to restore the Obama machine to power.

After Barack Obama was reelected president in 2012, my father wrote a startling booklet titled *America Under Attack*. It revealed that Obama was inspired by the same spirit that has empowered other destructive leaders, particularly the ancient Seleucid King Antiochus Epiphanes. Antiochus obtained the throne through lies. Then he betrayed the people of Judah, over whom he had power, slaughtering them, defiling the temple in Jerusalem with an idol of himself, and attempting to fundamentally transform Jewishness itself.

Like Antiochus Epiphanes, Obama obtained power through deceit, in large part by pretending he was more moderate than he was. But then he became the most biblically hostile president in U.S. history and worked to destroy America’s constitutional system of government and the Judeo-Christian principles upon which the Constitution is based. He succeeded in “fundamentally transforming the United States of America” by dividing its population, packing the judiciary with anti-Constitution judges, and filling the civil service, military and intelligence agencies with deep state bureaucrats personally loyal to him.

The Prophet Daniel said an end-time Antiochus would “cast down the truth to the ground” (Daniel 8:12). *America Under Attack* explains that there is more than one Antiochus figure at work right now. There is a spiritual Antiochus who “cast

down the truth to the ground” inside God’s Church. There is also a political Antiochus who “cast down the truth to the ground” in America.

This astonishing truth is why we at the *Trumpet* kept an eye on Obama even after he left office. In his article “Barack Obama in Bible Prophecy” ([theTrumpet.com/23335](http://theTrumpet.com/23335)), my father wrote that Obama was “at the epicenter of the election crisis and the radical left’s effort to prevent Donald Trump from being reelected!” America’s entire election crisis is all part of a Satan-led movement to “cast down the truth to the ground.”

## Blotting Out Israel

Most Christians recognize that the book of Daniel is prophecy. But many do not know that the books of 1 Kings and 2 Kings were also written by prophets (primarily Jeremiah) and are prophecy for the end-time. (Request your free copy of *The Former Prophets: How to Become a King*.)

Verses 3-6 of 2 Kings 13 explain that in the Prophet Elisha’s lifetime, a deadly enemy attacked the northern kingdom of Israel and almost destroyed it: “And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he delivered them

# ILLEGITIMATE LEADERS

Who is the rightful ruler in God’s eyes? **BY STEPHEN FLURRY**

**A** NUMBER OF POLLS ESTIMATE THAT ONE THIRD OF AMERICANS believe Joe Biden’s election victory is illegitimate. As more and more evidence of voter fraud emerges, Bible-believing Christians need to ask, *what does God think?*

Bible history gives needed perspective. As the late Herbert W. Armstrong proved in *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, people of the United States of America are largely descended from the biblical Israelites. And throughout its long, often tumultuous history, many fake leaders ruled Israel temporarily.

Consider Ishbosheth. The Prophet Samuel anointed David king over Israel, but David then spent 17 years in the wilderness. Even after King Saul died in battle, the commander in chief of Saul’s army convinced Saul’s son Ishbosheth to set up operations in the town of Mahanaim and declare himself king. Ishbosheth had no authority from God to do so. Still, all the tribes of Israel except Judah accepted him instead of David. Ishbosheth reigned as the fake king for two years before the whole nation of Israel finally came to regard David as their rightful king.

King David’s son Absalom was another fake king. 2 Samuel 15:13-14 read, “And there came a messenger to David, saying, The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom. And David said unto all his servants that were with him at Jerusalem, Arise, and let us flee; for we shall not else escape from Absalom: make speed to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly, and bring evil upon us, and smite the city with the edge of the sword.” David had to leave his palace in Jerusalem to flee a fake king who had turned the people against him. Though David was the king in God’s eyes, Absalom took control of the levers of power in Israel for a time until David’s forces defeated him at the Battle of Ephraim’s Wood.

A similar scenario played out again when David was on his deathbed. 1 Kings 1:5 says, “Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, I will be king; and he prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him.” King David had designated his son Solomon as his legitimate heir, but Adonijah tried to seize the throne before Solomon could be crowned. You could say he organized a fake inauguration ceremony for himself. But he was not the legitimate king in God’s eyes. And through the influence of Queen Bathsheba and the diplomacy of the Prophet Nathan,

into the hand of Hazael king of Syria, and into the hand of Benhadad the son of Hazael, all their days. And Jehoahaz besought the Lord, and the Lord hearkened unto him: for he saw the oppression of Israel, because the king of Syria oppressed them. (And the Lord gave Israel a saviour, so that they went out from under the hand of the Syrians: and the children of Israel dwelt in their tents, as beforetime. Nevertheless they departed not from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who made Israel sin, but walked therein: and there remained the grove also in Samaria.)”

God did not allow the Syrians to blot out Israel completely. Verse 5 says, “[T]he Lord gave Israel a saviour, so that they went out from under the hand of the Syrians ...” And 2 Kings 14:26-27 reveal who this savior was: “For the Lord saw the affliction of Israel, that it was very bitter: for there was not any shut up, nor any left, nor any helper for Israel. And the Lord said not that he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven: but he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.”

The Bible reveals that King Jeroboam II reigned for 41 years, but

most Bible chronologists believe the first several years of his reign were a co-regency with his father during the years he warred against Syria. In any event, the Bible definitely states that Israel would have been blotted out if God had not “saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.” And my father wrote in his article “Who Is the Modern-Day Jeroboam?” ([theTrumpet.com/23193](http://theTrumpet.com/23193)) that President Donald Trump is the end-time type of King Jeroboam II. That means God is using President Trump to temporarily save the modern-day descendants of ancient Israel (the United States and Britain primarily) from a Satan-led movement to “blot out the name of Israel from under heaven.”

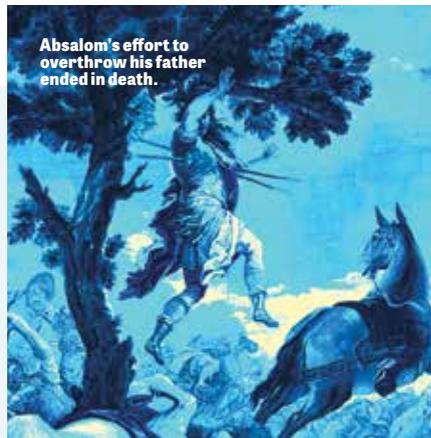
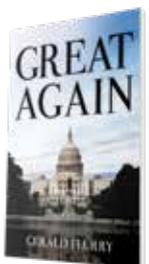
In God’s eyes, Donald Trump is the legitimate winner of the 2020 United States presidential election. We do not know how long it will be until he re-assumes control over the nation. But we do know that God will use him to stop the radical left from destroying the country.

But why is He saving this country? Because of our righteousness? No—because of our sins! This nation, like our ancestors in ancient Israel, is steeped in sin. God is saving this nation for the purpose of giving us one last chance to repent!

God has been intervening already, using the Trump candidacy, presidency and 2020 election to expose how hopeless Americans are without Him! Whether you are a Democrat or Republican, you need to recognize this divine intervention and turn to the only hope left: repentance toward God! ■

## DONALD TRUMP = KING JEROBOAM

What is happening to America right now? God is explaining it—through the pages of the Holy Bible that He inspired long ago, and through a work that He is inspiring today. You can understand the key verses in your Bible with Gerald Flurry’s free booklet **Great Again**.



God worked things out so that Solomon removed Adonijah from office.

Queen Athaliah was another illegitimate ruler. After King Ahaziah of Judah died in battle, his evil mother did not grieve—instead she seized control of Judah and ruled for six years. Even worse, she killed the rest of Ahaziah’s family in an effort to end the line of David (2 Kings 11). Unbeknownst to her, though, the dead king’s sister had taken Ahaziah’s son Joash and hidden him so he was protected from Athaliah’s murderous wrath. Then, when Joash was seven years old, a faithful priest enacted a plan to kill the wicked Athaliah and crown Joash as the true king.

King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon tried and failed to destroy the line of David. The Prophet Jeremiah grieved after Nebuchadnezzar killed King Zedekiah of Judah and his sons. God had promised, “David shall never [lack] a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel” (Jeremiah 33:17). Thinking God had broken His promise, Jeremiah wrote, “But thou hast cast off and abhorred, thou hast been wroth with thine anointed. Thou hast made void the covenant of thy servant: thou hast profaned his crown by casting it to the ground” (Psalm 89:38-39). Yet God preserved the throne of David by transporting a *daughter* of Zedekiah to Ireland. There may have been a few years when no descendant of David exercised real authority over the Israelites, but Tea Tephi was nonetheless the legitimate queen.

God wants us to have total trust in His promises. My father wrote in his article “Why Donald Trump Will Remain America’s President” ([theTrumpet.com/23193](http://theTrumpet.com/23193)) that Donald Trump is an end-time type of the King Jeroboam II and therefore he must *remain* in office until he has a confrontation with an end-time type of the Prophet Amos. But now the radical Democrats have forced Mr. Trump from the White House by stuffing ballot boxes with unverified ballots and using electronic voting machines dogged by scandals. No reasonable person can honestly say the 2020 presidential election was free and fair. But fake kings have ruled Israel before. We just have to wait on God to work things out in His way and in His time. ■

# AMERICA'S BROKEN JUDGMENT

Corrupt courts are a nation-destroying problem.

BY GERALD FLURRY



AMERICA'S ELECTION CRISIS HAS taught us a lot. One crucial lesson is JUST HOW CORRUPT AMERICA'S COURTS ARE. The Trump administration filed over 60 lawsuits alleging fraud in several states. So the courts had many opportunities to rule on the legitimacy of the election. ALMOST ALL THESE SUITS WERE THROWN OUT!

The United States Supreme Court refused to even hear the *Texas v. Pennsylvania et al* case that exposed how attorneys general unilaterally changed states' election laws to flood cities with unverified mail-in ballots. What a terrible decision!

Media sources accepted this at face value as proof that the claims of fraud were baseless. I am convinced, however, that in many cases the rulings told us less about the validity of the allegations than about the lawlessness of the courts!

How many judges refused to overturn the election because their preferred candidate won? Or because they were afraid of the consequences of challenging that result?

Is justice really being served?

A great deal of corruption in the court system is being exposed. Yet these

courts are determining the future of the nation and your life!

We need to understand what the Bible says about this subject. It has some amazingly specific and condemning prophecies about our courts.

## Evolving Constitution

Laws are to be written by our legislative branch. Judges and justices are to interpret the law—or better, to let the law interpret itself. They have no authority to rewrite the law. If they rewrite the law, it is almost impossible to correct the error.

Nevertheless, judges are twisting the law in whichever direction will favor their political objective. They are not impartial arbiters of the law: They want to obtain a particular outcome.

The political bias of judges leads to division, crisis and disaster. To take one example: The tension in America prior to 1860 was exacerbated by the courts. The Supreme Court decision in *Dred Scott v. Sandford* ultimately helped trigger open bloodshed.

IT TOOK A CIVIL WAR TO OVERTURN THAT DECISION!

This gives you some idea of how hard it is to change what judges do!

We see the same problem today. When the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on homosexual “marriage” or on Obamacare, the justices were not genuinely looking at the law to see what it said. They wanted to legalize homosexual “marriage” and Obamacare—and searched the law for excuses to do so.

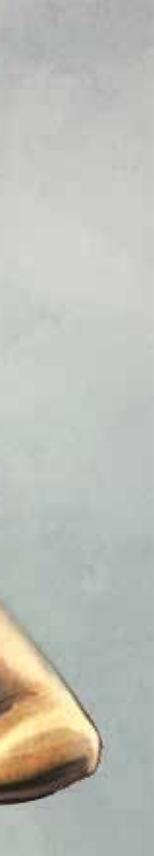
OUR CONSTITUTION IS THE SUPREME LAW OF THE LAND! If judges are not subject to constitutional law, they are subject to nothing and nobody!

Law schools routinely teach about being “legal realists.” Like former Vice President Al Gore, they want an “evolving Constitution.” This reasoning gives judges despotic powers. It vitiates the foundational law established by our forefathers.

Judges are taking power from the legislative and the executive branches as they rewrite the Constitution. So why do our politicians allow it? Because they often like judges to do this if the decisions are favorable to their views and they know voters would not approve.

Our politicians simply lack the vision to see how disastrous this process is. It is based on selfish lawlessness—not law!

These judges are destroying the democratic process and exercising



power like dictators. This means we cannot maintain the rule of law. The whole system of justice is being contaminated more each day. This destroys people's respect for these institutions.

Many local judges have this same lawless spirit. A recent Reuters investigation found that “thousands of state and local judges across America [have been] allowed to keep positions of extraordinary power and prestige after violating judicial ethics rules or breaking laws they pledged to uphold” (June 30, 2020). In many cases, judges have “lied to state officials and forced defendants to

languish in jail without a lawyer—and then returned to the bench, sometimes with little more than a rebuke from the state agencies overseeing their conduct.”

Federal prosecutors, who are part of the executive branch, are also corrupt. Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn's attorney Sidney Powell was a federal prosecutor for nine U.S. attorneys, both Republican and Democrat, and was the lead lawyer for 350 criminal appeals while in the Department of Justice. In 2014, she self-published a book titled *Licensed to Lie: Exposing Corruption in the Department of Justice*.

She writes that “a small cadre of high-ranking United States Department of Justice lawyers” are “engineering” court cases, often motivated by desire for positive press, promotions and political office, not to mention ideology. She says the department is “political, incestuous, self-serving and self-institutionalized.” Its top leaders have used the power of wrongful convictions to serve a number of unjust ends: to end the career of Sen. Ted Stevens, changing the balance of power in the Senate; to destroy the accounting firm Arthur Andersen; to convict innocent people at Enron and Merrill Lynch; and to imprison innocent

people. Some people connected to these cases were killed or committed suicide. And in reality, the corruption goes much deeper than even Ms. Powell realizes.

Can't we see what we are doing to ourselves? Unless we make far-reaching changes, our future is very black indeed!

### Anti-Family Judgments

Micah the prophet wrote shortly before the kingdom of Israel went into captivity in 721 B.C. He had a message for a nation on the brink of destruction. It is a message God wants our nations to hear today. And part of the message is about justice.

“And I said, Hear, I pray you, O heads of Jacob, and ye princes of the house of Israel; Is it not for you to know judgment?” (Micah 3:1).

Who are Jacob and Israel in this end time? We have proved for over 60 years that, in these prophecies, *Israel* refers primarily to America, Britain and the Jewish nation (for proof, request our free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, by Herbert W. Armstrong).

God is addressing the *heads* of Israel—the rulers, magistrates and government officials responsible for upholding the law. Their responsibility is to give us justice based on law. They of all people ought to *understand judgment*.

God is discussing court systems here. *Gesenius' Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon* defines *judgment* as the sentence of a judgment, according to law. Judges are to interpret and enforce law. Other translations use *justice* instead of *judgment*.

The only perfect law is God's. Yet the framers of America's Constitution founded much of that document on God's law as they understood it.

The word *judgment* means the entire process or whole administration of justice. The Hebrew word is *mishpat*. The same word is translated “lawful” (e.g. Ezekiel 18:5, 21, 27). The point is, PROPER JUDGMENT MUST ALWAYS INCLUDE LAW. This is why it is crucial that judges not change or reject the righteous law. God holds judges and rulers accountable for their judgment against every institution and each individual.

In God's eyes, just how bad is our justice system today?

“And I said, Hear, I pray you, O heads of Jacob, and ye princes of the house of Israel; Is it not for you to know

judgment? Who hate the good, and love the evil; who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones; Who also eat the flesh of my people, and flay their skin from off them; and they break their bones, and chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh within the caldron” (Micah 3:1-3).

God is speaking figuratively and spiritually. His evaluation of our justice system here is likely the grisliest metaphor in the Bible! Could America's courts really be this bad?

Consider the legacy of America's courts. Many of the worst perversions in the nation's history have been approved not by legislators who were voted into office, but by the courts! In many cases these perversions were so extreme they couldn't be approved democratically, so instead the courts approved them. Only later did they become normalized and accepted by everyday Americans.

It was the Supreme Court that legalized abortion in 1973. In 1992, it ruled that states cannot place “undue burden” on a woman seeking an abortion. When states have tried to prevent this, the courts have stepped in to stop them. Even if a majority in a state would like to restrict or ban abortion, they cannot legally do so. The Supreme Court has invented a constitutional right to have an abortion and will strike down any law that violates this “right.” Today, on average, a baby in America is aborted every 36 seconds. That's nearly a million babies a year being ripped apart or poisoned. This is what America does to the most vulnerable members of society! The Founding Fathers would be aghast. Is God extreme to say that courts “break their bones, and chop them in pieces”?

For decades, U.S. courts have ruled that not all pornography is “obscene”—some is protected as “free speech” by the First Amendment. In 2000, a U.S. court overturned a law that restricted sex shows on cable to the late-night hours; they wanted people to have access to pornography day and night. In 2007, a district court struck down the Child Online Protection Act, a law to protect children from harmful pornography. Courts also watered down the Child Pornography Prevention Act, saying it was too strict to outlaw footage that “appears to be of a minor engaging in sexually explicit conduct.”

A 2018 survey found that 98 percent of men and 73 percent of women reported Internet porn use in the previous six months. The average child is just 11 years old when he first encounters porn. The world's top porn sites get as many visitors in one day as CNN gets in a month. What is this doing to our families and our children? In the name of "free speech," our leaders are allowing the devil to enslave our young people before they even learn how to live! The vilest pornography is channeled right into their own homes. The Bible commands us to FLEE temptation and fornication. We are going to pay a *deadly* price for our rebellion against God.

The courts have also led in pushing homosexuality. In 2003, *Lawrence v. Texas* made homosexuality legal across America. In 2015, *Obergefell v. Hodges* legalized same-sex "marriage." These decisions would not have been made by Congress, which *should* be making law. In many cases, a majority of Americans have been *against* the leftist agenda.

Family breakdown is destroying lives and our entire civilization, and America's courts have led the way! No wonder God is wrathful. Is He too extreme to compare us with cannibals?

### God's Justice

Micah's prophecy continues: "Then shall they cry unto the Lord, but he will not hear them: he will even hide his face from them at that time, as they have behaved themselves ill in their doings" (Micah 3:4). The heads, including the judges, ignored the cry of their victims.

Soon, in the Great Tribulation, God will turn away from these judges' cries for help. That includes everybody who operates in this same evil spirit.

God's message is about judgment—*His system* of justice. He is speaking to the heads—to politicians, lawyers, judges, educators, media and religion. They must hear God's judgment, which, again, refers to that which is just, lawful, or according to law—in this case, *God's* law. They must change, or our national house will not stand!

"Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob, and princes of the house of Israel, that abhor judgment, and pervert all equity" (verse 9). Our leaders "abhor judgment" and "pervert all equity."

What is straight, they make crooked!

That is our system of justice. And God tells His messenger to address the rulers directly: "Hear this!" People must hear God's rebuke about justice, or they will suffer more than any nation ever has. Do YOU "hear this"?

"The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon the Lord, and say, Is not the Lord among us? none evil can come upon us" (verse 11). The religious and secular leaders' judgments are not motivated by love for law, the Constitution or justice. They seek personal gain. And they have no fear or regard for God.

"That they may do evil with both

**"[T]HE WEIGHTIER MATTERS OF THE LAW, JUDGMENT, MERCY, AND FAITH: THESE OUGHT YE TO HAVE DONE, AND NOT TO LEAVE THE OTHER UNDONE."  
—MATTHEW 23:23**

hands earnestly, the prince asketh, and the judge asketh for a reward; and the great man, he uttereth his mischievous desire: so they wrap it up" (Micah 7:3). Politicians and judges are taking the initiative in seeking personal reward. How abominable!

These leaders render injustice if they can't get what they want. Their motives are very impure. When Micah writes "they wrap it up," he means they *conspire* to subvert justice! They weave crooked paths and catch people as a spider catches flies in its web.

How urgently this world needs new leaders! The good news is, this chaos we are experiencing will lead directly into a world ruled by God-fearing leaders who uphold the rule of law and make just judgments. These leaders are now being prepared!

### Broken Judgment

How important is judgment? What Jesus Christ said about this may surprise you.

To the religious leaders of His day, Jesus said, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of

mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted *the weightier matters* of the law, JUDGMENT, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone" (Matthew 23:23). Christ rebuked these people for focusing on the minute details of the law while *ignoring* the law's "weightier matters"! These *weightier matters* are where we must start. Only then can we have the right perspective in following its details.

Notice the *order* of the weightier matters: judgment, mercy, faith. God puts JUDGMENT above mercy and faith! We must give the weightier matters proper priority—in the proper order.

We need judgment to know how to hold the trunk of the tree and not get distracted by twigs. The Jews of Christ's day were failing in this, and it created serious problems. People in our day are making the same mistake on a more catastrophic scale.

Last summer, America's political and law enforcement leaders permitted the destruction of our cities. They argued that this devastation was *justified* by supposed racial injustices. Many arsonists, thieves, assailants and other criminals went unpunished because leaders wanted to show abundant understanding and *mercy* toward minorities. This is BROKEN JUDGMENT! It showed *no* understanding and mercy toward the millions of people who had their businesses shattered, property looted, homes demolished, communities ruined! It did *nothing* to solve racial problems—it made those problems far worse! And it did just as much damage to the individuals who got caught up in this violence because it legitimized their sense of grievance and encouraged their hatred, violence and lawlessness.

In one extreme example, St. Louis Circuit Attorney Kim Gardner released all the rioters and looters arrested during a Black Lives Matter protest, but prosecuted the McCloskey family for defending their home from a dangerous mob. In an interview with Fox News's Tucker Carlson, Mark McCloskey said, "It's a totally upside-down world, Tucker. ... The prosecutor has apparently decided that her job as a prosecutor isn't to keep us safe from criminals but to keep the criminals safe from us."

EXERCISING "MERCY" WITHOUT GOOD JUDGMENT IS A DISASTER! This is why

judgment must come *first*. If your judgment is broken, your life will be broken.

What causes judgment to break down? The reason is more sinister than you may think.

### The Root Cause

Another prophet on the scene during the same time as Micah was Hosea. And Hosea's message, like Micah's, applies to three end-time descendants of ancient Israel: Britain (Ephraim), America (Manasseh) and the Jewish state (Judah). Hosea often refers to the northern kingdom as "Ephraim," the most prominent tribe, and "Samaria," the capital. But his prophecies apply to Ephraim and Manasseh.

"Ephraim is oppressed and broken in judgment, because he willingly walked after the commandment" (Hosea 5:11). Ephraim is *oppressed*, meaning the people are extorted by fraud and violence. Judgment is **BROKEN**. Many decisions made in society today are atrocious.

Note the *reason* for this broken judgment: Ephraim "willingly walked after the commandment." *Barnes Commentary* says: "The commandment, which Ephraim willingly went after, was doubtless that of Jeroboam, 'It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt' [1 Kings 12:28]. And Jeroboam ordained a feast unto the children of Israel. Through this commandment, JEROBOAM EARNED THE DREADFUL TITLE 'WHO MADE ISRAEL TO SIN.'"

The word *willingly* should be *willfully*. Ephraim *willfully* walked after the commandment of Jeroboam. All the kings of Israel after Jeroboam 1 *willfully* followed his evil way (2 Kings 10:28-31). There is a big difference: *Willingly* means, according to *Webster's*, "inclined or favorably disposed in mind, ready, prompt to act or respond, done, borne, or accepted by choice, or without reluctance." *Willfully*

means "obstinately and often perversely, self-willed to a perverted degree, done deliberately, intentional." This implies launching into a decision without restraint, even knowing it is wrong.

The *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament* says, "To begin an act clearly indicates the function of one's mind to initiate. The verb concentrates on the volitional element, rather than upon emotional or motivational factors. It stresses the voluntary act of the individual's will to engage in a given enterprise, not what may have brought him to that decision." The person *wills* to go the wrong direction!

This problem is different from getting swept along by emotions. This sin is egregious because it is deliberate and *intentional*. People *know* they're going the wrong direction, yet still go that way.

And notice: Hosea 5:11 shows that this is the **CAUSE** of broken judgment!

**WILLFUL REBELLION BREAKS JUDGMENT.** It is destructive self-will at its very worst! And broken judgment pollutes mercy and faith. It wrongly places mercy at the top of the list, so criminals receive unjust mercy, and victims receive no justice.

This is a hardened, perverted spiritual attitude. Knowing they are wrong, some people still go the way of self-will and their judgment becomes broken. They can end up making decisions that even a *child* would know better than to do! This is the condition of our nations today.

### The Warning

Hosea's prophecy continues, "I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hid from me: for now, O Ephraim, thou committest whoredom, and Israel is defiled. ... And the pride of Israel doth testify to his face: therefore shall Israel and Ephraim fall in their iniquity; Judah also shall fall with them" (Hosea 5:3, 5). Society today is wracked with insoluble crises because so many people lack sound judgment. We are plagued by terrible divisions in politics, between races and religions, and in education and science.

In Hosea 7:11 Ephraim is called a "silly dove." Britain and the other modern descendants of ancient Israel are making decisions like a silly dove. Broken judgment is disastrous. It brings down nations! It will bring down *any of us* if we don't correct the problem. Most people cannot even comprehend how bad their judgment is. Yet nothing in our lives, families, churches or nations works properly without sound judgment. People with broken judgment keep grinding away until they destroy themselves!

God wants all of us to exercise *right* judgment about our way of living. He says, "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live" (Deuteronomy 30:19). This is the ultimate choice before us: life and death! Wrong choices produce terrible curses and even death. But we can choose a different way—the way of great blessings, spiritually and physically (verse 20).

These failures in society put more pressure on fathers to guard their families. If we judge rightly, we can save ourselves and our families from terrible curses.

Satan the devil is very active in the world today. He is the ultimate cause of all broken judgment. But God has already judged Satan (John 16:11). Jesus Christ will soon return to Earth to replace Satan as ruler over this world.

Christ is going to establish a kingdom based on His perfect law, a kingdom that exercises judgment and mercy in perfect balance.

God is teaching His faithful people how to exercise sound judgment today. He is training the judges and leaders of the wonderful World Tomorrow—people who will judge all nations under God! Those who attain this reward will judge even the fallen angels (1 Corinthians 6:2-3). What a noble challenge, and an inspiring opportunity! Anyone seeking such responsibility must be preparing today. ■



## ARE MICAH AND HOSEA SPEAKING TO YOU?

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More than 14,000 ships  
pass through the Panama  
Canal every year.

# DIRE STRAITS

A danger threatens supply lines for  
virtually every product you use.

BY RICHARD PALMER

**E**VERYTHING YOU OWN PROBABLY once traveled on a ship. Whether you live in an island nation like I do or a continental expanse like the United States, your clothes, your appliances, your food, your vehicle, your furniture, your copy of this magazine all relied, in some way, on ships to come into existence.

This makes the shift in control of global sea gates one of the most important and most overlooked trends of the last few decades.

America has given up the Panama Canal. Britain has surrendered Hong Kong. By contrast, China is building bases and relationships with the countries that once sat on these crucial choke points.

More sea gates could soon change hands. On Dec. 31, 2020, the United Kingdom and European Union struck an agreement in principle that would see the EU take over Gibraltar's borders. The agreement still needs to be translated into an actual treaty, but it

would see Gibraltar become part of the Schengen Area—the EU's free travel zone. Though still owned by the UK, it would have no real border with Spain. Instead, European border guards would police people traveling in from the UK.

Brexit could also see the Falklands leave Britain's orbit. When Britain was part of the EU, member states supported Britain's control of the islands. With Britain gone, they could switch sides and push Argentina's claim. The EU could also turn against British control of Diego Garcia.

But does any of this really matter? Aren't these the aging relics of a defunct imperial power?

The fact is, these sea gates have never been more important. We live in an era "of extreme interdependence," writes Rose George in her book *Ninety Percent of Everything*. "Hardly any nation is now self-sufficient."

Ninety percent of the world's trade travels by ocean. In the United Kingdom, 95 percent of the products we use came

from overseas, according to the Maritime Foundation.

Even the products you own that were manufactured in your country almost always use raw materials or equipment that relied on maritime commerce. The electronic device in front of you, the clothes you are wearing, the coffee mug on your desk, perhaps even the desk itself—these things would be much more expensive or perhaps completely unavailable without overseas shipping.

Shipping doesn't just provide a good selection of various products, it provides literal lifelines. Most of our food in the UK comes from overseas. Oceangoing tankers carry 60 percent of the world's oil.

And most of that trade travels through narrow waterways that the *Trumpet* often refers to as sea gates.

About a third of all oceangoing trade sails through the South China Sea, within range of weapons China has stationed on its newly fortified islands. Thirty-five percent of all oceangoing oil exports sail through the Strait of Hormuz, an

Iran-controlled sea gate. A quarter of all oceangoing oil sails through the Strait of Malacca, near Singapore. Around 10 percent of that oil goes around the southern tip of Africa. About 15 percent of the world's maritime trade travels through the Red Sea. Five percent of it goes through the Panama Canal.

Our everyday lives depend on a constant flow of materials and goods from overseas. This trade in turn depends on a series of sea gates. Close these gates using warships, warplanes, mines, shipwrecks or other means, and the oil market will panic, global economic chaos will result, and nations like the UK will quickly begin to starve.

The Western world doesn't just rely on oceangoing trade to exist, it also relies on it being prompt. Modern economic practices emphasize efficiency, which minimizes spare capacity and allowance for delay. Here in the UK, most supermarkets stock only enough fresh food for 24 hours.

The UK was given a preview of this in December. France closed its border, citing COVID concerns. The closure affected only a tiny amount of UK trade. Goods could flow freely out of other major European hubs, like Rotterdam. Containers that traveled via rail were unaffected. It was only goods carried on lorries that was blocked. Only 20 percent of trade with France was affected. Yet even this minor shutoff, lasting only a few days, caused some supermarkets to experience shortages and had nations worried. A more complete shutoff would be devastating.

### Vital to Militaries

"Disruptions to global supply chains are, in fact, more devastating than a traditional military attack," wrote Elisabeth Braw in *Foreign Policy* (Aug. 7, 2018). She warned that even a cyberattack on a port or shipping facility could be deadly. "An adversary could bring a country to its knees without dispatching a single soldier," she wrote.

But if it does come to dispatching soldiers, sea gates are also vital.

Ships are hard to destroy because they are hard to find and hard to reach. They're at their most vulnerable when they have to come close to land.

An American warship packs a huge amount of power, and in the middle of

the Pacific Ocean it is very hard to sink. An adversary needs sophisticated surveillance to find it. It requires accurate long-range missiles or silent submarines to get close. But if that same ship travels through a sea gate, a suicide bomber with a speedboat could take it down.

Submarines face a similar problem. In the vast ocean, they're almost impossible to find. But maritime choke points tend to be shallower and busier. If a nation can set up listening infrastructure, it is in a much better position to track these vessels.

Sea gates and overseas bases also provide vital staging grounds for ships to refuel and be serviced. Alfred W. McCory, professor of history at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, wrote: "Historian Paul Kennedy has suggested that Britain's 'naval mastery' in the 19th century made it 'extremely difficult for other lesser states to undertake maritime operations or trade without at least its tacit consent.' But modern bases do even more. Naval bastions and the warships they serve can weave a web of dominion across an open sea, transforming an unbounded ocean into de facto territorial waters. Even in an age of cyberwarfare, they remain essential to geopolitical gambits of almost any sort, as the United States has shown repeatedly during its tumultuous century as a Pacific power."

America's postwar global dominance rested on the foundation of these bases and sea gates. By 1955, America had 450 military bases in 36 different countries.

If a group of nations controlled the world's sea gates, then it would have incredible power. But there's an even more important reason to be concerned about sea gates.

The issue of control over crucial sea gates appears in the Bible. Studying into this subject helps you prove the relevance of your Bible to world news and to your life today.

### Sea Gates in Bible Prophecy

In Genesis 22:16-18, God told Abraham that He would multiply his descendants "as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore." These descendants, He said, would "possess the gate of his enemies." Rebekah, Abraham's daughter-in-law, was told "be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them" (Genesis 24:60). What, in the context of "thousands of millions" of people, could the Bible be talking about? What gates affect millions of people? What is the closest thing international relations has to a gate?

This has to be talking about sea gates.

The Bible says that *one people* would dominate the world's maritime passages.

This is exactly what happened in history. The British Empire ruled the waves with its navy by controlling these gates: the Strait of Gibraltar, the Suez Canal, Sri Lanka, Singapore and numerous ports like Hong Kong. The United States controlled the Gulf of Mexico, built the Panama Canal, and sent its navy and other military forces around the world, stationed in hundreds of overseas bases, often near key choke points.

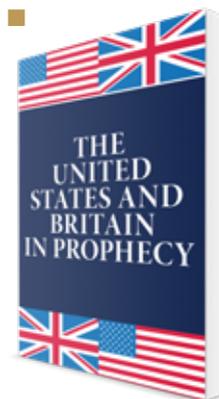
But the Bible also prophesies that Britain and America will lose these gates. In Deuteronomy 28:52, God tells the recipients of these blessings that if they refuse to obey Him, they will be besieged "in all thy gates." The gates they once owned will be slammed shut.

Other passages talk about Europe working together with China and Japan to form a trade alliance that shuts out Britain and America.

As Britain loses control of Gibraltar and the Falklands, this should be a major concern for everyone. This power is slipping over to countries that don't have the same attachment to freedom and free trade. Instead, they'll use these gates to control the world. ■

## The enemy is at the gate

Food, goods, infrastructure, transportation, factories, supplies, materials, fuel: Almost everything you depend on depends on ships. And ships depend on sea gates. To understand how control of these global choke points will affect your life, request your free copy of Herbert W. Armstrong's ***The United States and Britain in Prophecy***.





## NAVAL POWER

There are 3,351 naval vessels sailing the world's oceans. This lists the top 10 navies in the world by tonnage (and number of ships).

No nation can protect the trade routes it relies on for foreign merchandise without a powerful naval force.

# PATHS OF THE SEAS

At one time, the English-speaking peoples controlled virtually every maritime choke point on the planet. How did these nations grow to dominate global trade to such an extent? In his book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, Herbert W. Armstrong explained that it began with a promise made to the patriarch Abraham.

God promised to give Abraham's descendants control over the "gates" of their enemies (Genesis 22:17). God gave Britain and America those commercial gates, ensuring that they would become economic and military superpowers. But He also warned that if America and Britain did not obey Him, then those sea gates would not only be taken away, but also used against them (Deuteronomy 28:52).

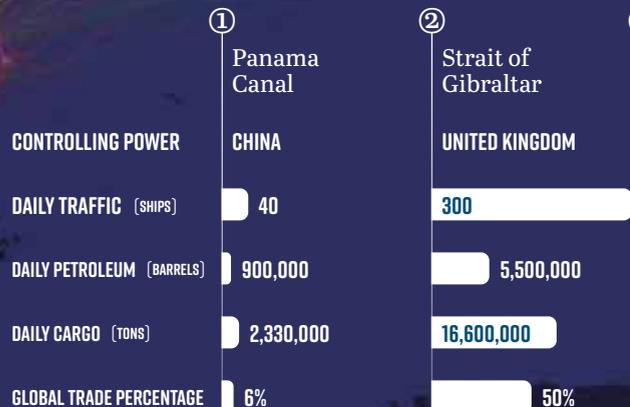
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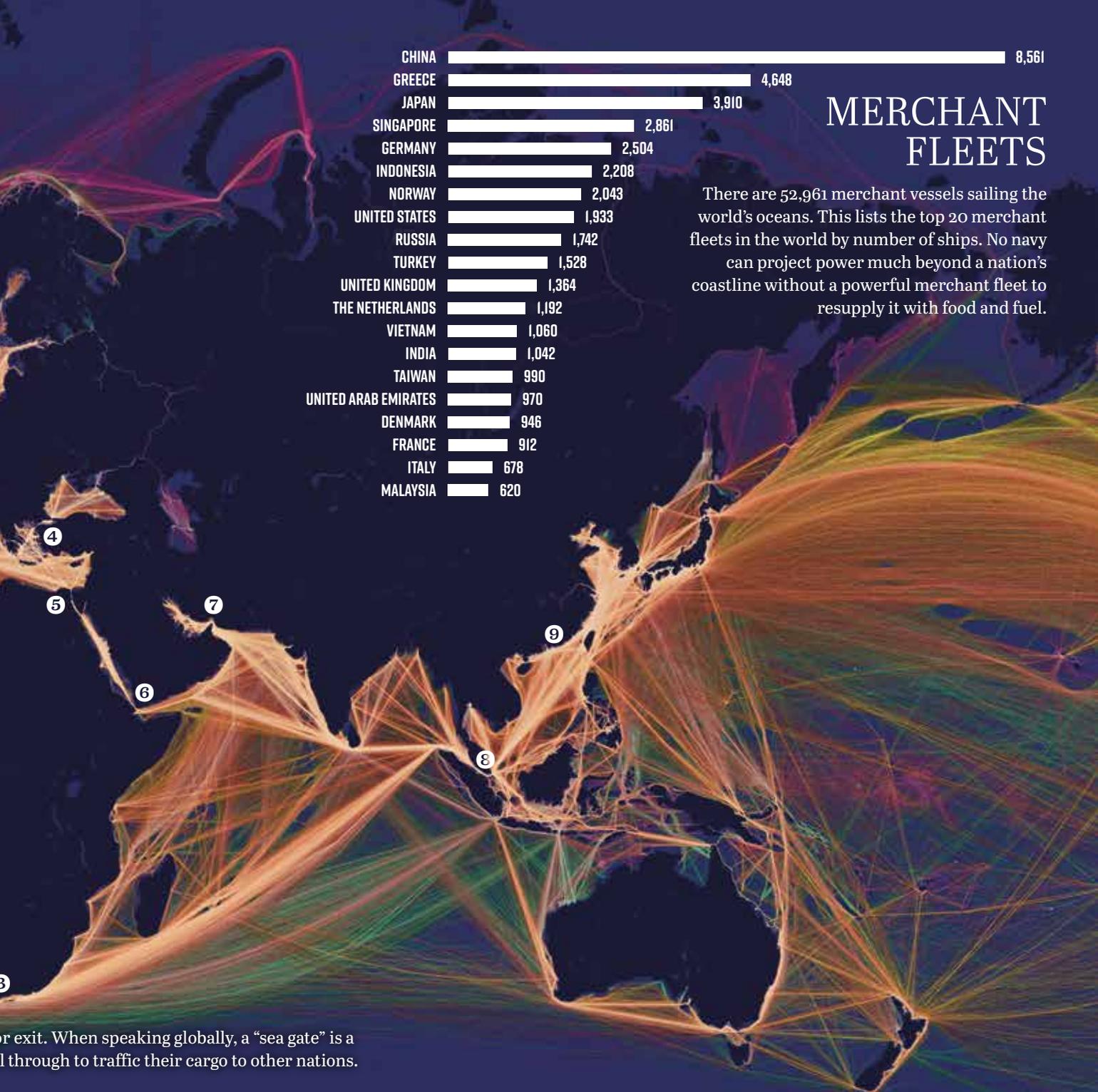
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Brightness indicates greater concentration of marine activity.

## SEA GATES

A gate is a narrow passage of entrance or exit through a narrow choke point that ships must sail through.

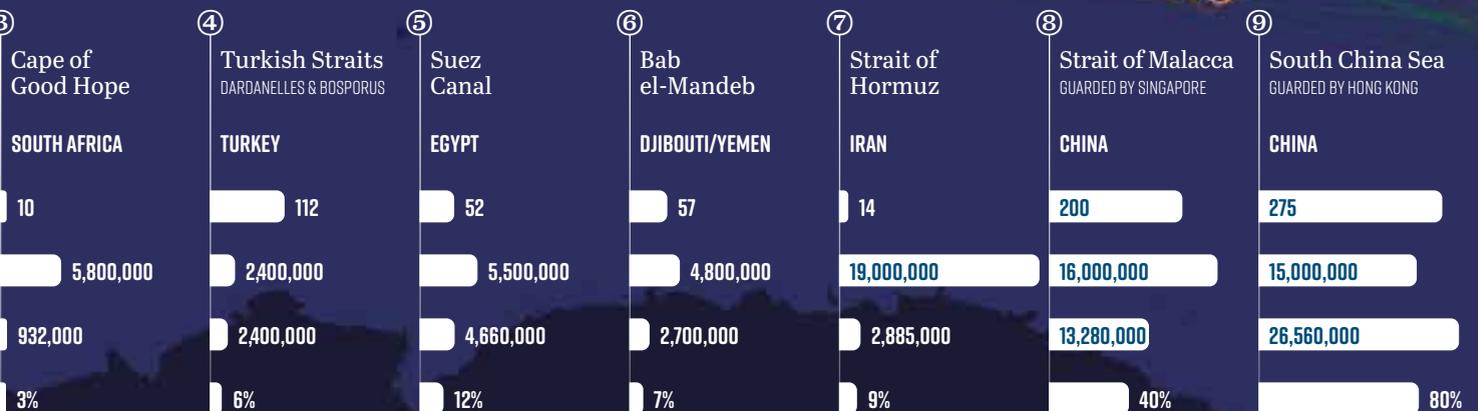




# MERCHANT FLEETS

There are 52,961 merchant vessels sailing the world's oceans. This lists the top 20 merchant fleets in the world by number of ships. No navy can project power much beyond a nation's coastline without a powerful merchant fleet to resupply it with food and fuel.

or exit. When speaking globally, a "sea gate" is a  
l through to traffic their cargo to other nations.



East Turkistan Prime Minister Salih Hidayar leads a government in exile unrecognized by China.



## 'They Want the World to Bow Down to China'

The prime minister-in-exile of East Turkistan exposes the evils that China wants to implement globally. **BY JEREMIAH JACQUES**

**I**T'S ILLEGAL TO EVEN HAVE A KNIFE." Prime Minister Salih Hidayar explained this fact about his homeland to the *Trumpet* during a Dec. 21, 2020, interview. "Every family household has one knife, and that knife is chained to the wall of their kitchen and etched with a barcode that has their entire family's information."

The blade-banning region where Hidayar was born is known by most of the world as Xinjiang, China.

But he refuses to use that name.

He and millions of other Turkic-speaking Uyghur people yearn to break free from China. They long for independence from China. So they don't call their homeland Xinjiang; they call it East Turkistan.

Xinjiang is a Mandarin name given by the Chinese in the 1880s after their Qing Dynasty had invaded and occupied the region. It translates to "New Territory." After the fall of the Qing Dynasty in 1911, the region remained mainly under the control of former Qing officials. But the Uyghurs began pushing for

independence, and in 1933, established their first republic.

Chinese forces invaded from the south and east. Soviets from the north and west helped them, fearing that an independent Uyghur nation would encourage Turkic-speaking Soviet states such as Kazakhstan to rebel against Moscow. The Uyghur republic was destroyed six months after its founding.

In 1944, the Uyghurs made a new declaration of independence and formed a second, much stronger Republic of East Turkistan. But the Chinese Communist Party won the Chinese Civil War in 1949 and then turned their attention to the region. Hidayar said, "The Chinese Communists along with the Soviets assassinated the top 30 leaders of our republic, and they overthrew our independent state."

Ever since, this region has officially been controlled by the Chinese Communist Party. But it has remained a flash point between the Uyghurs, who are mainly Muslims, and the Han Chinese

people, who are mainly Mandarin-speaking atheists, and who comprise 90 percent of China's total population.

After the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991, Uyghurs watched other Turkic nations, such as Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, declare independence. But the Chinese regime cracked down hard on the Uyghurs, including Hidayar's family.

Hidayar's father managed to flee to the United States in late 1997. His family joined him two years later, part of a diaspora of thousands of Uyghurs in America who in 2019 elected Salih Hidayar as prime minister of East Turkistan's government-in-exile.

In their homeland, frictions between the Uyghurs and the Chinese continued to intensify. Beginning in 2008, Chinese authorities said that Uyghur terrorists committed a series of attacks, mainly using knives, that they said killed hundreds of mainly

Han people. But Hidayar said three facts make this allegation virtually impossible to be true: the liberal form of Islam Uyghurs practice; the Chinese government's ban on knives; and the fact that authorities punish not only perpetrators but their entire families. He believes these heinous attacks were actually committed by the Chinese government and made to appear as Uyghur extremism. "China needed to portray the Uyghurs as terrorists," he said, "so they carried out these false flag operations."

Regardless of who committed the atrocities, or whether they happened at all, China used them to justify deploying hundreds of thousands of troops and security agents to Xinjiang.

They have turned this region into something utterly terrifying.

### 1984 in China

By 2016, the Chinese Communist Party had transformed Xinjiang into one of the most strictly controlled surveillance states in the world. Uyghurs are now

surrounded by hundreds of thousands of security checkpoints. In many areas, Hudayar said, they are positioned “almost every 500 meters.”

If you are a Uyghur, security agents with access to millions of surveillance cameras are monitoring you when you walk or drive to the mosque, school, office, restaurant, shopping center, train station or just down the street. The *South China Morning Post* reported in 2019 that in the city of Urumqi, there are 360,000 known cameras—12 per 1,000 people—and the plan was to increase that number to “one public camera for every two people.”

If you are a Uyghur, the regime has also forced you to submit to fingerprinting, facial photography, voice recording, iris scans and even blood sampling. They want to know who is who, they want to watch you continuously, and they want you to know it.

Even more terrifying than the totalitarian security apparatus are the hundreds of euphemistically named “vocational training facilities” and “reeducation centers,” at least one of which has been built in every district of Xinjiang. In reality, they are concentration camps.

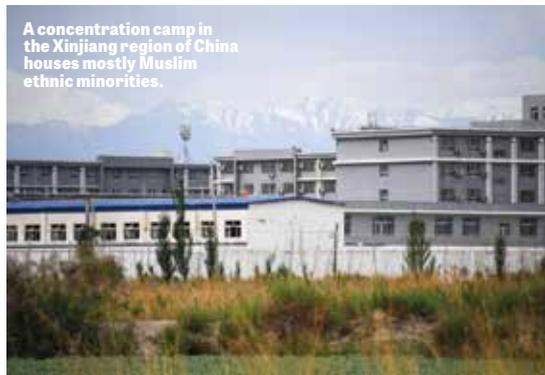
Prime Minister Hudayar said the U.S. Department of Defense was correct in May 2019 when it made the decision to label these fortified compounds *concentration camps*, partly because “people are being sent without any charges.” Inside, Chinese agents use psychological and physical force to indoctrinate them “to denounce their ethnic and religious identity and to embrace the Chinese state.”

“There is no God in communism,” he points out. So Uyghur victims are “brainwashed to literally worship the Chinese state as the highest being.”

The Chinese Communist Party has placed more than 1 million of Xinjiang’s Uyghurs into the concentration camps. Hudayar said the true figure is closer to 3 million. *And there are only some 10 million Uyghurs to begin with.*

Detainees are “forcibly medicated” and “forcibly starved,” Hudayar said. “Women in these camps are raped by security forces whenever they feel like it.”

If you resist the indoctrination or the abuse, a Chinese prison guard can label you incorrigible and kill you. Then they can sell your organs.



A concentration camp in the Xinjiang region of China houses mostly Muslim ethnic minorities.

## HALĀL ORGANS

Hudayar said that Uyghurs in the camps who “resist or attempt to resist ... are killed for their organs.”

Most Uyghurs follow the Muslim practice of avoiding alcohol or eating pork and eating only those foods approved under Islamic law, called *halāl*. This means that the Uyghurs’ own kidneys, livers, hearts and lungs that have

grown inside them since they were in their mothers’ wombs are, in the eyes of Muslims, *halāl*.

Rather than denouncing, opposing or perhaps even fighting the Chinese government for these atrocities, Muslim nations have made zero public statements against them. In fact, it is Muslims in these nations who are the purchasers of these organs for transplants.

“Their organs, shamelessly, are sold to wealthy Muslims

across the world, mostly in the Middle East, as *halāl* organs,” Hudayar said. He explained that both satellite imagery and Chinese government procurement data shows numerous crematorium facilities in or near the concentration camps. Near some of the camps “there are special lanes [labeled] ‘For Organs Only.’”

### The Larger Story

Prime Minister Hudayar said that the situation in Xinjiang, or East Turkistan, is just one part of the story. “[I]t is a very common thread of China trying to dominate more and more of the world,” he said. “First they invaded southern Mongolia, or what China calls Inner Mongolia. Then they invaded East Turkistan. Then a cou-

Belt and Road Initiative,” he said, and how China is “setting up many colonies in Central Asia, even parts of Africa, teaching the local population Chinese and buying off their political elites to make them more aligned with China.” Controlling a huge and growing economy, Chinese leaders are also “using loans and

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ple of months later, they invaded Tibet. Essentially, they’ve been doing the same policies of colonization, genocide and occupation in all three of these countries.”

Chinese government troops and agents have ruthlessly forced Mongolians, Uyghurs and Tibetans to submit not only a large percentage of their incomes, but also themselves, their families, their bodies and their minds to the Communist Party.

And Hudayar says this is only the beginning. China’s behavior around the world shows that the Communist Party’s ambitions have no bounds. “[L]ook at institutions like the Confucius Institutes and Chinese soft power through the

entrapping nations through debt traps, and pretty much taking away those countries’ sovereignty piece by piece.”

The perverse Chinese regime wants to dye the planet red.

“They want the world to bow down to China,” Prime Minister Hudayar said. “Their ultimate goal is essentially global domination.”

China wants power, wants control, wants no questions asked. Its East Turkistan concentration camps show what it will do once it gets control. And Mr. Hudayar is right that Xinjiang is just the beginning. Bible prophecy shows that people around the world are about to be dominated by genocidal tyrants.

## GENOCIDE BY FAKE FATHERS

In 2018, the Chinese Communist Party sent 1.1 million government agents to *live in the homes* of Uyghurs. “The official narrative,” Hudayar said, “is to build bonds and promote ethnic unity” and to guide the Uyghurs toward “loyalty to the state.”

But most of the Chinese officials sent to Uyghur homes are men, and the homes they are living in are the homes of men who were *sent to concentration camps*. Hudayar said there is video and photographic evidence that many of these male officials sleep in the same bed, under the same covers as the wives of the imprisoned Uyghur men. The agents state “that they are promoting ethnic unity between the Uyghurs and the Han Chinese population.”

Hudayar has collected numerous testimonies from Uyghur women who say that these government agents have raped them, *repeatedly*. In some cases, a government agent says he wants to marry a certain Uyghur woman. If the woman declines, Hudayar said the government tells them: “[I]f you refuse, then we will send your other relatives into concentration camps.”

“Tens of thousands of Uyghur women have been forcibly married to the Chinese men,” he said. “And in numerous instances, young women have committed suicide because they don’t want to marry the Chinese men, while at the same time, they don’t want their parents to be locked up and sent to concentration camps because of them.”

Meanwhile the Chinese “are also sterilizing Uyghur women that were already married and that had a few kids, to prevent them from having any more kids in the future.” As he put it, the Chinese are “*preventing the future*” of Uyghur existence.

### ‘The Times of the Gentiles’

During His ministry on Earth, Jesus Christ spoke of a global age that would begin shortly before His return. Luke 21:24 records Him calling this epoch “the times of the Gentiles.”

In the February 2020 *Trumpet*, editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote, “These ‘times of the Gentiles’ are yet to be fully realized. However, we are in the outer edges of this catastrophic storm.”

The term *Gentile* basically means “the nations;” all peoples other than Israelites

## The rule of law and checks on governmental power will evaporate. Dictators will be equipped not only with weapons, troops and concentration camps, but also with cameras, DNA, blood samples and psychological tactics.

who descended from Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Modern “Israelites” include the Jewish nation named Israel, but also the United States, Britain and others.

“Once you understand who Israel is,” Mr. Flurry wrote, “then you can see how the Gentiles—the non-Israelite peoples—have started to take charge of the world *already*.”

For decades, American and British leadership was an imperfect but stabilizing force for civilization because of the nations’ biblically influenced beliefs in the God-given rights of individuals, the rule of law and the injustice of government tyranny. Yet these nations have turned even further from God, losing what moral authority they had *and* the power to implement it.

During “the times of the Gentiles,” the rule of law and limitations on governmental power will evaporate. Dictators and their agents—equipped not only with weapons, troops and concentration camps, but now also with cameras, DNA, blood samples and horrific psychological tactics—will come to power in two main groups of non-Israelite nations.

“While there are many Gentile nations around today,” Mr. Flurry wrote, “when this prophecy is completely fulfilled there will be two *major* powers—one revolving around Russia and China, and the other around Germany.”

The horrors now happening under the Chinese Communist Party in East Turkistan *are* only the beginning. The tragic suffering of the Uyghurs is only a preview of how horrendous the times of the Gentiles will be. As Mr. Flurry wrote,

we are now seeing only the first gales of this “catastrophic storm.”

In His forecast about the tempestuous days ahead, Christ said “men’s hearts” will be “failing them for fear” (Luke 21:26). But in the very next verse, He promises that the storm clouds will break and give way to a stunning radiance: “And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory” (verse 27). These vicious times of the Gentiles, which we are already entering, will be broken by the return of Jesus Christ!

And what is it that Jesus Christ is returning *to do*? He is returning to establish a literal *government*. He is returning to end, by force, the age of tyrants, dictators and totalitarians. He is returning to overpower the barbaric abuses that are happening and will happen to Uyghurs and millions more. He will “save the children of the needy, and shall *break in pieces the oppressor*” (Psalm 72:4). The Creator of human beings is returning to rule with a rod of iron to put an end to all humanity’s ignorant, ineffective,

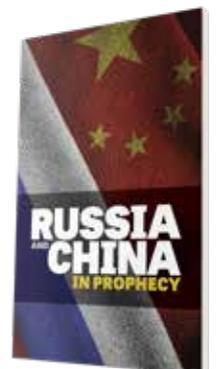
violent, insidious, satanic, terminal governments, and to enforce His law of love and His government of love. peace and tranquility, a government that is truly *for the people*.

In *God’s government*, and *only* in God’s government, there is hope for the Uyghurs of the present, the future and even the past. And for you and me. ■

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# China and Europe, THICK AS THIEVES

A landmark China-EU investment agreement deals a blow to human rights and trans-Atlantic ties. **BY JEREMIAH JACQUES**

**T**HE DEAL WAS DEAD. IT WAS THE END of 2019 and China's foreign minister was in Brussels, but he said his nation was not planning to sign an investment deal with Europe that had been in the works since 2013. China was a "developing economy," he said, and should not be held to the same standards as the developed European economy.

But on Dec. 30, 2020, Chinese President Xi Jinping conducted a video conference with German Chancellor Angela Merkel, French President Emmanuel Macron and other European Union leaders. Afterward they released a bombshell announcement: "The EU and China concluded in principle the negotiations for a Comprehensive Agreement on Investment."

This meant two of the most powerful trading blocs on the face of the planet were more deeply integrating. The ramifications are potentially world-changing.

So why the change in heart by the Chinese? Why, after seven years of foot-dragging, did Chairman Xi make a rare personal intervention to jumpstart this deal? Why did the Europeans, who present themselves as champions of human rights and fair labor, agree to more deeply intertwine their economy with that of the brutal Chinese Communist Party?

And what does this mean for the United States and the rest of the world? What does it mean for you?

## A Big Deal

For decades, if a European firm wished to operate in China, the governing Chinese Communist Party required it to set up a joint venture with a Chinese company and share its intellectual property and sensitive technology. This was an appalling requirement. But if EU companies wanted access to the enormous and growing Chinese market, they had no choice.

Under this new Comprehensive Agreement on Investment, the Chinese have agreed to end this requirement for European firms in certain industries. They also agreed to level the playing field for Europe in industries such as automotive manufacturing, computing services and health, and to take the mask off some of China's notoriously secretive government subsidies. China also made some vague pledges to improve its labor rights.

These are massive concessions for the Chinese to make. In fact, the European Commission called the deal "the most ambitious outcome that China has ever agreed with a third country or economy." So why did the Chinese agree to discontinue these strategies, when they built their economic might on them?

Over the last year, the United States, the United Kingdom and Australia have sounded the alarm over China: Its human rights abuses in Xinjiang, illegal crackdowns on Hong Kong, bullying of Taiwan, takeover of the South China Sea, technology theft, unlawful trade practices, deceitfulness regarding coronavirus, killing of Indian soldiers, predatory loans to poor nations, "wolf warrior" diplomacy, and more. These English-speaking nations sought to convince European and other countries to work with them to pressure China. They want China—by some measures already the world's largest national economy—to adopt the same liberal, rules-based international economic standard that they themselves follow. For a time, it seemed to be working. In late November 2020, the European Union said the U.S. and EU should establish dialogue to discuss "the strategic challenge presented by China's growing international assertiveness."

The Chinese Communist Party feared that the Americans would pull in the Europeans and increase pressure on it to either give up its oppressive tactics or

be isolated from the West. Compounding this fear was Xi's belief that Joe Biden would become U.S. president and work to strengthen trans-Atlantic ties. It was this fear that prompted the Chinese to agree to the concessions to Europe. It spurred Xi Jinping to personally intervene to help clinch the Comprehensive Agreement on Investment.

And it worked. Reinhard Bütikofer, chairman of the European Parliament's delegation on China, told the *Financial Times* that the deal enables China to "drive a huge wedge between the U.S. and Europe."

But why did *Europeans* make the deal?

### Europe's Shameful Priorities

In March 2020, the well-regarded Australian Strategic Policy Institute published a landmark report called "Uyghurs for Sale."

Uyghurs are Muslims from China's Xinjiang region. The Chinese Communist Party has been trying to subdue them for decades. In the last five years, its crackdown has escalated to a degree that is hard to imagine. The Chinese have pulled 1 million or more Uyghurs from their homes and put them in more than 1,000 concentration camps in Xinjiang. The regime is subjecting them to brainwashing, torture, sexual abuse, sterilization, starvation and death (article, page 20).

Using satellite imagery and on-the-ground reporting, the Australian Strategic Policy Institute revealed that more than 80,000 detainees have been bused around to various parts of China to provide what amounts to slave labor. It wrote: "[F]actories across China are using forced Uyghur labor under a state-sponsored labor transfer scheme that is tainting the global supply chain."

This means some goods on shelves in Europe, America and around the world came from the hands of *slaves!*

Europe's leaders often portray themselves as champions of human rights and international labor standards. They are famous for their regulations. The Chinese regime, by contrast, is famous for its abuses of its own people. Europeans are well aware that these abuses now include enslavement of Uyghurs. In September, Angela Merkel accused China of "poor and cruel treatment" of "minorities in China."

Merkel, Macron and other European leaders are also well aware of China's unlawful crackdown on Hong Kong and other browbeating behaviors. Merkel said it all gives her "deep concern."

But this concern was not enough to stop her from playing a key role in final-

It's imaginable, but not with the Chinese Communist Party in power.

By signing this deal, Europeans tacitly signed off on China's abuses of its people and myriad other crimes. Entering the agreement makes their statements about "concern" ring just as hollow as



European Commission President Juncker, French President Macron and German Chancellor Merkel welcome Chinese President Xi to France.

## European leaders have shown that they care less about how many Uyghurs are detained, tortured or forced into labor than about revitalizing Germany's automobile industry and otherwise enriching themselves.

izing the deal and pressuring other EU leaders into sealing it.

The Europeans argued that doing a deal with the Chinese Communist Party will "discipline the behavior" of the regime and compel it to "act in accordance with commercial considerations," thereby helping Chinese minorities. Under the terms of the deal, China has pledged to "work towards" adopting international labor norms. But back in 2001 when China joined the World Trade Organization, it made nearly identical promises—and has never fulfilled any of them. It is ludicrous to say this time will be different. As Shi Yinhong, an adviser to China's State Council, told the *Financial Times*, "On labor, it's impossible for China to agree. Can you imagine China with free trade unions?" (January 4).

China's promises to consider maybe trying to sort of imagine changing some of its abuses.

European leaders have shown that they care less about how many Uyghurs are detained, tortured, forced into labor or killed than they do about revitalizing Germany's automobile industry and otherwise enriching themselves by expanding their access to Chinese markets.

The Europeans were also driven by a desire to reduce their dependence on America.

After meeting U.S. President Donald Trump in Hamburg in 2017, Merkel said Europe could no longer rely on America and should "take control of its own destiny." The decision to turn a blind eye to China's malevolence and sign the Comprehensive Agreement on Investment shows just how determined

EU leaders are to break with America and chart their own course.

The fact that it happened quickly even while Europe anticipated an imminent Biden presidency shows that EU sentiments have expanded beyond anti-Trump. They have become anti-America.

### A Sign of What's Ahead

To see Europe compromise so shamefully by making this deal with China may seem surprising. But this is actually the kind of development we should expect to see more and more of, if we understand Bible prophecy.

Around 2,700 years ago, the Prophet Isaiah discussed an immensely powerful multinational trade alliance that would develop in our time. And he listed who its main members would be.

In Isaiah 23:1, he names one of them as “Chittim.” *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry writes, “*Kittim* is synonymous with the *Chittim* of Isaiah’s prophecy. ... After their migration through Central Asia, the Kittim made their appearance in modern-day northeastern China and Mongolia ...” (*Isaiah’s End-Time Vision*). So this name indicates modern China.

Isaiah’s prophecy goes on to say that “Tyre” will also be a major player in this trade bloc. Mr. Flurry explains what this name signifies: “The *spiritual center* of the [modern European] Holy Roman Empire is called *Babylon* in your Bible (Revelation 17:5; 18:1-3). But here in Isaiah, the Bible refers to Tyre (and its allies Zidon, etc) as the *commercial center* of this European power.”

Isaiah 23 and a companion passage in Ezekiel 27 show that Russia and Japan will also join this globe-girdling economic bloc. Together, these countries will come to control worldwide trade for a brief time, and the prophecies show that they will use that control to strangle America and some of its allies.

“The Bible contains many prophecies of that European power attacking America,” Mr. Flurry writes. When it happens, “there will be no help or sympathy from Asia.” In fact, “Russia, China and Japan” will form a “brief alliance” with Europe. “All of them are going to besiege America, Britain and the Jewish nation.”

Mr. Flurry continues: “This is why Isaiah’s prophecy of an end-time ‘mart of nations’ that includes both European and Asian powers is so intriguing. And why the trend of collusion between these two great economic blocs is worth watching.”

In light of these prophecies, we should not be surprised to see Europe willing to ignore China’s blood-curdling human rights abuses and illegal trade practices. We should actually expect these now-strengthening ties to grow stronger. And even as China becomes more powerful, aggressive and malicious, we should expect Europe to increasingly side with Beijing—and against America.

The Scriptures make clear that this trend will culminate in a time of catastrophe and darkness. But the story will not end there.

The Bible also shows that the darkness will be short-lived and will be overcome by light. Then a fundamentally different chapter of history will begin—far more luminous than any mankind has ever experienced.

“[T]hat trading partnership won’t last long,” Mr. Flurry writes. “Soon they will clash, just before Jesus Christ returns and destroys both of them.”

The Creator of mankind will come back to Earth and bring a decisive end to man’s rebellion, self-destruction, human rights abuses, oppression, greed and other evils. He will bring in an epoch of peace and light for the peoples of China, Europe, America and all the world. “Thank God,” Mr. Flurry writes, “there is great news beyond the bad news.” ■

## China Deal Exposes Germany’s Power

The investment deal with China was not popular with many Europeans. But it was popular with one critical country: Germany.

Germany dominates European Union trade with China. The EU does €500 billion (US\$607 billion) in trade each year with China, with Germany responsible for over €200 billion of that. German businesses are most enthusiastic about the investment opportunities this deal opens up.

Germany pushed the deal through in its final days as the rotating president of the EU, in spite of criticism from several other European governments. *Politico* wrote that officials of these nations “said they felt steamrolled by [German Chancellor Angela] Merkel and the ‘German engine’ inside the European Commission” (January 1).

“Is this the way the EU will work post-Brexit?” one diplomat asked. “The Brits are just out and we’re already missing their open market-oriented approach. If Germany weighs in too much, smaller EU countries have nothing to say.”

The deal is not popular with European voters. “Public opinion was very disillusioned with the Chinese regime,” Harvard Kennedy School research fellow Philippe Le Corr said. “And now we have this deal, which is mainly designed to please a handful of German multinational companies.”

As the EU negotiated with China, key discussions took place in a video call between Xi Jinping, EU officials in Brussels, Ms. Merkel and French President Emmanuel Macron. Other countries were angry at being left out. The unusual meeting format reveals the real power structure in the EU: Germany leads, France has a voice, and no one else really matters.

“This isn’t just another deal with some small country,” *Politico* quoted an anonymous EU official as saying. “The way we position ourselves in the U.S.-China dynamic will make or break the EU” (op cit). He’s right. This deal sets the direction of European foreign policy. Even with a Biden administration, Europe is choosing China over America. And almost no EU countries have any say.

For decades the *Trumpet* has warned that a strong German leader will dominate Europe. The China deal shows how much Germany dominates Europe *already*. Ms. Merkel isn’t known for steamrolling people—yet here we are.

How much more dominant will Germany be once that leader arrives? **RICHARD PALMER**



## New superpower

What if two of the three most powerful continents on Earth joined forces? To find out, request Gerald Flurry’s free booklet *Isaiah’s End-Time Vision*.

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***A Strong German Leader Is Imminent.***



# The Pope's New World Order

**This socialist, globalist, papist scheme is not a conspiracy theory.**

**BY ANDREW MILLER**

**S**HOULD THE EXISTENCE OF COVID-19 end the existence of free markets? Many powerful people say yes. They are using the outbreak as a pretext to radically transform the global economy.

The World Economic Forum is calling for a “great reset” in the wake of the epidemic. Instead of free markets, this globalist group says the world should implement wealth taxes, government regulations and massive infrastructure spending programs. Having shut down the global economy, they want to now convert it into a socialist system.

The World Economic Forum and many other institutions are seeking help and guidance from the Roman Catholic Church. Pope Francis has been one of the world’s most prominent socialist activists. His latest encyclical, published Oct. 4, 2020, is *Fratelli Tutti* (*All Brothers*). In it, he attacks free-markets, saying they are based on “magic theories.” Yet, the World Economic Forum praised *Fratelli Tutti* as a “prescription for resetting the global economy.”

“Aside from the different ways that various countries responded to the crisis, their inability to work together became quite evident,” Francis wrote. “For all our hyper-connectivity, we witnessed a fragmentation that made it

more difficult to resolve problems that affect us all. Anyone who thinks that the only lesson to be learned was the need to improve what we were already doing, or to refine existing systems and regulations, is denying reality.”

This sounds good, but what is Pope Francis actually prescribing to resolve problems that affect us all? He is prescribing *more powerful central authorities*.

This is alarming. You do not have to know much about Roman Catholic history to see that Pope Francis’s economic, governmental and religious influence and manipulations are *restoring the Holy Roman Empire*.

## The ‘Guardians’

On Dec. 8, 2020, Francis established what he calls the Council for Inclusive Capitalism With the Vatican. Many have said this real-life organization seems like something out of a conspiracy-theory forum. It is led by the pope and Cardinal Peter Turkson, and includes numerous leaders from Fortune 500 companies with 200 million employees in 163 countries and \$2.1 trillion in market capitalization—more money than the gross domestic product of Italy. It is led by a core group of 27 leaders it calls the Guardians for Inclusive Capitalism, which include the chairmen and chief executives of Allianz, Bank of America, BP, Dupont, Johnson & Johnson, Mastercard, Merck and Visa.

The stated goal of the Council for Inclusive Capitalism With the Vatican is “to build a fairer, more inclusive, and sustainable economic foundation for the world” by altering government, social and political laws and regulations.

The guardians will meet annually with Francis and Turkson to receive guidance on how to reform capitalism. “An economic system that is fair, trustworthy, and capable of addressing the most profound challenges facing humanity and our planet is urgently needed,” the pope told the guardians in a press release. “You have taken up the challenge by seeking ways to make capitalism become a more inclusive instrument for integral human well-being.”

Lady Lynn Forester de Rothschild is the founder and managing partner for the Council for Inclusive Capitalism With the Vatican and a member of the United States Democratic Party. She married Sir Evelyn Robert de Rothschild, a British financier, a year after being introduced to him at a 1998 Bilderberg Conference in Scotland. The couple is close friends with Bill and Hillary Clinton, who invited them to honeymoon at the White House. Although not Catholic herself, she agrees with certain principles of Catholic Social Doctrine and wants to establish a “third way” between capitalism and communism. She is an outspoken critic of both Donald Trump and Barack Obama, whom she regards as a left-wing radical.

And she says COVID-19 “changes capitalism forever.”

She is right—especially if the Vatican and its super-rich, super-powerful “guardians” succeed.

Like the Clintons and Rothschilds, Pope Francis espouses an economic philosophy sometimes called state capitalism, but which used to be called corporatism. While pure socialism is direct government control of resources (and people), corporatism permits people to engage in private enterprise but manages them heavily through corporations. These corporations group people together according to their natural interests and social functions so they can regulate their behavior.

The basic premise of Catholic corporatism (as described by Pope Leo XIII in an 1891 encyclical) is that the goal of equality is actually a cruel illusion; people are happiest when placed in a hierarchy guided by the Roman Catholic Church. Competition is spiritually demeaning; therefore, business, labor and the state must work together in corporations that control quotas, prices, wages, individual behavior and the entire economy. And corporations are controlled by Catholic elites. Abuses of this massive concentration of power are supposed to be prevented by Catholicism itself.

“It is no easy matter to define the relative rights and mutual duties of the rich and of the poor, of capital and of labor,” Leo wrote. “[T]he ancient workingmen’s guilds were abolished in the last century, and no other protective organization took their place. Public institutions and the laws set aside the ancient religion.”

This system is a 21st-century version of medieval feudalism, in which employees play the role of serfs, corporate elites play to role of lords, and the Catholic Church plays the role it played in the Middle Ages. Corporate guardians regulate wages, prices and quotas, but under the overall guidance of the Prefect of the Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development and the pope.

### **Catholic Corporatism in Action**

Before the Second World War, fascist dictators like Francisco Franco of Spain, Benito Mussolini of Italy and Adolf Hitler of Germany ran openly corporatist economies with the blessing of the

pope. And after the Second World War, Latin American Catholic dictators like Juan Perón of Argentina and Augusto Pinochet of Chile did the same thing. In fact, one of the primary criticisms of the current pope is that he failed to stand up to the Catholic military junta that ruled his Argentine homeland in the 1970s.

Uki Goñi is an Argentine author whose research focuses on the Vatican’s role in helping Nazi criminals escape to Argentina. In a 2015 editorial for the *New York Times* titled “The Peronist Roots of Pope Francis’ Politics,” he wrote that one cannot understand Francis without acknowledging that his worldview was shaped in Perón’s Argentina. That is why Pope Francis often warns about the “excesses of capitalism” while expressing sympathy for communism and socialism. He believes in the Catholic socialism that Perón oversaw in Argentina.

Now that Perón and Pinochet are dead, many influential Catholic leaders are pointing to an unlikely nation as the best implementer of Catholic social doctrine: Communist China.

China is an atheist state, controlled by the Chinese Communist Party, with a rocky relationship with the Catholic Church. Nevertheless, Bishop Marcelo Sánchez Sorondo, chancellor of the Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences, has praised the regime as extraordinary. “Right now, those who are best implementing the social doctrine of the church are the Chinese,” he said. “You cannot think that the China of today is the China of John Paul II or Cold War Russia” (*Catholic Herald*, Feb. 6, 2018).

Many other Catholic officials share Sorondo’s opinions on Communist China.

Before he was defrocked for sexually abusing children, Cardinal Theodor McCarrick made several “unofficial” diplomatic missions to China as part of a Vatican strategy to reestablish diplomatic relations with the Chinese Communist Party. After his last visit to China in 2016, he suggested that the similarities between the beliefs of Pope Francis and Chinese President Xi Jinping could be “a special gift for the world.” In an interview with the *Global Times*, McCarrick said, “A lot of things that China worries about, [Pope Francis] worries about, about the care of poor, older people, children, our civilization and especially the ecology.

I see a lot of things happening that would really open many doors because President Xi and his government are concerned about things that Pope Francis is concerned about” (Feb. 25, 2016).

Though McCarrick is now out of the clergy, Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro Parolin has taken advantage of the groundwork he laid. The goal was to negotiate a concordat with China that gives the atheist regime a direct role in appointing Catholic bishops. Only a few archconservative cardinals have spoken out against this deal. This is because ever since China’s economic liberalization reforms in the 1970s, the state has become a mixed economy that uses parts of both Communist and capitalist theory. The regime allows private enterprise but manages it in a way similar to what Pope Leo XIII described in his ecumenical.

So if you want to know what the world will look like after Pope Francis’s great reset, and you do not know what it was like in Perónist Argentina—just look at life right now in Communist China.

### **United States of Europe**

If he wants to defeat free-market capitalism, Pope Francis needs to defeat its primary defender, the United States of America. That is a herculean task. It will require help not only from his Guardians for Inclusive Capitalism, Communist China and Catholic U.S. President Joe Biden, but also from Catholic nations in Europe and Latin America. Governments there must follow the example of the world’s “best implementer of Catholic social doctrine.”

The pope has already begun exploiting coronavirus government reactions to make this happen.

In April 2020, Francis warned that the future of the European Union itself depends on its coronavirus response. “Today, the EU finds itself faced with an epochal challenge, on which not only its future but also that of the entire world will depend,” he said in St. Peter’s Basilica during his annual Easter speech. “Let us not miss the opportunity to demonstrate, once again, solidarity, even by resorting to innovative solutions.” He then called on the EU to unite in its response to the COVID-19 pandemic, just as it united after World War II, when the



## MERKEL'S NEW HEIR APPARENT

The CDU's new leader, Armin Laschet.

Germany's Christian Democratic Union selected Armin Laschet as its new leader on January 16, making him the most likely successor of Chancellor Angela Merkel after German elections in September. Laschet is known to be a fan of and possibly even a direct descendant of medieval Catholic European emperor Charlemagne.

Charlemagne conquered and united most of Western Europe, reviving the Holy Roman

Empire, and Laschet sees the European Union as reviving Charlemagne's empire.

"Charlemagne never thought nationalistically about one country; always about Europe as a whole," he told *Die Welt* in 2019. "Maybe 'transnational' would be a better word. He sought the union of the various peoples of his empire and found this cohesiveness in Christianity."

Whereas Merkel is a Protestant and kept religion

largely out of politics, Laschet is a strong Catholic and has championed religious education across Europe.

But what Laschet and other Catholic imperialists don't mention as often is Charlemagne's bloody, lifelong wars of conquest and religious subjugation, cruelly excessive even by medieval standards.

The English-speaking world would never dare promote the history of such a violent predecessor, yet Germany is more and more openly looking back to Charlemagne to chart its future.

Bible prophecy reveals that the Holy Roman Empire, Charlemagne and today's European Union are indeed connected. They are iterations of the same "beast" of Revelation. While Laschet won't necessarily be Germany's next leader, a modern Charlemagne will be. ■

To learn more, read "The Holy Roman Empire Goes Public—Big Time!" by Gerald Flurry ([theTrumpet.com/17669](http://theTrumpet.com/17669)).



MATTEO RENZI

## THREE DAYS, TWO MAJOR EUROPEAN GOVERNMENT CRISES

On January 13, the ruling coalition of the Italian government broke. On January 15, the government of the Netherlands announced its resignation over a welfare scandal. The pre-coronavirus phenomenon of right-wing populists rising in Europe is now reemerging.

In a strategic power play, former Prime Minister Matteo Renzi, leader of Italia Viva withdrew his centrist party from the nation's ruling coalition. Current Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte is struggling on, for now, leading a minority government. Netherlands Prime Minister Mark Rutte has succumbed to a scandal in which about 10,000 families were wrongly accused of fraud and forced to repay tens of thousands of euros in daycare grants between 2013 and 2019. Just weeks before parliamentary elections in March, he resigned. Both Italy and the Netherlands face a politically complex and uncertain immediate future.

Last year, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote in "Coronavirus and the Holy Roman Empire": "One of the most important effects of the global panic over COVID-19 has been almost overlooked. Europe's response to the pandemic is accelerating the fulfillment of one of the most crucial end-time prophecies of your Bible!"

The coronavirus is hastening the arrival of the prophesied Holy Roman Empire. ■

## SWEDEN AND GREECE STRENGTHEN THEIR MILITARIES

In October 2020, Sweden's government announced that it would increase defense spending by 40 percent over the next five years, its largest increase in about 70 years. It also plans to double its number of conscripts. On December 15, Greece's legislature voted to increase defense spending to 57 percent more than the budget for 2019.

Sweden is reacting largely to Russian provocation. Russian warplanes regularly enter Swedish air space, and two warships entered Swedish waters in November. Sweden's legislature also voted to formally express interest in potentially joining NATO. Greece is reacting largely to tension with Turkey.

Meanwhile, Poland increased its defense spending by 11 percent over the previous year,

Italy raised its defense spending for the third year in a row, and Germany voted to increase its spending for 2021. Yet at the same time, Europe is reducing its support for NATO.

"Europe will unite and it will become a formidable global dynamo," we write in *The Holy Roman Empire in Prophecy*. "The unity Europe attains will

not be perfect; it will not come about easily or peacefully; and it certainly will not endure. But Europe is going to become a united superpower and a serious, daunting global power. The emergence of this new Europe will have far-reaching and dramatic consequences for us all." ■

Read *The Holy Roman Empire in Prophecy*.



A Saab Gripen fighter jet is manufactured in Sweden.

## GERMANY ARMS THE MIDDLE EAST AGAINST IRAN

Last year, the German government approved \$1.42 billion worth of weapons exports to countries at war in Yemen or Libya. Its Federal Ministry of Economics reported that \$923 million went to Egypt, \$374 million went to Qatar, \$27 million went to the United Arab Emirates, \$63 million went to Kuwait, \$28 million went to Turkey, \$2 million went to Jordan and \$2 million went to Bahrain. These nations, except Qatar, are part of a Saudi Arabian-led alliance in Yemen fighting Houthi rebels who are supported by Iran.

In Libya, Qatar and Turkey support Prime Minister Fajis al-Sarradsch, whose enemy, Gen. Khalifa Haftar, is supported by the United Arab Emirates and



A Turkish battle tank drives along the border with Syria.

Egypt. Alliances in the Middle East are complex. Germany's goal in the region is to oppose Iran and gain control over as much of North Africa as possible through both its diplomatic efforts and fueling certain aspects of military conflicts by supplying weapons. The Germans have decided that the negative consequences, both at home and abroad, of shipping billions of dollars in weapons to the world's most unstable region are worth it—to oppose Iran. ■

## IRAN NOW ENRICHING URANIUM TO 20 PERCENT

Iran told the International Atomic Energy Agency on January 4 that it has begun the process of enriching uranium up to 20 percent purity. This concentration of uranium, which Iran hasn't produced since before the 2015 nuclear deal, could reduce the time it needs to produce a nuclear weapon from three months to as little as six weeks.

Ali Akbar Salehi, president of the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran, said Iran is also installing 1,000 new centrifuges to help increase the production of enriched uranium. He revealed that Iran has multiplied its stock of yellowcake in the last two years, from 4 or 5 tons to 35 to 40 tons.

The United States Treasury responded on January 5 by imposing new sanctions

against Iran's steel industry, an important source of revenue.

President Joe Biden has promised that America will re-join the 2015 nuclear agreement, which will ease pressure on Iran, if Iran returns to strict compliance. Yet, as its increasing stock of increasingly enriched uranium shows, Iran is becoming increasingly noncompliant. ■



A worker inside Iran's Isfahan uranium enrichment facility

## 2020: RECORD YEAR FOR AMERICAN WEATHER DISASTERS

A record 22 major weather disasters struck the United States last year, costing at least \$1 billion in damages each. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reported on January 8 that wildfires, tornadoes, droughts, hurricanes and other disasters resulted in the deaths of 262 people and \$95 billion in losses.

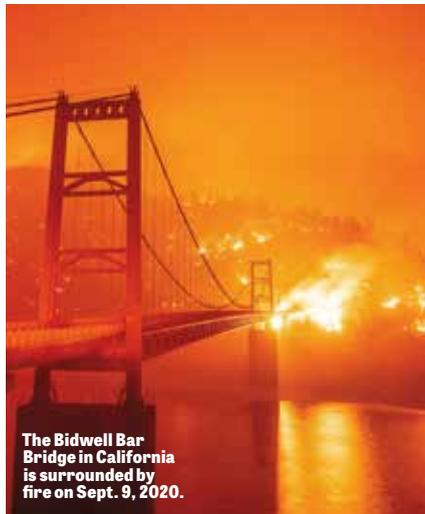
Last year's 22 billion-dollar weather disasters shattered the record of 16 (which occurred in 2011 and 2017). Hurricane Laura, the Category 4 storm that struck the Louisiana coast in August, was 2020's deadliest and most expensive weather disaster, costing 42 lives and costing \$19 billion. Wildfires across the Western states of California, Colorado, Oregon and Washington killed 46 people, burned 10.2 million acres and cost a combined \$16.5 billion. The Derecho windstorm that swept from South Dakota to Ohio in August damaged homes, buildings and power lines, costing

about \$11 billion.

Since the agency began tracking billion-dollar disasters in 1980, there have been 285 such recorded events, with the costs calculated with consumer price index adjustment for 2020. Nearly half of these, 141, occurred in the last decade. 2020 marked the sixth consecutive year in which 10 or more billion-dollar weather-related events impacted the U.S.

Many blame increasingly frequent weather calamities on pollution. The real question we should ask is: Why is the Creator of Earth and the human beings on it allowing this?

In the Bible God boldly states that He controls the weather. Jesus Christ demonstrated control over weather when He quieted a storm (Mark 4:39-41). Leviticus 26:4-5 show that God



The Bidwell Bar Bridge in California is surrounded by fire on Sept. 9, 2020.

promises to give favorable weather and rain for crops, but there is a condition: "If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them" (verse 3). When we refuse to obey God and submit to His law, He brings storms, floods, drought, fiery heat and other disasters to correct us and turn us to Him (Job 37:11-13; Deuteronomy 11:17; 28:22; Amos 4:7; Nahum 1:3-4). ■

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## IRAQ ECONOMY NEARS COLLAPSE

Iraq devalued its currency against the dollar by 18.5 percent on December 19 in an attempt to stimulate its faltering economy after a disastrous 2020. Its debt now exceeds \$125 billion and is projected to soar by another \$2 billion this year. Its projected deficit is expected to increase further to \$58 billion. That means that more than half of its annual budget (\$107.5 billion) is debt, and 11 percent of that budget goes solely toward paying interest on the debt.

Iran claims Iraq owes \$6 billion for electricity and natural gas payments, a debt Iran can use to its advantage, especially as the Iraqi economy and government become more desperate. In December, Iran cut natural gas exports to Iraq from 50 million cubic meters per week to only 5 million, worsening the standing of Iraqi Prime Minister Mustafa al-Khadimi. Iran's goal is to control Iraq, and it is in a strong position to do so. ■



Russian aircraft carrier of the northern fleet Admiral Kuznetsov

## RUSSIA'S ARCTIC MILITARIZATION ACCELERATES

United States Navy Secretary Kenneth Braithwaite warned on December 2 that Russia's militarization of the Arctic threatens freedom of the seas in an increasingly important region.

Russia now has 10 operational airports or airfields in the Arctic, with six more under construction, as well as six operational ports and six multipurpose military bases.

"Russia has remilitarized the Arctic," Braithwaite told the Senate Armed Services Committee. "It should be an alarm to all of Americans, as an Arctic nation, that we should have a more formidable presence to ensure rule of law and freedom of the seas in that part of the world."

Alaskan Republican Sen. Dan Sullivan said, "Russia has accelerated its provocative encounters in the North Pacific," citing Russian forces "harassing American fishing vessels in U.S. waters" and "sending bombers toward Alaska's shores."

In 2008, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry said Russia's attack against the former Soviet nation of Georgia marked a

turning point and a "dangerous new era" for the world. He based his analysis of Russia on Bible prophecies in Daniel 11, Revelation 9 and Joel 2.

Twelve years have passed since Mr. Flurry wrote that article, and it is clear that that Russian invasion of Georgia truly was a watershed moment. Since then, Russia has invaded Ukraine, annexed Crimea, pushed against U.S. power in the Middle East, and partnered with China to push against the global peace in most any way it can. And Russia's dangerous militarization of the Arctic can now be added to the list. To understand the prophecies that informed Mr. Flurry's forecast, read his article "Russian Attack Signals Dangerous New Era." ■

## RUSSIA AND CHINA FLY JOINT BOMBER PATROL OVER PACIFIC

Russia and China flew a provocative joint bomber patrol over the Sea of Japan and East China Sea on December 22 in the latest signal of increasing military coordination.

The Russian Defense Ministry issued a statement saying two of Russia's Tu-95 strategic bombers and four Chinese H-6K bombers flew the mission, which "wasn't directed against any third countries." But South Korea reported that a total of 15 Russian and four Chinese



A Chinese bomber patrols islands in the South China Sea.

aircraft were involved, and that all 19 entered its air defense identification zone. South Korea scrambled fighter jets in response and undertook tactical measures against the intruders.

The Russia-China mission marks the second joint aerial strategic patrol the two have

flown in the Asia-Pacific region, with the first occurring in July 2019. China's state-run *Global Times* said, "China-Russia joint aerial strategic patrols will become routine in the future."

The bomber mission follows Russian President Vladimir Putin's declaration in October that Russia and China could form an official military alliance. "[O]ur relations have reached such a level of cooperation and trust that it is not necessary," he said, "but it is certainly imaginable."

Putin added: "[W]e are not going to rule it out."

Considering the rapid increase in cooperation between Russia and China since 2003, developing a full military alliance would not be difficult to accomplish. It would almost be illogical to assume the two giants of Asia will not ally.

The *Trumpet* has been monitoring and reporting on this watershed trend for decades because the Bible prophecies that a multinational Asian alliance, led by Russia and China, will form in the end time. To understand those prophecies, order your free copy of *Russia and China in Prophecy*. ■

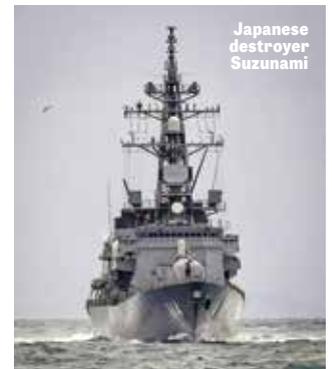
## JAPAN'S AEGIS PLAN INCLUDES PREEMPTIVE STRIKE CAPABILITY

The Japanese government announced on December 9 that it plans to build Aegis-equipped superdestroyers equipped with missile capabilities that could potentially strike enemy launch pads before missiles are fired. The Cabinet also approved plans to construct standoff missiles able to be launched from land, air and sea.

The real bombshell in these plans is that Japan will be able not only to defend itself by shooting down incoming enemy missiles, but also preemptively strike enemy launch pads in anticipation of an attack. This aspect of the plan drew fire from opposition party lawmakers who argue that preemptive strikes violate Japan's war-renouncing Constitution,

which limits the nation's use of force strictly to defense only.

For decades, Japan has been shifting away from those limitations and toward military normalization, but mostly in a discreet manner. If Tokyo follows through on the changes to its defense policies and weaponry, it will be a major, overt step in that direction. ■



Japanese destroyer Suzunami



## COVID-19: DREAM COME TRUE FOR VIDEO GAME INDUSTRY

**A**s government lockdowns attributed to COVID-19 forced people around the world to stay home from jobs, school, extended family and friends, many used the extra time to buy and play video games. The revenue of the global video game market increased by roughly 20 percent last year, according to a MarketWatch report published on Dec. 22, 2020. That equates to about \$180 billion, more than the global film and North American sports industries combined.

Three quarters of Americans—244 million people—play video games, up 32 million from two years ago. The average gamer played 14 hours a week in 2020, compared to 12 hours a week in 2018. *In 2020, about 70 million Americans—almost a quarter of the population—played video games more than 15 hours a week.* In a nation in desperate need of awakening and repentance, millions are turning instead to *Minecraft*, *Wii Sports* and *Grand Theft Auto*. ■

### CLINIC FIGHTS TO CONTINUE ADMINISTERING PUBERTY-BLOCKING DRUGS TO CHILDREN

**B**ritain's biggest transgender clinic for children announced on Dec. 22, 2020, that it is appealing to a High Court ruling that prevents it from prescribing puberty-blocking drugs to children under the age of 16 without prior approval from a judge.

The High Court ruling was made after a 23-year old woman who identified as a boy when she was younger took legal action against the Tavistock clinic for giving her puberty-blocking drugs when she was 16. She now regrets taking the drugs and says she was too young to know what she was getting into. Last year, the Tavistock clinic treated

95 children under the age of 16 for "gender dysphoria," the belief that their real gender was different than biological reality.

Our Creator made two sexes, male and female, and emphasizes this in the first chapters of the Bible. God strongly differentiates between the two in dress, hair length, appearance and roles for building happy marriages, fulfilled families and strong nations (see Genesis 1-2, Deuteronomy 22:5; Matthew 19:4 and 1 Corinthians 11:14-15). In Deuteronomy 22:5, God directly forbids precisely the misery-inducing ideas that society is now applauding and even forcing on our youth. ■

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### DEMOCRATS URGE BIDEN TEAM TO CENSOR BIBLICAL VIRTUES

**O**n Nov. 30, 2020, Congressmen Jamie Raskin and Jared Huffman urged Joe Biden and Kamala Harris to use federal power to remove God from America. These Democrats presented a 28-page document to the Biden transition team on behalf of the Secular Democrats of America, a political action committee. This proposal, titled "Restoring Constitutional Secularism and Patriotic Pluralism in the White House," recommends targeting what it calls the "Christian nationalist movement" and pressures politicians to avoid terms like "God and country," to include secular representatives at interfaith gatherings, and to promote humanistic military chaplains who teach you can live a good life without God.

Raskin and Huffman conclude that "Christian nationalists" have



mischaracterized the United States as being founded "as a 'Christian nation' based on biblical principles, rather than as a secular nation based on revolutionary democratic ideas." They even urged the Biden transition team to avoid the phrase "Judeo-Christian values," as "it has been weaponized by the religious right to advance an agenda that has the veneer of inclusivity but actually undermines tens of millions of Americans implicitly excluded from its formulation." The Secular Democrats agenda is not to protect freedom of religion, but to censor all mention of biblical virtue in public life. ■



### UNIVERSITY: BREEDING UNHAPPINESS

**A**lthough attending university gives students many experiences, social opportunities and specialized training, a recent study shows what it fails to provide is happiness. According to a December 8 report by the Office for Students, university graduates are unhappier, less satisfied with life, and have lower feelings of self-worth than the general population.

The United Kingdom's Department for Education surveyed more than 215,000 graduates at all levels, 15 months after they had left university, and found that

73 percent of unemployed graduates had high anxiety scores, compared with 40 percent for the general public. For those employed, less than a quarter who work full time reported very high life satisfaction. Less than a third reported feeling that what they did was worthwhile.

The late educator and namesake of Herbert W. Armstrong College wrote in his autobiography: "[T]he Bible is the very foundation of all knowledge—the basic concept as an approach to the acquisition of all knowledge—whether academic, scientific, historic, philosophical or otherwise. The Bible provides the missing dimension in education. Therefore, it must be the basis for all academic courses." When the Bible is left out of education, people learn a mixture of truth and error that, rather than solving their problems and those of others, often makes them worse. ■

“Continent rose, thanks to a concrete spirit of solidarity, which allowed it to overcome the rivalries of the past.”

Francis doubled down on this message in his October ecumenical.

In *Fratelli Tutti*'s first chapter, “Dark Clouds Over a Closed World,” he noted that there was once a “dream of a united Europe, capable of acknowledging its shared roots and rejoicing in its rich diversity.” There “was also a growing desire for integration in Latin America,” his home continent. But he lamented that these unification projects were “showing signs of a certain regression” because “conflicts thought long buried are breaking out anew, while instances of a myopic, extremist, resentful and aggressive nationalism are on the rise.”

To overcome this “nationalism,” Francis called for international unity—especially in Europe and Latin America.

This is not the first time Francis has advocated for a federal Europe. He received the famed Charlemagne Prize on May 6, 2016, for “exceptional work performed in the service of European unity.” A year later, he delivered a speech to the leaders of 27 EU member states, warning that the EU risks “dying” unless its leaders band together against populism. Now he hopes coronavirus will prompt leaders to take him seriously.

Could this happen? Although brands like Visa and Mastercard and diseases like coronavirus are new, the church-state European empire is ancient!

Over two millennia, the Roman Catholic Church has partnered with various European nations to form and re-form the Holy Roman Empire (request our free book *The Holy Roman Empire in Prophecy* for a detailed explanation of this history). While Vatican officials are currently pointing to atheist China as

the “best implementer of Catholic social doctrine,” both history and Bible prophecy show that a new European empire will soon claim this title.

### Lady of Kingdoms

Many Catholics don't grasp that Vatican City is more than the headquarters of a religion; it is a nation-state participating in political machinations involving nations and *empires*. As British political economist Rodney Atkinson wrote to the late *Trumpet* writer Ron Fraser in 2013, “Imperial politics rather than the religion of the Roman Catholic Church have been its critical characteristic.” The Council for Inclusive Capitalism, the China Concordat, and the pope's intervention in European politics *are all part of the effort to resurrect the Holy Roman Empire*.

Bible prophecy describes a great church in the end time that holds

## The Vatican's Unholy China Deal

**S**EVENTY-FIVE YEARS AFTER THE HOLOCAUST, THE VATICAN IS again turning a blind eye to an authoritarian regime's attempt to exterminate an ethnic minority. That is the assessment of human rights activist Benedict Rogers. In a July 29, 2020, *Foreign Policy* article, Rogers recounted how the president of the Board of Deputies of British Jews wrote a letter to the Chinese ambassador in London, comparing the plight of the Uyghurs in Communist China to that of Jews in Nazi Germany. Children have been taken from their parents and sent to state-run orphanages. Women have been sterilized. Drone footage shows Uyghur men, kneeling and blindfolded, waiting to be loaded onto trains.

Twenty-three nations have condemned China's human rights abuses. But the Vatican has remained surprisingly silent, considering that Pope Francis is hailed as an advocate for the oppressed.

The pope has condemned the United States government for temporarily separating the children of illegal immigrants from their parents at the U.S.-Mexico border. He has spoken out against the murder of George Floyd at the hands of a U.S. police officer, saying, “We cannot tolerate or turn a blind eye to racism and exclusion in any form.” But with Communist China, he has turned a blind eye to racism, exclusion and worse. He has uttered no public prayer for the Uyghurs, the Hong Kongers, the Tibetans, the Falun Gong practitioners, or any other group persecuted by China's ruling party. And it took months of public shaming before he included the Uyghurs as a “persecuted” people in his book *Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future*.

Why the silence? Rogers says Pope Francis may be restrained from criticizing China under the terms of a secret concordat between the Vatican and the Chinese Communist Party.

Two years ago, the Vatican asked Bishop Peter Zhuang Jianjian and Bishop Joseph Guo Xijin to step down and make

way for two new bishops approved by the Chinese government. This was a prelude to a deal between the Catholic Church and the Chinese government. This deal's text remains secret, but we know it gives an atheist regime a role in appointing bishops, and it may discourage the pope from speaking about the Communists' human rights abuses.

Before this deal, about half of China's 10 to 12 million Catholics worshiped in underground churches that refuse to recognize Communist control over their faith. The other half worshiped in the Chinese Patriotic Catholic Association, a church run by clergy appointed and controlled by the Communist Party.

The deal was supposed to be a strategic compromise in the name of Catholic unity, but no member of the Catholic clergy has been released from prison, and several more have disappeared since the deal was signed.

The last British governor of Hong Kong is warning that the Vatican is making a mistake by cozying up to China just as it is slipping back into the hardest-line dictatorship since Mao Zedong. Retired Hong Kong Cardinal Joseph Zen has said the deal is analogous to signing a contract with Adolf Hitler—something the Vatican actually did on July 20, 1933.

Yet in October 2020, the Vatican renewed this deal for another two years.

In summary: Pope Francis turns a blind eye to China's egregious human rights abuses while praising Catholics who kneel at Black Lives Matter protests in the United States. This shows that human rights are not his primary concern. Like the popes before him, he is pursuing a geopolitical agenda. He wants full diplomatic relations with Communist China so he can bring America's enemies—foreign and domestic—into an economic alliance against the United States!

**ANDREW MILLER**

# The Sabbath: Only for the Old Testament?

**Even the New Testament shows that God expects us to observe a seventh-day Sabbath.**

**I**S THE SEVENTH-DAY SABBATH JUST FOR THE OLD TESTAMENT? Many people believe so. But what does the New Testament say on the subject?

Did Jesus Christ keep the Sabbath?

“And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught” (Mark 1:21). So clearly, Christ was a seventh-day Sabbath-keeper. But was this just a one-time event?

“And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up; and, as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read” (Luke 4:16).

Mark 2:28 goes so far as to say that Jesus Christ “is Lord also of the sabbath.” In fact, since God created all things through Him (Ephesians 3:9), Jesus Christ actually *created* the Sabbath!

Yet some say Jesus *did away* with the Sabbath at His death. Many believe we should observe Sunday because of references to the first day of the week in the New Testament. But did the Church *after Christ* keep the Sabbath?

There are eight New Testament passages that contain the phrase “first day of the week,” though the word *day* is not in the original Greek any of those times. Acts 20:7 is probably the most referenced instance. In the Bible, the day begins at sunset (Leviticus 23:32). Paul spoke “until midnight,” which means this “first day of the week” was a Saturday night. The other seven passages, if they even allude to God’s people coming together, give no evidence of Sunday being a day of worship.

These eight passages give no authority to change the weekly day of worship. Even the Catholic Church recognizes this. As Cardinal James Gibbons wrote: “You may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday. The Scriptures enforce the religious observance of Saturday, a day we never sanctify” (*Faith of Our Fathers*).

As to the example of the first-century Church, they too kept a seventh-day Sabbath. In Acts 17:1-2, for example, the Apostle Paul visited Jews in Thessalonica, and “as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures” (Acts 17:1-2). This was the seventh day of the week, as Jews have always observed. He did it “three sabbath days.” And not simply because he was in town for three weeks; this was “as his *manner* was”—the same Greek word Luke used when he wrote “custom” in Luke 4:16. It was Christ’s custom to keep the Sabbath day, and it was Paul’s—years after Christ had been resurrected.

In Acts 13, Paul preached to both Jews and Gentiles in the synagogue on the Sabbath, which proves that it wasn’t just for the Jews. In fact, the Jews were offended by Paul’s message, and “the Gentiles besought that these words might be preached to them the next sabbath” (verse 42). Paul was a Christian who, like the rest of the New Testament Church, observed the Sabbath. “And the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God” (verse 44).

Prophesying about the end time, Christ says to His very elect, “But pray ye that your flight be not in the winter, *neither on the sabbath day*. For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be” (Matthew 24:20-21). So the Sabbath will continue to be in effect until at least that point—and those who escape the tribulation will be keeping it.

We have seen that Christ kept the Sabbath while on Earth. The New Testament Church after Him did as well. The Sabbath is to be in effect up until the return of Jesus Christ. All this is provable from the New Testament. If you have closed your mind to the Old Testament, reconsider looking at it to learn why and how to observe the Sabbath. Go back to Genesis and see how God put His presence in this day, thus making it holy



**THE SABBATH MEANS RESTING FROM THE LABOR OF THE WEEK AND REMEMBERING THE CREATOR. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT TYPIFIES A TIME OF REST FROM THIS HECTIC WORLD.**

(Genesis 2:1-3). What God has made holy, He commands us to *keep* holy (Exodus 20:8-11).

The Sabbath means resting from the labor of the week and remembering the Creator. But more importantly, it typifies a time of rest from this hectic world, of which Satan is now deceiver and god (Revelation 12:9; 2 Corinthians 4:4). The 6,000 years Satan has had man in his grasp are a type of the six-day workweek, since 1,000 years is as one day to God (2 Peter 3:8).

The Sabbath is not only for the Old Testament, but still in living effect today! ■

**Herbert W. Armstrong was challenged about the Sabbath early in his life. In his book *Which Day Is the Christian Sabbath?*, he examined each instance the New Testament refers to “the first day of the week” and proved that no worship services were held on this day. Request this free booklet for deeper study into these passages.**

## DISCUSSION BOARD

**I get the real news from you guys (“Wake Up to the Threat From China,” February, [theTrumpet.com/23338](https://www.thetrumpet.com/23338)). Our whole nation is deceived. The Bay Area news doesn’t talk about what’s really going on. I appreciate the *Trumpet*, and you guys are the heartbeat of what’s really going on in the world and how it affects America. I really appreciate the *Trumpet*!**

**Albert Verron** VOICEMAIL

Very sad to read that U.S. presidential elections were rigged and manipulated by people who are supposed to be role models (“The Tangled Web of E-Voting,” February, [theTrumpet.com/23342](https://www.thetrumpet.com/23342)). A fair investigation should be done, and those involved should be punished. America, please set an example; we are looking at you for standards and ethical values. May the Lord save this blessed nation.

**Sudheer V.** E-MAIL RESPONSE

My neighbor just got her January issue of the *Trumpet* magazine with the president on the front (“Why Donald Trump Will Remain America’s President,” [theTrumpet.com/23193](https://www.thetrumpet.com/23193)). I read it, and I just want to say keep up the good work! Trump is the end-time Jeroboam, and people are going to start noticing this little Church very soon.

**Okhuib Butala** VOICEMAIL

Yes, it is all falling into place! The situations around the world are showing the signs that something staggering is going to

happen prophetically!

**Ralph Turner** E-MAIL RESPONSE

Seventy-five million people voted for Trump. I don’t think they are going away. I will be praying for Trump and so will the people who love him. This election could be overturned in some way. The truth needs to come out about the Bidens’ evil behavior. I don’t think Trump has given up.

**Joan** E-MAIL RESPONSE

Such a blessing to receive the reminder in this hard moment, especially for the U.S. people. What Donald did is to stand up against all the cabal and evil. This is the battle between good and evil. Our Lord will never fail. He uses His prophets to keep reminding us of His message. God bless Donald; God bless all of us; and God bless America. God bless you and your ministries, and thank you.

**Esther** E-MAIL RESPONSE

Waiting in faith. Praying in faith. God is good, and this evil will not stand. When evil doubles down,

our faith must grow stronger. I will soon be 79 years old. I still feel like a child of God, always learning and growing in faith. I am very happy to have found your website. I feel like I am in the company of real Christians. God bless your work. I have no doubts; just waiting patiently.

**Joan** E-MAIL RESPONSE

I know God has a plan for the president. The media says that Biden has won, but God doesn’t need time to turn the tables, He just needs a second. When He lets down the hammer, their mouths will be wide open!

**Glenda White** ALABAMA

North Korea already said they are ramping up nukes. Iran is testing nukes. And China is becoming a reputable force. You said Germany will come in, and I’m waiting and watching.

**Perry** E-MAIL RESPONSE

Thank you for all the books you have sent while I’m in prison and jail—what an awesome blessing is the knowledge that I am getting!



This is truly of the Lord. Right now, I might be locked up, but I am at God’s university. I will be 70 years old soon, and I have never learned as much as I have from reading the Bible and studying all the books I read from Mr. Flurry and Mr. Armstrong.

**John Carranza** CALIFORNIA

This is the best magazine I have ever seen. I want to know how I can get a copy sent to my son-in-law. I wish I could give one to everybody. People need to wake up.

**Anon** VOICEMAIL

The reading is outstanding because you never hear this, and I am a regular churchgoer. You never hear this from the pulpit. I just love this reading.

**John Dutcher** VOICEMAIL

Whoever you can tell, give them a hug for me. This is sustaining information. Thank God for people who go into the truth.

**Jacqueline Snow** VOICEMAIL

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# Pornography's Child Victims

A heartbreaking crisis. A genuine solution.

I'M ABOUT TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING THAT WILL BRING YOU TO tears. But I hope you'll read through to the end.

Here is a hard fact about our society: Three of the top 10 websites in the world are pornography. And on one of these sites, users are uploading 6.8 million of their own pornographic videos every year—100 percent of which are perverted filth, much of which also contain *rape*, and many of which contain *sexual exploitation of children*.

"After a 15-year-old girl went missing in Florida, her mother found her on [this website]—in 58 sex videos," the *New York Times* reported on Dec. 6, 2020. "Sexual assaults on a 14-year-old California girl were posted [there] and were reported to the authorities *not by the company but by a classmate who saw the videos*. In each case, offenders were arrested for the assaults, but [this company] *escaped responsibility for sharing the videos and profiting from them*" (emphasis added throughout).

Videos on this site come from people who are being secretly videoed, and from high school and junior high girls getting pressured to send sexual videos to their boyfriends, who then post them. Some of the videos contain children as young as 9!

One girl told the *Times*, "They're making money off the worst moment in my life, off my body." Some victims turn to drug addiction and become suicidal.

That this could ever happen, even once, is horrifying. But it is happening *a lot*. One report estimated that this pornography company is more influential than Amazon, Apple or Microsoft. And adults and children are also being sexually abused on countless other pornography sites, as well as Facebook, Twitter, Reddit and others. This article adds that "Google supports the business models of companies that thrive on child molestation." It also cited statistics from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, which says it received reports of 6.5 million files containing sexual exploitation of children in 2015; in 2017, 20.6 million; and in 2019, 69.2 million.

In five years, more than a *10-fold increase*. The demand for deranged child sexual content is exploding!

An estimated 30 percent of *all data* transferred across the Web is pornography. And an estimated 20 percent of *all Internet pornography* involves **TRAFFICKED CHILDREN!**

The pornography company mentioned above, which serves 3 billion ad impressions a day and receives enormous advertising revenue, offers this as its solution: an understaffed screening department, the employees of which have the self-described "soul-destroying" job of watching sexually

explicit videos all day and trying to guess if the young person they are seeing is 17 or 18. Meanwhile, since the website allows users to directly download the video files, even if screeners remove a video, it can still be re-uploaded and shared.

The *Times* article caused credit card companies to review their relationship with this website, and the website to make it harder to upload videos. Thus, pornography users are inconvenienced in their method of payment, and an impediment may slow the spread of certain content. These are feckless, hopeless "solutions" to a *horrendous* problem: millions of people ignoring, explaining away, secretly consuming, openly indulging in or even championing pornography—even *child pornography!*

They insist that shutting down pornography is wrong because it limits our freedom. But they directly disagree with Jesus Christ! "[W]hosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart," He said (Matthew 5:28). Pornography of *any* kind is sin. It hurts *everyone* involved. It leads to a miserable, evil life, followed by death! "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a *slave* of sin," He said in John 8:34 (New King James Version). *That's* the truth. "[W]hatever overcomes a man, to that he is *enslaved*" (2 Peter 2:19; Revised Standard Version).

They say it's freedom. He says it's *slavery*. Who do you believe?

**20 PERCENT  
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As you read this, *children* are being enslaved, trafficked and forced into sexual acts so that slaveowners and pornographers can make money, and someone with a credit card somewhere can watch. Pornography viewers are funding the *literal enslavement* of women and children! And our society has *no solutions!*

And people are too addicted to sin to even care.

But there is someone who has seen it all, who *cares*, and who possesses the power to *stop it!*

Read Psalm 94. The God "to whom vengeance belongeth" will show Himself and *judge* and bring upon sinners their own iniquity." Think of those addicted men, those victimized women, those traumatized *children*. Don't you *yearn* for God to "break in pieces the oppressor"? (Psalm 72:4). Don't you long for this *justice*?

Here is the good news. This is not wishful thinking. It is *advance news* of what is coming! ■

***If looking at the reality of our society makes you sick at heart, request your free copy of *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like*, by Herbert W. Armstrong, for Bible-based hope!***

significant political influence with “the kings of the earth.” This church has extraordinary power over a union of 10 nations (or groups of nations) described in symbolic terms as a “beast” (Revelation 17). This description can only apply to one church in modern history, a political church that intervenes in the affairs of nations and considers itself mother to all, a church aligned with the Holy Roman Empire.

Herbert W. Armstrong explained in his booklet *Who or What Is the Prophetic Beast?* (free upon request) that the 10 nations in Revelation 17 are 10 European nations tenuously bound together by the ideological glue of Roman Catholicism. The religious entity referred to in Revelation 17 is headquartered in the seven-hilled city of Rome.

Many prophecies reveal what this church will do in the time ahead. Revelation 18:3 says, “For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.” Notice, these merchants do business in all nations. This means that even though this great false church exercises extraordinary power over a group of European nations, its economic influence encircles the globe—from Asia to the Americas.

In Isaiah 47, God calls this same church the “daughter of the Chaldeans” and the “lady of kingdoms.” “Sit thou silent, and get thee into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called, The lady of kingdoms. I was wroth with my people, I have polluted mine inheritance, and given them into thine hand: thou didst shew them no mercy; upon the ancient hast thou very heavily laid thy yoke” (verses 5-6).

God will deliver “my people”—speaking of the modern-day nations descended from ancient Israel, more specifically the United States and Britain—over to this “lady of kingdoms” because of their many sins.

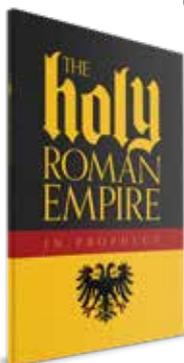
Bible prophecy forecast thousands of years ago that the pope would wage war against America, and the current pope’s crusade against free-market capitalism is rallying many nations against the United States.

Yet Scripture also reveals that because this “daughter of Babylon” shows no mercy to the people under her control, God will personally take vengeance on her, laying her in the dust (verses 9-15).

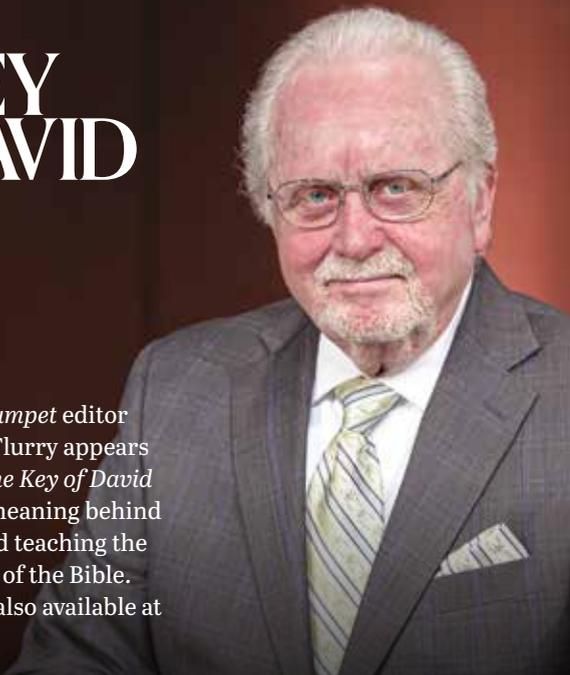
God takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked. He asks, “[W]hy will ye die, O house of Israel?” (Ezekiel 33:11).

Great calamities like natural disasters, disease pandemics and economic besiegement by foreign powers are a wake-up call from God, alerting people to the desperate need to repent of their many sins!

History show what happens when the pope influences politics, business and the use of deadly force. Request *The Holy Roman Empire in Prophecy*.



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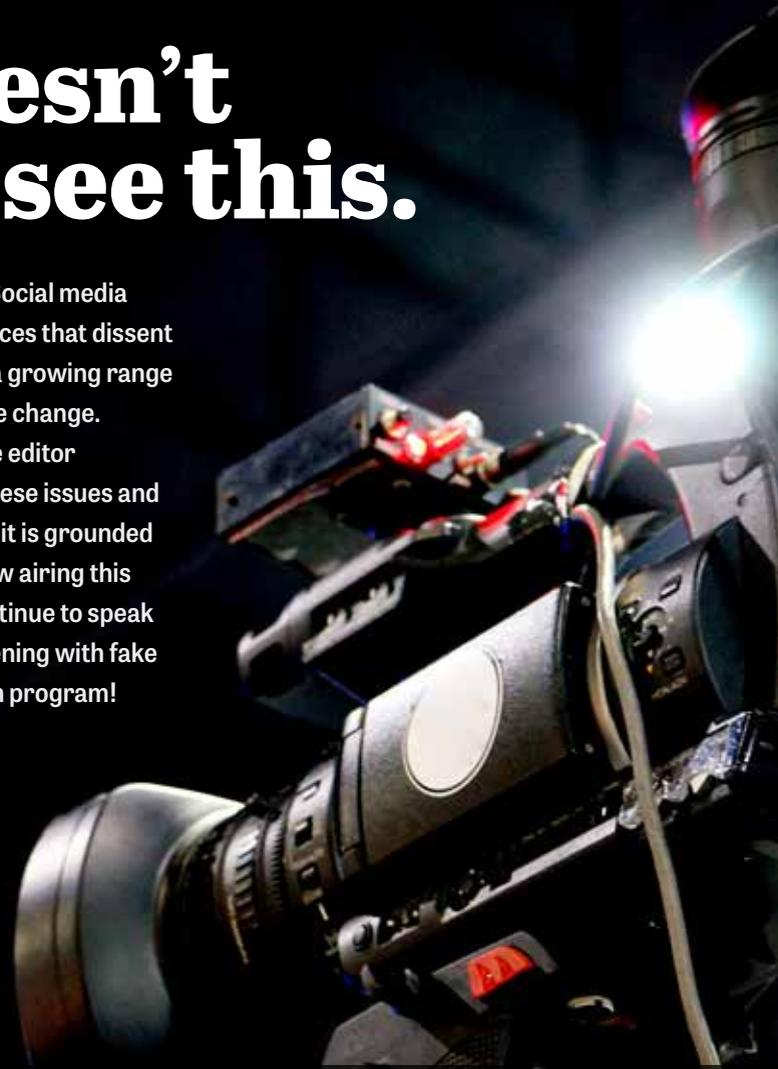
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