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# A SIGN OF WORSE TO COME

And of the far better news that follows!

by Hamas in its attack on Israel in October. These savage beasts sought to terrify, kidnap, torture, rape and murder as many Jews as possible. They indiscriminately gunned down fleeing youths, stole innocent civilians as hostages, killed children in front of their own parents and parents in front of their own children, burned whole families alive in their homes, cut babies out of the bellies of pregnant mothers, beheaded infants, and committed other sickening atrocities.

Then, they *boasted* about their evil. They uploaded graphic videos onto social media. They spread these horrifying images as far and wide as possible.

These are *demonic* actions. They are inspired by Satan the devil, who hates human beings, and especially hates Jews. That is a bold statement, but you can prove it from your Bible. (Request a free copy of my book *The Key of David* and read Chapter 8, "Satan's Great Wrath.")

This is important to realize; otherwise you *will not* grasp the significance of what has happened in the Jewish state of Israel.

This nightmare is a foreshadowing and a sign of a time of unprecedented suffering prophesied to come upon the whole world very soon!

This war that suddenly besieged the Jewish state should arrest the attention of ALL PEOPLE. It is a flashing red warning of just how catastrophic and devastating are the events about to engulf all of our lives.

Thankfully, though, that devastation precedes unimaginably glorious hope.

#### **Great Tribulation**

Jesus Christ warned specifically about the signs of the END OF THIS AGE. You can read His important prophecy in Matthew 24, Mark 13 and Luke 21.

When His disciples asked Him about these signs, He first spoke about religious deception, then "wars and rumours of wars"; He warned of "famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes" and said, "All these are the beginning of sorrows" (Matthew 24:3-8). These signs have been visible for many years, even decades. But we can expect them to intensify.

The next sign, though, is more specific. Christ spoke of the true gospel being "preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come" (verse 14). This sign of the end has already occurred—it was fulfilled by a man named Herbert W. Armstrong (request a free copy of A Pivotal Sign of the End Time). That puts this prophecy from Jesus Christ right in the context of TODAY'S WORLD EVENTS.

What then is the *next event* that will signal the end of this age? "When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand)" (verse 15). Luke's account describes this "abomination of desolation ... in the holy place" as "*Jerusalem compassed with armies*" (Luke 21:20). And Christ said that when you see this, "then know that THE DESOLATION THEREOF IS NIGH."

WE MUST WATCH JERUSALEM! That city is a powder keg, and it is *there* that the spark will be lit that ignites a sequence of events leading directly to the END of civilization as we know it! *Many* prophecies show this.

The violence that unfolded in Israel on October 7 portends an explosion of volatility and violence that will *lead to* these armies surrounding the Holy City.

You need to know about those armies. Whoso reads, let him UNDERSTAND! That event is an urgent sign for people to FLEE (Matthew 24:16-20)—because the worst suffering in human history is about to begin! "For then shall be GREAT TRIBULATION, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be" (verse 21).

The great tribulation will be an expression of the devil's GREAT WRATH, because he knows his time is short (Revelation 12:12). God will not allow him to continue his evil reign much longer.

When you see what the butchers of Hamas are doing to Jews, you get a terrifying picture of how fierce Satan's hatred is!

Other prophecies show that this "great tribulation" is particularly punishing to the nations of modern Israel—the Jewish state, the United States and Britain most of all. (Prove the biblical identity of these nations by requesting your free copy of *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.) These nations are about to fall! And no other peoples will suffer worse treatment. Even the period leading up to this Tribulation is a dreadful, horrendous time.



Today's tragedy in Israel is just a TASTE of the Great Tribulation. It is only a single sip of a bitter, bitter cup. Events are about to get far worse.

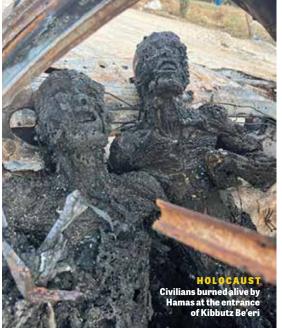
#### **Times of the Gentiles**

Revelation 11:2 says that the city of Jerusalem will be trodden down by the Gentiles for 42 months—31/2 years. In Luke's account of the Olivet prophecy, Christ said the people of Jerusalem would "fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" (Luke 21:24).

"The times of the Gentiles" is a very telling expression. Who are the Gentiles? We must know, if we are to watch for this sign Christ gave us. Today that word is used to mean all non-Jews. But the truth is, it refers to non-Israelites, and the Israelites include America and Britain.

Christ was prophesying of a time when the age of British and American dominance in the world would end—and be overtaken by a period when Gentile powers unleash an UNPAR-ALLELED NIGHTMARE!

I wrote about this prophecy in last month's feature article "World Leaders Who No Longer Have a Human Mind" (the Trumpet.com/28157). Please read that article. Events in Israel graphically illustrate what I was talking about. They



show us that people can have the Heart of a beast! What kind of mind can command and commit such murderous butchery?

Man's capacity for evil has been fully exposed in Jewish towns bordering Gaza. Yet that SPIRIT OF EVIL exists far beyond Gaza and far beyond those mourning towns. And there is a specific reason why it targets the nations of Israel, the Jewish state and Jerusalem.

As I wrote in that article, WE ARE ALREADY DEEP INTO THE TIMES OF THE GENTILES. The times of the Israelite powers are over! The Demonic savagery THE WORLD JUST WITNESSED FROM HAMAS IS A FORETASTE OF THE UNIMAGINABLE SUFFERING ABOUT

TO ENGULF ISRAEL, AMERICA, BRITAIN AND THE WHOLE WORLD.

Don't be lulled to sleep because these events are happening on the other side of the world. Firstly, they are happening in the most important part of the world—a part Christ specifically warned us to watch in preparation for the Second Coming.

But beyond that, Bible prophecy also uses Jerusalem, the capital of ancient Israel, to represent all the modern nations of Israel, particularly the Americans and the British.

THAT MEANS THIS TERRIBLE VIOLENCE IS GOING TO SPREAD DRAMATICALLY—AND IT WILL AFFECT YOU.

#### **Breaking the Brotherhood**

Prophecy gives us profound insight into many dimensions of these events in Israel. Let's examine a few more.

For one, look closely at the role the United States is playing. While there was initially some strong support from Washington, America's leadership is very hostile to Israel. This began under President Barack Obama and is continuing under Joe Biden, who is simply carrying out Obama's policies (article, page 6). At every opportunity, Obama has weakened Israel and empowered its fiercest enemy, Iran! In this way, Barack Obama is responsible for Iran and Hamas's horrific barbarity.

This is why, in the Trumpet's September 2022 issue, I published an article titled "Britain's and Judah's Governments



Fall—America Next?" (the Trumpet.com/25966). There I wrote: "From the time of Joe Biden's inauguration, I predicted that we would have more Palestinian terrorist attacks in Israel because of the change in leadership. That is exactly what began to happen. Anybody should be able to recognize why!" If you have been reading the *Trumpet*, you understand how Bible prophecy informed that prediction.

These terrorist groups can see that Israel does not have America's support. A strong strain of radical leftism and communism has infected America's ruling class—as has an unmistakable hatred for the Jewish state!

The rift between America and Israel is very dangerous, especially to the Jews. Zechariah 11:14 prophesies that in the end time. God will "break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel." *Judah* is the prophetic term for the Jewish state, since Judah was the ancient forefather of the Jewish people. *Israel* was the ancient patriarch of Judah and 11 other tribes, one of which became the United States. So this verse in Zechariah could be a

specific forecast of a separation between these two countries that will leave Judah dangerously alone.

Iran and Hamas are exploiting the division in the U.S.-Israel relationship. The more isolated the Jewish state is, the bolder its enemies grow. Israel is a tiny country in a very hostile world. It desperately needs allies. As America falls away, it is actively pursuing alternatives.

This brings to mind still more biblical prophecies.

#### **Israel's Wound**

The book of Hosea is also prophecy for this end time. Notice this specific forecast about the modern-day Jewish state: "When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah saw his wound, then went Ephraim to the Assyrian, and sent to king

"Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people!"

—JFRFMTAH 9:1

Jareb: yet could he not heal you, nor cure you of your wound" (Hosea 5:13). As I explain in my booklet *Jerusalem in Prophecy* (free upon request), the original Hebrew here reveals that both Ephraim (the prophetic name for Britain today) and the Jewish state look for help from Assyria, modern-day Germany.

The Jews are prophesied here to recognize a deep WOUND in their body politic. I have been writing for over 20 years that this wound represents the Middle East peace process, by which Israel has surrendered its own land in the vain hope of appeasing its enemies.

In 2005, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon unilaterally evacuated the Gaza Strip. It was hoped that turning this territory over to the Palestinians would reduce their hatred for Israel. Instead Iran, via a terrorist group called Hamas—founded in 1987 expressly to destroy Israel—quickly became the de facto rulers of Gaza. And they viewed Israel's evacuation as a triumph!

"Now, after the victory in the Gaza Strip, we will transfer the struggle to the West Bank and later to Jerusalem," Hamas's leader in Gaza, Mahmoud Zahar, said in 2005. "Neither the liberation of the Gaza Strip, nor the liberation of the West Bank or even Jerusalem will suffice us. Hamas will pursue the armed struggle until the liberation of all our lands. We don't recognize the State of Israel or its right to hold on to one inch of Palestine. Palestine is an Islamic land belonging to all the Muslims" (Jerusalem Post, Aug. 17, 2005).

Within a short time, Hamas was throwing its Palestinian rivals off of rooftops! In the time since, these brutes have remained committed to their radicalism and hatred. Now the world has watched as Hamas has soaked itself and Jewish bodies of men, women, children and babies in blood! The slaughter

#### 'JUDAH SAW HIS WOUND'

Israel's history of failure in the Middle East peace process

SEPTEMBER 13, 1993 Oslo I Accord: Palestinian Authority is established; Israel starts withdrawal. SEPTEMBER 28, 1995 Oslo II Accord: Israel agrees to withdraw from most major PA municipalities. DECEMBER 23, 2000 Prime Minister Ehud Barak offers 95 percent of the West Bank and 100 percent of Gaza with some Israeli land in exchange for settler territory. Jerusalem will be shared. JUNE 24, 2003 President George W. Bush announces the "Roadmap for Peace," which Israelis accept as a basis for negotiations with the Palestinians.

AUGUST 15, 2005 Israel begins its complete withdrawal from the Gaza Strip.

SEPTEMBER 16, 2008 Prime Minister Ehud Olmert offers independence to over 90 percent of Palestinian territory; Jerusalem will be shared. Details are murky.

JUNE 14, 2009 Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu gives his "Bar-Ilan Speech," in which he calls for a start to negotiations if the Palestinians take their security obligations seriously. JANUARY 28, 2020 U.S. President Donald Trump unveils his peace plan with Israeli settlements as a part of Israel; Netanyahu endorses it.

of 1,400 Israelis in a single attack planned and launched from Gaza is bitter evidence of what a WOUND that farcical "peace process" has been!

Based on Hosea's prophecy of Israel looking to Germany for relief from its "wound," I have been watching for years for the relationship between Israel and Germany to grow. We have seen that happening in recent years, and this was evident immediately after Hamas's recent attack. Right afterward, the German government showed solidarity with Israel by illuminating the Brandenburg Gate with the Israeli flag. German leaders pledged robust support for Israel. By contrast, President Biden was practically silent for a few days, and when he did speak, he lectured Israel to use restraint and abide by "the laws of war" in its military response to Hamas.

Of course, Germany was the power behind the worst persecution against Jews in modern history. Jewish leaders believe

that German leaders feel a special responsibility to protect the Israeli state because of that shameful past. But here again, biblical prophecy provides insight about what will actually happen. We need to watch Israel's relationship with Ger-MANY VERY CLOSELY. Remember, the closer these two nations become, the closer we are to the Tribulation.

Before we look at more prophecies, however, we need to step back for a moment and consider a larger issue.

#### Why Would God Allow This?

Seeing the brutality Hamas inflicted on the Jews raises the question: Why would God allow such unspeakable evil? This is an essential question that almost nobody is asking after that horrific tragedy: WHY did God allow this?

God is appalled by such violence. He is a God of love, and He wants to save all people and bring them to the knowledge of the

# **SHOULD ISRAEL TRUST GERMANY?**

e appreciate the fact that you are here with us, that you are standing by our side," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told visiting German Chancellor Olaf Scholz on October 17, after the "worst crime against Jews since the Holocaust."

The Israeli state was formed in 1948 immediately following that even-greater crime against the Jews. That Holocaust, perpetrated by Germany, killed 6 million Jewish men, women, children and babies. Prior to that. Jews have been persecuted for millenniums in Europe, including crusades, inquisitions and pogroms.

The State of Israel was to be a safe haven—largely from the Germans. A lifetime later, a rebuilt Germany, once again at the head of Europe, is standing alongside Israel.

Germany led the United States in sending its head of government to Israel and lighting up its capital landmarks in blue and white. Most European Union foreign ministers tried to limit Israel's response, but the German European Commission president refused to impose such a limit. Meanwhile, a poll revealed that 70 percent of Germans agreed Israel had the right to

defend itself. The EU wanted to keep providing development aid to Gaza, which is completely controlled by Hamas, but Germany and Austria objected.

Germany has been growing closer to the embattled Jewish state for years. Chancellor Angela Merkel gave a historic address in the Israeli legislature in 2008, saying, "Every federal government and every chancellor before me were committed to Germany's special historical responsibility for Israel's security. This historic responsibility of Germany is part of my country's reason of state."

Germany has worked with Israel in military exercises, sold it nuclear-capable submarines, and purchased its Arrow-3 missile defense system. Following the attack, Israel turned to Germany for warship ammunition, and Germany provided two advanced drones to fight Hamas.

In a major war, the Israel Defense Forces always needs munitions and supplies, not to mention political support, from outside the country. The United States fulfilled that role in the 1967 Six-Day War, the 1973 Yom Kippur War and other conflicts.

But Barack Obama's and Joe Biden's treatment of Israel and of Netanyahu have shown a

change of course. In many ways they have demonstrated hostility toward Israel and other longtime allies. And after the disastrous withdrawal from Afghanistan, America's tarnished credibility and obvious strategic limitations have left its allies fearful.

Expect this trend to continue and expect Israel to look more and more to Germany.

The day after Hamas's attack, a huge majority of the German legislature resolved, "Israel's right to exist and its security are nonnegotiable for the members of the German Bundestag." Its foreign minister stressed, "Any help Israel needs, it will get from Germany. Even military support."

This promise of support will draw Germany into the battle and into a potential conflict with Iran.

To the Bundestag on October 12, Chancellor Scholz said, "Without Iranian support over the past several years, Hamas would not have been capable of these unprecedented

attacks on Israeli territory." After Iran subsequently issued threats, a German Foreign Office spokesman replied on October 16: "Anyone who plays with fire in this situation, pours oil on the fire, or otherwise ignites it, should think twice." It was quite a contrast to Biden and the U.S. suggesting Iran wasn't responsible for this particular massacre.

This is a dramatic shift for Germany. In recent years, it has been Iran's largest European trading partner. Is Germany now prepared to support Israel in war with not only Hamas but Iran?

In a 2013 Wall Street Journal article ("Germany Must Have Israel's Back"), former Defense Minister Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg urged the German government to consider what happens "if diplomacy fails and Israel is compelled to take military action against the Iranian nuclear threat.... Berlin should also start thinking about how to support Israel in the wake of potential air

"They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance."

-PSAI M 83:4

truth (1 John 4:8; 1 Timothy 2:4). In Ezekiel 33:11, He says He has no pleasure in the death even of wicked people, let alone the butchery of innocent children and infants!

If you believe the Bible, then you must reckon with the fact that God allowed this for an important reason. And He will allow the even worse events of the Great Tribulation for an important reason!

In that verse in Ezekiel, God says, "I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way AND LIVE: TURN YE, TURN YE FROM YOUR EVIL WAYS; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?"

By allowing these Satan-inspired thugs to infiltrate the Jewish state today, God is trying to get the attention of the Jewish people and even of the rest of the world! He is showing us the true nature of the hatred and evil that exists in Satan's world. He is showing that WE NEED HIS PROTECTION!

And He is exposing the fact that the Jews do not have that protection today.

Why don't they? Because of sin.

This is a very unpopular message. But it is the truth, stated repeatedly throughout the Bible. Read Leviticus 26, where God says that if we obey Him, He will give us peace and safety, and hold our enemies at bay, and give us victories. But IF WE REBEL AGAINST HIM, "I WILL EVEN APPOINT OVER YOU TERROR," HE SAYS; "I WILL SET MY FACE AGAINST YOU, AND YE SHALL BE SLAIN BEFORE YOUR ENEMIES" (verses 16-17).

When we suffer curses like Israel is today, shouldn't we be willing to consider WHY God has removed His protection?

In discussing this, I am not pointing the finger at Israelis any more than I am at Americans. We are suffering the same curses in this country—for the same causes and even worse!

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strikes on Iran. ... The stakes are high. Germany cannot afford to be on the wrong side of history."

In a 2019 Fox Business discussion about Iran's pursuit of nuclear weapons, Guttenberg noted that Mideast leaders had told him "there is no chance to confront Iran, the way they've been pampered militarily, just with one country. And there has to be built an alliance."

For years, Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry has detailed how Germany is forging exactly such an alliance and that the Bible prophesies a violent clash between Iran and its allies and Germany and its allies.

Daniel 11 revolves around a power struggle over Jerusalem. In The King of the South, Mr. Flurry writes: "And it appears they go to war again over the land of Judah. specifically Jerusalem."

Today the Jews possess the Holy Land, but Islam and Catholicism eye it greedily. Radical Islam, led by Iran, is determined to seize that land, but Bible prophecy reveals this attempt will lead to war. Iran's aggression is awakening a sleeping lion in Europe.

The prophecy of Daniel 11:40 for "the time of the end" has not yet been fulfilled. Europe will amass an overwhelming force to destroy Iran and its allies.

But as Guttenberg noted, radical Islam, led by Iran, cannot be stopped without an alliance. Germany has been exporting weapons to Saudi Arabia, Turkey and other moderate Arab nations to lay a foundation for an alliance. And its alliance with NATO, which held military exercises in the Mediterranean a week after the Hamas massacre. provides it with access to nuclear weapons to counter potentially nuclear-armed Iranians.

"If you watch Germany closely, you can see that it is already positioning itself for its 'whirlwind' attack on Iran," Mr. Flurry notes. "And some of these preparations are laying the groundwork for this future alliance with Arab states" (ibid).

Psalm 83 describes a future alliance between Germany, Turkey and various Arab countries. Besides Edom (Turkey), the Ishmaelites (Saudi Arabia) and Assur (Germany), the psalm also mentions Moab and Ammon (Jordan), the Hagarenes (Syria), the Philistines (Palestinian Arabs), Gebal and Tyre (Lebanon). These are the nations that surround Israel!

Mr. Flurry explains that Lebanon's "alliance with Iran is about to be broken, and Germany will be the main cause. The Philistines-the Palestinians of Gaza and even those in the West Bank-will shift their alliance to Germany as well."

But Psalm 83 has a plot twist. "[T]his prophecy reveals a crucial truth: This alliance is primarily

and ultimately

concerned not with countering Iran but with destroying Israel" (ibid). The Bible reveals that Germany will replace Iran as the dominant Mideast power and commit the greatest national betrayal in history!

This twist is also prophesied in Daniel 11: After Israel invites European forces into Jerusalem as peacekeepers, Germany, in a deadly double cross, will violently seek to seize it (verses 41-45).

But there is good news (see Isaiah 19:23-25). These same prophecies that have proved and are proving true forecast that the next war over Jerusalem will be put down by overwhelming force, by a power greater than Islamic Iran or Catholic Germany. This power will stop all rebellion, set up a new, literal government over Israelis, Germans, Iranians and all other nations, and enforce peace across the globe, all from this very city that is at the epicenter of so much suffering today: Jerusalem! **JOSUÉ MICHELS** 



#### World War III is near!

Germany's overt support of Israel is part of a bigger war plan that will end with World War III. It's a plan God foretold in detail. Get your battle intelligence by requesting your free copy of Gerald Flurry's Germany's Secret Strategy to Destroy Iran.



# THE REAL POWER BEHIND HAMAS

These murderers have ample outside support. BY STEPHEN FLURRY AND MIHAILO S. ZEKIC

CTOBER 7. On the Hebrew Calendar, it was the 22nd of Tishri: a weekly Sabbath day, and also a yearly observance of Shemini Atzeret punctuating the seven-day festival of Sukkot. Religious Israeli Jews, along with visitors from around the world, were observing this sacred time to differing degrees. Others went about their business or pleasure. The morning headlines were about light injuries from a two-car traffic accident, religion's "outsized role" in Israel, roles of Supreme Court judges, negotiations with the Saudis, relations with the Americans, and other typical international and local news. (When you visit Israel, you realize that everything in this tiny nation of fewer than 10 million people is local news.)

The world didn't know it yet, but the news headlines were about to change.

Something was knocking out observation posts in the south. Something had cut and bulldozed through the fences, shot through on motorcycles and other vehicles, landed on boats, flew in on paragliders, and was moving thousands of dark figures toward houses.

That something was absolute evil—vicious, deprayed, incomprehensible and inhuman.

The figures were clothed in combat boots, fatigues, headbands and tactical vests. They carried lighters, knives, automatic rifles, thousands of bullets, cameras and detailed maps. In contrast, the families in their homes wore weekend sandals and carried their children.

Suddenly, in the field, at the pedestrian crossing, at the community gate,

in the garden, on the porch, in the living room, at the bedside of the aged, in the nursery, the evil was there.

What followed cannot be described as an act of war or terror. It was cold, vile, heartless, animalistic mass butchery.

Bullets pierced through windshields, residential doors and windows, through husbands, wives, grandparents, children, babies. The evil surrounded, restrained and bound the defenseless; beat, tortured, bludgeoned, and burned them alive; broadcasting online much of it for the world—especially their families—to watch. Help didn't come. So many of the murderers took their time.

These beasts bragged about their "conquests," "heroism" and "service," and praised "Allah" as they shot people in their homes, broke legs, "dirtied" women, and decapitated babies. Their plans called for dozens to be taken hostage through the fences to a horrific place to be used as human shields, tortured, raped, murdered. Women, one lying dead, naked, facedown in a pickup truck with men sitting on her, another still bleeding down her legs after being violently raped, were paraded and broadcast as trophies.

Footage from a large music festival shows hundreds of people dancing shortly before streaks in the sky and paragliders appeared. The sound of gunfire erupts, and the revelers scatter, hundreds of them running terrified across open fields with no cover from their killers who machine-gunned them in their backs and raped some of the women next to their friends' corpses before killing them as well. Those who fled to their vehicles were chased straight into more murderers who were waiting for them. The parking lot and the roads looked like a war zone—a war zone where one side was unsuspecting, unarmed and massacred.

The overwhelming majority of these concertgoers, grandmothers, fathers and mothers, children, nursing infants, babies in the womb all shared one thing in common: They were Jewish.

Evil on October 7 exterminated about 1,400 Jews. It was Israel's 9/11 of Islamic terror (if 9/11 had killed not 3,000 Americans but 60,000). It appears to be the worst massacre of Jews since the Holocaust, and just as jolting, obscene, defiling and wicked.

Where does this specific strain of evil come from?

#### **Behind Hamas**

The perpetrators infected by this bloodlust belong to the terrorist organization known as Hamas. After Israel unilaterally evacuated the southern Israeli territory of Gaza in 2005, Hamas murdered its rival Palestinians and took over Gaza in 2007, tightly controlling its people and using its position to launch terror attacks against Israel, including short-lived wars in 2008, 2012 and 2014 and violence in 2021, 2022 and earlier this year.

As people around the world were still struggling to believe the nature of what was happening in Israel, Hamas spokesmen bragged online and on international network television that they had recently restrained their attacks, negotiating with the Israelis on issues like permits for Palestinians to work in Israel proper and accommodations for improving the lives of Gazans. They were lulling the Israelis into complacency, even as they dried up Gazans' water supplies by digging up pipes to convert into rockets.

How could this happen? How could they achieve this much carnage? Because Hamas steals resources from its people to kill Jews, Israel and even Egypt have kept the territory blockaded. It was and is completely unable to fulfill its bloody ambitions without help from outside.

But it *does* have help from outside.

Make no mistake: Hamas has help, from Iran.

The Wall Street Journal reported that Iran's elite militant-terrorist organization,

### YOM KIPPUR WAR 2.0

he day the massacre began, October 7, is significant. On the Gregorian calendar, October 6 was the 50th anniversary of the Yom Kippur War. That conflict, fought from Oct. 6-26, 1973, had the purpose and potential to snuff out Israel. Israel was surprised by a joint attack by Egypt and Syria. Both countries had lost territory and prestige to Israel during the 1967 war. Both rejected Israel's legitimacy as a sovereign country. The Israelis fought on two fronts: their northern and southern borders. Iraq and other Arab states also entered the conflict.

Over 20 days of fighting, the Israelis dramatically pushed the Arab forces back. But they suffered 2,691 military casualties as well as others killed and injured.

Though Egypt technically lost, it regained its status as the leader of the Arab world and of Middle Fastern resistance to

Western "imperialism." In many ways, it was the "king" of the region.

President Anwar Sadat wrote in his autobiography that the campaign's successes ultimately "restored the self-confidence of our armed forces. our people and our Arab nation. It also restored the world's confidence in us. and exploded forever the myth of an invincible Israel."

Sadat later sacrificed his prestige by making peace with Israel in 1977, making him a pariah in the Arab world. He was assassinated in 1981, most likely by the new Islamist radicals who had just taken control of Iran.

Since then, no one power has been "king" of the Islamic world. Egypt and Israel today are on good terms. Jordan, the United Arab Emirates. Bahrain, Sudan, Morocco. Saudi Arabia and other states have worked in the direction of peace with

Israel. Turkey squabbles with Israel but has never denied its right to exist.

What better way to claim "kingship" over radical Islam and the Middle East in general than to launch a repeat of the Yom Kippur War and to show oneself as the only major Islamic power willing to lead the way in exterminating Israelis and Israel?

Regardless how this conflict ends or what the long-term effects will be, Iran has already accomplished this. "Yom Kippur War 2.0" is therefore Iran's coronation as king of the radical Islamic world.

This king isn't finished with his conquests. The latest war is but a small foretaste of the push Iran will exert to control the Holy Land. This war is Iran's boldest move in a long time, and we can expect it to grow even bolder and more provocative until it faces an existential crisis of its own.

**MIHAILOS. ZEKIC** 





the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, met with leaders from Hamas and from Hezbollah in Beirut, Lebanon, on October 2, and "senior members" from both groups stated that the purpose of the meeting was to refine the details of the massacre. Hamas spokesman Ghazi Hamad told BBC that Hamas "had direct backing for the attack from Iran."

On October 3, Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei made this public threat against Israel: "The usurper regime is coming to an end. Today, the Palestinian movement is more alive than it has ever been during these 70 or 80 years. Today, the Palestinian youth and the Palestinian movement, the anti-occupation, anti-oppression, anti-Zionism movement, is more energetic, more alive, and more prepared than ever, and you can see this. And God willing, this movement will achieve its goals. The honorable Imam, may God be pleased with him, described, the usurper regime as a cancer. This cancer will definitely be eradicated, God willing, at the hands of the Palestinian people and the resistance forces throughout the region."

Characterizing Israel and Jews as "cancer" is the kind of hate-saturated evil that constantly issues from Khamenei and his regime. Their regime has supported terrorism since the day it usurped power in 1979. It supplies Hamas with millions of dollars, smuggles in weapons, surely including machine guns and rockets used to murder and terrorize Israelis in

October. Where does Hamas get its training—not just for fighting Israeli soldiers or police but also for killing families? From Iran's Revolutionary Guards.

Iran revels in the same religion, the same overall ideology, the same ambitions and the same evil. It takes as full a part as it can in the murder, torture and terrorizing of its enemies, *especially* Jews.

Iran is a fanatical religious regime, an enemy to Europe and North America, economically smaller than Colorado, and the world's biggest sponsor of terrorism. Iran is the power behind Hamas, but who is the power behind Iran?

#### **Behind Iran**

Comparing October 7 to Sept. 11, 2001, is chilling, not only because both are remembered for radical Islamists murdering Americans and Jews, but also because the evil in Israel this October

"Wailing shall be in all streets; and they shall say in all the highways, Alas! alas! and they shall call the husbandman to mourning, and such as are skilful of lamentation to wailing."

—AMOS 5:16

traces back to an evil that occurred this September. On the 22nd anniversary of the terrorist attacks, the United States government announced that it was unfreezing an incredible \$6 billion for Iran to pay for hostages.

Many people were outraged. It was shocking that the Obama-Biden regime would pay for hostages, and that it would pay so much. Biden could have picked any day to announce it, but he went out of his way to give billions of dollars to the number one sponsor of Islamic terrorism on the anniversary of the largest, most savage, most evil Islamist terrorist attack in U.S. history. Biden made some comments about it being used by the Iranians for "humanitarian purposes," but even Secretary of State Antony Blinken admitted that "the Iranians have always found ways to use money, whether there are sanctions or not, for military purposes." And in Iran, "military purposes" also means "terrorist purposes" and "mass murder purposes."

"[T]his money belongs to the Islamic Republic of Iran," Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi said publicly, "and naturally, we will decide ... to spend it wherever we need it. ... 'Humanitarian' means whatever the Iranian people need, so this money will be budgeted for those needs. And the needs of the Iranian people will be decided and determined by the Iranian government."

After Hamas's October 7 atrocities, which traced straight back to Iran, Biden's regime attempted to deflect blame from the Iranians. Biden's State Department, Central Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense and other agencies not only supposedly failed to see this coming but after the fact denied that Iran was directly involved. And Biden tried to push through the \$6 billion transfer anyway, while Israeli homes were still stained with blood! This would be in addition to the \$235 million it had given the Palestinians in "humanitarian aid," reversing a policy from Donald Trump's presidency.

This means that the Hamas militants rampaging through Jewish children's bedrooms were ultimately equipped, armed and trained not only by Iranian cash but by *American* cash.

During one of the most horrific instances of radical Islamic terror in

a generation, Biden continued to try to provide political cover and to send billions of dollars straight to the world's worst terrorists!

The facts are clear: Biden and the U.S. are openly supporting Iran at the very time that it has helped perpetrate hundreds of abductions, rapes, stabbings, shootings, beheadings and burnings—right when things like the charred corpse of a woman hugging a child are paraded before the eyes of the world. Without cover from America, Iran could never have done this!

How deadly, how far and how deep does this evil go? You have to see past Joe Biden, who is known not to be in charge of his illegitimate presidency. Who controls Biden? Who controls America?

#### **Behind Biden**

Think back to what was happening in the early 2000s: Sanctions were crippling the Iranian regime. Hundreds of thousands of U.S. troops were on the ground and in the air in Afghanistan directly to the east and Iraq to the west.

Then Barack Obama, promising to fundamentally transform America, swept into power.

Look back at the *Philadelphia Trumpet* issues from those years (the Trumpet .com/trumpet\_issues). When Obama was first elected, we wrote that he was likely no different from any other deeply misguided leftist politician.

In summer 2009, experts were musing on how the new president was raising eyebrows here and there with his first major Middle East trip and foreign-policy speech. But our August 2009 cover story characterized it this way: "President Obama's Cairo Speech: How It Will Shake the Nations." Obama had called for the U.S. to stop restraining Iran from pursuing *nuclear weapons* and for Israel not to intervene. Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry warned that Obama's words were

### WHAT IRAN FEARS

few days before Hamas's attack on Israel, Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei gave a speech asserting that Israel's "usurper regime is coming to an end." He claimed the Palestinian terror movement "is more energetic, more alive and more prepared than ever, and you can see this." Subsequent reports have shown that Iran had advance knowledge of the "energetic" October 7 massacre.

Also in that speech, Khamenei said: "The firm view of the Islamic Republic is that the governments that are gambling on normalizing relations with the Zionist regime will suffer losses. Defeat awaits them."

Since earlier this year, Israel and Saudi Arabia have been "gambling on normalizing relations" with the help of the United States. Saudi Arabia offered to open diplomatic relations with Israel. Israel offered concessions regarding the Palestinians. The U.S. offered major security guarantees.

Then Khamenei gave his speech. Then Hamas massacred Israelis.

Saudi Arabia has refused to condemn Hamas. Israel has retaliated against targets in Gaza, and the resulting conflict has stopped progress on Israel-Saudi negotiations. Surely that is exactly what Khamenei and the Iranians wanted.

In 2020, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Morocco, Sudan and other Muslim-majority countries recognized Israel under what President Donald Trump called the Abraham Accords. Iran never retaliated significantly, even after Trump left the White House. Neither did it retaliate against previous Israel-Saudi deals including air travel, trade and even joint military exercises.

But the normalization negotiations shook Iran. Why? Because the negotiators were also closing in on the possibility of the U.S. helping the Saudis establish a nuclear program. Iran's two greatest regional adversaries are the Israelis, who already possess nuclear firepower (unofficially), and the Saudis, who are now openly pushing to get it.

Iran has been striving for years to build its nuclear program. It is an isolated pariah state that sponsors Islamic terror globally. But Barack Obama and Joe Biden have repeatedly sustained the current regime and therefore the Iranian nuclear program. Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman

knows the Iranians might soon be able to hold his kingdom at nuclear gunpoint.

Mohammed summed up his nuclear policy in a September Fox News interview this way: "If they get one, we have to get one."

Iran, also a major oil exporter, claims its nuclear program is for civilian purposes. If that were true, or even if Iran was years away from finishing its first nuclear warheads, the situation would be much different. But Iran is extremely close to nuclear breakout. The Saudis know this and are racing to catch up. We have a Middle East nuclear weapons arms race in progress.

A nuclear-armed Saudi Arabia-allied with a nuclear-armed Israel-would change the balance of power in the Middle East drastically against Iran, even after it fields its first nuclear weapons. Khamenei, therefore, was deeply interested not only in killing Jews in their homes but also—as U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken has admitted-in using the massacres to disrupt Israel-Saudi negotiations.

In other words, the Gaza terror could suggest that Iran



is closer than ever to acquiring nuclear weapons. Unlike every other nuclear power, this regime is a radical jihadist theocracy. If it gets such weapons, sooner or later it will use them. A nuclear Iran will bring the world much closer to nuclear annihilation.

Matthew 24:21-22 speak of warfare that nearly annihilates mankind. This could only refer to a nuclear conflict. Gerald Flurry writes in Nuclear Armageddon Is 'At the Door' (theTrumpet.com/ go/door) that Iran's nuclear program has already "changed the nuclear equation in the world. ... It is childish folly to think anybody but Christ could stop this nuclear madness."

Thankfully, Matthew 24 promises that "those days shall be shortened" and this coming global genocide will be interrupted by the return of Jesus Christ! Through overwhelming force and a literal world government. He will end murder, terrorism, conventional war and nuclear war.

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not just surprising or empty but that they "will cause deadly problems."

Obama went on to enable the Iranian terrorist regime to free itself of U.S. and Western sanctions. When protests and regime change swept the region in 2011, he helped depose the U.S.-friendly regime in Egypt but helped save the Iranian regime! Then he created and ramrodded through something Americans and people around the world never called for or expected: a "nuclear deal" to provide financial and political power to the mullahs and an eventual pathway to nuclear weapons.

In 2016, Americans elected Donald Trump, who opposed Iran, supported Israel, and terminated the insane nuclear deal. But in 2021 Biden was installed as president, and you see Barack Obama's fingerprints all over his foreign policy.

America's relationship with Iran and with Israel is not motivated by naivety,

practicality or stupidity. It is motivated by a very intelligent, targeted, active *evil*.

#### **Blot Out Israel**

Look around you. At this point, the good is getting very weak, and the evil is getting very strong. This same evil force is active domestically. It is targeting political opponents and "fundamentally transforming" elections, courts, liberties, the economy, the military, the spy agencies, immigration, foreign policy and security.

This is true not only within the United States but also within the State of Israel. There is a reason why these two countries that you might think would be very different are very much the same in their fundamental beliefs and virtues. And there is a reason why the *evil* is attacking each of them using similar tactics in both cases. The figure orchestrating America's destruction is attacking Israel for similar reasons.

The United States and Israel are indeed brother nations. They descend from the ancient nation of Israel, which had a history with God! That is why they are under spiritual, ideological, political, economic and physical attack.

Why such hatred for Jews? Why such hatred for the parts of Israeli society that trace back to virtue and to God? Why such hatred for the parts of American society that trace back to the Bible?

Because evil *exists*, it is *strong*, it is *overwhelming*, and it is murderously obsessed with eradicating *good!* 

The good comes from *God*. He has intervened throughout human history, largely through the ancient Israelites and the modern nations of Israel. Why? Not as favoritism to the Israelites, but as part of His plan for the good of the whole world!

What we are now seeing is part of an enormous battle between the ultimate good and the ultimate evil.

# RALLYING FOR MURDERERS, RAPISTS, BE

he news spread world-wide: Hamas was gunning down, stabbing, burning, torturing, raping, beheading and kidnapping Israelis. The world responded. Crowds massed in the major cities of the West to make their voices heard. Thousands upon thousands chanted slogans and waved flags in solidarity with those they saw as oppressed.

This was solidarity not for the Israeli families whose lives were scarred or snuffed out—but for Hamas, the perpetrators.

Huge numbers of people cheered and celebrated the Hamas pogrom. In the immediate aftermath, they were not even protesting the Israeli retaliation because there had been no retaliation.

Gleeful young men showed off pictures on their phones of blood-soaked Jewish bodies. People handed out candy in the streets. About 30,000 people marched through central London chanting, "O Jews, the army of Mohammed is returning."

In Montreal, Canada, hundreds of protesters marched through the city toward the Israeli consulate. Sarah Shamy, spokesperson for the Palestinian Youth Movement, refused to condemn Hamas's October 7 rampage, calling it resistance.

In New York City on October 13, thousands of protesters filled Times Square chanting, "Free Palestine." Others, including two New York State legislators, flocked outside the Brooklyn residence of Jewish Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer.

Many of the demonstrators were of Middle Eastern origin and Islamists, but many were not. Some were far-left agitators. One protest in New York City was sponsored by the Democratic Socialists of America.

Demonstrations have followed Israeli-Palestinian confrontations before, but these protesters were not reacting to an Israeli raid in Jenin or the bulldozing of a suicide bomber's house or a tussle on the Temple Mount. They were

responding to an internationally recognized terrorist organization sending more than a thousand men to behead babies, murder grandmothers, broadcast videos of rape victims still bleeding, and shout "Allahu Akbar!"

Why this special hatred for the Jews? Central London did not have 30,000 marchers in support of Sudan (which is in a civil war) or Armenia (which just lost Nagorno-Karabakh to Azerbaijan). These protesters are targeting Israelis because they are Jewish.

For years, groups like Antifa and Black Lives Matter have claimed they are "fighting fascism" in Western society. Yet one of fascism's main goals was to kill innocent and defenseless Jewish men, women, children and babies-and these radical leftists vigorously applaud them. The day of the massacre, Black Lives Matter Chicago posted on social media the image of a paraglider with a Palestinian flag and the tagline "I stand with Palestine." At Harvard University, 34 student organizations signed a petition



This is why people rage with hate for Jews. This is why people who see anti-Jew demonstrators in Western cities and think that slapping them on the wrist is enough are *dreadfully* wrong. Those people celebrated not the lives of the Palestinians but the bloody, grotesque deaths of the Jews. The same spirit prevailed in "sophisticated" Europe on the outbound

rail platforms of Bulgaria, Croatia, Italy, Poland and the inbound stations in Auschwitz, Belzec. Chelmno, Jasenovac, Maidanek, Treblinka. And World War II was not the only Holocaust of Jews.

That same inexplicable, inexorable, evil spirit was there in the Inquisition, in the emperors of Rome, in Antiochus and the Seleucids, in Haman and the Persians, indeed throughout history.

We must realize what we are dealing with. October 7 is only the tip of the iceberg of what has gone before, and what is coming next.

#### **Specific Prophecies**

A prophecy in 2 Kings 14:26-27 illuminates what is happening: "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."

> Gerald Flurry wrote The King of the South—a booklet that exposed Iran's role in endtime events—as far back as 1992, which shows astonishing prophetic

insight. This year, he updated it and expanded it at a

time when anything but radical Islam was dominating world headlines. The booklet states: "A man tried to blot out the *name* of Israel—a very satanic goal. Satan hates everything God is about and wants to destroy it every way he can. But this passage shows that anciently, God stopped this from happening—and He did so through King Jeroboam II. ... History is repeating itself today. Just what is the prophetic name of Israel? In our day, the emphasis is on three physical nations of Israel: America, Britain and the Jewish nation in the Middle East.

"Iran's mullahs publicly say they want to 'wipe Israel off the map.' That is another way of saying they want to 'blot out the name of Israel from under heaven'!

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# **HEADERS OF BABIES**

stating that they "hold the Israeli regime entirely responsible for all unfolding violence."

The United States, the European Union and other Western governments send millions of dollars to Palestinian groups annually, knowing that the money is being siphoned off for murder and terrorism. The United Nations General Assembly attacks Israel more than any other country. Last year it passed 15 resolutions against Israel, more than it passed against the other 193 nations of the world combined. It passed just six against Russia, which had just launched the biggest European war since World War II. Against China, which is committing literal genocide against Muslims, it passed zero.

People argue that they would not hate Israel if it stopped occupying Muslim-majority areas and instituted a "two-state solution." But what you are seeing in Israel is the "two-state solution." Israel hasn't "occupied" Gaza since 2005, when it ceded that land. Now Hamas controls the territory's government, economy, foreign policy, border security, police and militants. In response to terrorism. Israel has blockaded the flow of goods and resources into Gaza, but has also let in billions of dollars in humanitarian aid and infrastructure. It gave Gazans access to water and electricity. It even allowed Qatar, a notorious sponsor of jihadist terrorist groups, to work as a middleman and come into Gaza. It gave thousands of Gazans permits to work in Israel. Gaza wants to be recognized as a state, but it won't recognize Israel. It wants a one-state solution. "From the river to the sea, Palestine must be free" means the extermination or expulsion of the Jews and establishment of an Islamist theocracy.

People who support Palestinians and their terrorism know this.

Why this irrational hatred of Jews? Why is it flourishing now? Why has it surged and abated and



resurged over and over in history?

"The Jews descend from Judah. iust one of the 12 tribes of Israel." the Trumpet's Richard Palmer explains. "The Bible makes clear God has a role for all these tribes—and Satan hates all these tribes. But there is still something unique in God's plan for Judah.

"In Genesis, God made a great twofold promise to Abraham after the patriarch demonstrated his obedience. This included the promise of grace: '[I]n thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed' (Genesis 22:18). Here, as part of His plan to offer salvation to all mankind, was God's guarantee of a Messiah who would come as a descendant of Abraham. ...

"This gets to the heart of Satan's hatred for physical Jews. Within that race is a vision of God working with all people and inviting all into His Family. Satan passionately hates that plan!" (theTrumpet.com/21037).

The reason anti-Semitism exists is not because of the tens of thousands of activists on the streets of London and Sydney. It isn't because of leftist hate groups or Islamist terror cells indoctrinating their supporters. It isn't even because of shadow men controlling policies and narratives behind the scenes. This evil exists because Satan exists. And until mankind realizes this fact, anti-Semitism won't go away. Thankfully, as Revelation 20:1-3 prophesy, God will shut down Satan's anti-Semitic broadcasting-and soon.

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HE OCTOBER 7 HAMAS MASSAcre was Israel's biggest intelligence failure since the Yom Kippur War, which started almost exactly 50 years prior. "It is almost inconceivable how they missed this," said Marc Polymeropoulos, who spent 26 years doing counterterrorism with the Central Intelligence Agency.

David Friedman, President Donald Trump's ambassador to Israel, said, "In the 40 or more years that I've been following Israel one way or another, I've never seen this happen. I've never seen the border breached in this manner. Usually, even one person from Gaza gets close to the border, they're intercepted and neutralized long before they can do anything. This is just something I've never seen before."

America too, was caught completely off guard. "We were not tracking this," a senior United States military official said, according to NBC. It is the largest-known U.S. intelligence failure since 9/11.

Experts will probably spend years trying to understand what went wrong. But here's one probable factor: In both Israel and the U.S., intelligence services

are more focused on liberal ideologies and attacking political enemies than they are on keeping the country safe.

#### **Divided We Fall**

Hundreds of Israel Defense Forces (IDF) reservists not only opposed certain reforms by the prime minister but in protest they refused to report for duty. Pilots refused to fly, reservists refused to serve beyond their mandatory minimum, and even intelligence personnel were caught up in the protests. Officers scrambled to try to fill the gaps. It looks like they may not have all been filled.

"Israel's enemies were waiting for Israel to weaken itself," wrote *Israel* Hayom, "and while the Army leadership dealt with the internal discord that penetrated the IDF ranks, they dealt with exploiting the situation and preparing for the next war" (October 9).

"They were not focused on how to address the Hamas threat and Iran," former Israeli Deputy National Security Advisor Chuck Freilich told CBS News on October 12.

Mossad, Israel's intelligence agency has also staked out an anti-Netanyahu

position and devoted resources to protesting and undermining his policies. Israeli media reported in February that Mossad was allowing its members to take part in protests against Netanyahu's judicial reforms. In April, the Washington Post reported on leaked documents showing top Mossad leaders went even further, encouraging their agents to attend. The *Post* wrote that "the direct intervention into Israeli politics by Mossad, an external spy service forbidden from wading into domestic matters, would be a significant revelation."

"A few officials taking to the streets of Tel Aviv chanting slogans is innocuous enough. But that's not the main concern here," we wrote at the time. "Mossad has a well-deserved reputation of both secrecy and operational success. If its leaders want their men to oppose the government, who is to say Mossad's only involvement is letting its people protest?"

Ex-Mossad Director Tamir Pardo said Netanyahu's coalition government was made up of "horrible racist parties." He has attacked the judicial reforms, accused the prime minister of engaging in a coup, and characterized the government as overseeing an apartheid state. Pardo said that "the greatest threat to the State of Israel is internal." Were his former colleagues looking in the wrong direction?

What was Mossad's attitude and effectiveness toward enemies like Hamas under Pardo? What was it like up to October 7? How staunch are Mossad leaders in restraining themselves from using their powers of surveillance, intelligence, portrayal and deceit to harm their political enemies?

And what were they doing when they were supposed to be watching Be'eri, Kibbutz Re'im, Kfar Aza and Sderot?

The same pattern is certainly playing out in the United States.

A 2021 Director of National Terrorism report labeled racially motivated extremists as America's most lethal domestic terrorist threat. The "racists" that it warned about were not Muslims trying to kill Jews. Instead, the biggest threat came from those angered by "perceived government overreach," "narratives of fraud in the recent general election," or "conditions related to the covid-19 pandemic." It warned that these "extremists" were more dangerous than potential

terrorists from abroad. Attorney General Merrick Garland called it "the most urgent terrorism threat the United States faces today." America's entire intelligence apparatus has been reconfigured to target these "extremists," people who merely oppose radical leftism.

That wasn't a big change. In 2016 the Obama administration was already using the CIA to target President Trump. Internal government documents show that CIA Director John Brennan knew accusations that Donald Trump colluded with Russia were false. But he used his agency to push them anyway.

The CIA went on to work with Twitter to censor rhetoric it didn't like. CIA officials lied to try to prevent the truth about Hunter Biden's laptop coming out before the 2020 election.

The radical elites in the U.S. are now consistently targeting their political opponents—tens of millions of everyday people—more than they are targeting national security threats. Take the southern border. The Department of Homeland Security reported this summer that it has lost track of 177,000 illegal aliens. It also said that 160 people on their terrorism watch list were apprehended crossing the border. Of course, they have no idea how many slipped by without being caught.

This border chaos is a threat in so many ways. Perhaps colleagues of those who decapitated Jewish babies on October 7 are already inside the U.S. Yet the Biden regime, controlled by Barack Obama, is slow to do anything. Why? Because Latin American immigrants and their descendants tend to vote Democrat. Winning elections is more important than defending the country.

#### **Settling Into Unreality**

Hamas's invasion exposed the dangerous complacency Israel was living in. The nation was divided, and leftists focused their power on overthrowing a leader they didn't like. All the while evil forces were waiting for an opportunity. The warning signs were there.

Then it was too late.

The United States faces exactly the same danger. "We in America have been protected for a couple hundred years because we are recipients of the blessings God promised to faithful Abraham,"

#### "Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober."

—1 THESSALONIANS 5:6

writes *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry. "We have not experienced the turmoil that many other nations have. We were involved in a civil war and two world wars, but compared to most other countries and other eras, God has given us victories and a lot of peace. As a result, our people have settled into an unreality about what is happening around us. They don't understand how deadly dangerous it is!

"This is not God's world. It is a world plagued by great evil. It is full of tigers waiting to tear people apart. As Winston Churchill said, the history of man is the history of war. Yet somehow we can't come to grips with that today. It is so much easier to ignore it" (*America Under Attack*).

As the Black Lives Matter riots consumed America, Mr. Flurry wrote: "America doesn't just have divisions within, it also has powerful enemies without! Vicious nations have been waiting for decades and decades for something like this to happen to America! They want to destroy—not just windows and monuments, but this entire nation!" (Trumpet, August 2020).

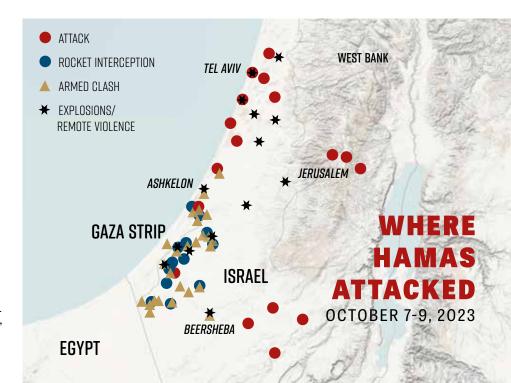
Israel was divided and let down its guard—and Hamas commenced the massacre. Hamas could take advantage of American divisions to strike at the U.S., but the U.S. has much worse enemies: entire nations, armed with nuclear bombs.

A nation unleashing massive massacres on a divided America is unreal to most people. But on October 6, many would have thought that death squads hunting down Jewish families and murdering babies was an artifact of World War II-era Germany.

Don't be deceived about the world we live in. Barack Obama and his supporters are still trying to "fundamentally transform" the United States. By sowing the seeds of division and even civil war, they are opening the nation up not only to transformation within but attack from without.

The Bible warns us: "Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober" (1 Thessalonians 5:6). God wants Christians to watch world news and have a sober view of this world. "[B]e sober," writes Paul two verses later, "putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation."

We need to wake up to the danger out there. But that danger should not cause us to fear. Instead, it should prompt us to draw closer to God—the only sure protection for both nations and individuals.



# **'CHOOSE** LIFE'

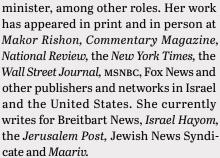
The Trumpet Daily interviews Caroline Glick. BY STEPHEN FLURRY

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FTER HAMAS MASSACRED ISRAELI families, I interviewed Israeli journalist Caroline Glick. We talked about the impact on Israelis, the security situation, and how these murders were made possible by Iran.

Glick was born in the United States

and moved to Israel, where she has served as an Israel Defense Forces captain, Palestinian negotiator, senior researcher and lecturer. She has worked as an assistant to the Israel Antiquities Authority director and an assistant foreign policy adviser to the prime



On October 2, Glick joined *Trumpet* Daily guest host Brent Nagtegaal to discuss Barack Obama's infamous "declaration of intentions" and transformation of American policy toward the Islamic world and Israel (the Trumpet. com/28299). At that time, 45 miles away, members of Hamas were premeditating the October 7 massacre. In the aftermath, on October 11, Glick joined me for another interview. The excerpt below has been edited for brevity and clarity.

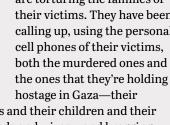
I asked her first about the effect the attack was having on the Jewish population of Israel, which is only 7 million. She started by focusing on the positive.

**CAROLINE GLICK** I've been living in Israel for 34 or 35 years, and I've been through many, many, many, many

events in Israel that have unified the people in an extraordinary way. But I've never seen the kind of unity of purpose that we have today among the people of Israel. When I sat down with Brent, we were talking about the discord in Israel; that we were really riven by internal strife for the past year in a way that we had never seen before, with the left in Israel simply not accepting the legitimacy of the elections last year because they lost them. Hamas's butchery awoke a sense of belonging and solidarity and of shared fate among people who maybe had not felt it for years in the most profound way imaginable.

And we're all unified in our understanding that the enemy that we face doesn't want to defeat us in war, doesn't

> want to humiliate. They want to annihilate us. They are torturing the families of their victims. They have been calling up, using the personal cell phones of their victims, both the murdered ones and the ones that they're holding hostage in Gaza—their



parents and their children and their husbands and wives—and bragging about how they're torturing and how they murdered and how they raped and how they're abusing their loved ones. Hamas is using Instagram and TikTok



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#### **MAINSTREAM MEDIA HEADLINES**

**WASHINGTON POST, OCTOBER 8: "Israel** formally declares war against Hamas as more than 1.000 killed on both sides" LOS ANGELES TIMES, OCTOBER 9: "Who's to blame for the Hamas attack on Israel? That debate is already going off the rails." THE BERNARDSVILLE NEWS, OCTOBER 16: "Israel, Hamas: No one is totally innocent"

DAWN, OCTOBER 16: "1,000 Palestinians still under the rubble"

BBC, OCTOBER 17: "Hundreds of people have been killed in an Israeli strike on a hospital in Gaza, according to Palestinian officials"

BBC, OCTOBER 17: "Brussels shooting: two Swedes killed and suspect still at large" PBS, OCTOBER 17: "Humanitarian crisis in Gaza worsens before expected invasion" to flood these images of hostages in the faces of Israeli schoolchildren.

That's Hamas, and that's jihad. And all the people in the West, all the people in New York City and in Washington and in Tampa and in Chicago and in L.A. and so on in cities all over America and throughout the Western world that are demonstrating on behalf of [Hamas], all of the congressmen and women who refuse to condemn them or stand with Israel, they're supporting genocide. They're supporting sadism. They're supporting beheading babies. They're supporting mass rape [article, page 10].

Have you gotten a sense that Iran is going to be punished because of being the paymaster and helping with the planning and operation? After 9/11, there was unity of purpose for the United States, but we said from the beginning it was a bit misguided, because if the number one state sponsor of terrorism gets through the retaliation unscathed, are you really solving the problem?

It's right there that Iran approved this, directed this, funded it, etc. ... The Biden administration was trying to hide Iran's role in the war because they want to maintain their pro-Iran policy. President Biden gave a very emotional speech last night in support of Israel, but he never mentioned Iran once in that speech.

#### What does Israel do after this latest chapter in Gaza?

You have to understand this is a jihadist organization. So long as it continues to exist in any form, it exists in order to rebuild its strength to attack us again. So Hamas can't be allowed to survive in any sort of coherent form.

Have you seen any discernible change in how left-wing media are approaching this story?

I'm a diplomatic correspondent at Channel 14, which is sort of our Fox News, and all of the other stations are very far to the left. There has been some change in their coverage because, like I said, we reached the geological foundations of the Jewish soul on Saturday. That's how bad this was. They've put on some Hamas propaganda and some horrible things, but by and large we're seeing a shift.

It has long been said that the Israeli media is essentially a psychological warfare operation against the people of Israel, but news consumers themselves never buy it, which is why their candidates almost never get elected. I think that we're seeing that same thing reflected now that the people are much more resolute and much more unified still than our media would like us to be.

#### What is the main message you want to get out to your followers?

We've seen a slide toward collapse of the Western world because, in large part, of this indoctrination of self-hatred that blames the Western democracies for all of the ills that plague it. And part of that has led to deep-seated uneasiness at making a distinction between good and evil and being able to identify evil when you see it and call it out for what it is, and stand with good. You know, we're commanded by God to choose between life and death, and to choose life. What is Hamas? It's a death cult. When you see women handing out candies in the streets because their sons died killing Jews, you're dealing with an evil society, and it's something that we all have to be repulsed by and that we all have to be united in confronting and defeating.

One of the things that I found ... really extraordinary is the outpouring of support for Hamas that we've seen in the West. ... And these jihadists are emboldened not just by the depravity of Hamas and its success in killing so, so many Jews in such a slaughter on Saturday: They're also emboldened by the meekness of the West. That the societies that they live inside of are not standing up to them and punishing them and turning them into pariahs if not jailing them for their material support for terrorism and their efforts to terrorize the people who live in their societies—Americans, Australians, British, French and so on and so forth. Student organizations on every campus, practically, in America are defending Hamas and attacking the Jews. You know this is a danger to every society, and so standing up with Israel today is also a way to stand up for Western civilization and to defend your societies against the scourge of jihad, which has been embedded inside of America. It has been embedded inside of Europe and throughout the Western world. Watch the interview: the Trumpet.com/28325



#### ► **REAL POWER** FROM PAGE 11

"Why ... would an American president align with these murderers? And why implement a deal that virtually guarantees Iran becomes a nuclear power?

"This prophetic passage in 2 Kings 14 explains. President Obama shares the goal to 'blot out the name of Israel'!"

The news coverage of Israel's war against Hamas focuses on Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh, but the real battle is between a man trying to destroy America, Britain and Israel and a man trying to save these unique nations! And behind it all is a very murderous spirit being.

"[Obama] was implying," Mr. Flurry wrote in his 2020 article "The Barack Obama Mystery," "You take care of the Jews and we'll take care of America. We'll 'blot out the name of Israel from under heaven' by transforming America into a socialist state our founders wouldn't recognize. He wants to destroy everything good in America and to fundamentally change the nation into a Marxist dictatorship."

The Gaza war proves this assessment correct. And it shows what it means to "blot out the name of Israel from under heaven." Obama is not trying to foster peace in the Mideast. He supports Iran and the Palestinians because he shares their goal of driving Israelis into the sea.

There is good news in all this, however. As 2 Kings 14 brings out, God sees this attempt to "blot out" Israel. The Jewish state and other modern nations of Israel are tools God has used and will use to help bring all mankind to Him. He will not let evil blot out the name of Israel. He has chosen these nations, and no evil, however powerful, can stop Him.

Because the Jewish state and modern Israelites around the world have themselves succumbed to evils, turned away from God and refused to hear His warnings, they are heading into a terrible time when evil will rampage inside the homes and cities of America, Australia, Britain, Canada, Israel, New Zealand, South Africa and beyond. The violence, nuclear and handmade, will spread to all nations around the world. October 7 was a bitter foretaste.

But the reason that evil has targeted the Jews and the rest of the nations of Israel is the very same reason why there is hope! The Creator of mankind *does* love His creation. He does have a plan for the Jewish people, the modern Israelites, and people around the world, young and old, friends and enemies, living and dead. And it will unfold from Jerusalem, from Israel and spread around the world.

You *must* watch Israel. You *must* watch Jerusalem. In so doing, you will see more bloodshed, but you will see evil overthrown with overwhelming force from that very city.

# BEHOLD YOUR GOD!

Jerusalem biblical archaeology opens the door to an incredible future. BY GERALD FLURRY

E NEED TO WATCH JERUSAlem. From now on, you will find that the focal point of world events is in the Middle East, especially Jerusalem. That is what your own Bible foretells.

Most people do not look at this city that way or place that much importance on it. But soon, everyone will see that everything revolves around Jerusalem! There will be great crises and catastrophes involving Jerusalem that dwarf anything happening in any other city.

God says He has hidden His face from Jerusalem for some time because of the Jews' rebellion. But He also says He will yet choose Jerusalem as His own city. He is going to do amazing things in this specific place. It is from this city that He will spread rest and healing and peace around the world—and beyond!

When I first visited Jerusalem, I was in awe of what I saw at places described right there in Scripture. It brought the Bible alive to me. It is emotionally moving; perhaps you have had the same experience. God cares about Jerusalem too! If we really understand Him and the Bible, Jerusalem will be important to us as well.

#### A Message for Judah

Isaiah 40:9 begins: "O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, Get thee up into the high mountain; O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem ..." (Jewish Publication Society translation). God uses Zion as a symbol of His own true Church. So this shows that something is wrong: Most of God's Church has actually turned away from Him when they should be delivering this message of good tidings. So someone needs to tell them good tidings.

That verse concludes, "[L]ift up thy voice with strength; Lift it up, be not afraid; Say unto the cities of Judah: 'BEHOLD YOUR GOD!'" What a message! This "voice" proclaims the return of the Messiah!

Notice how God states this here: "Say unto the cities of Judah: 'Behold your God!'" Why does God speak in this context only to Judah, referring to the modern-day Jewish state? Because the Messiah is going to be returning to Jerusalem and the cities of Judah to establish His throne there! So this is a tremendous honor given to the people of Judah. I'm sure they have a certain awe of this event about to come upon them. What a message: Behold your God!

One theme throughout the Bible, Old Testament and New, is the THRONE OF DAVID. God powerfully used David, "a man after [God's] own heart," and established his throne, promising that his dynasty would literally last forever (Acts 13:22; 2 Samuel 7:16). That throne has existed since the time of David-all the way through the history of the kingdom of Israel, then the kingdom of Judah, then through the British Isles, all the way to today. That throne will be there for the Messiah to assume when He returns to Jerusalem. You can see even just by that event why this city is so important.

This will be an earthshaking event. It will start a revolution like you cannot even imagine! A government will emerge that ends all the deception, poverty, disease and wars—emanating from that throne in that city. Behold your God!

In spite of all the false churches and deceptions that have existed for thousands of years, God has always had His "little flock," His true Church with His message of warning and hope. But today, there is a message going out to the Jews, to the cities of Judah.

God says the message is, Behold your God! That is the big message! There will be trials and tests and difficult times, but behold your God: The Messiah is returning! That message is being delivered in a specific way today: through biblical archaeology.

#### **Biblical Archaeology**

We are honored to be involved in biblical archaeology in Jerusalem. It all began with Herbert W. Armstrong, who entered a deal with Hebrew University in 1968 to help excavate parts of the Old City, beginning the most important archaeology project in the world. Mr. Armstrong sent hundreds of Ambassador College students to help with the "big dig," and he developed a close friendship with archaeologist Prof. Benjamin Mazar, as well as with Mayor Teddy Kollek and several Israeli prime ministers.

After Mr. Armstrong died in 1986 and his successors destroyed his work, we raised it back up with the Philadelphia Trumpet, the Key of David television program, Herbert W. Armstrong College and, beginning in 2006, biblical archaeology. Our college students and staff assisted Professor Mazar's granddaughter, archaeologist Dr. Eilat Mazar, and Hebrew University, on six excavation seasons through 2018, prior to her death in 2021. We participated in further excavations last year and this year.

Did you know that the Bible discusses biblical archaeology and shows that it leads directly into the Second Coming?

"For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favour the dust thereof" (Psalm 102:14). We take pleasure in the stones and dust of Jerusalem, which is key to unlocking so much rich history. We are inspired by it in many ways.

Verse 13 says that "the set time, is come." This is the set time for God to show favor to Zion, His true Church, and especially to His very elect, giving them the honor to be a part of this great archaeology project in Jerusalem. We are honored to participate in these significant endeavors.

"When the Lord shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory" (verse 16). The context is these archaeological activities and the messages contained in these finds going out to Judah and even to the

world. That leads right into the glory of Christ's Second Coming! This is a sign of how imminent that event is!

We publish a magazine mainly for the Jewish nation of Israel and the city of Jerusalem titled *Let the Stones Speak*. Those stones really do have a message for the cities of Judah and for the world if they are interested. Everyone *should* be interested because that message concerns all of us—*all of mankind!* And how inspiring it is!

"So the heathen shall fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth thy glory" (verse 15). Once Christ returns, the whole world will be looking to Jerusalem. Tremendous glory, and the peace and joy and happiness that the world seeks, is coming so very soon! Behold your God!

#### **Millennial Jerusalem**

Chapters 40-48 of the book of Ezekiel describe in detail the temple God will build in Jerusalem during the millennial rule of Jesus Christ. God lays out for us a clear plan. This temple will be built on the same location that Solomon and Zerubbabel built their temples.

There is a lot of detail here about how God is already measuring the city to prepare to build that temple. Ezekiel 48:15 says, "[A]nd the city shall be in the midst thereof." That is Jerusalem, the capital of the world. "And the suburbs of the city shall be toward the north two hundred and fifty, and toward the south two hundred and fifty, and toward the east two hundred and fifty, and toward the west two hundred and fifty" (verse 17). Verse 30 talks about "the goings out of the city." It is all measured and well organized. This city will be magnificent like no city has ever been.

"It was round about eighteen thousand measures: and the name of the city from that day shall be, The Lord is there." (verse 35). What a glorious time that will be! Jerusalem's name will be *The Lord is there.* God will be there, and He will be ruling! Everything on Earth will revolve around His throne in Jerusalem. Thank God! What a spectacular time it will be! Realize what happiness, joy, success and wealth people will enjoy—and so soon!

How spectacular Jerusalem will be when Christ is ruling during that



thousand-year period. And then, the final chapters of Revelation reveal that, after the Millennium, God the Father will come down with new Jerusalem! That city will be unimaginably grand: half the size of the United States of America! The future for Jerusalem just gets better and better!

One primary reason God has opened a door for this work to participate in archaeological digs in Jerusalem is to amplify the Ezekiel temple message. Already the measuring is going on for how to build Jerusalem when Christ gets here!

#### **Exhibit Coming**

At our headquarters in Edmond, Oklahoma, we plan to open our third Armstrong Auditorium archaeological exhibit early next year: "Kingdom of David and Solomon Discovered." It will display artifacts from the Iron Age II period in Israel, from basically 1000 to 900 B.C., including an item relating to Solomon and the Queen of Sheba and incense. This will be the first time one of the inscriptions will be exhibited to the public.

King David conquered Jerusalem from the Jebusites. Others had failed to do so for hundreds of years, but David knew that God wanted Jerusalem for Israel and to be in Judah. These artifacts point back to that history. The same is true of some of our excavations in the City of David. There we have uncovered

the spectacular 16-foot-wide walls of the palace of David. We have also helped excavate the enormous stones of Solomon's city wall, which Dr. Mazar said "testifies to a ruling presence. Its strength and form of construction indicate a high level of engineering."

These stones are really proclaiming a marvelous message! God wants the people of Judah and the world to listen closely. If we believe God and prove what He is doing, we will be inspired, moved and stirred—and happy as never before!

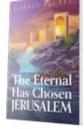
Again, Isaiah 40:9 states, "O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion ...." These are good tidings: the best news you could hear! "[G]et thee up into the high mountain ...." There is a high mountain here—the City of David—right next to where we just finished a dig, helping and supporting Hebrew University; "O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem ...." We have *good news* for Jerusalem, and for anybody who will focus on this. "[L]ift up thy voice with strength; Lift it up, be not afraid; Say unto the cities of Judah"all the cities of Judah! Say this message through archaeology, and the meaningful finds that are being discovered: "Behold your God!" This is all about the Second

Coming, and this biblical archaeology is leading right into the coming of the Messiah!

#### Finally, Jerusalem at peace!

Study God's plan to turn this city of war into the world's epicenter of peace.

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#### SHIA CRESCENT

Hezbollah

\$800 million per year

Flows of weapons, training and funds go from Iran to Shiite paramilitaries in Iraq, Lebanon and Syria to create a "Shia Crescent" where Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei reigns supreme.

# IRAN: ISLAM

The Syrian Arab Republic

\$15 billion per year

SYRIA

IRAQ

Pro-Iran militias in Iraq

\$150 million per vear

TERRORIST REGIMES BANKROLLED BY IRAN

ISRAEL-

JORDAN

Hamas and Islamic Jihad in Gaza

\$100 million per year

# **HAMAS**

The full name for Hamas is Harakat al-Muqawama al-Islamiya (Islamic Resistance Movement). This Gaza-based terrorist organization split from the Muslim Brotherhood on Dec. 10, 1987. It has between 20,000 and 25,000 members. Terrorism is incentivized: The Palestinian Authority pays the families of dead Hamas terrorists a combined total of around \$2.8 million—that amounts to roughly a \$1,500 payment per family, plus \$350 per month in perpetuity.

#### **FOUNDERS**

Ahmed Yassin A Palestinian imam
Abdel Aziz al-Rantisi A certified physician

#### **CHAIRMAN**

**Ismail Haniyeh** Widely considered Hamas's overall leader, though he lives in Qatar

#### SUPREME MILITARY COMMANDER

**Mohammed Deif** The Israeli military's "most wanted" man since 1995

DECEMBER 1987 Founded during the First Intifada against Israel SEPTEMBER 2000 Participated in the Second Intifada against Israel DECEMBER 2008 Initiated the Gaza War against Israel OCTOBER 2023 Initiated the Israel-Hamas War

# Islamiya (Islamic Resistance Ilit from the Muslim and 25,000 members. Ilit from the families of dead Hamas at amounts to roughly a \$1,500 TO IRAN Hamas's representative in Lebanon, Ahmed Abdulhadi, met with Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian on October 12 in Lebanon to thank him for Iran's solidarity with Palestine.

Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh met with Amirabdollahian on October 14 in Qatar to discuss Hamas's deadly attack on Israel and repledge commitment to each other's goals.

**HAMAS** 

LINKS

Iran gives Hamas and Islamic Jihad in Gaza roughly \$100 million per year in funding.

Iran supplies Hamas with 107-mm rockets and Fajr 3 and Fajr 5 rocket systems.



#### **FOUNDING CHARTER: EXCERPTS**

"The Islamic Resistance Movement is one of the links in the chain of the struggle against the Zionist invaders. ... It goes on to reach out and become one with another chain that includes the struggle of the Palestinians and Muslim Brotherhood in the 1948 war and the jihad operations of the Muslim Brotherhood in 1968 and after." "The prophet, Allah bless him and grant him salvation, has said: 'The Day of Judgment will not come about until Muslims fight the Jews (killing the Jews), when the Jew will hide behind stones and trees. The stones and trees will say O Muslims, O Abdulla, there is a Jew behind me, come and kill him." "There is no solution for the Palestinian question except through jihad. Initiatives, proposals and international conferences are all a waste of time and vain endeavors."

YEMEN

**Houthi rebels in Yemen** \$10 million per year

# KING OF IC TERROR

Hamas's brutal attack on Israel on October 7 has highlighted the terrorist group's close financial ties to the Islamic Republic of Iran. Designated a state-sponsor of terror in 1984, Iran finances nearly 1,000 individuals and entities connected to terrorism in its quest to destroy Israel and become the undisputed master of the Middle East.

SUPREME LEADER

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei

PRESIDENT
Ebrahim Raisi

COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF ISLAMIC REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CORPS Maj. Gen. Hossein Salami



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#### STATE SPONSORS OF TERRORISM

The U.S. State Department sanctions four counties for supporting acts of international terrorism. Of these countries, Iran is the leading sponsor, earmarking more than 4 percent of its gross domestic product for terror financing.



The Islamic Republic of Iran



The Republic of Cuba



The Democratic People's Republic of Korea NOV. 20, 2017



The Syrian Arab Republic

"Wiping out Israel means that the Palestinian people, including Muslims, Christians and Jews, should be able to determine their fate and get rid of thugs such as [Prime Minister Benjamin] Netanyahu."

—NYATOLLAH ALI KHAMENEI IRANIAN SUPREME LEADER

"The occupying regime of Jerusalem must be disappeared from the page of time." -MAHMOUD AHMADINEJAD FORMER IRANIAN PRESIDENT

"If the Zionist aggressions do not stop, the hands of all parties in the region are on the trigger."

-HOSSEIN AMIRABDOLLAHIAN IRANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

BAHRAIN

SAUDI

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#### IRAN'S TERRORIST HISTORY

NOVEMBER 1979 Iran Hostage Crisis

APRIL 1983 U.S. Embassy bombing in Beirut

**DECEMBER 1983** U.S. Embassy bombing in Kuwait

JANUARY 1984 U.S. State Department designates Iran a state sponsor of terrorism

JUNE 1985 Hijacking of TWA Flight 847

MARCH 1992 Israeli Embassy bombing in Buenos Aires

OCTOBER 2000 Hezbollah cross-border raid

MARCH 2003 Support of insurgents in Iraq War

FEBRUARY 2006 Support of insurgents in Afghanistan War

JULY 2006 Support for Hezbollah attack on Israel

JULY 2012 Bulgaria bus bombing

NOVEMBER 2015 Bahrain arrests Tehran-linked cell plotting attacks

MAY 2016 Iranians charged with cyberplots against U.S. banks

JANUARY 2018 Iranian terror raids in Germany

MAY 2018 Hamas launches Iranian rockets into Israel

JULY 2018 Iranian diplomats charged in U.S. terror plots

MAY 2019 Iran green-lights attacks on U.S. personnel in Middle East

NOVEMBER 2021 Two Hezbollah members arrested in Colombia plotting attacks

AUGUST 2022 Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps commander boasts of arming West Bank terrorists



# **Why a New Migrant Crisis Could Destroy Europe**

Democratic institutions are already under threat. BY RICHARD PALMER

T SHOOK THE ENTIRE CONTINENT. IT damaged huge political parties, destroyed smaller ones. It thrust new ideologies and movements upward and jolted fundamental attitudes toward rule of law, democracy, freedom and faith.

It elevated the Alternative für Deutschland from a small, nerdy, economics-focused fringe party into a mass movement. It pushed the current version of the Italian fascist party into power in Italy and led to a whole generation of politicians modeled after Benito Mussolini.

It was the 2015-2016 migrant crisis. And then it faded away. In 2015, 1.2 million people had officially applied for asylum within the European Union. By 2017, that figure had been halved.

The crippled political parties never recovered, Europe's economy still struggles, and the riverbed of basic attitudes about society had been diverted into a new course—but at least the massive

influx of impoverished, Muslim, and sometimes aggressive and violent incomers was over. Or so people thought.

#### **Migrant Crisis 2.0**

In the first six months of 2023, more than half a million migrants applied for asylum within the EU. That's up nearly 30 percent compared to the year before and the highest for that time period since the first crisis.

Many of them are flowing past or onto the little Italian island of Lampedusa. It has a population of 6,000. September 12 and 13, 7,000 migrants arrived in about 48 hours. The island has more migrants than residents. Overstretched hospitals struggle to give them basic medical care. The tourist industry is collapsing as the island becomes associated with migrants and crime, not sunny getaways. Some migrants broke out of the asylum center and set up roadblocks.

Italy quickly flies the migrants out of Lampedusa to large centers. But northward across the Alps, Germany is still dealing with former Chancellor Angela Merkel's declaration that the nation could welcome in almost unlimited numbers of migrants. This year, 30 percent of all asylum applicants went to Germany, more than any other European country by far. Just under 14 million first-generation migrants now live in Germanyabout 17 percent of the population—and they are profoundly affecting society.

One of the big political debates of the summer was, do swimming pools need round-the-clock police protection? Pools have closed as staff have quit or refused to work because they don't want to deal with all the attacks on pool patrons. These attacks come predominantly from Muslim migrants preying on young German women, but few journalists or politicians will talk about it.

All signs indicate the problem is going to get worse. Flooding in Libya killed more than 10,000 people and uprooted tens of thousands more. About 3,000 died in Morocco's earthquake. Both Niger and Mali have undergone coups over the summer. Sudan is in civil war, forcing an estimated 4 million people

to flee their homes and 6 million to the brink of famine. Chad and the Central African Republic face internal violence. Terrorist groups pledging allegiance to the Islamic State or al Qaeda are active in Mali and Burkina Faso.

One of Europe's responses to the 2016 migrant crisis was to pay African dictators to lock migrants in concentration camps. Turkey blocked migrants from the Middle East. Sudan and Algeria prevented Africans from reaching the Mediterranean coast. Now some of these governments have fallen, leaving gaps in Europe's border wall.

Europe's second great migrant crisis has barely begun. And now those who talked tough about migration the first time around are in the government.

Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni is one example. Her patriotic and immigrant-averse rhetoric helped bring the Brothers of Italy party—successor to the National Fascist Party—all the way from 2 percent of the vote and nine seats in its first election 10 years ago to 26 percent last year, a plurality, 184 seats, leadership of the coalition and ascension to the prime minister's office. Now she is being tested and could lose her popularity and her office if she doesn't deliver a solution. She did visit Lampedusa, but at one point her car was blocked by protesters. Yet she doesn't sound like she knows what to do. "The question is not how to unload the problem," she admitted on Italian state television channel Rai 1, "it's how to stop the arrivals in Italy, and I still don't see any concrete answers."

#### No Alternative?

Everyday Europeans want to empathize with those suffering in North Africa and the Middle East. But they see that bringing hundreds of thousands of poorly screened young men into European cities is not the answer: It imports crime, housing shortages, rising national debts and other problems. Recognizing this reality does not make average Europeans racist, extreme or far-right. Yet few voices in mainstream news or politics will even acknowledge these problems.

But if they want solutions, there are few good options. In some countries, the only parties that will address the problem are genuinely extreme, even neo-Nazi. In other countries, they are more reasonable—but to address the problem, they must work with concerned parties in other EU countries and thus compromise with the extremists.

It's this dynamic that has pushed ordinary people to vote for parties in Germany and Italy that trace back to the fascists of the 1920s and 1930s. Those voters are not necessarily Nazis—it's just that they have no alternatives for containing the ongoing disaster.

But what if even these so-called extreme parties—and actually extreme parties—fail? Where does Italy go from Meloni and light fascism? Where will Europeans turn?

For decades, mainstream parties in the West have had similar principles and values: free trade, free health care, confronting climate change and tolerating or even encouraging immigration. They view themselves as tolerant, compassionate people. But troublingly, they have used their political power to make pursuing a different vision for their countries almost impossible.

These more-or-less globalist ideals are now enshrined in law: national law, constitutional law, international treaties and

foundational documents like the European Convention on Human Rights. This convention does more than secure life, liberty, pursuit of happiness, and other basic rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution. These

liberal elites see themselves as more compassionate than that: Their rights include the right to family life, the right of refugees for asylum, and the right to clean air and water (which has inspired numerous climate-change court cases).

For decades, the elites have intertwined their principles within Europe's entire system of government. Any efforts to deal with migration get tripped up in endless court cases. An immigrant gets a girlfriend? His right to a family life means you can't deport him. He "loses" his passport? If you can't identify him, you can't deport him. He claims to be homosexual, Christian or part of the political opposition? If he were sent home, he would suffer persecution—so he cannot be deported. Every migrant seeks such exceptions. After years of litigation, if the

courts finally approve deportation, he has long since gone missing.

When Meloni and other leaders who oppose mass migration are elected, this is what they are up against. Italian law, European law and treaty obligations all block them from deporting migrants or even meaningfully limiting immigration.

When times are good, people go along with this status quo. But times are getting worse. More and more people are fed up with not only the immigration policies but the entire system.

#### **Breaking the Law**

There is a simple solution: Take the migrants illegally entering through Lampedusa, European waters or European shores and dump them back in Africa. Don't bother trying to figure out where they're originally from—they will have thrown their passports overboard anyway. Just stick then in Libya or Algeria.

Arguably, this is also the compassionate solution. Around 20,000 migrants have died or disappeared trying to cross the Mediterranean since 2014. Returning all the migrants back to Africa removes most of the incentive for them

to cross. It would save thousands of lives.

This is how Australia solved its crisis. It set up detention centers in places like Papua New Guinea, Christmas Island and Nauru. One thousand drowned trying to

get to Australia in the decade leading up to 2013. Once Australia made the change and began turning back boats, the number of boats and number of deaths plummeted.

Europe has a working model. But for the EU to adopt it would be illegal.

Liberal elites have presented the fed-up citizens of Europe with two options. Option 1: Accept indefinite mass migration, let your earnings decrease and your taxes increase, watch your welfare state collapse, allow the transformation of your culture, accept your city becoming more dangerous, and capitulate to the now-accelerating brave new globalist transformation of Europe. Option 2: Break the law.

They could look for a third option, some legal way to change statutes,

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treaties and constitutional law. But that will take years—and they don't have years.

Europeans will have to surrender to mass migration or smash the system. As the crisis gets worse, they will take the second option.

If leaders like Meloni prove unwilling to skirt the rule of law and deport migrants en masse, they will eventually be replaced by leaders who are.

#### A Strong King Is Imminent

The migrant crisis is just one of several significant pressures on Europe. For years, the *Trumpet* has warned that a radical change is coming to Europe. Daniel 8 and 11 have prophecies God gave about 2,500 years ago. Some of them have become history. In 323 B.C., a great "king of Grecia" attacked Persia, just as Daniel 8:5-7, 20-21 described. His name was Alexander the Great. But Daniel wrote primarily for "the time of the end" (verse 17; Daniel 11:40).

Daniel 8:23-24 describe the rise of "a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences." Other prophecies show that this strongman will arise in Germany and lead Europe. *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry writes in his booklet *A Strong German* Leader Is Imminent: "This soon-coming ruler could literally be called a king. Even if he is not, the Bible gives him that title. When the Bible talks about a king, in most cases it's saying that this is not a democratic government. Even if he doesn't have that title, he is going to lead like a king. This vision in Daniel shows that the European empire is about to become a lot more authoritative."

That means a massive change in Europe's governance. The current mostly democratic system, with its flaws and advantages, is about to be smashed. Daniel describes what replaces it as a "beast"—an aggressive, warlike power, unrestrained by diplomatic niceties, special interests, inflated "human rights," the will of the people or the rule of law.

By enshrining a constant flow of migrants into their core laws, Europe's liberal elites have guaranteed their system will be brought down as a new generation of politicians confront these problems. Watch for this new Europe to rise rapidly.



# **The Intentional Border Crisis**

Joe Biden now admits it: 'Replacement theory' is actual Democrat strategy. BY STEPHEN FLURRY

HE BIDEN REGIME IS DELIBERATELY ignoring the worst border crisis in United States history. Thousands of illegal aliens are crossing the southern U.S. border every day, and huge numbers of them are unaccompanied young adult military-age males. In the 32 months since Joe Biden was installed in the White House, roughly the equivalent of the entire population of El Salvador has been apprehended at the southern border: 6 million people. But those caught by Customs and Border Patrol agents are far from the only ones trying to enter the country illegally.

Thermal drone footage has revealed hundreds of migrants streaming into Texas under cover of darkness. And the New York Post reported that Biden has enabled 221,456 migrants to fly from South America "straight to their American cities of choice." Data obtained by the Center for Immigration Studies shows the Department of Homeland Security is cajoling tens of thousands of would-be border-crossers into using a smartphone application to make appointments with U.S. officials at land ports of entry. Instead of walking into America, these illegal aliens are flying in on commercial airliners.

Why is this happening? Biden is intentionally overwhelming America's border

agents, immigration agents, big city mayors and small-town residents. He and his boss, Barack Obama, are making the illegal immigration process as efficient as possible. They are enabling South Americans to fly way over the border into the interior of the country, providing them with a smartphone when they arrive, and setting them loose in American cities as long as they promise to come back for an asylum hearing—knowing that many won't show.

#### Welcoming the Whole World

Biden recently bragged about unilaterally granting temporary legal status to 472,000 illegal Venezuelan immigrants who arrived in the country this year. This makes it easier for these people to stay in the U.S. indefinitely. This is in addition to the 243,000 Venezuelans given temporary status last year.

Obama and Biden are allowing the U.S. to be overrun by noncitizens. It's not a secret anymore. The Joebama regime wants to welcome in the whole world!

In his remarks to the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute on September 22, Biden proudly stated, "I've also directed my team to make a historic increase in the number of refugees admitted from Latin America."

A historic increase.

I'm not sure if Biden handlers wanted him to admit that openly. Opinion polls reflect that a vast majority of Americans disapprove of how he is handling immigration. Yet regardless of what citizens think, Biden is rapidly bringing in as many foreign immigrants as possible, a historic increase designed to bring a historic change that blots out what America has been and transforms it in one of the most fundamental ways possible.

#### **Reduce America's Standard of Living**

A video recently circulated on X.com in which a comedian talks about the pressing need to open the U.S. border wide so that Americans will stop having such a high standard of living. He may have been joking, but many liberal elites are not, Obama foremost among them.

Remember how Obama lectured Americans about energy usage? "We can't drive our suvs and eat as much as we want and keep our homes at 72 degrees all the time whether we are living in the desert or living in the tundra and just expect that every other country will say, 'OK, you guys, go ahead and keep on using 25 percent of the world's energy even though you only account for 3 percent of the world's population," he said in 2008.

Forget about how much of the world's energy the United States produces (it is second only to China): Obama wants Americans to consume less, and it is not because he cares about the environment. He cares about control and using that control to dismantle America.

Obama thinks that right now the average American still has too much control over his own life. This needs to be "transformed." Enticing millions of people from Latin America (and many other countries via Latin America) to live in the U.S. illegally, driving up energy prices, raising inflation, and otherwise reducing the resources and independence of the average American citizen is the way to accomplish this.

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Some radicals think this is noble. Others haven't thought it through at all. Many are ignorant of history, and most are ignorant of cause and effect in human affairs. But everyone could and should realize that this is intentional and

evil! Look at the actions of Obama and Biden in the United States and abroad. They are not pursuing consistent policies of energy reduction, of Latin American quality of life, of reducing communicable diseases, or even of socialist ideals. The consistent policy, foreign and domestic, is to force through a *historic*, transformative dismantling of America!

Obama and other elites are trying to destroy the standard of living among common people so the whole country and the whole world will be poor and dependent on the cabal of elites (which, it just so happens, is and will continue to be increasingly rich).

#### **New Constituents**

The mayor of Eagle Pass, Texas, recently told the New York Post that his city has been overwhelmed by single men from Venezuela. It's not oppressed children, women or families that Obama and Biden are trying to give mass amnesty to, but an army of military-aged single men entering a county that many of them despise. (The Customs and Border Protection Agency reports that 63 percent of those apprehended at the southern border are single.) Even Eric Adams, the liberal mayor of the Post's hometown, 2,000 miles from the border and the richest city in the world, said that immigration across the southern border "will destroy New York City."

"But why did the Biden administration deliberately unleash the largest influx across the southern border in U.S. history?" Victor Davis Hanson asks. "The ethnic chauvinists and Democratic Party elites needed new constituents, given their increasingly unpopular agendas. They feared that the more legal Latino

the existing population but who can also become new voters from socialist nations.

America's migrant crisis is an attempt by radicals to transform America into a socialist nation ruled by an American tyrant. Some analysts recognize this not only in the border crisis but also in the government's treacherous response. But a much deeper analysis reveals far more about America's illegal immigration crisis. That analysis comes from the prophecies of the Bible.

#### The World's 'Melting Pot'

In The United States and Britain in Prophecy, Herbert W. Armstrong identified early American immigrants as being descendants of the patriarch Abraham. Abraham's grandson Jacob passed his birthright promises on to the sons of his son Joseph (Genesis 48). Jacob said the descendants of the one grandson, Ephraim, would become a company of nations, while those of the other, Manasseh, would be a single great nation.

Genesis 49:22 says, "Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall." Joseph's descendants, in other words, were to become a colonizing people in the latter days. That is exactly what they did, branching out from the British Isles all over the Earth, including North America.

Ephraim's descendants became Great Britain, and Manasseh's became the United States. Many American immigrants came from nations other than England. "A large part of Manasseh remained with Ephraim until the separation of New England," Mr. Armstrong wrote. "But our forefathers were to be sifted through many nations, as corn

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immigrants assimilated and integrated into American society, the less happy they became with left-wing radical abortion, racial, transgender, crime and green fixations" (September 21).

This explains why Biden boasts about "a historic increase in the number of refugees admitted from Latin America" at a time when most Americans disapprove of how he handles immigrants. They are bringing in people who not only weaken

through a sieve, yet not a grain to fall to the earth or be lost (Amos 9:9)" (op. cit.).

After the kingdom of Israel and then the kingdom of Judah were destroyed and their peoples scattered, the tribe of Ephraim and much of the tribe of Manasseh filtered through many different nations before they eventually immigrated to the islands off of northwest Europe. Many descendants of Manasseh, however, remained within the nations

where they had been scattered. When America was being colonized by Britain, these descendants began immigrating to the New World. Not every European immigrant was a descendant of Manasseh, but a great majority were.

Like modern-day America, ancient Israel accepted immigrants from other nations. But God's law specified that

We are no longer "one nation, under God, indivisible," under one law and one flag. Instead, we are a balkanized brew of feuding ethnicities and cultures on the verge of race war.

The blessings of this nation came to us not "by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own," as Abraham Lincoln warned. They came rather from "the

Simply look around to see that this prophecy and others are being fulfilled today. As Lincoln said in that same 1863 presidential proclamation: "We have forgotten God." And now sojourners, strangers, immigrants and aliens are taking over the United States. The flood of illegal immigrants highlights a flagrant disregard for law. It exposes and exacerbates the loss of a common culture. America's inability to protect its borders shows that the very things that define America as a nation are eroding. Uncontrolled, self-destructive mass immigration fulfills Bible prophecies.

The Prophet Isaiah says this crisis will intensify until the nation is destroyed: "Your country lies desolate, your cities are burned with fire; in your very presence aliens devour your land; it is desolate, as overthrown by aliens" (Isaiah 1:7; RSV). Drug cartels are exploiting this crisis to smuggle drugs and people into Americaincluding many from foreign adversaries motivated to infiltrate, commit crime, and unleash terrorism in this country.

Currently, the aliens flooding across America's border are mainly from Central and South America, but Bible prophecy shows that much more sophisticated infiltrations and more openly militarized invasions will follow (e.g. Isaiah 10:5-7). A future Trump administration will likely try to clamp down on border security. But without a Lincoln-like call for repentance toward God, an unprecedented response from Americans everywhere, and a resulting miracle by God, the open borders, flow of immigrants, flow of drugs and other policies being forced through on America will weaken the nation to where it can no longer resist a military invasion!

To paraphrase Ronald Reagan, once a nation loses control of its borders, it is no longer a nation. This is happening, now, to the United States. And this historic transformation is being forced

through by those at the very top!

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these immigrants were required to obey the laws of Israel (see Exodus 12:49; Leviticus 19:34; Numbers 9:14).

"Thus we have become known as the 'melting pot' of the world," Mr. Armstrong wrote. "Instead of refuting our Manasseh ancestry, this fact actually confirms it. The proof that we are Manasseh is overwhelming. Manasseh was to separate from Ephraim and become the greatest, wealthiest single nation of Earth's history" (ibid).

This is the reason for America's historic exceptionalism! No Republican politician or conservative commentator tells you that or even ventures a good guess as to where and why and how America inherited the resources and the principles to become great, even though it is essential to understanding what is happening to America now!

#### The Source of America's Blessings

Barack Obama and Joe Biden have forced America to a historic tipping point. They are motivating and enabling thousands of immigrants to pour in without legal processes or much vetting of any kind. Many of the migrants are uninterested in adopting America's culture or following America's laws, let alone the laws that governed America at its peak, in its early days or at its ancient origins.

"We no longer speak the same language, worship the same God, honor the same heroes, or share the same holidays," Pat Buchanan summarized in 2014. "Christianity is in decline. Traditional churches are sundering over moral issues like abortion and same-sex marriage. Islam is surging. Our society seems to be disintegrating."

God that made us." As he said, "[I]t is the duty of nations as well as of men to owe their dependence upon the overruling power of God; to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scripture and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord."

These blessings came, as Mr. Armstrong documented in The United States and Britain in Prophecy, from the detailed promises God made to that president's namesake: the patriarch Abraham. Every bit of wealth you and I have points back to that man and the principles he embodied: faith toward the true God and obedience to His laws.

Even well-known commentators who disregard prophecy and reject America's biblical identity can see that we are on a disastrous course. America is splitting apart at the seams.

Consider the border crisis in light of Deuteronomy 28:43: "The sojourner who is among you shall mount above you higher and higher; and you shall come down lower and lower" (Revised Standard Version). This scripture is an end-time prophecy about the United States and Great Britain.

#### God cares about borders.

God instituted national borders for a reason, and it illuminates His plan for Israel and for the world. Unlock the identity of the modern-day descendants of biblical Israel in your free copy of Herbert W. Armstrong's book The United States and Britain in Prophecy.



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Hubble has inspired us for 30 years as it brought faraway galaxies home to Earth. The 1995 Hubble Deep Field exposure focused on about a 2-millionth section of the night sky in the constellation Ursa Major for 100 hours. The area was chosen because of how dark and empty it was. When the images appeared, astronomers were shocked. In that pinprick of space, they could count nearly 3,000 galaxies! The 2004 Ultra Deep Field image showed the farthest galaxies that are possible to see in the human-visible spectrum and led astronomers to estimate the total number of galaxies in the universe at 120 billion.

The James Webb telescope is even more complex, costly and risky than Hubble. After decades of delays and billions of dollars, it finally launched in late 2021. As it hurled through space at a mile per second, NASA administrator Bill Nelson pointed back in time and said: "A shepherd grazing his sheep would look up at the night sky. He became a poet. And he penned the words, The heavens declare the glory of God; the firmament shows his handiwork. That shepherd, that poet, became king. And those immortal words in Psalm 19 encapsulate the expressions that we have today—the handiwork of God—as we peer back in time, over 13 billion years ago, [and] capture the light from the very beginning of the creation."

#### **Pillars of Creation**

The first images of the James Webb telescope were shared with the world on July 12, 2022. We saw stars being formed in the Carina Nebula, the Southern Ring Nebula and a large, detailed exposure of a galaxy quintet. Since then we have seen the creation of new stars inside the famous Pillars of Creation nebula, direct images of exoplanets that orbit other stars, a planetary atmosphere, a moon's atmosphere and, through infrared light, the most distant, most ancient galaxies ever.

What incredible scientific discoveries! But what does it mean? "The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork" (Psalm 19:1). Looking at the night sky, David celebrated the fact that God has revealed Himself in designing, creating and sustaining the universe. God's glory and handiwork are out there for everybody to see. The heavens truly do reveal God! The more that science discovers, the more obvious this becomes.

"Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge" (verse 2). The Hebrew for "uttereth" means to pour out or send forth. One translation says, "Day after day it PROPH-ESIES." What a fascinating word. The heavens constantly pour forth prophecy! What are they saying? What is their prophecy?

This is truly an inspiring subject to study in order to better know the Creator behind that prophecy. We must be able to see the great God. Especially as times grow more violent and chaotic, we need to know God and His purpose.

God asks: "To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? ... Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these things, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that he is strong in power; not one faileth" (Isaiah 40:25-26). Man worships the creation, but God says, Lift up your eyes and behold wно CRE-ATED these things! The universe is impressive, but WE MUST SEE GOD BEHIND IT. Sadly, man rarely does.

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold [this should read suppress] the truth in unrighteousness" (Romans 1:18). Yes, here on Earth, men *suppress* the truth, even when it is as real and inescapable as the Earth they are standing upon and the universe itself!

"Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for *God hath shewed it unto them*" (verse 19). As Psalm 19 says, He has shown it to them in His creation. But this may be even more specific, pointing to *direct revelation* about astronomy God gave us through Seth, Abraham and other great men of the Bible!

The Witness of the Stars author Ethelbert W. Bullinger argued that God revealed a great deal more about astronomy in the past than we realize. There are indications of this in the Bible.

Psalm 147:4 says God has all the stars and celestial bodies not only numbered but even *named*. Job knew some of those names. He said that God "spreadeth out the heavens .... Which maketh *Arcturus*, *Orion*, and *Pleiades*, and the chambers of the south" (Job 9:8-9).

God was trying to bring Job into the universe. He was trying to bring David into the universe. And He is trying to bring *you* into the universe!

God can name 120 billion galaxies and each of their hundreds of billions of stars! (But even that is nothing compared to the full scope of what He is doing with the universe.) He has given us some of those names to help us set our minds on the cosmos in a practical way. He is trying to get you to understand your true potential, which extends far beyond Earth!

Job must have been quite an astronomer. But he made the mistake men usually make: He got his mind on his own projects and works and *off* what God was building and the laws of God that sustain His great project.

God confronted Job directly to correct his perspective. He asked Job: "Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades, or loose the bands of Orion? Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus with his sons?" (Job 38:31-32). Job, do you recognize the influence the Pleiades star cluster has on the universe? Can you somehow stop that from working like a clock? Can you break up the great constellation Orion? Can you ensure that the brilliant stars of Mazzaroth appear when they ought, or lead those in Arcturus, with all the smaller stars attached to that system, across the sky?

These questions overwhelmed Job. He had been acting like his building projects were equal with God's. But he had no power over these heavenly bodies. God does! God was impressing on this pitiful man's mind that the universe does not operate by mere happenstance. There is a great Being behind it all. Lift up your eyes!

Rather than seeing how the heavens declared *God's* glory, Job was focusing on his *own* glory. But he was left speechless as he more vividly saw the laws of God and the power of God at work. *I'm not trying to humiliate you*, God told him, *I'm trying to EDUCATE you!* Don't be overawed by some building project on Earth—get your mind on the building project I plan to give you for eternity in the universe! (Hebrews 2:8). God wanted Job to see his potential. He wants the same for *you!* 

#### **Looking to the Heavens**

Astronomy is a wonderful subject to study. God revealed some understanding of it to Job. Other men He worked with also considered the heavens. According to the Babylonian historian

Berosus, Abraham was "a man righteous and great, and skillful in the celestial science." He was a great astronomer and mathematician. Josephus said he analyzed "phenomena that were visible both at land and sea, as well as those that happen to the sun and moon, and all the heavenly bodies." The Prophet Amos spoke of the "seven stars," or Pleiades, and Orion (Amos 5:8).

Josephus wrote that astronomy was, at one time, revealed by God. He believed that one reason God gave people before the Flood lives of several hundred years was "the good use they made of it in astronomical and geometrical discoveries, which would not have afforded the time of foretelling [the periods of the stars] unless they had lived 600 years; for the great year is completed in that interval" (Antiquities of the Jews, 1.3.9). He referenced several ancient authors (whose works have since been lost) to corroborate this view. Consider why God allowed people like Adam, Seth and Methuselah to live such long lives (Genesis 5:5, 8, 27). Perhaps it was because He wanted to develop this system of astronomy to encourage man if he were inclined to look into it.

Historians often credit the Babylonians and Chaldeans with being geniuses in science, mathematics and even astronomy. But as Bullinger wrote, "Sir William Drummond says that the traditions of the Chaldean astronomy seem the fragments of a mighty system fallen into ruins." So even the understanding the Chaldeans had, which would have come from Abraham, was *mere fragments* of "a mighty system." I'm sure that "mighty system" came from God—and it fell into ruins because people never value what God gives!

When Josiah ruled as king of Judah, "he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the *planets* [margin: 12 signs or constellations], and to all the host of heaven" (2 Kings 23:5). How typical of rebellious mankind: God creates the great universe to reveal HIMSELF to them, but man just worships the *creation* rather than the Creator! (Romans 1:25). Human beings never seem to see the God behind it all!

We must not get distracted by material things. We must see the great God who wants us to think about those stars and their names and to recognize His awesome, limitless power! We must see God—the God of the Bible—AS HE TRULY IS.

#### The Sun Prophesies

Psalm 19 continues, "There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world ..." (verses 3-4). The heavens are delivering their message, and the *whole world* should hear it.

The *hidden part* of these early verses in Psalm 19 is man himself. This is about man's place in the universe. God wants us to focus our minds on our future and on Him, the Creator.

The psalm continues, "... In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof" (verses 4-6). What is God saying here about the sun? It is the most prominent body or symbol illustrating God's eminence. Is this too a prophecy?







Malachi 4 supplies the answer: "But unto you that fear my name shall the *Sun of righteousness* arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall" (verse 2). This is God speaking to those who fear His name—the only ones who hear what He is revealing.

The capital "S" shows that this Sun is a type of Jesus Christ. This is a prophecy of how He is about to bring light and growth to all the world. Righteousness will fill the Earth. Everybody will be touched, just as they are by the light of the physical sun. You can step outside on a sunny day and feel the sun's heat. The Sun of righteousness is about to fill this Earth! We live in dark times, and they will get even darker for a while. But the Sun is about to come out and fill this Earth with the righteousness of God. That is a prophecy you can see in the heavens every day! The whole world is about to see this prophecy fulfilled.

"For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch" (verse 1). This is reality: Those not in harmony with the Sun will be burned up by it! The lake of fire awaits them. There is no future for the wicked (verse 3).

But for those who fear God, there is "healing in his wings." Let this Sun into your life, and you will receive *true healing!* 

That will also make you "grow up as calves of the stall." When a baby calf is born, once he can get on his feet and stagger around, he starts jumping around, thrilled to be able to explore the new world. It will be that way with you: Align with that Sun, and you will be prancing and celebrating the thrills and joys in your life! Is your life that way today?

When you grasp what it symbolizes, the sun is itself a prophecy about what will happen to the world in the future.

As we will see, the second half of Psalm 19 is about the law. And in Malachi 4, after talking about the Sun, it discusses the law (verse 4). In the universe or anything else God is involved in, there is always LAW. THE UNIVERSE DECLARES GOD'S GLORY BECAUSE GOD RULES IT! It wouldn't otherwise!

God then explains how we bring this plan to fruition: "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord" (verse 5). Do you know who this

man is? God has already sent this man, and he delivered a message about the Sun of righteousness and about the law.

"And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse" (verse 6). You must bring the law of God—who also authored the laws of the universe—into your life and your family. The great God is telling you how to make your life and your family work. If you don't do it God's way, they are guaranteed to be a wreck every time. Yet the *created* think they know better than the CREATOR!

Whether out in the universe or here on Earth, if you don't keep the law, it always fails. If you don't use God's government, it always crashes. If a planet got out of orbit, it would create a spectacular collision!

The sun is the most dominant element in the solar system—everything revolves around it. Spiritually, look to the Sun—look to God—not to the bits of matter around Him. Lift up your eyes! Always see God in the picture.

Those families who believe God and are working diligently to implement His law today experience beautiful results. Their success is a prophecy of what is about to happen with families all over the Earth. When God's law is implemented, the harmony, joy and happiness that follow are truly wondrous!

#### **Harmonious Universe**

"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. ... Their *line* is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. ..." (Psalm 19:1, 4). The King James margin says "their line" could read "their rule or direction." The heavens declare God's glory because THEIR RULE, OF THEIR DIRECTION, IS FROM GOD! It wouldn't declare the glory of God unless God directed it.

If you are going to give glory to God, it is only because God rules and directs you. We need to learn this deeply. If we don't, then we will have to go through an experience like Job's. The Bible prophesies of a "great tribulation" about to descend on a world that is fighting God and acting like the created knows more than the Creator!

"The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes

of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes" (verses 7-8). This is A PROPHECY ABOUT WHAT THE LAW WILL DO IN YOUR LIFE. The law of God is more perfect than the universe. It converts people and brings joy and happiness into their lives!

Some Bible scholars believe the subject changes in verse 7. But it doesn't! The reason the heavens declare God's glory IS BECAUSE OF THE LAW! This is what man refuses to understand.

God assures us that the same principle that makes the universe work will make your life work. If you are going to declare God's glory, it will be because you apply the law!

It rejoices the heart to keep God's law. It makes people happy in a marriage. It makes children happy in a family. It really works. And that rejoicing and harmony helps you know you're keeping the law! If you are unhappy and bitter, something is wrong with your law-keeping. God isn't ruling you.

Again, Psalm 19:4 says, "Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world." Gesenius' Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon says the word line is a "measuring cord [or] rule." Strong's Concordance describes it as "a musical string or accord," or harmony. People may say you can't have both interpretations, but you can—because if you have God's rule and direction, then you have accord, or harmony.

There is harmony in the universe, and it is produced by the law and the direction of God. The fact that it all runs so precisely shows that someone is conducting the orchestra. The whole universe moves like a great orchestra God is conducting!

Sadly, on Earth today, you see a lot of disharmony! People are rioting, splintering families, exploding bombs, suffering horrific "natural" disasters, breaking peace pacts. Satan and his demons are now confined here (Revelation 12:7-9) with rebellious human beings.

If you find harmony any place on Earth—true harmony—it is never an accident. And wherever you find disharmony, you always find a breaking of God's law.

The Earth doesn't declare God's glory—because God doesn't rule it yet! But He certainly will. If you understand the mind of God—who is behind all the harmony in the universe—you know He yearns to bring that harmony to our planet as well. In fact, this is all a PROPHECY of what is going to happen on Earth! The universe is prophesying that God will rule Earth and all its inhabitants just like He does the universe!

The Apostle Paul quoted Psalm 19:4 in Romans 10: "But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world" (verse 18). The Greek word for sound means a musical sound. Paul understood the spiritual application of David's statement about the wonderful harmony in the heavens. To produce beautiful

music in our lives, we must follow God's

rule and direction.

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Paul used the same Greek word in 1 Corinthians 14:7: "And even things without life giving *sound*, whether pipe or harp, except they give a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped?" To make a pipe or a harp give a beautiful, distinct sound, you must play it according to specific laws. Paul is saying if you don't tune your harp according to God's Word, you will be talking nonsense spiritually! God has given us the instruments—but He's the Conductor, and He must teach us how to play them.

Your life can have beautiful music. You can declare God's glory by the way your life works.

There is a harmony in the law of the Creator and Ruler of the universe, and if we obey that law, our lives will be transformed! When your life produces the harmony God wants, you are declaring God's glory. You become part of a prophecy of the heavens declaring God's glory!

#### **How God Can Teach You**

The word line is also used in Isaiah 28: "Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little" (verses 9-10).

Is God able to teach you? If you want to be in harmony with God and what He's doing in the universe, you must be able to study properly, line upon line. For God to really be able to teach you, you must really get into your Bible! You have a responsibility to take line upon line, and you have to know this is *God* speaking to you and not a man.

Line upon line—there's no other way God will be able to build in our lives. We have to build based on the laws of God. We must learn How to declare the glory of God!

Look at this universe and the great God behind it, and it really does have an emotional and spiritual impact on your life, as it did Job's. It can turn you around quickly from errors in your thinking.

When you recognize how the universe declares God's glory, it shows God's purpose in creating man. You have no other pur-POSE THAN TO DECLARE GOD'S GLORY. That is why we were created.

THE ONLY WAY WE CAN DECLARE GOD'S GLORY IS BY UPHOLDING GOD'S RULE AND DIRECTION. It doesn't matter how much ability you have or how great your achievements. Unless you can begin to see the glory of God and the power and the might of God, you'll never stop challenging and questioning Him, and you'll never declare His glory!

Man would totally destroy himself if God didn't intervene (Matthew 24:21-22). That shows how far out of harmony he is with his Creator! People have utterly failed to learn what God is doing and what His creation is prophesying.

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day after day utters prophecy! If you know God, you know He is a God of law, and you know it is only a matter of time until He corrects our problems. He will never stop until everything is in harmony.

The heavens are pouring forth a prophecy of glory and harmony! They are telling us that, very soon, the whole heavens and the WHOLE EARTH are going to declare God's glory!



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#### **National Sins**

Our peoples have drifted far from God. We have turned from His laws and excluded Him from our education, politics and public discourse. The infiltration of leftist, socialist and Communist thinking into our nations is a curse, causing horrendous political division. Like America, Israel has developed an entrenched "deep state" with destructive views subverting the nation. For years now, the Israeli intelligence services have been focusing their attention on trying to bring down Benjamin Netanyahu. How much did this contribute to the security breakdown that allowed Hamas to attack so effectively? (sidebar, page 10). These people are overthrowing the rule of law! Their minds are alienated from God and infected with satanic ideology. The fact that they have grown so influential also shows the effects of national sin.

In the face of a tragedy such as this, where does Israel turn for help? Their own Bible repeatedly shows that God wants to be our refuge and help in times of trouble. He wants us looking to and trusting *Him!* But Israel turns instead to unstable man—even those who have proved themselves not to have Israel's interests at heart. In fact, Hamas is funded in part by America and Germany! Can Israel really trust these nations?

Another curse listed in Leviticus 26 is that our "strength shall be spent in vain" (verse 20). As Israel spends its strength retaliating against Hamas, remember this verse. Will these efforts actually solve the problem of Islamist terrorism?

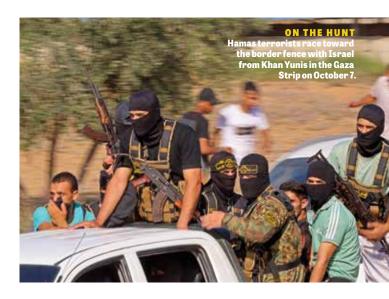
Hamas is a death cult. They *want* Israel to kill Palestinians so they can turn world opinion against Israel all the more. And sadly, whenever Israel tries to defend itself, that is exactly what happens. Israel's response in Gaza is certain to stir up more hatred against Israel among the nations. But more importantly, striking Hamas is not getting to the root of the problem. Hamas is sponsored by Iran, the "head" of the terrorist snake.

Will Israel—as well as America and Britain—acknowledge that our nations are being *cursed?* 

Obedience to God brings blessings—rebellion brings curses. And sadly, our peoples are saturated with sins for which we are suffering. We have become materialistic, secular societies that tolerate and encourage deceit, idolatry, sensuality, fornication, adultery, homosexuality and many other sins. Our families are fractured. The streets of our cities—even Tel Aviv and Jerusalem—host LGBTQ "pride" parades; our public places celebrate and promote transgenderism. What the Hamas monsters did to innocent Israeli children is horrifying—but in God's eyes is it worse than the moral filth we our forcing on a whole generation of our youth?

Hamas terrorists chose to launch their attack not only on a weekly Sabbath, but also on an annual holy day that many Israelis observe. It is called "the eighth day" in Leviticus 23:36, immediately following the seven-day Feast of Tabernacles. This is a wonderfully positive, celebratory and also sacred day. Jesus Christ kept it as well; it is called "the last day, that great day of the feast" (John 7:37). It is also memorialized by Bible-believing Christians in God's true Church.

One of Hamas's first targets was an all-night music festival known as a "psychedelic trance event" just across the Gaza border. This activity has roots in the 1960s hippie movement,



known for its immoral lifestyle. Such indecent activity is common in Israel today. IS THAT AN APPROPRIATE EVENT TO BE HOLDING, ESPECIALLY ON A HOLY DAY?

I am not suggesting that anyone *deserved* the demonic brutality Hamas inflicted. NOBODY DOES! But these young people certainly did not have God's protection. They were carousing on a Sabbath and on a sacred holy day that they should be keeping! Hamas preyed on that—motivated by Satan the devil.

Should this event not prod us into some honest self-examination? Should we not be willing to make some changes in our lives? 2 Peter 3:9 says that God is "not willing that any should *perish*, but that all should come to REPENTANCE." If we are to avoid *perishing* eternally, then we must turn to God in REPENTANCE!

As I will show you, the profound spiritual meaning behind the holy day on which this attack occurred is brimming with hope! If you understand it, you realize that it holds the SOLUTION to horrors such as Israel has just suffered. Perhaps God allowed this to occur on that day specifically to show us that the inspiring answer to the blood-soaked problems of this world are *right under our noses*, if only we would seek Him!

#### The Trigger for World War

Now let's see what prophecy tells us we can expect to happen in Israel, especially in Jerusalem, in the time ahead.

Zechariah 14 is a critical prophetic chapter. "Behold, the day of the Lord cometh," it begins. The "day of the Lord" is the prophetic name for the *final year of man's rule on Earth.* Prophecy shows that that "day" concludes with the most inspiring event in history: the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. So that is what Zechariah's prophecy is pointing to.

Verse 1 continues, "and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city" (verses 1-2).

This speaks of a major crisis about to befall Israel: half of Jerusalem going into captivity in some kind of Palestinian uprising. This passage puts that dispute over Jerusalem in the same context as the Day of the Lord! That is because when

half of Jerusalem goes into captivity, that crisis will trigger a series of events that leads directly to Christ's return! Half of Jerusalem falling is like the first domino to fall leading to the Second Coming.

Now, remember Christ's warning about the "abomination of desolation"—those "armies surrounding Jerusalem." Several prophecies show that they will be *European armies*—LED BY GERMANY.

Putting all these prophecies together, a picture emerges of Israel being overwhelmed by a convulsion of violence in Jerusalem and crying out for intervention from a German-led Europe.

In this same flow of events, Daniel 11:40-41 show this fear-some European force—called "the king of the north"—launch-

"And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be."

-ZECHARIAH 14:8

ing a violent, blitzkrieg offensive against Iran—the paymaster of Hamas—and its allies and terrorist proxies. The extremist Islamic threat will finally be forcibly confronted!

Every indication is that the Jews will then INVITE those victorious armies right into their capital city as a *peacekeeping force*.

Here the forewarning God gives in prophecy is profoundly valuable. You can read it in the end-time prophecy of Ezekiel 23. It describes in appalling detail the Jews fawning over their former archenemy, and the Germans responding in a horrifying way: by turning against the Jews in a treacherous double cross! "And they shall come against thee with chariots, wagons, and wheels, and with an assembly of people, which shall set against thee buckler and shield and helmet round about ... and they shall judge thee according to their judgments" (verse 24).

This breathtaking betrayal gives you a sense of the scale and scope of suffering and bloodshed during the "great tribulation" and the "times of the Gentiles" of which Jesus Christ spoke. It is but an early campaign in what will quickly escalate into full-scale nuclear world war!

These prophecies are disturbing to contemplate, but they are critical to be aware of as we watch world events, particularly in Israel. And as severe as they are, always remember the context: This explosion of violence and warfare is one of the greatest signs Jesus Christ gave of His imminent return! The darkness and evil that are about to flood this globe presage the most wonderful news in human history!

#### The Last Great Day

Among the enemies of the Israelite people, there seems to be a grisly theme throughout history. When the ancient Israelites were enslaved in Egypt, the pharaoh commanded a slaughter of their newborn sons (Exodus 1:16). In the days of Jesus Christ, King Herod murdered the infants (Matthew 2:16-18). Psalm 137 is a chilling prophecy of a time in the future, when the people

of America, Britain and Judah have gone into captivity, and those European armies will slay their little ones (verses 8-9).

This same hateful, satanic spirit was behind this latest attack on Israel. The Hamas terrorists seemed to find particular glee in targeting children, the most helpless and innocent of the Jews. It was reminiscent of these horrific biblical examples. "In Rama was there a voice heard, lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not" (Matthew 2:18).

Thankfully, God has a plan to bring these children back to life and give them the opportunity to grow up in a world free of terrorism and violence!

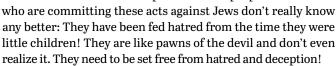
That vision is wrapped up in the annual Jewish observance during which Hamas launched its slaughter in the Holy Land. After seven days of Sukkot, the Jews keep Shemini Atzeret, along with an observance called Simchat Torah. Among other things, this concludes their annual cycle of public readings from the Torah.

The full meaning of this day and even these readings is something that even the Jewish people do not understand. Real peace is connected with the Torah and the rest of God's law! *Simchat Torah* means "rejoicing with the Torah." Even religious Jews do not understand how world-changing God's law is and will be.

That holy day, the Last Great Day, symbolizes not only God's law and the way to peace, but a time when God's law and government will have been established on Earth and the dead will be resurrected into that new world! (You need to look into the meaning of God's holy days. They are far more than

mere holidays. They reveal God's entire master plan for mankind and are filled with wonderful vision! Request a free copy of our booklet *Pagan Holiday—or God's Holy Days—Which?*)

The hundreds of Israelis slain by Hamas will live again. God wants to lead them to repentance as well as all of Israel. So too will the Palestinians killed in Israel's military reprisals. God even wants to bring the hate-filled terrorists to repentance! The people



In God's great plan for mankind, all these people will have their eyes opened to understand the truth and be able to repent, turn to God, and receive salvation. So too will the billions who have lived and died, many of them in terror, never knowing the true God!

Psalm 87 is a prophetic picture of God bringing people from *all nations* into His eternal family. "I will count Egypt and Babylon among those who know me," God says—"also Philistia and Tyre, and even distant Ethiopia. They have all become citizens of Jerusalem!" (verse 4; New Living Translation). In prophecy, *Philistia* refers to modern-day Gaza, and *Tyre* refers to Lebanon today. The terrorists of Hamas and Hezbollah inhabiting these territories today WILL one day soon come to KNOW THE TRUE GOD!

Watch Israel, and watch Jerusalem. Sadly, the war there today truly is a sign of worse to come. But that is only in the short term. It is also a sign of the greatest news in all history, and it points to the hope of salvation for all mankind!

## PRINCIPLES OF LIVING

## What It Means to Pray 'Thy Kingdom Come'

Now more than ever, this should be no vain repetition.

HY KINGDOM COME," JESUS CHRIST INSTRUCTED HIS disciples to pray as part of His prayer outline recorded in Matthew 6. Today, most people who offer this prayer do so without understanding what it really means.

"Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven," Christ continued (verse 10). Look at the world around you. In the cities of Ukraine, in the communities of Israel, it is clear that evil exists. It is strong, and the will of a loving God is *not* being carried out on Earth today. The god of this world is *Satan the devil* (Ephesians 2:2; Revelation 12:9).

The late Herbert Armstrong wrote that God's way "will not come for the whole world until the Kingdom of God does appear with the coming of Jesus Christ in supreme power and glory, as the King of kings and Lord of lords, ruling all nations in the Kingdom of God!" Think on that! This is a *future* event we are anticipating. "The fact that the time is now near—the fact that it is sure!—that is the big good news today. That is the glorious silver lining behind the beclouded wretchedness of today. That is the world's great hope right now" (co-worker letter, April 28, 1974).

To most people, including traditional Christians, Jesus Christ's return in power and glory is simply not real! How real is the Second Coming *to you?* 

Adam and Eve rejected God's government and failed to replace Satan on the Earth's throne. Yet shortly after this history-changing event, God promised a Savior who would overcome and replace Satan (Genesis 3:15). He would have to sacrifice His life in the process, making him "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Revelation 13:8).

"Her seed" in Genesis 3:15 refers to Jesus Christ. God would allow Satan to "bruise" Christ's "heel" in causing Him to be crucified. But Christ would bruise Satan's head by rising from the dead and ultimately deposing the devil as ruler of the world (see 2 Corinthians 4:4).

Throughout the Old Testament, numerous teachers of God, including Moses, David, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel, prophesied of a future Messiah who would be a literal king over the nations of the Earth. Haggai wrote that God would "shake all nations" in the lead-up to the coming of this King (Haggai 2:6-7).

In the New Testament, Luke 1:32-33 repeated this prophecy specifying that the throne Jesus would reign from forever would be the throne of David. When Pilate asked Jesus if He was born to be King, Christ responded, "Yes," but added that His Kingdom was *not of this world* (John 18:36-37). This is why Christ did not take over the government of Rome or any other power during His first coming, but rather died like a lamb.

Mark 13 and Matthew 24 prophesy of bleak events that will engulf the entire globe. These soon-coming cataclysms are abysmally hopeless—unless we believe what Christ said: They are a sign of His Second Coming!

When Jesus was in the flesh, speaking with His disciples, He said: "And then shall they see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. And then shall he send his angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven" (Mark 13:26-27). He will come again, He said, out of the clouds, with great power and glory. His angels will come with Him, and they will gather the elect of God.

"If I go," Christ said in John 14, "I will come again." That is an unbreakable promise!

Repeatedly throughout the Gospels, Christ spoke about the Kingdom of God. That was the original, true gospel message. He was proclaiming what He would do at His Second Coming!



Mr. Armstrong wrote in *Mystery of the Ages*, "How amazing—what a tragedy—that in church services and gospel preaching today, one seldom, if ever, hears of Christ as a coming king and world ruler. Spiritual principalities and powers of evil (Ephesians 6:12) are ruling the world today. It is these earthly governments of Satan that will be destroyed and replaced by Christ at His Second Coming. Christ's Kingdom is of the World Tomorrow!"

In Revelation we find the same message, written decades after Christ had come and gone: "And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever" (Revelation 11:15; also read Revelation 19:6 and 22:7).

Whether in the writings of Moses, the book of Haggai, the Gospels or the book of Revelation, the message about the Kingdom of God on Earth is consistent and repetitious. *Jesus Christ was born to rule this world as King of kings and Lord of lords!* 

That is the astounding, hopeful *good news* message of the gospel: The Kingdom of God will be restored to Earth by Jesus Christ at His soon-coming return. *It is this world's only sure hope.* This is why true Christians begin their prayers with this earnest, heartfelt petition: *Thy Kingdom come!* 

#### **ANGLO-AMERICA**

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cold civil war is being waged in the United States. Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy asked the United States House of Representatives on September 12 to open an official impeachment inquiry into Joe Biden. This inquiry came after eight months of House Oversight Committee investigations into Biden family corruption. House Oversight Committee Chairman James Comer alleges that Biden's son Hunter Biden profited from illicit business deals with numerous foreign entities by arranging access to his father. Comer also alleged that Joe Biden himself took a \$5 million bribe from Ukrainian company Burisma Holdings while vice president. At the first hearing of this impeachment inquiry on September 28, Comer said the lawmakers have "a mountain of evidence" that will show the elder Biden "abused his public office for his family's financial gain."

Democrats hit back: Only five days after the impeachment inquiry, 208 Democrats and eight Republicans joined to remove McCarthy as speaker. Democrats and many Republicans wanted to replace him with an establishment-friendly Republican who won't prosecute the Biden crime family.

Isaiah foretold that judgment would be "turned away backward" in the end time, and that

truth would be "fallen in the street" (Isaiah 59:14). We see this prophecy being fulfilled as America is overrun by corrupt oligarchs who enrich themselves at the expense of their nation while prosecuting those who expose them.

Joe Biden, so confident that he will never be held to account for his crimes, is recklessly draining America's Strategic Petroleum Reserve for his own gain. Data from the Energy Information Administration indicates these reserves held only 351.3 million barrels of oil at the end of September, down 45 percent from 638 million barrels when Biden was inaugurated. He and Barack Obama, who ultimately controls U.S. policy, are draining these reserves ostensibly in an effort to lower high gasoline prices, all the while refusing to increase energy production in America. The reserves are now nearing their lowest levels in 40 years, putting America in a vulnerable position as wars in Ukraine and Israel jeopardize global energy supplies.

Declining petroleum reserves are only part of Biden and Obama's America-destroying policies. Out-of-control government spending and rising interest rates have finally pushed the nation to the point where the cost of servicing its debts exceeds the cost of

U.S. interest payments now equal \$800 military spending for the first time in three decades (in billions) \$600 Defense budget \$400 ■ Defense services \$200 2020 1960 2000 32 THE PHILADELPHIA TRUMPET



defending its borders. The government spent over \$807 billion in interest on the national debt during the first 11 months of fiscal year 2023, according to the U.S. Treasury's monthly statement, Meanwhile, it spent \$696 billion on national defense. That means the cost of debt repayment is 16 percent higher than military spending. Financial historian Niall Ferguson has warned that this is usually the point where nations and empires fall apart. You cannot project power around the world when you are slashing your defense spending to make your interest payments.

The Prophet Micah foretold that God would destroy the chariots and cast down the strongholds of end-time Israel to punish them for turning from His law (Micah 5:10-13). This means that at the moment America reaches the zenith of its power. God will cut off its weapons systems and throw down its military bases.

#### **EUROPE**

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ermany's shift to the right continued with two key elections in Bayaria and Hesse. In Bavaria, the Alternative für

Deutschland gained 4.4 percent, receiving 14.6 percent of the vote. Another right-leaning party, the Free Voters, sometimes referred to as AfD light, gained 4.2 percent and is now the second-strongest party with 15.8 percent. That puts support for fringe parties at over 30 percent. Just prior to Bavaria's election, the leader of the Free Voters was accused of carrying an anti-Semitic pamphlet in his youth as well as imitating Hitler speeches. The accusations appear to have propelled the party forward. As our free booklet Germany and the Holy Roman Empire\* explains, there is a strong connection between right-wing, extremist sentiments today and Germany's past.

Switzerland's parliament voted to ban face coverings,

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including religious coverings such as burgas and niqabs, on September 20. This will make Switzerland the 16th European country to have a full or partial ban on the burga. The ban was proposed in a referendum in March 2021 but was criticized as Islamophobic and sexist. While there are a few exceptions to the ban, including indigenous customs, health masks and religious services, there are no exceptions for the burga or niqab in public spaces. Violators

can be fined up to 1,000 francs

(nearly US\$1,100). Tension

between Europe and Islam is

that these two religions will

clash in the end time.

rising, and the Bible prophesies

A survey published by the German Marshall Fund on September 12 concluded that out of 14 countries, "German respondents are the least enthusiastic" in their support for **Ukraine**'s bid to join the European Union and NATO, as well as financial aid for the reconstruction of Ukraine.

Germany and **France** blocked Ukraine's entry into NATO in 2008. When France urged for a roadmap for Ukraine's membership in 2023, Germany urged caution. In 2022, the same two countries prevented Ukraine's entry into the EU. Germany has continually barred weapon deliveries from other countries to Ukraine and delayed its own deliveries.

While some argue Germany is wise not to provoke Russia, Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry has warned of a more sinister motive: "I believe that Germany's leaders may have already agreed to a deal with Russia, a modern Hitler-Stalin pact where Germany and Russia divide countries and assets between themselves. This agreement would allow each to turn its sights on other targets. Any such deal that may have been struck between Germany and Russia is a precursor to war!" Read "Germany's Secret Deal With Russia—Exposed." ■ **TOPSHOT** Migrants from Venezuela crawl through a hole they made in the razor wire to cross into Eagle Pass, Texas, on September 25.

#### **ASIA**

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he nations of Asia are continuing to rally behind **Russia**'s leadership.

The government of India announced plans on September 13 to expedite transportation of goods between the two nations by developing the Northern Sea Route and Eastern Maritime Corridor, The Eastern Maritime Corridor takes ships east from India, past China, then north to Vladivostok on Russia's Pacific Coast, The Northern Sea Route extends this farther, passing into the Arctic and sailing past Russia's Far North coast. Developing these maritime routes is expected to considerably boost the already thriving trade between India and Russia.

On the same day, North
Korea's leader Kim Jong-un
met with President Vladimir
Putin in Russia. Kim pledged
"full and unconditional support"
for Russia's "just" fight against
Ukraine and said, "We will be
together in the fight against
imperialism."

Analysts believe the two sides struck a deal in which North Korea gives Russia artillery shells and antitank missiles for use against Ukraine, while North Korea receives food aid and more advanced technology for satellites and nuclear-powered submarines. Meanwhile, intelligence from **South Korea** reported on September 4 that Russia, **China** and North Korea are planning joint naval exercises for next year.

"If these exercises do go through," said NBC News foreign correspondent Matt Bradley, "that could cement a new kind of alliance or axis that's opposed to the West, and possibly in favor of expansionist military adventures like Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and even more troubling, potentially Beijing's ambitions



to take over **Taiwan** and those islands that are contested in the Western Pacific."

While the West is actively reducing ties with Russia as a result of Russia's war on Ukraine, China, India, North Korea and other Asian nations are maintaining or strengthening their ties economically, diplomatically and militarily. This backing is a major boon to Russia during a difficult time and is significant due to its accord with Bible prophecy.

Revelation 9:16 and 16:12 prophesy that modern Asian nations will soon unite and field the largest military force in human history. Although China has a far larger economy and a strong leader of its own, Ezekiel 38 prophesies that Russia and its "prince" will ultimately lead this alliance.

To understand more, read
Gerald Flurry's landmark article
"Asia Still Stands With Putin."

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n September, the New York Times released the name of a Swedish citizen detained by Iran for well over a year: **Johan Floderus**. Floderus was employed by the European External Action Service, the diplomatic agency of the European Union, and was arrested on a spying accusation on April 17, 2022. Long-standing United Nations standards accord diplomats and their staff "diplomatic immunity," protecting even most of those who are accused of spying from arrest, prosecution and arbitrary detention. Floderus apparently was in Iran on personal business rather than official diplomatic business, but arbitrarily detaining a foreign diplomat is serious and can be

interpreted as an act of war. Daniel 11:40 prophesies that radical Islam, led by Iran, will keep provoking Europe until it reacts with overwhelming force.

At least 4,000 people died in a flood in **Libya** on September 12 when rainfall from Cyclone Daniel burst two dams and inhabitants of the nearby city of Derna were caught in rushing waters that reportedly reached 10 feet high. As natural disasters like these continue with massive death tolls, many wonder where God is-if He is there at all. To understand, request your free copy of Why 'Natural' Disasters?\*

China formally presented its new ambassador to Afghanistan, Zhao Xing, to Taliban Prime Minister **Mullah** Hassan Akhund on September 13. This makes China the first country to send an ambassador to Afghanistan since radical Islamic Taliban terrorist forces conquered the capital, Kabul, in 2021 as American forces withdrew. Neither China nor any other country has officially recognized the Taliban as the government of Afghanistan, but naming an ambassador, for all practical purposes, makes China the first country to recognize the Taliban's legitimacy. In addition to serving as a vast parking lot for abandoned American military hardware the Chinese regime might be interested in acquiring, Afghanistan is an important link in the **Belt and Road Initiative**, China's planned network of

global infrastructure to connect world trade to Beijing.

> "Who are the main victors of America's chaotic Afghanistan withdrawal?" the October 2021 Trumpet asked, "At first glance, it may look like the Taliban came out on top. ... But in the broader geopolitical picture, the even bigger winners are China and Russia." Events like Zhao's appointment as ambassador to a Taliban regime prove this analysis right.



I find your magazine very interesting, and I read them over and over again because I find them so enjoyable. What they are bringing to light in regards to Bible prophecy went completely over my head when I read the Bible. I find it interesting that you mention the politicians and how corrupt they are; it's really scary. I feel bad for Americans who are trying to live the right way. We are facing the same issues up in Canada. When you mention Obama hurting the country, I agree. Keep sending me the paper. I pass it on to others.

Gordon Mulligan MANITOBA, CANADA

There are so many bad things in the world, but the Trumpet keeps me above all of that. I've been getting the magazine for about five years now and I really look forward to it each month.

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# COMMENTARY JOEL HILLIKER

# How Not to Raise a Terrorist

Proper education makes all the difference.

HE CHILDREN OF HAMAS DON'T STAND A CHANCE. THE schools they attend are named after terrorists. The classes they take delegitimize Israel and dehumanize Jews. Their parents and teachers glorify violence and nurture aspirations to jihad and martyrdom. Their summer camp instructors issue them toy guns at age 6, then train them in weapons and military tactics as teens.

This is what makes a human being into a terrorist willing to behead an infant in his crib. Palestinian society has raised whole

generations that view barbarism as noble and murder as duty.

The Israeli government says about half of Hamas terrorists are under age 18. Look at a high school student in your life, and imagine him having been educated and trained to enter someone's home and shoot, stab, rape or kidnap whomever he sees. Perverse education produces monsters.

The nightmare in Gaza proves that without proper moral education, CIVILIZATION DIES.

The proof extends far beyond Gaza. All around we see the grotesque effects.

After Hamas's attack on Israel October 7, cities and universities across the Western world filled with pro-Palestinian, anti-Israel demonstrators. Some sported images glorifying Hamas's weaponized paragliders who gunned down 260 music festival attendees. Some chanted, "Gas the Jews!"

What have these people been learning? In many cases, the same hate-filled propaganda that is shaping impressionable Palestinian children. Radicalized Palestinian academics teach our students, form campus "social justice" organizations, and invite terrorists to give classroom seminars. And graduates of these vaunted institutions become business leaders and politicians.

More broadly in our amoral society, people who have not been taught to respect property and to love their neighbor are smashing windows, looting shops, setting cars and buildings on fire. People who have not been taught kindness, compassion and the sanctity of human life are verbally abusing, beating, kicking, even stabbing, ramming or shooting people—often because of their race—then proclaiming like the children of Hamas that *they* are the victims.

God is the one true Lawgiver (James 4:12). Only He can delineate right from wrong. His law defines sin (Romans 7:7). When we try to establish our own ideas rather than submitting to God's righteousness, we run into serious trouble (Romans

10:3). Look around: Society has discarded *real* virtues like honesty, purity, empathy and personal responsibility, and actively embraced *counterfeits* like equity, inclusivity, collectivism and social justice. Then it has endlessly redefined these to justify dishonesty, filthiness, hatred, irresponsibility and worse.

Rather than looking to God to define right and wrong and working to live up to His standard, everyone does what is right in his own eyes (Judges 21:25).

Herbert W. Armstrong wisely said that righteous character *starts* with right knowledge—knowing the true way from the false—then voluntarily submitting to God and doing the right even against temptation and self-desire to the contrary. It *starts* with EDUCATION.

Why does an adult ever take responsibility for himself, govern his emotions, control his lusts, respect property, uphold morals, honor his parents, respect authority, work hard when he doesn't want to sacrifice himself, defend the weak, fulfill his duty and love his neighbor as himself? Because of what he was *taught*. Morality is the most important part of education. Knowledge without moral guidance will be wasted or used for evil.

"When it comes to rearing children, every society is only 20 years away from barbarism," Dr. Albert Siegel wrote. "Twenty years is all we have to accomplish the task of civilizing the infants who are born into our midst each year. These savages know nothing of our language, our culture, our religion, our values, our customs of interpersonal relations. ... The barbarian must be tamed if civilization is to survive." And truly, it's not just our children: *Each of us* has a savage, Satan-inspired human nature within that must be educated and civilized.

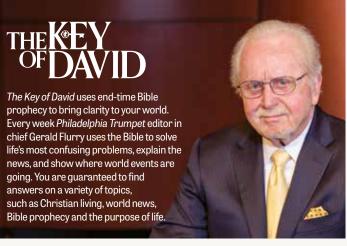
True education is the *only* foundation on which a good and durable society can be built.

Teach the laws of God to your children and grandchildren, Moses warned the Israelites (Deuteronomy 4:9-10; 6:4-7; 11:18-21). Rehearse them constantly—or you will forget them! And note this reason he gives: "That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the Lord sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of heaven upon the earth" (Deuteronomy 11:21). This is how to thrive as a nation! Obedience to this command welds individual families into a single nation under God. Had Israel's parents diligently followed this command, the nation never would have fallen.

Put another way, what you are learning and what your children are learning is nothing less than a matter of NATIONAL SECURITY. A society that wants to survive needs true moral education.

Moral education is *civilization-saving* education. The world's present sickness shows the crying need for such. Society today is neglecting it, but we must not do so in our homes. Through family instruction, youth programs and schools, God's true Church is doing all it can to instill morality in the next generation. What is happening in *your* home? Moral education is at odds with society today, but it is the foundation for the World Tomorrow.

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Arkansas, Bentonville K28NT-D 5:30, Sun El Dorado KNOE-DT 8:30, Sun Fayetteville K28NT-D7:30, Sun; KHBS-DT/ KHOG-DT 8:30, Sun

Fort Smith K28NT-D7:30, Sun; KFTA 9:30, Sun; KHBS-DT/KH0G-DT 8:30, Sun Harrison K26GS-D-COMET TV 7:00, Sun Jonesboro KAIT3-HD 9:30, Sun; KJOS 8:30,

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Springdale K28NT-D 7:30, Sun; KFTA 9:30, Sun; KHBS-DT/KHOG-DT 8:30, Sun

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Sun: KDOC-TV-COMET TV 5:00. Sun

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