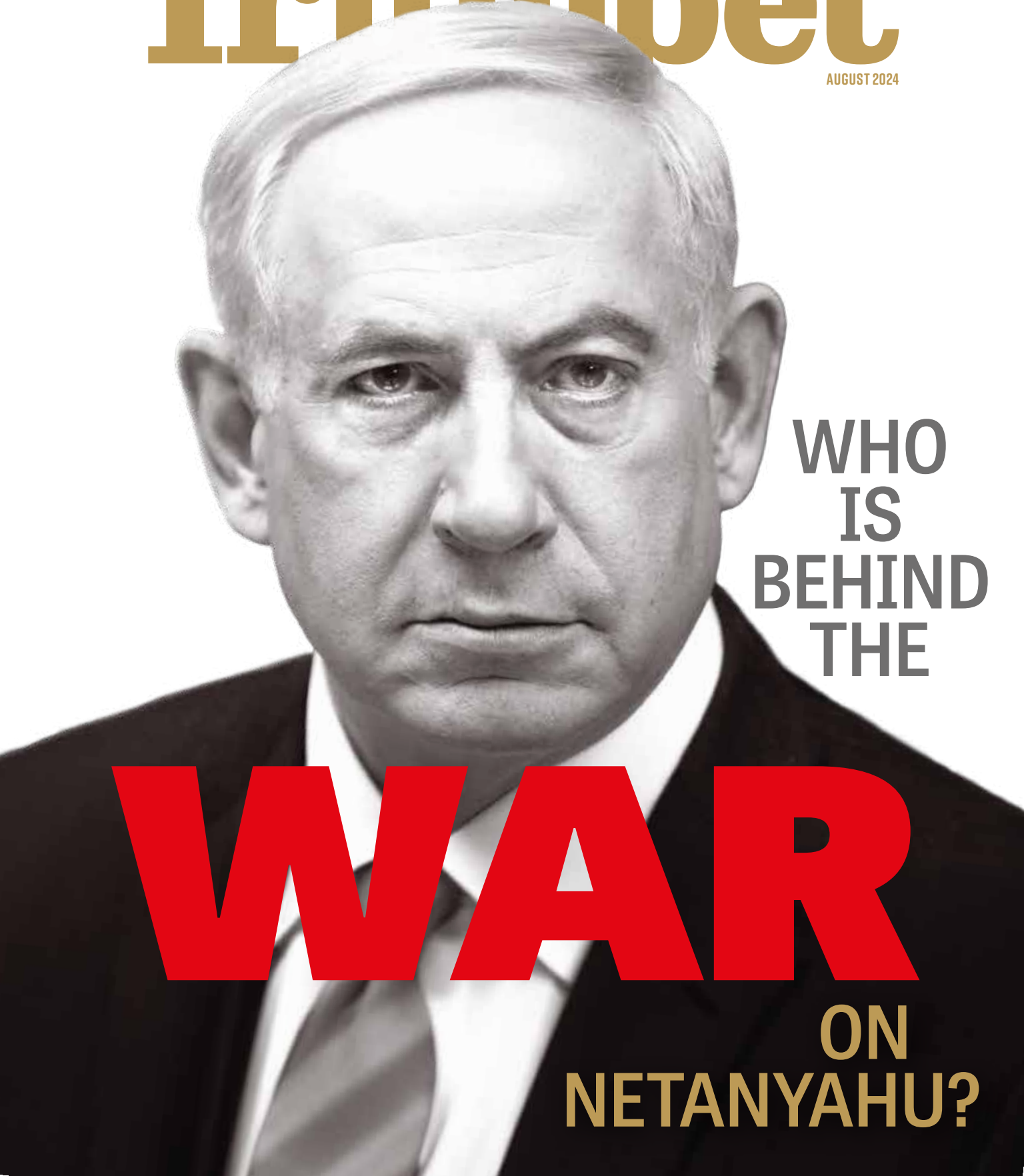


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FROM THE EDITOR
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Injustice and Lawlessness: A Prophet's Warning

Today's lawfare and corruption will have grave consequences.

JUSTICE IN AMERICA TODAY IS UNDER ATTACK. THE DEPARTMENT of Justice, courts of law and lawmakers are in the news *daily* for rank corruption, favoritism, cronyism, targeting and twisting of the law for their own benefit and to the unjust destruction of their opponents.

America's founders spilled barrels of their own blood to fight tyranny and establish the rule of law. "The rule of law, as distinct from the rule of a person or a class of people, or as opposed to the rule of force, is an abstract, sophisticated concept," British historian Paul Johnson wrote. There must be no exceptions. Not only is this difficult to establish, Johnson wrote, but unless you have "masses of individuals prepared to die to uphold it," you are liable to lose it! (*Sunday Telegraph*, Dec. 26, 1999).

America's forefathers established the Constitution as the supreme law of the land and based it on many biblical principles. As Johnson wrote, they started an experiment to try to establish the rule of God on Earth!

But Americans today are trashing that effort and committing grave injustices. History warns shrilly of empires and nations, from Greece to Rome to Britain and beyond, that have fallen when the rule of law was destroyed. And Bible prophecy says that America's forsaking the Constitution and the rule of law will lead to disaster!

The Prophet Micah prophesied of the destruction of justice. He discusses a watchman. A watchman usually maintains a vigil against foreign attack. But Micah's watchman focuses on threats *inside* the nation. This is an end-time prophecy: It has been preserved for 2,600 years because it is for the descendants of ancient Israel *today*, specifically the United States, Britain and the Jewish nation in the Middle East called Israel.

"And I said, Hear, I pray you, O heads of Jacob, and ye princes of the house of Israel; Is it not for you to know judgment?" (Micah 3:1). Micah prophesied of widespread injustice in the land. Verse 9 is a warning against the leaders of both the state (Jacob) and the churches (Israel). Like other biblical prophets, Micah cries out a warning of how ugly our nation will become when the people turn lawless!

God showed Micah people "[w]ho hate the good, and love the evil; who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones; Who also eat the flesh of my people, and flay their skin from off them; and they break their bones, and

chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh within the caldron" (verses 2-3). This is one of the grisliest metaphors in the Bible! God compares our rulers wresting, twisting and abusing the justice system to eating people alive! God *loves* justice, and He *hates* America's lawlessness, be it in the masses of people or in their elites. Micah cries out that those in control of the justice system and even the religious leaders don't love right judgment neither do they have a casual attitude toward it—they *abhor* it!

"The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon the Lord, and say, Is not the Lord among us? none evil can come upon us" (verse 11). Even those who believe in God are unjust! God warns against failing to *live* and *obey* His law or even the civil rule of law.

"The best of them is as a brier: the most upright is sharper than a thorn hedge: the day of thy watchmen and thy visitation cometh; now shall be their perplexity" (Micah 7:4). You need to be able to recognize God's watchman in this end time. (Request your free copy of *Ezekiel—The End-Time Prophet*.) This is connected to the "visitation"—the Second Coming of Jesus Christ!

Just as He sent Micah and the other prophets, God sends His watchman to end-time Israel today. He warns America, Britain and the other modern nations of Israel about the sins *within*. He warns that their sins and lawlessness will lead to God's punishment of these nations from *without*.

God wants people "to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God" (Micah 6:8). The more we watch the news, the more we should crave justice, and we cannot have real justice unless we submit not only to the rule of law or the Constitution specifically but to the Bible on which it was based!

America's Constitution, as its framers specifically told us, will not *work* without "masses of individuals prepared to die to uphold it." We are about to experience the very real consequences of that. When we lose the Constitution, we lose the last bits we have left of the law of God, and we lose everything. Each one of us must urgently consider the destruction of justice in America and beyond—and heed God's watchman warning message! ■

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WHO IS BEHIND THE WAR ON NETANYAHU

The attacks on Israel's head of state can be traced back to one man. **BY RICHARD PALMER AND MIHAILO S. ZEKIC**

ISRAEL IS FIGHTING FOR ITS life right now. After months of war with Hamas in Gaza, Hamas still holds 100 Israeli hostages dead or alive. Soldiers continue to die daily. And now, Israel faces a far more powerful Iranian proxy in the north: Hezbollah. Over 5,000 rockets, drones and missiles have been launched into Israel from Lebanon since October 8. Now, they are coming more rapidly: Multiple times per day, Israelis are running to shelters, and 100,000 Israelis are displaced indefinitely. The likelihood of a full-scale war with Hezbollah leaves Israelis uneasy about more family members being called up for duty.

As Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's prime minister, strives to prosecute this war, he is facing battles of his own. International courts are attacking him, threatening him with international arrest warrants. At home, an extremely disruptive Israeli minority take to the streets daily, shutting down highways and calling for Netanyahu's ouster. And within his fragile government, he struggles to keep unity as political parties to his right threaten to leave the coalition. Behind the scenes is an enemy that Netanyahu and Israel face who has empowered opposing forces and played a role in all these battles. That enemy is former United States President Barack Hussein Obama.

Ongoing Enmity
Ever since May 2009, when Netanyahu met with newly elected President Obama, the two men have been at odds. "[W]hen we moved to the Palestinian issue," Netanyahu said, "Obama took the gloves off." Obama blamed Israel for the Arab-Jew conflict, demanded a two-state solution, and insisted that "not one brick" be added to any Israeli settlement. Netanyahu disagreed, telling the president, "I'll do whatever I need to do to defend my country." In his famous Cairo speech a month later, Obama made clear that the two would also disagree over Iran. "No single nation should pick and choose which nation holds nuclear weapons," he said, signaling that America would not stand

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in the way of Iran getting the bomb.

Iran's theocracy is fundamentally opposed to American values and interests. Yet in Obama's policy—under the guise of bringing peace to the region—empowering Iran became a key plank.

The U.S. media, foreign-policy establishment and many politicians senselessly went along. Benjamin Netanyahu became Obama's main opposition.

Netanyahu publicly exposed what Obama's intentions—most notably in his 2015 speech to the U.S. Congress. Ultimately, he failed to stop the Iran deal, but he rallied opposition to it and made it a major issue in the United States. Thanks in part to the work of Mr. Netanyahu, Donald Trump, once in office, rolled back the deal and clipped Iran's wings.

For both Palestinian statehood and the Iranian nuclear deal, Benjamin Netanyahu became Barack Obama's main obstacle. So his aim of "personally pursuing this outcome with all the patience and dedication that the task requires" necessitated getting rid of Netanyahu.

Bye-bye, Bibi?

Obama's efforts to dethrone Netanyahu started with public snubs and criticisms. America is Israel's most important ally. Israeli voters generally want their leaders to get along with Washington. By showing his disapproval, Obama hoped to persuade voters to oust Netanyahu.

They did not, so the attacks intensified.

In 2015, the last Israeli election before he left office, Obama weaponized the U.S. State Department against Netanyahu. It spent around \$350,000 funding a campaign group that promoted the anyone-but-Netanyahu agenda. That is a relatively small sum but an important signal that the U.S. government stood behind this group. One of Obama's top election strategists, Jeremy Byrd, went to Israel to advise the group and supply it with election machinery.

Still, Netanyahu won the 2015 election.

Even after Obama left office, his program of regime change continued. When President Donald Trump took office, he appointed a new ambassador to Israel. Yet Obama's man, Ambassador Dan Shapiro, didn't come home. Instead, he stayed where he could continue to build bridges between Obama's people and anti-Netanyahu groups.

Despite political opposition and repeated elections, Netanyahu clung to power.

When Joe Biden moved into the White House in 2021, his term effectively became Obama's third term. Finally in March 2021, Netanyahu lost the election and was replaced by a new coalition.

The problem was, this new coalition agreed on only one thing: They wanted Netanyahu out. With that done, they had nothing else in common. A year later, the coalition fell apart, and in December 2022, Netanyahu was back.

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Obama's people had to devise another plan. This time they weaponized the controversy over the Supreme Court of Israel.

This court has given itself the power to overrule laws it dislikes, not based on legal reasoning but because they are "unreasonable." Netanyahu and supporters have been fighting this abuse of power. Others fear that a crippled court would leave them vulnerable to tyranny. Obama seized the opportunity to widen and exploit this division. He blew the dust off his Arab Spring toolbox and promoted street protests in Israel.

Once again, the State Department gave small but symbolically significant funding to protest groups like the Movement of Quality Government. The same "charitable" organizations that encouraged mass mail-in voting in the 2020 U.S. elections also got involved. The New Israel Fund, backed by George Soros's Open Society Foundations, was a key player.

Then U.S. Ambassador Thomas Nides threw his support behind the anti-Netanyahu protesters, saying, "I really think that most Israelis do not want America to stay out of their business." He also warned that America's support for Israel at the United Nations was based on "democracy" and "shared values"—a veiled threat that if Israel did not comply, America would abandon Israel at the UN.

War

Then came Oct. 7, 2023. The massacre on this day in all likelihood wouldn't have happened without the billions the Obama and Biden administrations were sending to Iran in sanctions relief to spend on its proxies. It wouldn't have happened had the U.S. government posed a credible retaliatory threat (such as Trump's assassination of Iranian "super general" Qassem Suleimani). That's not to say October 7 was knowingly organized by the Obama-Biden "deep state." But everything the Biden administration was doing—including the renewal of sanctions relief and the resumption of nuclear negotiations—helped prepare Iran to attack through its Hamas proxy. And the war certainly helped the cause of undermining Netanyahu.

As Israel's leader, Netanyahu was the one ultimately responsible for the greatest intelligence failure in the nation's history, which led to the biggest massacre of Jews since the Holocaust. Polls showed that an overwhelming number of Israelis wanted Netanyahu out.

However, despite pressure from all directions to resign or schedule new elections, Netanyahu has held on. Israelis broadly support keeping him in power temporarily to wage the war against Hamas and other proxies of Iran. Many pundits believed the war would go badly for Netanyahu; the Israel Defense Forces face an entrenched urban enemy. But while it hasn't gone perfectly, Israel has avoided massive casualties of its own soldiers and civilians.

Now the war poses a dual threat to the Obama agenda: Netanyahu may survive—and Hamas could be crippled.

Hamas is a key tool for Iran. If it is wiped out, it would undermine Obama's plan to radically transform the Middle East. That is why America attempted to keep Israel out of Rafah, why Biden withheld promised aid to Israel, and why he held Israel back from responding to Iran's missile attack in April. The Biden administration also tried (and partly failed) to build a pier so outsiders could send "aid" (or weapons) to Hamas without Israeli oversight.

Obama and company have also tried to undermine U.S. support for Israel. Obama-linked financiers have backed student protests in universities across

America. The student campus protests “include some of the biggest names in Democratic circles: Soros, Rockefeller and Pritzker,” reported Politico. “[A] small group of wealthy heavyweights are often playing an outsize role funding” the pro-Hamas movement.

Key supporters of the protests were Jewish Voice for Peace and IfNotNow. These are supported by the Tides Foundation, a group backed by George Soros and, previously, Bill and Melinda Gates. Nick and Susan Pritzker, who gave Biden’s 2020 campaign more than \$300,000, fund pro-Palestinian protests today. Susan Pritzker and Obama are old friends.

The protests have warped perceptions in America. Eighty percent of Americans say they support Israel over Hamas, according to an April 24-25 poll of nearly 2,000 registered voters, but the protests create the impression that there is division and merit on both sides.

Kangaroo Courts

Netanyahu has also been attacked on the international level. The International Court of Justice (ICJ) is investigating Israel for genocide and has produced rulings that paint Israel in a bad light. International Criminal Court (ICC) Chief Prosecutor Karim Khan has accused Netanyahu personally, as well as Israel’s Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, of committing war crimes.

Both of these organizations have ties to Barack Obama.

When the ICJ began its genocide investigation, Joan Donoghue was head of the court. She had moved to the court directly from Obama’s State Department, where she served as the senior career lawyer. “She advised on the application of human rights law and drafting United Nations resolutions, as well as oversight of legal work relating to maritime law and treaty approval processes,” states one of her biographies. “She also implemented President Obama’s executive orders on Guantanamo, including detention and interrogation.”

When Donoghue’s term ended earlier this year, she was replaced on the ICJ by Sarah Cleveland, another legal adviser to the State Department during the Obama years. During her tenure (2009–2011), she assisted with legal work relating to war, counterterrorism and

human rights. She didn’t inherit Donoghue’s title of chief justice, but she’s still a former Obama appointee now part of an international panel attacking Israel.

Meanwhile, Amal Clooney, wife of actor and activist George Clooney, was one of the ICC’s prosecutors who recommended going after Netanyahu. Khan reportedly asked her specifically to be a part of this case.

The Clooneys and Obamas are longtime friends. As far back as 2006, George was campaigning with then Senator Obama in causes like the Darfur crisis in Sudan. In 2009, President Obama invited Clooney to the White House to discuss Africa policy, and Clooney offered foreign-policy advice. As recently as 2022, the Clooney and Obama foundations, as well as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, announced joint projects. The Clooneys invited the Obamas to their vacation home on Italy’s Lake Como.

The people at the top of these courts are in the Obamas’ social circle. Considering how much influence his people in Washington have given him, who is to say he hasn’t been using similar influence in forums like the ICJ and ICC?

The ICJ has the less power of the two; it is powerless without enforcement by the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). But the ICC ruling, if approved, means that any country that’s a party to the Rome Statute (which created the ICC) would be obligated to arrest Netanyahu if he ever set foot on their soil. That includes the European Union, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, Japan and many other influential countries.

The ruling also puts him in ignominious company. Because of a lack of enforcement mechanisms, the ICC is generally reluctant to indict sitting heads of government. Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir—the man responsible for the infamous Darfur genocide—was an exception in 2009. The ICC arrested him in 2020. Last year, the ICC put a warrant out for Russian President Vladimir Putin for his mass abduction of Ukrainian babies, which also falls under the laws of genocide.

According to the ICC, Netanyahu is a criminal like Bashir and Putin.

Not everybody in the U.S. supports the ICC. The House of Representatives voted June 4 to pass legislation that would sanction the court pending Senate approval. (The Democrat-controlled Senate is in no hurry to bring the bill to the floor, and Biden said he “strongly opposes” the bill.) Biden, for his part, called Khan’s conclusions “outrageous.”

Nations United Against Israel

On May 31, Joe Biden told the world that Israel had advanced a new peace plan that seemed acceptable to Hamas. A three-stage Gaza withdrawal would free the hostages and end the war.

Biden was lying. This was the same defunct peace plan his administration



had pushed for weeks, dressed up as a new Israeli initiative. The fact that he spent most of the speech persuading Israelis to accept the plan they had supposedly created was a clue something was off.

But again, Joe Biden is not the real mover behind this plan.

A few days later, Obama uploaded a three-paragraph post on his X account endorsing Biden’s plan. He called it “a clear, realistic and just plan to establish an immediate ceasefire and end the war in Gaza,” one which would give Palestinians “the security, freedom and self-determination that they have sought for so long.”

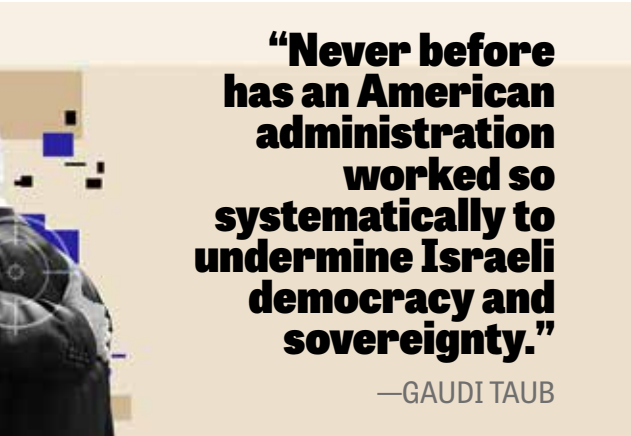
On June 3, the U.S. proposed a ceasefire plan to the UNSC based on Biden’s proposal. For months, the UN has struggled to mount any meaningful response to the Israel-Hamas war. But on June 10, the Security Council almost

unanimously agreed to the proposal. Of its 15 members, 14 voted yes and Russia abstained, allowing the measure to pass.

The resolution claims Israel has already accepted the terms. At the time of writing, Israel has yet to publicly embrace the ceasefire proposal, but it has suggested it may comply. Strictly speaking, the resolution doesn't force anything on Israel, and Hamas still has to formally accept it. But it very well may be the Obama-endorsed resolution that Israel knuckles under.

Proxies in Israel

All these attacks put Netanyahu under pressure. But to remove him from office, a local politician must wield the knife. Plenty of people want his job, but again, polls show Israelis overwhelmingly



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—GAUDI TAUB

want Netanyahu at least until Hamas is dealt with.

So the Biden administration has tried to encourage rivals. Last month, it invited Benny Gantz for a visit. The *Financial Times* wrote that he was treated “as though he were head of government. Praying that Benny Gantz will replace Benjamin Netanyahu as the country’s next prime minister is now the U.S. president’s unofficial policy” (May 8).

The Biden administration is clearly trying to divide Netanyahu’s coalition. Gaudi Taub wrote in *Tablet*, “Never before has an American administration worked so systematically to undermine Israeli democracy and sovereignty, an effort that is especially shocking in the context of an existential war for survival following a heinous, large-scale terrorist murder spree. Wars provide opportunities, and it seems clear that

the opportunity that the Biden administration saw in the October 7 attacks had less to do with ensuring Israel’s security than it did with stifling any remaining resistance to Washington’s pro-Iran regional integration policy” (May 7).

Gantz resigned from the war cabinet on June 9. The departure of his ironically named National Unity group from Netanyahu’s coalition so far doesn’t mean anything. Netanyahu still has enough seats in the Knesset to form a government. But right when the war is coming to a close, the fact that somebody being courted by the U.S. would pull this political stunt suggests something awry.

Endgame

Obama said he would “personally pursue” the formation of a Palestinian state “with all the patience and dedication that the task requires.” He has already shown he’s willing to work as long as it takes, in or out of office, to fundamentally transform the United States. Is he doing the same with the Middle East?

What Obama wants is an immediate and unilateral withdrawal by Israel from Gaza, the West Bank and East Jerusalem. Nominally, the Palestinian Authority, headed by Mahmoud Abbas, would take over as the new

state’s government. But Abbas is a corrupt autocrat who runs half his realm as his personal fiefdom and has lost control of the other half to terrorist groups. Most Palestinians want him gone. Hamas, by contrast, is gaining popularity on the street. And any “ceasefire” deal would legitimize Hamas internationally.

Gaza is a deadly thorn in Israel’s side. But a Hamas-ruled West Bank would be a catastrophic nightmare; the next war in the Middle East would be far bigger, longer and bloodier. If this ceasefire is adopted, *Hamas would be capable of a Holocaust on the same scale as the Nazis*. Everybody knows this. Obama knows this.

Why would a U.S. leader push this ceasefire then?

The Bible reveals the spiritual reality behind world events, the only way to understand trends like this. Daniel 8:9-12 and 11:21-31 prophesy of a

man who would shut down the temple in Jerusalem and attack the Jews.

In the second century B.C., Antiochus IV Epiphanes besieged Jerusalem and killed tens of thousands of Jews. He ransacked the temple, desecrated it, and tried to destroy the Jews’ religion. Daniel 11:31 describes this assault, saying he would “pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.”

Jesus Christ clearly refers to this verse in Matthew 24:15, explicitly referring to “the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet.” But He speaks of it not as a past event but as something that will happen in the end time. Clearly, Antiochus Epiphanes is not the main fulfillment of this prophecy; he is a type of more to follow, men with a special hatred for God’s tabernacle and the Jews.

Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry explained this prophecy in 2016, writing: “Daniel 8 ... is more than a prediction; it is a *prophecy of God* about what Antiochus *will* do in modern times! God says this PROPHECY is going to prevail three different times here in this last end. This is prophecy FOR THE END TIME, and it’s in the Bible of the Jewish people.

“[W]e have a modern, political Antiochus leading our nation [America]. And now, that Antiochus is interacting with the [leader] of Judah—the Jewish nation!” (*Trumpet*, March 2016).

Why does Obama hate the Jews so much? Because he is influenced by the devil, and because of the Jews’ connection to God. “God made a scepter promise to the Jews,” Mr. Flurry explained. “They were also chosen to preserve the Old Testament and the sacred calendar—‘the oracles of God’ (Romans 3:1-2)” (ibid). This man hates the Jews *and* the biblical values evident in the U.S. Constitution. That is why he works so hard to fundamentally transform both the United States and the Middle East.

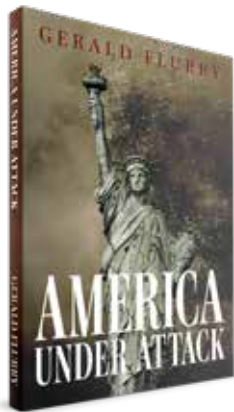
2 Kings 14 provides context for what we are seeing in Israel today: “For the Lord saw the affliction of Israel, that it was very bitter: for there was not any shut up, nor any left, nor any helper for Israel. And the Lord said not that he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven: but he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash” (verses 26-27).

“The Bible shows that anciently, God raised up the kingdom of Israel to represent Him,” Mr. Flurry writes in *America Under Attack*. “Satan attacked that nation in every way he could. History shows that at one point in the ninth century B.C., an enemy almost completely *destroyed* it—but God intervened. ... Israel was in *bitter affliction*—on the verge of being blotted out of existence! There was an effort to **BLOT OUT THE NAME OF ISRAEL**—a very satanic goal.”

Mr. Flurry continues in the book to show that this isn’t only ancient history. The book of Kings is one of the former prophets, which is prophecy mainly for this end time. (Request Gerald Flurry’s free book *The Former Prophets*.) 2 Kings 14 is actually a *prophecy* describing conditions in *our* day. This means that a modern Antiochus is trying *today* to accomplish the same goal: to **BLOT OUT THE NAME OF ISRAEL**.

The world got a hard look at what blotting out the name of Israel means on October 7. But the damage Hamas did from Gaza, horrific as it was, was limited. A Hamas-controlled West Bank **WOULD BE A TICKING TIME BOMB THREATENING SUDDEN DEATH FOR THE NATION**.

There is good news, though. The same prophecies that speak of “no helper for Israel” also show that God sees what is happening and has a plan to save the nation. God intends to expose this evil for all to see. In doing so, He will give the nations of Israel—including but not limited to the Jewish state of Israel—one last chance to turn to Him. ■



To prove how destructive this one man’s policies have been and the evil spirit behind him, request Gerald Flurry’s free book ***America Under Attack***.



THE FAILURE, AND ULTIMATE VICTORY, OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

International courts of justice are proving to be ineffective and corrupt. But the need for global justice will yet be filled! **BY RICHARD PALMER**

THE LONG ARM OF INTERNATIONAL law is coming after Israel. The International Court of Justice (ICJ) is investigating the Jewish state for war crimes, including genocide. In May, a prosecutor for the International Criminal Court (ICC) requested an arrest warrant for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, accusing him of “causing extermination, causing starvation as a method of war, including the denial of humanitarian relief supplies, deliberately targeting civilians in conflict” and more.

These are ridiculous, demonstrably false accusations. But they are doing real damage to more than just Israel.

These courts were founded with a noble aim: to bring peace through the rule of law at an international level. By twisting the law to attack Israel, they are making the world a more dangerous place.

There is, however, a real need for international justice. The failure of

these courts underscores just what a desperate need there is.

Genocide?

Israel is plainly not committing genocide, nor deliberately targeting civilians. The United Nations’ own figures prove this.

Also in May, the UN quietly *halved* its estimate for the number of women and children killed in Gaza. It had said 14,500 children were killed, but reduced that number to 7,797. It had claimed 9,500 women were killed; now it says 4,959.

These revised figures mean Israel is estimated to have killed one civilian for every combatant. This is an incredibly low civilian casualty rate, unprecedented in the history of urban warfare. And this is against an enemy that targets civilians, currently has hundreds of civilian hostages (if they are still alive), dresses as civilians, hides among civilians, and tries to get its own civilians killed to make

Israel look evil in the propaganda war.

The ICC prosecutor accused Israel of “the imposition of a total siege.” People can argue about whether Israel is doing “enough” to get aid through, but accusing Israel of imposing a “total siege” is a total lie. At the time of that accusation, Israel had allowed in more than 20,000 trucks and 400,000 tons of food. And Hamas is estimated to have made half a billion dollars by stealing the supplies and selling them on the black market.

So a major international body is biased against Israel. That’s not exactly rare or new. Why does this matter?

Why International Courts

Both the ICC and the ICJ were founded to further the cause of peace by upholding international law. The ICC goes after individuals who commit grave crimes against the international community. The ICJ upholds international law between nations.

Herbert W. Armstrong—founder of the *Plain Truth*, the *Trumpet’s* predecessor—was a great supporter of the ICJ—so much so that in 1973, many members of the court held a banquet in his honor. He called it “man’s ultimate machinery to produce world peace.” Why? Within nations, laws preserve peace and stability. Police enforce the laws, prosecutors advocate for them, and courts apply them and punish those who break them. This is why citizens can go out in public without having to constantly defend themselves against crimes. Could we apply the same machinery internationally to finally end international injustices and wars?

An international justice system isn’t just a *possible* way of producing world peace—it is the only way. As former British Prime Minister Clement Attlee said, “Some rule of international law in the world is necessary if we are not to perish.”

“There can be no REAL PEACE until we have justice for all,” wrote Mr. Armstrong as he attended the first United Nations summit in 1945. Why? As he taught so often, there are *laws* that CAUSE peace. If there is injustice, someone is breaking that law. Until that is rectified, there can be no peace.

On the occasion of ICJ Justice Nagen-dra Singh’s visit to Mr. Armstrong’s Ambassador College campus in California, Mr. Armstrong wrote, “He and I

are in agreement, in principle, on what it will take to bring world peace. In his lectures he said two ingredients are basic—law and authority. Law without authority would be flouted and produce anarchy. Authority without law would be despotism and tyranny” (co-worker letter, June 28, 1971).

The ICC and ICJ are attempts to establish such law. But they are failing.

Powerless

These courts do not have international police forces to execute their rulings. Countries that are signatories to the ICC have to arrest someone the court finds guilty, but many countries are not signatories, and none will launch an invasion to arrest a fugitive. The ICJ can accuse a state of genocide, but there is little it can do after its ruling.

The courts have very limited power to punish lawbreakers or compel them to listen. International law plays a critical role in international cooperation. This magazine, for example, can be printed in one country and mailed around the world only thanks to a host of international agreements. But on the vital subject of war and peace, international law is almost powerless.

And the ICC and ICJ have just made the situation worse.

Protecting Villains

For any system of international law to function, lawbreakers must be stopped and punished. And the ICC and ICJ are making it almost impossible to do that.

Adolf Hitler was one of the greatest violators of international law in the 20th century. To stop him, the Allies were “causing starvation as a method of war”—as accusations against Netanyahu put it—blocking Germany’s food supplies. Around half a million German civilians died in Allied bombing campaigns—around seven times the combined number of British and American civilian deaths. Is that disproportionate and genocidal?

If the same standards used against Israel applied during World War II, then Churchill and Roosevelt were war criminals and the Allies would have been investigated for genocide.

International law was meant to stop bad guys—like the Nazis—from rising again. Instead, it is being used to stop

the good guys from fighting back.

The ICC and ICJ, supposed guardians of international law, have become bastions of lawlessness. They are protecting lawbreakers from the consequences of their own actions.

How do we solve this? Straighten out the courts and then give the UN and other authorities international police forces?

Surrendering Authority

Former UN Secretary General U Thant said, “If the United Nations is to grow into a really effective instrument for maintaining the rule of law, the first step must be the willingness of the member states to give up the concept of the absolute sovereign state in the same manner as we individuals give up our absolute right to do just as we please, as an essential condition of living in an organized society.”

Is Russia willing to give up its freedom to act and surrender authority to the United Nations? Is the United States?

This brings up another problem. The United Nations and other international organizations like the World Health Organization aren’t exactly popular in America right now—for good reason. It is practically impossible for voters to influence large, multinational organizations. So these organizations have become powerful tools for educated technocrats who think they know better than “ordinary” voters and therefore impose their will on democratic societies. Will empowering these men even more solve our problems?

“Unless some effective world super-government can be brought quickly into action, the proposals for peace and human progress are dark and doubtful,” said Winston Churchill. Yet nations have been too selfish to make such a government possible. And even if they succeeded, how could the rulers of a super-government be prevented from turning their power into the worst tyranny in history and triggering rebellions and civil war?

The case of Israel shows that those right at the top of this international court system are acting with horrendous prejudice and actually perpetrating injustice.

The Root of the Problem

The problem is not with the system, but with human nature itself. No

AMERICA IS WRITHING UNDER a justice system that is unjust. More and more openly, prosecutors, judges and politicians are turning courts of law into courts of favoritism and political agenda. They treat some people as if they are privileged to break the law, while treating others as prey.

Most people say that no one is above the law and that everyone should have equal access to justice. But many of those in control are giving in to the pull of human nature to put their interests, ideologies, careers and political allies above the law.

This era in American history is a stark illustration of why we need one standard of justice.

A Sacrifice for Law

American justice has always been imperfect. However, there were times when people sacrificed their own interests for the sake of upholding the law.

Imagine that you live under an oppressive government that, among other things, requires you to pay taxes but grants you no say in that government's policies. You protest. The government deploys troops to force you to comply. A group of your neighbors finally boils over with anger, surrounds a group of soldiers, and starts throwing insults—then objects—at them. The soldiers open fire and kill five people. The city newspapers label it a “massacre,” and the soldiers are arrested and tried for murder.

You love your home and your country, and you resent the abuses of the government, especially the garrisoning of soldiers in your city.

But when you look into the law and you apply it to the facts of this situation, you see that the soldiers did not break the law.

Would you risk your career, your reputation and the wrath of your countrymen to defend these hated soldiers in court? This is exactly what Massachusetts lawyer John Adams did in 1770 for Capt. Thomas



WE NEED ONE STANDARD OF JUSTICE

‘One rule for rich and poor, for the favorite at court and the countryman at plow’ **BY ANDREW MILLER**

Preston and eight other British soldiers who perpetrated the famous Boston Massacre. Why? Because of the law and because of justice: They were charged with murder, “malice aforethought,” but they *had not had* such malice.

If it were *colonists* who had killed five soldiers under similar circumstances, the Americans would have demanded a fair trial and appealed to the right and law of self-defense. Adams's argument was for equal justice, no matter what. As Adams said in his concluding statement, “Facts are stubborn things; and whatever

may be our wishes, our inclinations, or the dictates of our passion, they cannot alter the state of facts and evidence ... [The law] commands that which is good, and punishes evil in all, whether rich or poor, high or low.”

A Massachusetts colonial jury acquitted all soldiers of murder and convicted two of manslaughter. Many Bostonians were angry with Adams. But many realized what he and the members of the jury had done. Even in the most trying and tempting circumstance to wield the law as a weapon of vengeance, they had instead upheld it, submitted to it, and applied one standard of justice. The colony later chose him to represent Massachusetts at the First Continental Congress, and the nation elected him as its second president.

Freedom can only prevail when government governs people according to set legal principles, not by leaders' fancies or whims. That

is why John Locke (one of Adams's favorite authors) wrote there must be “one rule for rich and poor, for the favorite at court and the countryman at plow.” It is also why Moses wrote, “Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honour the person of the mighty ...” (Leviticus 19:15).

When people in power use the law for their own agenda and to the detriment of their enemies, freedom dies—and the race is on to seize power by any means possible.

Double Standard

For generations now, Americans have taken the law for granted. But as court cases have filled the headlines in recent years, we are forced to face the question: Does America uphold the rule of law today, or are we a different people from our Founding Fathers?

For instance, two people campaign for office. One hires a lawyer to help find negative information about the other. To hide the truth of the matter, the candidate labels the payments to the lawyer as “legal services.”

Meanwhile, the other candidate is accused of having an adulterous affair. Through his lawyer, he pays the accuser to keep quiet. These payments are also labeled “legal expenses.”

Both candidates are accused of falsifying business records. The campaign of the first is fined \$9,000 by the Federal Election Commission, while the other is criminally convicted with 34 felonies.

How is this justice? The Hillary Clinton campaign funneled \$168,000 to former British spy Christopher Steele for a dossier accusing Donald Trump of illicit business ties with Russian oligarchs, while doing everything in its power to keep people from finding out about their sponsorship of this scandalous document. Clinton got away with only a small fine. Yet Donald Trump was charged on 34 counts for “falsifying business records in the first degree, in violation of Penal Law §175.10” because he gave his lawyer \$130,000 to pay a pornographic actress to stop alleging a sexual encounter from years prior.

This is clearly a case of those in power using one rule for their favorite and another for their opposition. The Federal Bureau of Investigation used the Clinton-Steele dossier to get a warrant to spy on Donald Trump’s campaign, so the justice system cannot charge Clinton with anything serious without admitting that the FBI played an integral part in the infamous Russia collusion hoax. Trump has no such favor with the FBI, the Biden regime or the New York justice system, so he has become America’s first former president to be convicted of a felony essentially for making a nondisclosure agreement.

Republicans across America are now crying, “Weaponized justice,” but you don’t have to be a staunch conservative to see that America’s justice system is now openly two-tiered. A poll conducted two years ago by the Trafalgar Group found that 79 percent of respondents said there was “one set of laws for politicians and Washington, D.C., insiders” and “one set of laws for everyday Americans.” President Trump has thrown in his lot with the everyday Americans, so now he is being treated like one.

This is exactly what John Locke and John Adams warned against.

Two-Tiered Justice

Consider the facts of another situation. Attorneys discover classified government documents in a locked closet at a major university. They report them to the National Archives and Records Administration and discover that they include briefing memos on Ukraine, Iran and the United Kingdom. The Department of Justice opens an investigation and finds still more documents, unsecured at the politician’s home. This politician, who has never had classification authority, has been doing this for years.

The attorney general appoints a special counsel to investigate “possible unauthorized removal and retention of classified documents,” but the counsel

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rules that the offending politician “would likely present himself to a jury, as he did during our interview of him, as a sympathetic, well-meaning, elderly man with a poor memory.” Therefore, “no criminal charges are warranted in this matter” as the documents could have been left by “mistake.”

Meanwhile, the National Archives became aware of some missing letters and notes from world leaders to an American president. They contact the president, who does have classification authority, about the whereabouts of these documents, and his lawyers acknowledge that he took 12 boxes of documents to his home after leaving the White House. The National Archives begins the official process to retrieve these documents, but before this process can be completed, FBI agents raid the home looking for whatever they can find. The raid turns up no additional documents, but the former president is still charged with 37 felonies.

Why is the second politician treated more harshly than the first? Because he is Donald Trump and the first politician is Joe Biden. One rule was applied to the favorite at court and another rule for a

man representing millions of countrymen at plow.

At this point, the two-tiered standard of justice is so blatant that the Biden regime is *advertising* the fact that it is above the law. By sending the FBI to raid the home of a man who was already discussing what he was allowed to keep with the National Archives, the Biden regime hopes to intimidate its critics. And by refusing to charge Biden of any wrongdoing for illegally keeping documents at the Penn Biden Center, it advertises that in today’s America, the rulers are above the ruled.

Political Prosecution

Leftist lawfare against Trump is casting a spotlight on the two-tiered standard of justice in America, but the 45th president of the United States is far from the only one being unjustly prosecuted.

J. Christian Adams, an attorney formerly employed by the U.S. Department of Justice in the George W. Bush administration, says he first witnessed this policy of selective law enforcement shortly after Barack Hussein Obama took office. “As an attorney inside the Voting Section in the notorious Civil Rights Division run by Tom Perez, I witnessed justice for thee but not for me as early as 2009,” he wrote on June 3. “Early in the Barack Obama administration, we were told explicitly to stop enforcing federal laws that required voter roll maintenance of the dead and ineligible. Progressives didn’t like that part of the law, and they said so. The laws the left doesn’t like are erased by bureaucratic hostility.”

Adams resigned from the Department of Justice after it dismissed his voting rights case against the New Black Panther Party for stalking a polling station. He believes the Obama administration’s unwillingness to prosecute the Panthers was the beginning of a new era of unequal justice. After Internal Revenue Service official Lois Lerner admitted in 2013 that the IRS had given extra scrutiny to conservative groups with terms like “tea party” or “patriot” in their names, this fact became blatantly obvious.

The Steele dossier, which Clinton falsified business records to produce, wrongly accuses Trump of crimes that Hunter Biden may have actually committed. The research group Marco Polo

compiled a 630-page analysis of one of Hunter Biden's laptops, documenting how Hunter procured the sexual services of women from prostitution rings (some linked to *Russia*) and pressured staffers into having sex with him. This analysis chronicles 459 violations of state and federal law. Yet Hunter Biden has been charged with only two tax misdemeanors and three firearm possession felonies.

Some claim these five charges prove that even the president's son is not above the law. Yet when these charges are weighed against the evidence of money laundering and sexual exploitations exposed by the laptop, it becomes evident that Hunter is a "favorite at court." In fact, the sweetheart plea deal initially offered to Hunter gave him no jail time and exempted him from prosecution on his other, more serious offenses. It is only because people complained about the blatant double standard that Hunter may be given a slightly more serious punishment.

In the three years since the Jan. 6, 2021, protests at the U.S. Capitol, federal prosecutors have charged more than 1,265 defendants and secured sentences of incarceration for more than 460 of them. Yet hundreds of protesters are being held in jail without bond awaiting trial. This is draconian punishment without trial for people who probably aren't guilty of any crime more serious than trespassing. Are the transgender rights protesters who stormed the Oklahoma Capitol last summer being treated the same way? Of course not. The U.S. justice system is trying to make an example of those who question the legitimacy of the 2020 presidential election. They have no interest in prosecuting transgender activists trying to intimidate Oklahoma lawmakers.

Steve Bannon, a longtime ally of President Trump, was given a four-month prison sentence this summer for defying a congressional subpoena. Eric Holder, Obama's attorney general, and Hunter Biden have both bragged about doing the same thing without consequences.

Spokane, Washington, has charged three teenagers with first degree "malicious mischief" for leaving skid marks on a crosswalk painted in rainbow colors for "pride month." Yet on university campuses across the country, protesters

have called for Jewish genocide, with no consequences. Demanding the eradication of Jews is apparently not a hate crime, but skidding on a crosswalk is. It truly is a mad world—with rules for thee, but not for me.

Such selective law enforcement destroys the nation. The U.S. Constitution prohibits selective enforcement of the law based on race, religion or sex, but more and more courts are selectively enforcing the law based on political views and party affiliation. Republicans are prosecuted and punished severely while Democrats are never charged. There is one rule for the favorite at court and another for the countrymen at plow.

One Manner of Law

Throughout human history, the powerful have oppressed the powerless. The ancient law code of King Hammurabi of Babylon is recognized as a great advancement in the rule of law, yet even this law established different punishments for men and women, rich and poor.

God had to combat this way of thinking in the nation of Israel by commanding, "Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honour the person of the mighty: but in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour" (Leviticus 19:15), and that "Ye shall have one manner of law, as well for the stranger, as for one of your own country ..." (Leviticus 24:22).

This was a revolutionary law code. God revealed through Moses that even kings had no license to break the law (Deuteronomy 17:14-20). There was "one manner of law" for everybody, whether poor or rich, peasant or king. It was wrong to prosecute one type of person for law-breaking while showing lenience to others for the same offense.

For centuries after the Exodus, Israel was the only nation that even tried to enforce the principle now known as *lex rex*, the idea that the law is king and that rulers are subject to the nation's laws no less than citizens. It was this principle that inspired John Adams to defend the British soldiers at Boston. It was also this principle that inspired the 56 signatories of the Declaration of Independence and the 39 signatories to the U.S. Constitution to fight for a new nation where equal justice was a founding principle.

The fact that the Obama-Biden administration is now prosecuting its critics for allegedly breaking laws that Democrats break with impunity is a sign that America is entering a dangerous *rex les* era where the "king" is the law instead of the law being king.

The Bible actually prophesies of this dangerous new era.

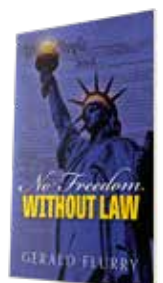
The book of Daniel is prophecy for this end time (e.g. Daniel 12:4). Daniel 8:12 says, "And an host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered." Antiochus IV Epiphanes fulfilled this prophecy when he desecrated the temple in Jerusalem with an idol of himself. An end-time Antiochus is fulfilling the same prophecy, wreaking similar destruction in America today.

Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry explains in *America Under Attack* (request a free copy) that a political Antiochus is destroying America's founding principles. The most anti-Bible president in U.S. history, Barack Obama, fulfills this role. He is out of office now, but his lawfare strategy of targeting political opponents has gone into hyperdrive under Biden.

The word *transgression* means rebellion or sin. The reason Obama has such success casting truth to the ground and destroying equal justice before the law is that people are consumed with sin. They want favoritism for themselves and their political allies, so they are unwilling to stand up for the truth. Even many conservatives do not care about the law enough to defend it at all costs. This makes it far easier for an organized host to do away with it.

God is exposing the corruption in U.S. politics so people have a chance to repent before a lawless spirit destroys America by replacing equal justice with the horrifying rule of brute force. ■

No one is above the law. This is a lie in today's world, but soon it will be a reality. Request your free copy of Gerald Flurry's **No Freedom Without Law** to appreciate why law and order are so important.



NAZISM

Rises Again in Germany



A warning from nearly 80 years ago, based on Bible prophecies, is becoming stunningly relevant. **BY GERALD FLURRY**

Support for the far-right AfD grows as crises mount in Germany.

GERMANY MARKED AN OMINOUS milestone on June 9: the best performance by a pro-fascist party in a nationwide election since World War II. In votes for the European Parliament, the Alternative für Deutschland (AfD) came in second place.

The same dramatic trend hit all of Europe in those elections.

In France, the fringe National Rally party came in first place. It received more than twice as many votes as the alliance led by French President Emmanuel Macron. The National Rally is far outside the norm of French politics. For decades, left and right mainstream parties have united to ensure it doesn't get into office. President Macron was humiliated by the election result. He tried to save himself from becoming a lame duck by calling snap parliamentary elections.

The fringe-right Freedom Party of Austria came in first place with 25.5 percent of the vote. That was its first win in a nationwide vote.

Belgium held federal elections alongside the European ones. Prime Minister Alexander De Croo's party did so poorly, he resigned.

But Germany is where this trend is most important to watch.

The AfD is the fastest growing party in Germany. Earlier polls showed it had about 20 percent support. But in the lead-up to the vote, it was hit with major scandals. Its leading candidate, Maximilian Krah, defended soldiers who fought in the Waffen-SS in World War II. The Nuremberg tribunal declared the Waffen-SS a criminal organization because of its involvement in the Holocaust and many other atrocities. But Krah disagreed, saying he would "never say that anyone who wore an SS uniform was automatically a criminal." On top of that, AfD staff members were caught spying for China and taking bribes from Russia.

The AfD has been so extreme that other fringe parties in Europe refuse to associate with it. In the lead-up to its election, French populist leader Marine

Le Pen kicked the AfD out of her European parliamentary group.

Despite all the controversy, the AfD won record support.

In most of what used to be East Germany, the AfD is the most popular party. It is also popular among young people; its share of the 16-to-24-year-old vote rose 11 percentage points. The party is by far the most active on the video-sharing site TikTok.

The rise of this extreme party is just one sign of a German society in trouble.

"I've been in and out of Germany a lot in recent months, and it's hard not to gain the impression that its society is falling apart at the seams," wrote historian Katja Hoyer. "Wherever you go, there seem to be angry political rallies and street protests. The news is full of violent attacks on politicians and activists. ... [T]his time the threats to social cohesion feel very real."

Hoyer warned, "The rise in political violence combined with a rapidly shifting party landscape in which a right-wing force is emerging as a

Is the AfD Really NAZI?



Björn Höcke, AfD leader in Thuringia, speaks to supporters at an election campaign.

THE ALTERNATIVE FÜR Deutschland is an ultra-nationalist party. It shares some important similarities with the Nazi Party. It wants Germany to reject migrants, to be more assertive nationally, and to fundamentally change its view of history, particularly of World War II.

One of the AfD's top leaders, Björn Höcke, said in a 2017 speech: "German history is handled as rotten and made to look ridiculous." He said German attempts to commemorate and apologize for World War II are a "stupid coping policy" and called Germany's Holocaust memorial "a monument of shame in the heart of its capital." The nation needs a "180-degree reversal on the politics of remembrance." "The AfD is the last revolutionary, the last peaceful chance for our fatherland," he said, and the crowd chanted, "Deutschland! Deutschland!"

The same year, AfD leader Alexander Gauland said, "If the French are rightly proud of their emperor and the Britons of Nelson and Churchill, we have the right to be proud of the achievements of the German soldiers in two world wars."

Four years later, Höcke used the slogan "Alles für Deutschland" (Everything for Germany). That was the slogan of Hitler's Stormtroopers, the military wing of his Nazi Party. It is forbidden in Germany today. Höcke was fined €13,000 for using it.

Last year, AfD leader Tino Chrupalla said, "I find it fundamentally problematic to always link commemoration with the question of guilt." Germany needed to stop feeling guilty. "Historical guilt should no longer determine the way we act," he said. His comments didn't raise any eyebrows—but they were really no different from Höcke's comments in 2017, which stirred a lot of controversy. By 2023, these kinds of statements had become normal.

Compact is a magazine by and for AfD supporters. It presents a view of World War II in which Germany is the victim. Its special editions have included:

- "Lost Homeland," describing the "unspeakable suffering" of the 14 million Germans expelled from Eastern Europe after the war and the "martyrdom they had to endure"
- "Crimes Against Germans," on how Germany was victimized during World War II
- "Dresden 1945: The Dead, the Perpetrators and the Trivializers," on the "Anglo-American bombing terror" and the "mass murderer" Winston Churchill
- "The Death Camps of the Americans," which accuses Gen. Dwight Eisenhower of carrying out the mass execution of German prisoners of war in 1945

"The German soldiers fought mostly chivalrously and honorably in the Second World War," stated *Compact*. There were only a small number of criminals, and "offenses were usually severely punished by the military justice system."

major player reminds many Germans of the 1920s and '30s." THERE IS A GOOD REASON FOR THAT FEAR! (sidebar, "Is the AfD Really Nazi?").

Looking for a Strongman

Herbert W. Armstrong warned in the 1940s that Germany would rise again.

In March 1950, he wrote that European nations are becoming "distrustful of America and thinking more and more about uniting themselves into a united states of Europe." To do that, they needed a "new supreme leader—the successor of Adolf Hitler—to rise up and assert himself and take command."

It's this strong, charismatic leader that Germans, and many other people across Europe, are desperate for. They see their country spinning out of control.

In the days before the election, a video of a Muslim stabbing a German policeman to death went viral. Germans want a strongman to protect them from such threats—even if it means embracing political extremes.

Mainstream pro-European parties took a beating in these June elections. People don't trust European bureaucrats. They want a strong leader to rescue them. They are calling for a new "CHARLEMAGNE" to lead the European Union.

How much do Europeans really know about Charlemagne?

The Charlemagne Prize is awarded each year to a politician who has done the most to unify Europe. When former German Chancellor Roman Herzog was awarded the prize in 1997, he said: "Charlemagne, after whom our prize is

named, made his own particular choice: the first unification of Europe. At such an hour the truth must be told: Only by wading through a sea of blood, sweat and tears did he reach his goal."

Charlemagne was emperor of both France and Germany, so both countries revere him. He ruled the First Reich; Hitler led the third. *Reich* is all about empire. That is what many in Europe really want: a strong leader and a new empire.

Europe's elections show a very divided continent. Yet a new charismatic Charlemagne could unite the Continent.

What Prophecy Says

One of the Bible's main prophecies on which Mr. Armstrong based his forecast of Germany's rise states: "And there are seven kings; five are fallen, and one is,

It is hard to argue that the Nazis were actually the good guys. So *Compact* tries to show that both Axis and Allies were equally bad and that the Nazis were unfairly condemned by history.

Even now, according to *Compact*, Germany is the victim of a vast American conspiracy. Hitler's agreement with Stalin to divide Eastern Europe between them is held up as an example to be copied. Germany needs to ally with Russia to escape America's trap.

This worldview is rapidly growing in Germany. Ordinary Germans are starting to support these kinds of extreme ideas.

An Italian electronic dance tune has become a kind of AfD anthem. Crowds of Germans are replacing its lyrics with words like, "Germany for the Germans, foreigners out." AND IT'S NOT JUST SKINHEADS SINGING ALONG: IT'S WEALTHY BUSINESSMEN AND PRIVATE SCHOOL STUDENTS. IT'S NOW THE MOST DOWNLOADED SONG IN GERMANY.

Last year, *Spiegel* interviewed ordinary people on the street about politics. Here's one exchange:

Citizen: "If the NSDAP [Nazi Party] leads again in the elections, then I'll come back."

Reporter: "Well, you can't say that."

Citizen: "Yes, you can."

Reporter: "The NSDAP ... killed 6 million Jews."

Citizen: (shrugs shoulders)

Reporter: "Do you really think it would be good to have fascists again in parliament?"

Citizen: "Well, do you think it's better in today's parliament? Look, [they] just talk and don't do anything."

It is truly stunning that this is happening in modern Germany. But if you know biblical prophecy, it should not be a surprise.

and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space" (Revelation 17:10).

God revealed this prophecy to Mr. Armstrong in the 1930s as Hitler was rising. Hitler was the sixth "king" of the Holy Roman Empire. Charlemagne was the second.

Many scoffed at Mr. Armstrong when he warned that the Nazis would rise from the ashes of World War II. But no one is scoffing now. Many observers can see that Germany has gotten control of Europe. But for him to have seen it so far in advance is a miracle from God! No man can interpret prophecy without God's inspiration.

Based on the Bible's prophecies, Mr. Armstrong proclaimed back in 1934 the appearance of a world dictator

in charge of the Holy Roman Empire. Though Hitler was destructive, he never achieved world domination. This coming leader will electrify the world! He will pare down the European Union to 10 nations (verses 12-13) and cause the worst suffering this world has ever seen.

Daniel 8:23 warns that "a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up." This is referring to the coming leader of Germany. We can know this by putting this prophecy together with others. The prophecy in Daniel 11:40-45 says "the king of the north" shall rise "at the time of the end." This is about a German-led European superpower. Isaiah 10:5-19 give a similar prophecy, adding that this leader shall be "the king of Assyria." The modern Germans are the descendants of ancient Assyria. (For proof, read "The Remarkable Identity of the German People," theTrumpet.com/7490)

Daniel 8:23 supplies some key details about this soon-coming strongman. The *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament* explains that "dark sentences" means riddles, difficult or dark speeches, sayings, questions or parables. It is used "at a higher social level." *Gesenius' Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon* defines "dark sentences" as "twisted, involved, subtlety, fraud, enigma." This strongman grasps things that are obscure, things you can't understand without explanation or interpretation.

This is revealing insight. The prophesied strongman operates on a high social

level. He is capable of understanding and solving complex issues and questions. He is brilliant and sophisticated, and he has intellectual depth and power. The context shows he enjoys notoriety and fame for it.

The next strongman will be much more suave and sophisticated than Hitler was. He doesn't just rule Germany, he unites 10 European nations behind him. Verse 25 states, "[B]y peace [he] shall destroy many." Hitler did this very effectively, lying about his intentions and using peace negotiations to weaken his opponents. But the soon-coming strongman will be even craftier.

(We think we know who this charismatic leader will be. My booklet *A Strong German Leader Is Imminent* explains.)

Being more cultured and sophisticated does not make this leader less destructive. In fact, the Bible says the death toll from this man's wars of conquest will be much higher than Hitler's!

Why would God allow this? In Isaiah 10:5, He says this man is God's tool for correcting His people! Verse 6 says that God actually sends him. Revelation 17:17 says *God* is putting thoughts of conquest into the minds of these leaders. Most people would reject these clear statements about God. That is because they don't know the true God! When you read such prophecies, you need to strive to understand them from God's perspective.

The rise of the Nazi spirit in Europe is sobering. It certainly shows how the climate is ripe for the rise of this strongman. But prophecy shows the ultimate positive outcome of these events. Daniel 8:25 tells us this strongman will be defeated by Jesus Christ Himself!

That is what these prophecies are ultimately about. Jesus Christ is preparing to return to Earth. Before that, He is going to allow World War III to correct man. But He is ultimately in control. Only Jesus Christ can bring us peace, joy and happiness forever.

So this is the best possible news you could ever hear! ■

Will Germany find a new Hitler?

The German far right is gaining power, but it still lacks a strong leader to direct it. Bible prophecy says one will emerge. Study these prophecies with Gerald Flurry's free booklet *A Strong German Leader Is Imminent*.





IRAN IS LOSING SYRIA

Syria's civil war has raged for 13 years. President Bashar Assad, together with Iran and Russia, has inflicted great evil on the Syrian people. But a dramatic shift is starting to take place, and it has profound implications for the region and the world. **BY GERALD FLURRY**

IRAN IS DOMINATING THE REGION around Jerusalem right now. It is using terrorist proxies to attack Israel and to attack merchant ships in the Red Sea. It has been the primary cause for most of the mayhem in the Middle East over the past decade.

But Iran is about to lose its influence over Syria and, as a result, over the whole region. This will dramatically change events around Jerusalem.

But the implications of this power shift go far beyond the region: The *whole world* is about to be affected!

In my cover story last issue, “The Hidden Danger in Germany’s ‘Alliance Against Iran’” (theTrumpet.com/29536), I discussed the nations of the alliance prophesied in Psalm 83, led by Germany. You can learn more about this prophecy from our infographic on page 18. Here I want to single out one nation: Syria. In Psalm 83, Syria is referred to as “the Hagarenes,” the name of a people who anciently lived in the land known as Syria today.

Many Arab nations oppose Iran, but Syria has been an ally. Through it, Iran gained critical access to the

Mediterranean Sea and a base to supply its terrorist proxies and to attack Israel. For years Syria has played a crucial role in Iran’s dominant presence in the Middle East.

BUT BIBLE PROPHECY INDICATES THAT THROUGH SYRIA, GERMANY IS ABOUT TO GET CONTROL OF THE MIDDLE EAST INSTEAD!

Referencing the Psalm 83 prophecy, I wrote this in our September 2012 *Trumpet*: “Right now, Bashar Assad’s Syria is closely allied with Iran—but this prophecy shows that these two nations are about to split. This will have a domino effect on other nations. These events will really *shake* this world and dramatically alter the course of history!” I also noted that this momentous split between Syria and Iran would be aided by Germany.

Based on that same prophecy, I recorded a *Key of David* program this past May titled “Iran Is Losing Syria to Germany” (theTrumpet.com/29563). At the time, I saw nothing indicating that this shift was imminent; in fact, I hadn’t seen much in the news about Syria *at all*. But just a week later, Geopolitical Futures published an article that supported what I had just spoken about.

Iran Is Losing Syria

In “The Rift Between Iran and Syria” (May 21), Geopolitical Futures wrote: “Syrian President Bashar Assad has reason to distance himself from his erstwhile ally Iran. It’s true that Iran helped stabilize the government in Damascus and was instrumental in putting down a rebel uprising, but its continued presence on Syrian territory is a threat to Assad—not least because it invites occasional strikes from Israel. Assad sees Israeli pressure as an opportunity to get rid of Iran for good. ...

“After taking control of so much Syrian territory, Assad no longer needs Iran, and he has no problem getting rid of it. Assad understands that Iran’s presence will discourage Western countries from contributing to Syria’s reconstruction, and their absence will allow Tehran to retrieve the vast resources that it expended to shore up the regime

“In truth, Syrian-Iranian relations have been deteriorating for some time.” Assad has had enough of Israel’s air strikes.

Actually, so has Iran: In April, Iran reportedly reduced its presence drastically in southern Syria due to its high losses. But this doesn’t mean Iran is willingly surrendering its stronghold there. It will do all it can to cling to that power.

The other important factor is that Syria needs other countries to help in its reconstruction. Neither Iran nor Russia is in a position to help in the



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reconstruction of the devastated country. The fact that Assad appears to be leaning toward splitting from Iran shows that there is *outside* pressure on him to do so. Where is that pressure coming from?

Geopolitical Futures wrote, “Arab states, and particularly Arab Gulf states, also want to see Iran leave Syria. They have even made demands to that end, and given that they will be the ones to finance Syria’s reconstruction, it’s not a demand Assad can ignore. Over the past year, Damascus has thus resumed diplomatic relations with several Arab countries, especially the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia, and regained its seat in the Arab League.”

So Arab nations are trying to get Iran out of Syria. These Gulf states are also listed in the Psalm 83 alliance with Syria and Germany. This is significant.

But Geopolitical Futures also wrote, “Given the escalation between Iran and Israel, it is unlikely that Assad would have made such signals if he were not sincere in his desire to draw closer to the [United States] and further from Iran.” Here the article gets into some speculation and fails to recognize another key global power.

It is clear now that Bashar Assad wants Iran out. But what Geopolitical Futures and many other commentators don’t see is that GERMANY is in a prime position to become Syria’s ally.

Germany enjoys great favor in Syria. It also has the economic means to rebuild Syria’s cities. The million-plus Syrians who live in Germany would support that rebuilding process.

Bible prophecy is clear: WITH OR WITHOUT ASSAD, SYRIA WILL BREAK WITH IRAN AND ALLY WITH GERMANY!

Why Russia Can’t Fill the Void

Geopolitical Futures wrote, “Regardless of Assad’s preference to get rid of Iran’s influence, replacing it with Russia might not be more appealing since Arab countries that worked with Soviet leaders in the 1950s and 1960s had difficulty communicating with them or getting them to honor mutual agreements.”

This becomes even clearer if you understand how brutal Russia has been to the Syrian people.

The *Guardian* wrote in 2022, “For Putin, Syria became a convergence of a litany of Russian interests, a place where he could test new weapons, take a foothold in the eastern Mediterranean, sponsor proxies, fine-tune disinformation ploys, and—more importantly—try his hand at global diplomacy in an arena where the West had lost its way. ... That Putin’s air force and artillery regularly bombed civilian targets, killing thousands and laying waste towns and villages, became so passé that it was regularly overlooked.”

The international community looked away, but the Syrian people developed a deep resentment toward Russia. They have been enslaved and abused by an evil regime, and they long for change and freedom.

Russia’s presence in Syria also greatly concerns Europe. Russia has killed thousands of Syrians in savage, horrifying ways—and many believe it did so *with the explicit intent of driving millions of Syrians into Europe*. In 2016 the head of the United States European Command, Gen. Philip Breedlove, warned, “Together Russia and the Assad regime are deliberately weaponizing migration in an attempt to overwhelm European structures and break European resolve.” They *flooded* Europe with Syrians! German Chancellor Angela Merkel took in millions of them. This has caused Europe tremendous problems.

Both the Syrians and Europeans want Russia out. Everything indicates that Syria will break away from Iran and Russia, and it could happen this year or next.

Germany Stands Ready

Just days after the Geopolitical Futures article came out, the European Union hosted its eighth annual Brussels conference on Supporting the Future of Syria and the Region on May 27. There Germany pledged over a billion euros for people in Syria and neighboring

countries. The EU pledged another €2.1 billion (US\$2.3 billion).

Between 2012 and 2022, Berlin contributed some €17 billion to this cause.

In 2018, Volker Treier, then head of foreign trade at the Association of German Chambers of Industry and Commerce, told n-TV.de that German industry was just waiting for the political “starting signal.” “We have repeatedly received cautious inquiries from our member companies about Syria. Once the war is over, the German economy is generally prepared to help with the reconstruction of the country.”

Germany has several key advantages over others that would like to get involved in Syria. One million Syrians are currently living in Germany as a result of the civil war. That is about 5 percent of Syria’s entire population!

The German Bundeswehr website states about these Syrians: “Many have educational qualifications that are well

above the Syrian average. They have often gone on to obtain even higher qualifications in Germany. It is right to speak of Syria’s ‘future generation.’ In Berlin and Damascus, there is likely to be great interest in being able to use their strength, skills and contacts for Syria on Reconstruction Day. ...

“For the German economy, the personal contacts and close ties of many Syrians with their home country could become important door openers for new business relationships. This would give them a clear advantage over their international competitors when it comes to awarding contracts for reconstruction aid.”

Many more would like to go to Germany if they could; instead, they are stuck in Syria or neighboring countries. Many of them long for Germany to intervene in Syria.

In “Syria Courts German Investors,” Germany’s *t-online* wrote in 2017: “Syria is still a country at war, but the country’s leadership is already planning for the time afterwards. German companies are

also to help rebuild the destroyed country.” That same year, the Syrian minister of economy noted that his hope lay in Germany. *Bild* published statements from various Syrians that expressed a similar hope. One of them said, “We know that Germany helped many Syrian refugees. But it should not be forgotten how many people still suffer here.”

Military Intervention?

Germany has not only the economic power to rebuild Syria but also military might to secure the region.

The Bundeswehr website wrote in 2021: “Possible deployments of the German Armed Forces in Syria, which have experience from other international missions, have also often been frequently discussed. ... One thing could be very useful to the Bundeswehr here, namely Germany’s great popularity in Syria and the ‘relative balance’ of German policy in the Middle East as a whole.”

One of the main reasons Russia got into Syria first is that Germany lacked



Guttenberg and a Revived

After almost 80 years of a pacifist mindset, war thinking has revived in Germany.
BY GERALD FLURRY

GERMAN WAR THINKING IS GROWING. DEFENSE MINISTER Boris Pistorius told an American audience on May 9, “Germany is making national and collective defense its priority, which is a first since the Second World War.” This isn’t just talk. Germany is dramatically increasing its military budget. Postwar timidity is being replaced by revived militarism.

Pistorius is right: GERMANY HASN’T EMPHASIZED ITS MILITARY THIS WAY SINCE THE END OF WORLD WAR II!

Last October, Pistorius told public broadcaster ZDF: “We have to get used to the idea again that the danger of war could be looming in Europe. And that means we have to become fit for war. We have to be fit for defense. And get both the Bundeswehr and society ready for this.”

He said it’s not just the German military that needs to get ready for war—the German people do as well! Germany’s leaders are preparing their countrymen for very dark days ahead, when they will once again fight for the fatherland. This is indeed “a first since the Second World War”!

There has been, however, one leader who pushed to revive military thinking before war broke out on the European

continent in 2022. His name is Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg. He could well be the man who leads Germany and the rest of Europe in this new age of militarism.

‘War’ in Afghanistan

In 2007, *Der Spiegel* wrote about Guttenberg’s first public impact. It revolved around the permanent troop deployment in embattled Afghanistan. At the time, Guttenberg served as the chairman of the Christian Social Union Foreign Policy Committee (2005–2008).

Calls were growing in the Social Democratic parliamentary group in the Bundestag *not* to extend the Bundeswehr mandate. Then Guttenberg, along with Hans-Ulrich Klose, proposed EXPANDING the mission.

Instead of going along with popular opinion, Guttenberg—then only 35 years old—set out to *change the mood in Germany*. He didn’t want Germany restrained by its past of starting two world wars and earlier wars. He wanted a new Germany that acted with military confidence. *Spiegel* called this “a deliberate provocation” and “a breach of taboo.”

Guttenberg wrote a memorandum proposing efforts to increase public acceptance of the military effort. The following year, he told the *Passauer Neue Presse* that “a brilliant communicative achievement is still needed to get the population on board.”

Then he became defense minister. In this position, Guttenberg kept working to build more war thinking in the people.

the leadership and the military will to do so. But there was a man who was trying to get Germany to intervene earlier: Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg, the nation's former defense minister.

Time and again, Guttenberg pleaded for German intervention, but his plea was ignored.

In the *New York Times* in 2013, he wrote, "While it will take a long time for Germany to move beyond its deeply entrenched culture of reluctance, taking a stronger, more principled stance on Syria today would be an important step in the right direction."

In 2014, he wrote in *Bild*: "For weeks now, [Islamic State] militias have been slaughtering innocent people in Iraq and Syria. And the West has once again been in a deep sleep. Now we seem to have woken up: The U.S. is bombing jihadist positions, France is ready to supply Iraq with weapons. And what is Germany doing? We are creating a politically watertight protective vest doctrine."

Then again in 2017: "Given the recent

course of the new U.S. president, it is hard to find good words for Donald Trump. Nevertheless, in his order to bomb the military origin for the gruesome gassing of innocent civilians in Syria, he acted rightly. ... Trump needs support—also and especially from Germany. The lip service of the European capitals toward the American military strike may be worthy of honor, but they are also the expression of a shameful act of inaction. Six years of civil war and hundreds of thousands of deaths and millions of refugees has still not led to any initiative that extends beyond well-meaning appeals."

In 2018, he told *Bild*: "When people are being slaughtered, you have to intervene. Of course, it is easy to say we leave the dirty work to others and draw back to the safe side. But in the long term, one won't get around it that way."

Then in 2019, he wrote: "In a situation in which NATO could be torn apart and new waves of refugees are threatening, we need initiatives and not career and

party tactical debates." He was brutally honest in urging other politicians to look beyond public opinion and political self-preservation. He worked hard to get the government militarily involved in Syria. At the same time, he was swinging the German people more and more into a militaristic mindset.

In hindsight, you could argue that German military intervention could have saved a lot of suffering. It could have stopped Russia from getting in and killing civilians and driving millions of refugees into Europe, especially Germany. Guttenberg's idea seems more sensible today—but Chancellor Angela Merkel would not do it.

Look how adamant Guttenberg has been about getting involved in Syria. He understands the importance of this country.

Strategic Importance

The civil war in Syria gave Iran an open door it would not have had otherwise.

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German MILITARISM

"Our engagement in Afghanistan has for years been a combat operation," he told *Bild* on Nov. 2, 2009. "But the feeling is—and not just among our troops—that the Taliban is waging a war against the soldiers of the international community." This statement marked a turning point in Germany's understanding of its military. No longer was it merely a defense force ready to confront an invasion. It was engaged in WARFARE ABROAD.

Guttenberg was like a political rock star at the time. Just about everybody thought he would be the next chancellor.

Transforming the Bundeswehr

As defense minister (2009–2011), Guttenberg made a major structural change: suspending compulsory military service. This drastically changed the military's makeup.

After Russia invaded Ukraine in 2022, many people looked back on that decision as a mistake. It is important to understand why Guttenberg made it.

In recent interviews, Guttenberg has defended his decision. He said spending cuts were necessary, and the security situation at the time was different. Choosing between maintaining conscription and equipping the troops abroad, he chose the latter. This saved Germany billions of euros over the years. But it also reveals Guttenberg's militaristic mindset.

As we wrote in 2018, "Guttenberg has a long-term view that goes beyond merely defending German borders from a worst-case-scenario Russian onslaught. His vision is for a globally

deployed, well-trained German Army."

The larger, conscripted army was intended to enable Germany to protect itself at home. But Guttenberg believed the nation's security needed to be defended abroad, and he transformed the military from a defensive force into a professional offensive force.

Strongman Prophesied

Throughout history, Europeans and the German people in particular have looked for a strongman to lead them through crises. That is why Charlemagne, Otto the Great and Adolf Hitler came to power.

In our tumultuous world, Germany is again looking for a Charlemagne—and Guttenberg could fill this role. Germany doesn't have another brilliant, charismatic leader like him. But the Bible reveals that it will get one.

Daniel 8:23 prophesies: "And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, A KING OF FIERCE COUNTENANCE, and understanding dark sentences, SHALL STAND UP."

We see the same prophecy in Isaiah 10:5-7, Habakkuk 1:5-11, Revelation 17 and other end-time passages. Our booklet *A Strong German Leader Is Imminent* will explain these prophecies to you.

Who will be this strongman of Europe, this king of fierce countenance, this modern-day Charlemagne? Watch Baron Guttenberg. It really seems he could fulfill this prophecy. He *could* be the strongman Europe wants!

Spark to World War III

The entire Middle East has been violently turned upside down, and the tempest isn't over yet. Bible prophecy reveals two great confederations of Middle Eastern nations that will soon clash—a German-led alliance of moderate Arabs and Turks and an Iranian alliance of radical Islamic theocrats.

Psalm 83:5-8 For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee: The tabernacles of **Edom**, and the **Ishmaelites**; of **Moab**, and the **Hagarenes**; **Gebal**, and **Ammon**, and **Amalek**; the **Philistines** with the inhabitants of **Tyre**; **Assur** also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah.

1 Edom The Edomites are descended from Esau. They relocated to Central Asia, before returning to the Near East as part of the Turkic invasion.

2 3 4 5 6 Ishmael Ishmael had 12 sons whose descendants spread throughout the Arabian Peninsula.

7 Moab The Moabites lived on the east side of the Jordan River. They merged with the Ammonites to become the Jordanian people.

8 Hagarenes Ishmael's mother was named Hagar. Many of her children settled in modern-day Syria.

9 Gebal Gebal is Hebrew for the ancient Phoenician city of Byblos. It is in Lebanon.

7 Ammon The Ammonites lived on the east side of the Jordan River. They merged with the Moabites to become the Jordanian people.

1 Amalek The Amalekites are descended from Esau's grandson Amalek. They migrated into Turkey with their Edomite brothers.

10 Philistines The Philistines ruled five city-states located in today's Gaza Strip. The modern-day Philistines are the Palestinians.

9 Tyre Tyre is in modern-day Lebanon and, like Gebal, refers to the Lebanese people living north of Israel.

11 Assur The ancient Assyrians fled into the mountains of Anatolia (Nahum 3:18) and eventually migrated into Central Europe.

The King of the South

A Iran Iran is the successor of the Persian Empire. Its position as leader of the radical Islamist camp makes it the prophesied king of the south.

B Iraq Iraq used to be Iran's primary rival. Yet after U.S. President George W. Bush ousted Saddam Hussein, Iran moved in to fill the power void.

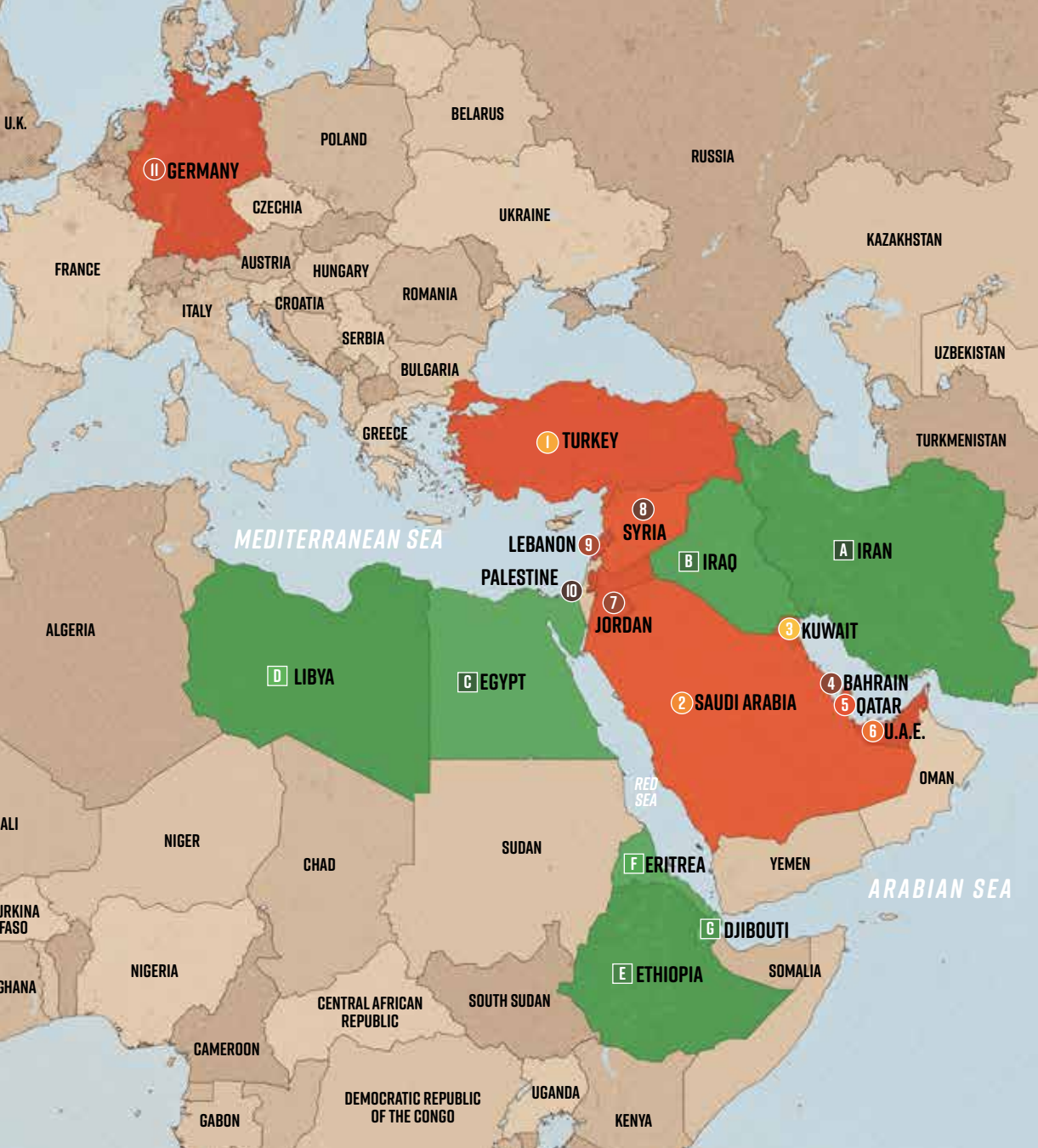
C Egypt The ancient nation of Egypt is one of the world's oldest countries. It is prophesied to fight alongside the king of the south.

D Libya The kingdom of Libya was founded in 1951. In ancient times, the Egyptians referred to all of the Berber tribes west of the Nile as Libyans.

E F G Ethiopia Modern-day Ethiopia is the direct successor state of the ancient kingdom of Kush, which also included Eritrea and Djibouti.

Daniel 11:40-43 And at the time of the king of the south push at him: and the north shall come against him like with chariots, and with horsemen, and ships; and he shall enter into the country shall overflow and pass over. He shall enter into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of Ammon. He shall stretch forth his hand against the countries: and the land of Egypt But he shall have power over the treasures of silver, and over all the precious things of the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall





Courting the Middle East

1761
Kingdom of Prussia signs treaty with Ottoman Empire.

1898
Kaiser Wilhelm II visits Beirut to confirm Prussian friendship with Lebanon.

1903
German Empire begins construction of Berlin-Baghdad Railway.

1914
German-Ottoman Alliance ratified shortly before outbreak of World War I.

1929
Germany signs treaty of friendship with Saudi Arabia.

1933
Grand Mufti of Jerusalem expresses Palestinian excitement at Adolf Hitler's election.

1941
German-Turkish Treaty of Friendship signed during World War II.

1953
Germany establishes diplomatic relations with Jordan.

1956
S.S. Hauptsturmführer Alois Brunner flees to the Near East and helps establish Syria's Intelligence Service.

1990
Germany supports Lebanese reconstruction after the Lebanese Civil War.

2006
German chancellor meets Syrian dictator to embark on joint battle against terrorists.

2018
Turkey becomes Germany's biggest arms importer.

2023
Germany resumes arms shipments to Saudi Arabia after five-year hiatus.

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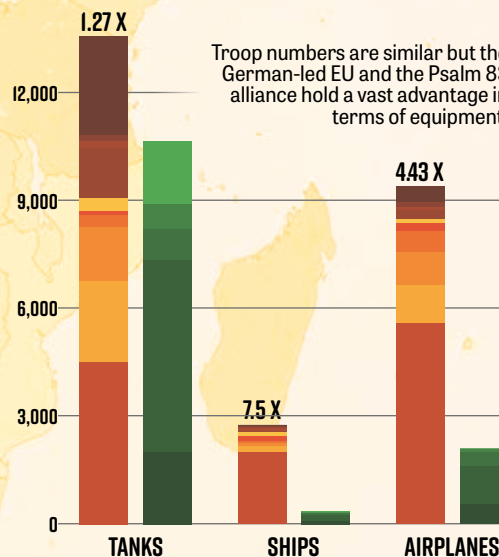
Chariots... horsemen... many ships

Total combined forces of the German-led EU, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, U.A.E., Qatar, Kuwait, Jordan, Lebanon, Bahrain, Syria and Gaza

1,499,402

Total combined forces of Iran, Egypt, Iraq, Ethiopia, Djibouti, Eritrea and Libya

1,546,500



Troop numbers are similar but the German-led EU and the Psalm 83 alliance hold a vast advantage in terms of equipment.

Geopolitical Futures wrote: "... Iran has intensified its military and intelligence presence without Assad's consent and against his plans to retake parts of the country controlled by radical Islamic movements. Iran's strategic project is to consolidate its presence in Syria regardless of who occupies the presidency."

Of course, this plan concerns Assad. It also concerns Germany.

Syria is a key to controlling the Middle East. It is important for intelligence gathering: It has a very advanced intelligence service that was in part built by underground Nazis and is also proximate to Israel.

Through its relationship with Syria, Iranian warships have access to the strategic Mediterranean Sea. They demonstrated that power in 2011. The Mediterranean is one of the most strategic places in the world. It has been a key battleground in many wars. To be a great power in the world, you need to be powerful in the Mediterranean Sea. Just look at the mayhem Iran-sponsored terrorists are causing in the Red Sea. Iran wants to foment the same troubles in the Mediterranean—and Syria gives Iran a key access point to do just that.

Syria offers additional advantages for Iran. The *Times of Israel* reported in 2018: "According to Israeli political and military assessments, Tehran, which has shored up Assad in the Syrian civil war, has been working to create air and naval bases in Syria from which it can arm the Lebanon-based terror organization Hezbollah and other Shiite groups, as well as carry out attacks of its own against the Jewish state" (Feb. 19, 2018). Then Israeli ambassador to the United Nations Danny Danon warned, "Iran is turning the entire country of Syria into the largest military base in the world."

Through Syria, Iran arms its terrorist proxies. **THUS, SYRIA IS CRITICAL FOR IRAN'S TERRORIST REGIME. IT CANNOT AFFORD TO LOSE IT.**

For Russia, Syria has also been critical. It provides a warm water port and an air force base. It has also been a crucial location for Russian intelligence gathering.

But consider how Germany could use the same key positions. When Germany recently sent a warship from the North Sea to the Red Sea, it took a few weeks.

When it decided to air drop aid packages into Gaza, it cooperated with Jordan and used its air force base. But if Syria would invite Germany in, this would give them far more control and operational ability.

Through the European Union and various military missions, Germany controls part of the Mediterranean and also has significant influence in the Middle East. But a presence in Syria would greatly expand Germany's reach in the region. Driving Russia and Iran out from their naval and air force base would not only eliminate a threat but also open doors for new opportunities.

A Reason for Iran's Push

Seeing how much has happened since I recorded that program on Syria turning away from Iran shows that we need to watch this region closely. Iran is drawing down in Syria, and Germany is ready to move in! **A KEY DOMINO IN TRIGGERING END-TIME EVENTS IS ABOUT TO FALL.**

Look closely at the prophecy of Daniel 11:40: "And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over." This is about a clash between radical Islam led by Iran and a European power led by Germany. (Read my free booklet *The King of the South*.)

"He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape. But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps" (verses 42-43). This shows that Egypt, Libya and Ethiopia will fall *with Iran*. This means they are already allied with Iran when Germany attacks.

But a key nation currently allied with Iran is not mentioned here: Syria. Why? Because of Psalm 83, we know that Syria will be allied with Germany after the attack on Iran. But I believe this momentous shift will almost certainly take place *before* Daniel 11:40 is fulfilled. This means we could see it happen very soon.

Losing Syria will be devastating to Iran. It could very well be part of the reason for Iran to violently push at Europe. We don't know all the details

yet, but we need to watch this key Bible prophecy closely. We have known these prophecies for many years—now we are about to see them fulfilled!

Consider what happens if Germany wrangles Syria out of Iran's hands. The Iranian terrorist regime would rightly fear that its dominance in the region was under threat. It would be concerned about preserving its alliance with Lebanon and Gaza and the Arab nations. This may cause Iran to heighten its aggression around Jerusalem and the crucial trade routes while it still can.

In short, **SYRIA'S SHIFT AWAY FROM IRAN COULD TRIGGER THE EVENTS OF DANIEL 11:40!**

That would explain why Syria is not mentioned here if the nation is conquered by the king of the north *before* the prophesied push of the king of the south occurs. It might not end up being that way. But I think it is interesting we are seeing more and more evidence for that.

The Other Dominoes

Just as Syria helped Iran build its influence over neighboring countries, it can help Germany do the same. Psalm 83 reveals a great deal about what we can expect to see in the time ahead. While most of the nations listed in the psalm are already allied with Germany, some are still allied or heavily influenced by Iran. But once Syria switches allegiance, the others are certain to follow. We know for sure that Germany will be allied with these nations after it attacks and destroys Iran. But if Syria falls to Germany before this clash, it will also have a domino effect on these nations.

Edom, or Esau, in Psalm 83 is Turkey—which has been allied with both Iran and Germany. But it is important to note: Turkey has significant disagreements with Iran over Syria. While Iran has supported Assad, Turkey supported the rebels. For years, I have noted that Turkish-Iranian ties would break over Syria.

Psalm 83 also lists Gebal (modern-day Lebanon) and the Philistines (the Palestinians of Gaza and the West Bank). This prophecy specifically reveals that the Philistines are *with* the inhabitants of Tyre, which is in southern Lebanon, the stronghold of the Hezbollah terrorists.

Right now, Iran through Syria has a lot of control over Hezbollah and Hamas

in Gaza. It appears that the breaking of Iran's ties to these people will in turn open the door for the Psalm 83 alliance to fully form.

Iran, Hezbollah and the Palestinians all share some common enemies—especially America and Israel. But they have religious and political differences, which could cause Hezbollah and the Palestinians to ally themselves with Germany.

Imagine what a geopolitical quake this will be!

The Psalm 83 Army

Germany is now actively working to oppose Iran in the region. In so doing, it is building the Psalm 83 alliance that includes Syria. This alliance is about to clash militarily with Iran. After Germany conquers the king of the south, it will, together with the moderate Arabs, have control over all of these nations that were allied with Iran. This will stagger the world in many ways. People will begin to see what kind of a superpower Germany has become.

But it is important to note that prophecy does *not* indicate that this will be good news for the modern-day Jews in Israel. In fact, the opposite is the case.

Iranian leaders have publicly stated that they want to wipe Israel off the map. Their ambitions in the Middle East and their pursuit of nuclear weapons are most dangerous. BUT PSALM 83 REVEALS AN EVEN MORE DIABOLICAL, SECRET PLOT. This alliance wants to *obliterate even the name of Israel—forever!*

Verse 4 reads: “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.”

AFTER THIS ALLIANCE CONQUERS IRAN, IT WILL WORK OUT ITS DEVILISH PLOT. These Arabs are going to unite as an army with Germany and do tremendous damage in this world!

The Germans are a great people in many ways. But they have been deceived by something very powerful and led in horrifying directions. Germany started two world wars, and it is about to start a *third world war!*

God is not simply allowing Assyria, modern-day Germany, to rise today and to form this Psalm 83 alliance. The Bible specifically says GOD WILL USE GERMANY TO PUNISH HIS PEOPLE! (Isaiah 10:5;

Revelation 17:17). This might be hard for some to understand, but God is full of wrath over the sins of this world and the sins of the modern-day nations of Israel—primarily the United States, Britain and the Jewish nation in the Middle East.

However, God will most certainly not allow Satan to blot out the name of Israel. Jesus Christ promised to intervene before it reaches that point (Matthew 24:22). In the midst of these prophecies, there is incredible hope!

The time frame of this prophecy is right at this very end time. Ninety percent of Bible prophecy today is being fulfilled in this end time. The fact that we see this alliance already developing shows that we don't have much time until Jesus Christ returns—because these very nations are going to fight against Him when He returns to Earth!

An Insert of Hope

Here is another very hopeful statement in Daniel 11:41, in the midst of these prophesied calamities: “He shall enter also into the glorious land and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.”

“Edom, Moab and Ammon” refer to the geographic region of Jordan today. God says He will spare the “chief of the children of Ammon.” The word *chief* means “with regard to ...*first fruits*” (*Gesenius' Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon*). This is truly misunderstood by all the Bible commentaries. It is one of the Bible's coded messages that can be easily understood if you let the Bible interpret itself.

The New Testament calls God's Church His *firstfruits* (1 Corinthians

15:20-23; Romans 8:23; James 1:18). Like Psalm 83, Daniel 11 discusses God's very elect who are getting God's message out in the end time.

In the middle of all these great nations and the violence and the wars, God has a little flock with a powerful message. They are led by God's Holy Spirit, and instead of seeking their own pleasure, they invest their whole lives in delivering God's message. They are deeply concerned about the evils in this world, and are giving themselves as living sacrifices to God's service. They not only hear the message and believe Bible prophecy; they *help* proclaim it! They want people to see what is happening in the Middle East and all over the world and have hope beyond this evil world.

World War III is coming unless we wake up and see and hear what God has to say about this in Bible prophecy. That's why God is sending out His warning through His people. God is warning them and giving them an opportunity to repent and change their ways; if they do, there won't be all this destruction!

Will mankind listen to God's messages recorded in His Bible? There is no indication of that right now. But still there is eternal hope here! God wants us to see this hope now.

God loves the attitude of His very elect and will reward them accordingly. First of all, He is going to protect them from all these troubles that are developing right now. In Matthew 24:22, Christ promises to intervene in world affairs *because of* His very elect! After all this evil is over, God will set up His people as rulers with Christ to bring peace, joy and happiness to this world!

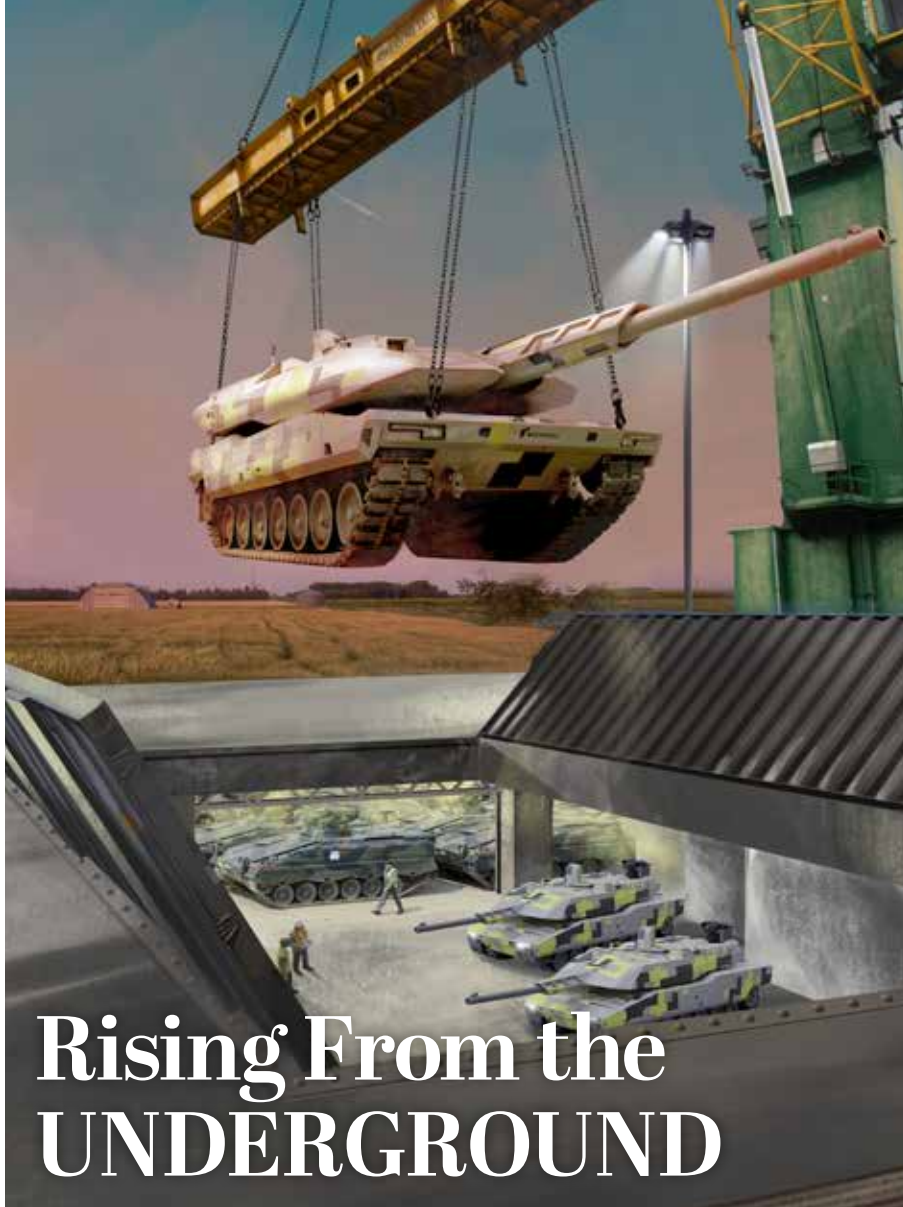
While these events will lead into World War III, they will also lead into Christ's return and the fantastic news of a coming wonderful World Tomorrow! Through the pages of the Bible God reveals that in this wonderful world, He will open access to the tree of life—not only to those who survive the coming mayhem but to all people who have ever lived and not known God (Revelation 20). There is even indication that God has unimaginably expansive plans for human beings! (Isaiah 9:6-7; Hebrews 2:8).

This is when Bible prophecy really gets exciting!



What's in store for the Middle East?

Request Gerald Flurry's free booklet **The King of The South** to understand how Syria's abandonment of Iran could lead to the start of World War III!



Rising From the UNDERGROUND

How a secret World War II strategy is being worked out today

BY GERALD FLURRY

AUTOMOTIVE AND ARMS MANUFACTURER Rheinmetall armed Germany in two world wars. Between those wars, it was forced to operate underground. Prohibited by the Versailles Treaty to test weapons in Germany, Rheinmetall cooperated with Russia to test its weaponry abroad. This enabled the rise of Adolf Hitler and German military dominance.

In 1944, the SS leadership directed Rheinmetall and others to go underground *again*. The minutes of the meeting were kept classified until 1996—and even then the media largely ignored them. *But Rheinmetall followed these orders and is now rising from the underground!*

22 THE PHILADELPHIA TRUMPET

IT IS TIME WE PAY ATTENTION. IT IS ALMOST TOO LATE!

Rheinmetall is Germany's largest military contractor, and its business is booming. Since Russia invaded Ukraine in 2022, the company's share price has increased more than fivefold. Its value is expected to surpass \$10.8 billion this fiscal year. It recently received an order from Germany's armed forces to supply up to 123 infantry heavy weapon carriers worth nearly \$3 billion. Rheinmetall expects a backlog of orders from NATO members and allies worth \$65 billion by the end of this year.

Rheinmetall has been preparing for this moment for decades. It is proud of its many military innovations. Its website states, "Rheinmetall is a global industry leader that is highly experienced in mastering the entire weapon

and ammunition system. ... Rheinmetall successfully combines world-class gun, ammunition, charge and fuse technologies to offer precise and effective solutions against enemy threats." Among the achievements it boasts are: "the world's most effective tank," the Leopard 2; "an innovative new generation of enhanced-range ammunition"; cutting-edge laser weapon systems; and "the world's most advanced main battle tank," the Panther KF51.

Some 80 years ago, Rheinmetall helped produce another Panther tank FOR ADOLF HITLER. It didn't even bother to change the name! *Are we to simply assume that this arms manufacturer had a change of heart?*

The Underground

Rheinmetall has amassed an impressive portfolio over the years. But on a global ranking it falls behind larger, mostly American arms manufacturers. That is partly because it has had to fly under the radar so as not to arouse suspicion. But its time to rise has come.

"We need big companies in Europe," Rheinmetall CEO Armin Papperger noted in an April 1 *Financial Times* interview. He urged European countries to forge bigger, more specialized defense groups to compete with rivals in America.

In many ways they are already matching and in some cases exceeding the United States' standards in quality. That is why one entity that has chosen to use Rheinmetall as a supplier is the U.S. MILITARY.

How can that be?

Everything is unfolding according to a well-calculated plan.

Toward the end of World War II, Nazi leaders and industrialists got together to prepare for an inevitable military loss. A French spy attended one of these meetings and leaked the details to the Allies. The meeting was held on Aug. 10, 1944, in the Hotel Rotes Haus in Strasbourg, France. Among the industrial leaders present was a representative of Rheinmetall.

Think about this. The Allies knew in 1944 that the Nazis had exhaustive plans! Still, shortly after the war, they handed over the process of denazification to *German authorities* and allowed Germany to remilitarize. Then they kept

the Nazis' underground plans a well-guarded secret for 50 years!

Only in 1996—*after* Germany had remilitarized and reunified—did the U.S. declassify the information. By that point, most of the world didn't care.

The *Trumpet* has been the *only source* that has repeatedly highlighted the report. Most media outlets ignore it to this day.

Notice what the British *Daily Mail* wrote about it in 2009: "The paper is aged and fragile, the typewritten letters slowly fading. But U.S. Military Intelligence report EW-Pa 128 is as chilling now as the day it was written in November 1944."

Chilling indeed! And it is even more so if you understand that these secret plans **HAVE BEEN METICULOUSLY CARRIED OUT** and are about to affect our whole world! *Why don't the media report on it?*

The report reads: "From now on also German industry must realize that the war cannot be won and that it must take steps in preparation for a postwar commercial campaign. Each industrialist must make contacts and alliances with foreign firms, but this must be done individually and without attracting any suspicion." They wanted this to be *secret* and **UNDERGROUND** in every way. That is exactly what Rheinmetall has done!

How did Rheinmetall go underground? Its website states this about its activities after the war: "Rheinmetall AG wanted to be involved in the transshipment of coal, coke, gravel, sand, gypsum and general cargo. After World War II, Düsseldorf [Rheinmetall's headquarters] announced its intention to focus on civil activities to utilize its capacities: a project whose profitability was—to say the least—doubtful. Yet the executive board remained adamant and established the department 'T/V (transport and loading facilities) and mobile cranes.'"

But Rheinmetall only stopped producing arms for a short time. In the 1950s, its military branch was revived. Then it grew its exports to gradually build itself into an industrial powerhouse. Today it is preparing to arm a German-led European superpower!

You can see from this *one* example that **THEIR PLAN IS BEING FULFILLED!**

The full list of industrialists attending that 1944 meeting is printed in my booklet *Germany's Conquest of the Balkans*. That's one of few places where you can

read the report. The booklet gives more details; it shows how this is affecting Germany today and how these elites execute their plans—with terrible consequences. I encourage you to request a free copy.

Some of the other industrialists that went underground still carry the same name they did in World War II. (See our infographic "The Roots of German Military Might," theTrumpet.com/18696) But those companies whose names were changed can still be tracked. You can find their locations and see how powerful they are. Many are again producing armaments, at least in part. And as the arms industry grows more lucrative, we can expect them to put more and more of their energy into this field.

It is important to note that most Germans don't know of these plans. But the German people have a history of getting swept up into this terrible system. In the last 1,500 years they were part of the Holy Roman Empire, which brutally suppressed opposition and tortured and killed millions of people. Then the Germans followed their leaders into two world wars. The German people have collective guilt, but they are also victims of this sinister system. We need to keep that in mind. They too need to be warned—just like America, Britain and the Jewish nation in the Middle East.

An Ignored Warning

On a radio program, May 9, 1945, *one day after* Germany's surrender in World War II, Herbert W. Armstrong made a startling prophecy. "We need to wake up and realize that right now is the most dangerous moment in United States national history, instead of assuming we now have peace!" he warned. "What most do not know is that the Germans have *their* plans for winning the **BATTLE** of the peace. ... We don't understand German *thoroughness*. From the very start of World War II, they have considered the possibility of losing this second round, as they did the first—and they have carefully, methodically *planned*, in such eventuality, the *third* round—World War III! Hitler has lost. This round of war, in Europe, is over. And the Nazis have now gone **UNDERGROUND**. ... They plan to **COME BACK** and to win on the third try."

Mr. Armstrong proclaimed this warning throughout his life, even while the

actual plan remained secret. In 1981 he wrote: "What the world does not realize is that, under cover, secret planning is proceeding furiously, uncovered by the news media, unknown by the public. But suddenly, unexpectedly, as biblical prophecy reveals, the whole world will be startled and shocked into wonder, to learn that a new third super world power has suddenly burst forth onto the world scene—a resurrection of the medieval Holy Roman Empire ..." (Dec. 27, 1981, co-worker letter).

What Mr. Armstrong described is prophesied in Revelation 17, which he repeatedly pointed to.

Verse 8 says, "The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they beheld the beast that was, and is not, and yet is."

"Bottomless pit" is not the best translation; *underground* is better. This prophecy describes the German-led power as a beast that "was, and is not, and yet is." It appeared to be gone—but it was just underground! And *now* it is rising!

In this last resurrection, it will form the heart of a coming European super-state (verses 12-13).

Rheinmetall is part of a whole system that has been plotting this revival since the end of World War II.

Even more astonishing is that this prophecy reveals that **THEIR PLAN WILL BE SUCCESSFUL**—no matter how much we want to ignore it. It will all be fulfilled, and we don't have long to wait.

Most astonishing of all, these events will then lead this evil empire into a clash with **JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF!** (verse 14). He will **DESTROY** this last resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire and bring the German people and our whole world *peace!* ■

Germany has already conquered a nation, and the world has largely ignored it. Request Gerald Flurry's free booklet **Germany's Conquest of the Balkans** to understand.





EXOPLANETS AND THE SEARCH FOR EARTH 2.0

Is there life out there?
There will be!

BY JEREMIAH JACQUES

“MY VERY EDUCATED MOTHER just served us noodles.” That’s a popular mnemonic device used for remembering the planets Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune. Or if you learned it before Pluto’s career setback in 2006, it may instead have been “nine pizzas” that your bookish mom dished up. In either case, these are the planets most of us have studied and have perhaps observed with the naked eye or a science teacher’s telescope.

But these are only the planets floating around one midsize star in one quiet neighborhood of one average-size galaxy. There is a considerable amount of space out there. And today an array of powerful space and ground telescopes enable us to gaze deeply into it, including Hubble, Spitzer, Gaia, TRAPPIST-South, Kepler, NUSTAR, the James Webb Space Telescope and the imaginatively named Very Large Telescope, which is soon to be outshone by the equally imaginatively named Extremely Large Telescope.

These celestial magnifiers let us see much farther out with far greater clarity. And they have shown us that the handful

of celestial orbs in our solar system are only the smallest beginning. We are finding that *planets are everywhere*.

Exoplanet is the term used for any planet outside our solar system, and the first of them was discovered in 1992. And actually, it wasn’t just one but two: Phobos and Poltergeist. These sibling spheres rocked the world of astronomy when they were found orbiting a pulsar in the constellation Virgo, some 2,300 light-years away from our Blue Marble.

Since then, stargazing technology has continued to dramatically improve and so have planet-finding techniques, such as stellar wobble, direct imaging, microlensing and the transit method. Combining the increasingly penetrating range of telescopes with this increasingly effective assortment of methods, astronomers have now confirmed the existence of thousands of exoplanets. As of June 18, the count is up to 6,140.

Weirdly Wonderful Worlds

Many of the exoplanets that have been confirmed so far are comparable to the worlds in our solar system, not terribly unlike Neptune, Jupiter or Venus. But some are as surreal and weirdly wonderful as anything from a *Star Trek* episode or an Isaac Asimov novel—or more so.

“We have found planets of almost

every type,” said Hubble Space Telescope project scientist Kenneth Carpenter. “We may actually be in a situation where reality is more strange than the fictional predictions.”

Astronomers have discovered ocean worlds, where deep waters cover every inch of the land. If that’s too tame for you, we have also found an exoplanet called Kepler-78b that is covered completely by *oceans of lava*. Then there is WASP-121b where weather conditions cause rubies and sapphires to rain down lavishly from the skies. We’ve found some that are “tidally locked,” with one half always blistering under their star and the other half freezing in unending darkness. And we have found at least two planets that are not spherical but egg-shaped, since they orbit their host stars so closely that the gravity ovals them. There are also exoplanets that orbit more than one star, some that orbit dead stars, and even “rogue planets” that are so freewheeling that they don’t orbit any star at all.

The details of the 6,140 confirmed exoplanets are tantalizing stargazers and stretching imaginations into a constellation of new directions. But even these thousands are just the start. Astronomers estimate that the Milky Way alone holds 100 to 200 billion exoplanets. And if you’re talking about the

whole universe, the number grows to a size we can't yet really even estimate. "With hundreds of billions of galaxies, the universe likely teems with many trillions of stars," science journalist Elisha Sauers writes. "And if most stars have one or more planets around them, that's an unfathomable number of worlds."

The vast numbers of exoplanets have astronomers excited beyond words. And the most exciting of all are those that are earthlike, with the right proximity to a star, and with size, mass, elemental composition and potential atmosphere and water cycles that could possibly work together to sustain life.

Earth 2.0?

One somewhat earthlike exoplanet, called Gliese 667Cc, lies just 22 light-years from us. It has years that last a mere 28 Earth days. Were it orbiting a G-class star like our sun so closely, Gliese 667Cc would be far too hot. But its star is a red dwarf, far cooler than the sun. So distance and heat cancel out, placing this exoplanet in the habitable zone, or "Goldilocks Zone," around its star, where it is neither too cold nor too hot to support carbon-based life. However, Gliese 667Cc is likely within striking distance of its star's flares, which could make it far less—or not at all—life-friendly.

If you think a 28-day year is short, brace yourself for Proxima Centauri b. Its discovery in the habitable zone of its star electrified astronomers, since it lies only four light-years from us. But this exoplanet circles its star so closely that it is bombarded by extreme ultraviolet radiation. And that tight orbit means its year is only 11.2 days long, which could be lucrative for sellers of anniversary cards but overwhelming for tax-filing accountants and most other residents.

Another potentially earthlike exoplanet is Kepler-22b, 640 light-years away. Its 290-day year is not far off from Earth's, and it orbits a G-class star like ours. But Kepler-22b's star is considerably cooler and smaller than the one at the center of our solar system, which may turn a cold shoulder to life.

Kepler-186f is another exoplanet that may be capable of supporting life as we know it. It lies 580 light-years from us and is only about 10 percent larger than the third rock from the sun. But it receives only about a third as much energy from its host star as we do from ours, which hangs a large question mark over Kepler-186f's ability to support a biosphere. As with many exoplanets, there are also lingering questions about what Kepler-186f is made of. Astronomer Phil Plait wrote, "It could be a barren rock, or a fecund water world, or made entirely of Styrofoam peanuts, or some weird thing we haven't even imagined yet."

The most earthlike exoplanets so far discovered are those orbiting a Jupiter-size red dwarf named TRAPPIST-1, some 41 light-years away. Seven planets have been discovered in this star's orbit, all of which appear to be rocky like Earth. Three of these are well within the Goldilocks Zone. Astrophysicists using the James Webb Space Telescope are over the moon about the TRAPPIST-1 system because some of its exoplanets

may have the same kind of secondary atmosphere as Earth and may have what it takes to support life. "There are only a handful of stellar systems where we have the opportunity to look for these sorts of atmospheres," said Ward Howard, a Sagan Fellow at the University of Colorado-Boulder, who studies TRAPPIST-1 and its satellites. "Each one of these planets is truly precious."

More earthlike exoplanets are being discovered every month now, and many of them seem to have some promising circumstances. Yet Earth 2.0 remains elusive. And there is good reason to think that no matter how many exoplanets we discover, we will never find one that is a true Earth twin, a home to life.

'Tohu and Bohu' to Eden

The Bible shows that Earth itself was once in a condition somewhat like the desolate exoplanets we are now discovering. "And the earth was without form and void," Genesis 1:2 states. God did not originally create it that way, but the great angelic rebellion described in such verses as Jude 6 reduced this precious planet to ruin.

These words "without form" and "void" are translated from

the Hebrew words *tohu* and *bohu*, and could also be rendered "waste" and "empty." That was the state of Earth when God determined to renew and restore it to a place of abundance where new beings, humans, could live (Psalm 104:30).

Transforming a planet from *tohu* and *bohu* into a thriving biosphere is no small feat. Genesis 1 lays out how God accomplished this dramatic restoration. The atmosphere was healed so the sun could once again energize and light the planet. The surface was restructured to separate dry land from ocean. The rotation was apparently altered. And plants, animals and people were created.

The Bible also has plenty to say about the vast universe beyond Earth. But it makes clear that, at present, there is no life on the other planets, whether here in our solar



THE GREATEST relationship man can have is with his supreme, all-loving Creator. Yet mankind in general is bewildered and confused about God. God is a mystery. For so many, their relationship with God truly is their worst relationship.

In his book *Mystery of the Ages*, Herbert W. Armstrong called the mystery of who and what is God the greatest mystery of all. Mankind does not even come close to understanding this subject! And we see the ill effects: Our world faces the prospect of the worst human suffering in its history.

Do you truly know God? What kind of a relationship do you have with Him? He is real. He is alive. You can remove the mystery surrounding God! This is what Mr. Armstrong's book will do for you. Its first chapter is, "Who and What Is God?" We will gladly send you a free copy.

Lack of Knowledge

On his way to visit the prime minister of India in New Delhi, Mr. Armstrong made a profound observation. While riding in a taxi, he noticed cattle wandering all over the city. Mr. Armstrong was perplexed by how their owners would find their livestock in the evening. The driver told Mr. Armstrong that the owners don't have to search for the cattle; the cattle knew their way home.

This brought a scripture to Mr. Armstrong's mind: "[T]he Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider" (Isaiah 1:2-3). This is one of the most horrendous pictures in the Bible—a dual prophecy about outright rebellion against God in this end time: Spiritual and physical Israel—His Church and the nations of Israel—have turned their backs on God. They don't know God!

Your Most Important Relationship

Learn what the Bible reveals about who and what God is! **BY GERALD FLURRY**

Israel is the only nation that anciently knew who and what God is. No other nations ever knew God. Countless people throughout history have died never knowing who and what God is. But the Bible reveals that they are not lost forever. They will be brought up in a future resurrection and given the opportunity to know God.

But you don't have to live in ignorance about your Creator. Mr. Armstrong's book will make God real to you—as real as your own physical father.

Isaiah's prophecy reveals the reason we do not understand who and what God is: We are weighed down with sin and lawlessness! (verse 4). This is God's evaluation of us. He has spoken these words Himself. How important is that to you?

The Apostle Paul wrote that "the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and wickedness of men who by their wickedness suppress the truth" (Romans 1:18; Revised Standard Version). When we increase in wickedness, we suppress the truth. It's not that the truth doesn't exist or that it is invisible; it's that we suppress it.

Paul continues, "Ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity, has

been clearly perceived in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse; for although they knew God they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking and their senseless minds were darkened" (verses 20-21; RSV). Mankind could see that God created all things, but they didn't honor or thank Him. They *suppressed* what they understood. Something is terribly wrong with human nature!

No wonder we don't know who and what God is! *Why do we not want the most important relationship we could ever have?*

Human Nature

Paul says mankind does "not like to retain God in their knowledge" (Romans 1:28). They prefer evolution or another theory that erases their Creator!

This is true of most of mankind. People's beliefs about God are very confused. Some half a billion people are self-proclaimed agnostics or atheists. They don't even believe in God, let alone know who and what He is.

When the Apostle Paul traveled to Athens, he stood before the intellectuals and scholars of his day and boldly taught about Jesus Christ and the resurrection (Acts 17:18). They called him a babbler and said he was promoting "strange gods." The Greeks had idols and monuments for many different deities. They even had an altar dedicated to what they called "the unknown God." That was the God Paul said he wanted to proclaim to them (verse 23). This God was unknown to them—He was a mystery! Paul boldly told them that they did not know God.

Our educational institutions don't know who and what God is, nor do they *want* to know. They instill certain beliefs and concepts into our memory, but they don't teach us to think.

We need to learn how to think better than we do. If we use our minds and

think, we can rather easily prove that God exists and is alive! We can know a lot about who and what He is. After all, we have a mind like God's! But that isn't taught in our schools.

"The modern scientific concept denies the invisible and the spiritual as having existence. Yet all our seemingly unsolvable problems and the evils in this world are spiritual in nature," Mr. Armstrong wrote in *Mystery of the Ages*.

The natural mind is hostile to God (Romans 8:7). Most people are not maliciously hostile but passively hostile. But that hostility is still a serious issue! It is bringing untold curses and troubles on us. Our problems are caused by our human nature.

We must know who and what God is if

If you are going to know God, you cannot just accept what this world, even this world's religions, teach about God.

we are ever going to solve our problems! That means we must remove our hostility toward God.

Are you willing to accept what the Bible teaches about God? If you apply yourself and study, this truth is not hard to understand.

The Very Beginning

Most people believe the earliest record of God's existence is in Genesis 1:1, but that is incorrect. The scripture in the earliest time order that describes who and what is God is in the Gospel of John.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men" (John 1:1-4). There are two Beings referred to here: God and the Word. This is the earliest point of God's existence that is referenced in the Bible. It's a time when nothing else was present—no angels, no universe, no mankind. These two Beings were in perfect peace and harmony. The Word was the Spokesman for the God Kingdom, and He submitted to the other Being because there always must be government. Two

can't walk together unless they are agreed (Amos 3:3). With that, these two Beings had eternal joy—something very few people have or understand.

It's important to note that we are talking about two God Beings—not three or one, but two. Do you truly understand that? Or do you believe in the trinity? *Mystery of the Ages* explains the truth about the trinity, a word that is not even found in the Bible!

There was a time when God and Christ were not Father and Son. "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth" (John 1:14). The Word became Jesus Christ. At that point in history, God became the Father and the Word became

the Son. This was a big change!

If you are going to know God, you cannot just accept what this world, even this world's religions, teach about God. Jesus warned His disciples that many would come professing Him but deceiving multitudes of people (Matthew 24:3-5). Why? Because they are declaring the person of Christ, not *the message* Christ brought about the coming Kingdom, or Family, of God. Christ came to Earth and declared the Father (John 1:18). Why don't most "Christians" declare the Father as He did? This world's "Christianity" fails to honor the Father. Ponder that! Even 95 percent of God's own people in this end time don't honor Him (Malachi 1:6). That is a terrible crisis!

Again, you cannot truly know God unless you *conquer* your human nature. Consider it: A God Being was begotten as a human being and lived on this Earth. And what did mankind do to Him? They crucified Him! What greater proof is there that man does not know who and what God is?

Jesus Christ taught all about His Father and the God Family. He personally delivered a message to mankind to help us know God! Yet God is still a mystery to this world.

It doesn't have to be this way. *Mystery of the Ages* will unlock this truth for you.

A Glorious Creation

Christ opened up the God Family to everyone. His being made flesh pointed to a time when God will bring *billions* of sons into His Family (Romans 8:29). That is the purpose for which God created mankind!

When God created man, He said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness ..." (Genesis 1:26). God wanted man to have His character and mind, which is what "image" means. But He also wanted man to look as He looks—we have His very likeness! God has a face as you have a face. He has eyes, a nose, ears, hands, legs, toes, feet, hair. When Christ came as a human being, He said, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (John 14:9). That tells you volumes! Imagine that: God has created us to be like He is—and become like He is spiritually—so we can be born into His Family! He is re-creating Himself in man. What could possibly be more glorious to understand than that?

It is a wonderful, wonderful world if you have the very character of God. That character revolves around *giving*. It fills you with happiness, joy and understanding. It gives meaning to your life; *everything* is opened up to you. But you must be led by Christ and get rid of human nature and take on God's perfect nature, so you can be like God (Matthew 5:48).

Christ was the firstborn of many brethren. There are more sons to be born—brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ. If you come out of this world and do God's Work today, then you can be the actual Bride of Jesus Christ! (2 Corinthians 11:2; Revelation 19:7).

All of this truth becomes plain as you begin to understand who and what God is. This is spectacular truth that you can prove straight from your Bible. Request a free copy of *Mystery of the Ages*, and read Chapter 1, "Who and What Is God?" along with your Bible. Deeply study what the Bible says on this supremely important subject. And use that truth to cultivate your most important relationship! ■





Stepping Up HOPE

How a dance production is spreading encouragement and inspiration **STAFF**

“**T**HANK YOU FOR RENEWING my faith in humanity.” “You don’t find kids like this anymore.” “What you guys need to be marketing is your smiles and happiness.” “This is what this country needs right now. You guys have embodied the American spirit.”

Many emotional responses like these to *Celtic Throne—The Royal Journey of Irish Dance* are inspired by something special, something beyond dance and showmanship and even storytelling. This step-dance and musical production—produced by the Philadelphia Church of God, publisher of the *Trumpet*—completed its fifth summer tour on July 7 with its 67th performance to date. Its dozens of performers—almost entirely students, from elementary-school age through college—provide a window into a beautiful way of life.

Featuring music by award-winning composer Brian Byrne, the show portrays the history of Irish step-dancing, tracing it back to “a great king in Jerusalem” and forward through the centuries to the peoples of Ireland, Scotland, England and the United States—and into the future. The king is David of Israel, who “danced before the Lord with all his might” (2 Samuel 6:14), the peoples are descendants of ancient Israel, and the history is both biblical and secular, as summarized in *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, by Herbert W. Armstrong. And while those few who are familiar with this history see the show in even more vivid light, *Celtic Throne* delivers a message not with scripture citations or preaching, but with something else, something that has stirred hundreds or thousands of concertgoers: an experience.

“The response to the show has far exceeded our expectations,” *Celtic Throne* codirector and *Trumpet* contributor Brad Macdonald said. “Every single show we have numerous members of the audience visibly moved by the inspiration and hope, by the powerful family element. It’s not uncommon for people to be sobbing with delight.”

Some audience members and theater crew have compared the show to *Riverdance* and other productions they have seen, many candidly favoring *Celtic Throne*, partly because of the quality of the production, but mostly because of a spirit and attitude they see on stage, backstage and in the lobby as the young dancers greet visitors following the show.

Audience members, theater employees and acquaintances made at hotels and elsewhere along the way have told performers that they were moved,



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43 dancers
5 musicians
23 crew

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even to tears, not just by the uplifting, energetic performance but also by the camaraderie and cheerful personalities of the dancers, from the eldest and most skilled down to the youngest.

Since the show's first season in 2020, more than 35,000 tickets have been sold as dozens of crowds have watched a *Celtic Throne* performance at Armstrong Auditorium or on tour in 21 states and Washington, D.C., with thousands more having watched live online. Guests of honor have included Gen. Michael Flynn, filmmaker Dinesh D'Souza and Irish dance star John Carey, who characterized the experience as "on par with anything I've ever seen."

Flynn, who saw *Celtic Throne* last summer during a two-day visit to the PCG campus and interview for the *Trumpet Daily* podcast, had a similar reaction to many. Visiting the dancers backstage, he told them with emotion in his voice,

"You are inspiring this nation, and that's something that we need right now."

While the crowd sizes have grown, Macdonald said, "We don't focus on the numbers: Our goal is to connect with the audience—everyone in the audience—no matter how big."

The *Celtic Throne* family is literally a family, with most of the 70-person cast and crew being sisters, brothers, cousins, fathers and mothers. One theater employee said, "If you guys hadn't said in the show that you were related, I would have asked, because there is a family element in the show that we pick up on." Another said, "We are part of you guys' family."

The entire troupe comes from a spiritual family: the Philadelphia Church of God. Students from Herbert W. Armstrong College and Imperial Academy, staff members of the Church

and others work together on the show, which they believe to be part of the same commission as the *Trumpet*: to deliver the Bible-derived message of warning and hope—in this case, with a powerful, experiential emphasis on the hope.

The show has performed 19 times in Armstrong Auditorium at the Church's headquarters. Additional performances are planned, including possible performances overseas, and preparations are underway for *Celtic Throne II*. ■

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system or beyond. Romans 8:19-22 say the whole universe is presently in “bondage to decay” and figuratively “groaning” over its state of lifelessness and deterioration (Revised Standard Version).

The late educator Herbert W. Armstrong discussed these scriptures in his landmark book *The Incredible Human Potential*. “This passage indicates precisely what all astronomers and scientific evidence indicate—the suns are as balls of fire, giving out light and heat; but the planets, except for this Earth, are in a state of death, decay and futility”

If you read only that much of it, the cosmic situation would seem bleak—as if there were little reason to keep studying exoplanets and perhaps no real purpose for the vast universe. But there is much more to this passage. It states that the universe “will be set free” from its current condition (verse 21). Why would the universe need to be freed from its state of lifelessness and decay? Because, as we learn from Isaiah 45:18, God created the universe “not in vain,” but “to be inhabited.”

The Creator makes clear that it is not just Earth that He designed and made to be inhabited, but the universe! This means there are exoplanets that will undergo a process similar to the Genesis 1 restoration that Earth underwent.

Imagine the re-creation described in Genesis *by the millions* or even *trillions*. If a given planet isn't in the Goldilocks Zone, maybe it will be nudged into a more benevolent orbit to undergo terraforming. In the case of those “rogue

planets,” more than a nudge will be needed to lock them into the orbit of a good star. A planet that is tidally locked can be given a spin. Atmospheres will be created or repaired. Surfaces will be restructured. Entire planets will be retrofitted with water cycles. And intricate ecosystems will be designed and vivified. Some of this will be life as we know it. Much of it may well be trailblazing creations of life we don't as yet know. Some may not even be carbon-based.

The Bible does not reveal the details of this future, universe-wide project of liberating the exoplanets from their current condition of lifelessness and decay. But it does tell us who will be carrying out this incredible work. Romans 8:21 reveals them to be “the children of God.”

That means us.

Connecting this with such passages as Psalm 8 and Hebrews 2, Mr. Armstrong explained: “[F]or those willing to believe what God says, He says that He has decreed the entire universe—with all its galaxies, its countless suns and planets—*everything*—will be put under man's subjection. ...

“When we (converted humans) are born of God—then having the power and glory of God—we are going to do as God did when this Earth had been laid ‘waste and empty’ [W]e shall impart life to billions and billions of dead planets, as life has been imparted to this Earth” (ibid).

Mr. Armstrong wrote a whole book and numerous articles on this topic and discussed it extensively because *it is the meaning of life*.

“Put together all these scriptures,” he wrote, “and you begin to grasp the incredible human potential. Our potential is to be born into the God Family, receiving total power! We are to be given jurisdiction over the entire universe!” (ibid).

The ongoing discovery and study of exoplanets is exciting beyond words, but not for the reason modern astronomers think. No matter how good the telescopes and planet-finding methods become, those who hope to find life on an exoplanet in this age will only be disappointed. But in the future when God begins the next phase of His plan for mankind, then untold billions or trillions or quadrillions of planets will become rife with life. The universe was made to be inhabited. ■

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matter how you arrange it, people will act according to their own self-interests, whether on the individual or the national scale. Law can restrain human nature on a national scale when backed up by an authority that upholds it. But there's no way to replicate that internationally.

The world's only hope is for a world government. Yet for that to be just and lasting, mankind must change. As Mr. Armstrong wrote, “[T]he world's ONLY HOPE of survival is to change human nature!” (*Plain Truth*, December 1973).

The Bible is God's instruction book for mankind. It contains the answers to man's most fundamental problem: How can mankind bring peace? Isaiah 2 tells us God's solution: “Cease ye from man,” God declares (verse 22). We must stop looking to different arrangements of human beings to solve our problems.

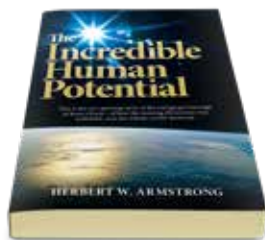
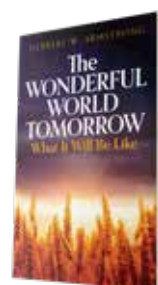
Only an incorruptible, perfectly just, loving God can establish the world government we desperately need.

There will be more wars and suffering until mankind learns this most fundamental lesson. But once people are willing to listen to God, then true justice can prevail. Nations *will* be judged—and punished—for war crimes. And law will be established over the whole Earth. But instead of the ICJ, the returned Jesus Christ “shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more” (Micah 4:3).

The rule of international law *is the answer*. But it will not be successfully established by the courts or laws of man.

The *law of God* will go out to the whole world, and a godly administration will punish lawbreakers. God will change human nature. And the world will finally have peace. ■

Get an inspiring vision of a coming worldwide peace in Herbert W. Armstrong's free booklet ***The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like***.



SPACE WILL BE POPULATED BY HUMANS

Just not in the way you think. To learn how life will be imparted to billions of dead planets, request Herbert W. Armstrong's free book ***The Incredible Human Potential***.

Uphold the Law



Not just in theory but in your home

WITNESSING THE LAWLESSNESS IN TODAY'S SOCIETY IS heartbreaking. Lawbreakers, deceivers, destroyers and perverters with immense resources and unstoppable power are massacring law and justice from the top of society to the bottom.

Do you feel overwhelmed, powerless? Is there anything you can actually do?

Yes! While the law is cast down in society all around you, you can—you must—*uphold the rule of law in your home*.

When you watch the news from Congress, the White House, the Department of Justice, the Supreme Court, Silicon Valley, Wall Street and Main Street, realize what it is you are seeing. This is one enormous, ongoing, unavoidable lesson that *we are breaking the laws of cause and effect*.

Yes, the laws of cause and effect do exist: from the formation of galaxies to the orbits of planets to the circulation of oceans to the function of cells to the combination of atoms to, yes, the relationships of human beings. These are “the laws of nature and of nature’s God.”

Many believe the laws of the Creator do not exist. Even religious teachers assert that believing in Jesus Christ effectively abolishes the law of God—abolishes the causes and effects of relationships between human beings.

Look at the world—and the churches—around you and realize that *this is not true*. People everywhere are exalting their own will over the laws of the Creator and even over the laws of men, and the troubles consuming this world are the *result*.

If you will recognize that the laws of the Bible, “the laws of nature and of nature’s God,” are the laws of reality, and if you will obey and *use* them, you will no longer feel powerless!

Uphold the laws of the state. Human-made laws, whether from a tyrant or a republic, are infamously imperfect and frequently ignored and often broken. Whether you are an everyday person or an elite, you might reason that you can break the law when you can get away with it. But the Bible commands obedience to the laws of private property, public property, safety and the other laws of the state (except such laws as contradict the laws of the Bible or reality). See Mark 12:17; Romans 13:1-7; Titus 3:1-2; 1 Peter 2:13-14.

Uphold the laws of marriage in your home. Families, societies and nations are built upon their families, and families are built upon marriages. Laws of cause and effect absolutely exist in marriage, and they were created not by any politician,

psychologist or religionist, but by the Creator of male and female. Obeying these laws will change your life! See Genesis 1:26-28; 2:20-25; Exodus 20:14, 17; Matthew 19:1-9; 1 Corinthians 6:18; 7:1-40; Ephesians 5:22-33; Colossians 3:18-19; Titus 2:4-5.

Uphold the laws of family in your home. The massed power of politics, culture, entertainment, music, technology and more that seems to be such an unstoppable influence on your children can be absolutely *stopped* by “Dad says no.” In fact, most of the negativity, division, heartache and crime committed by youths against themselves and others could be stopped by father and mother exercising the authority assigned to them by their Creator and enforcing the laws of God specifically for the benefit of their children. See Exodus 20:12; Deuteronomy 11:18-19; Matthew 15:3-6; Ephesians 6:1-4; Colossians 3:20-21.

You can stand up to immensely powerful forces of lawlessness, not in the legislature, the courts or the streets but in the most important battleground of all: your mind and the minds of your family.

Uphold the Creator’s laws of employment, the laws of health, the laws of finance, *the laws of human life*. You can stand up to immensely powerful forces of lawlessness, not in the legislature, the courts or the streets but in the most important battleground of all: your mind and the minds of your family.

If you accept that the laws of cause and effect exist, then you accept that a Lawgiver exists. The truth is self-evident that you are not the Lawgiver, nor is any other man or group of men. The laws of cause and effect are not the same as your will or anyone else’s. Free yourself of the deception that your own will is above the laws of nature and of nature’s God and the primal deception that lawlessness is freedom. Be a law keeper—not only of the laws of men but of the laws of the Bible: the laws of reality. ■

To learn the laws of marriage, sex and family, request your free copy of ***The Missing Dimension in Sex***.



WORLDWATCH

EUROPE

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Political violence is shaking Europe. Slovakia's prime minister, Robert Fico, was shot on May 15 while greeting supporters. Despite what doctors called "extraordinarily serious" wounds, Fico pulled through. His would-be assassin was a 71-year-old poet and anti-political violence advocate. Matthias Ecke, a top candidate for Germany's Social Democrats, was putting up campaign posters in Dresden on May 3 when he was punched and kicked by a group of men who appeared to be far-right extremists. Ecke suffered broken bones, became unresponsive and was hospitalized, according to *Bild*. The attack happened after a 28-year-old man was beaten while hanging up posters for the Green Party in the same area, police said. Supporters of the ultra-nationalist **Alternative für Deutschland** have also been attacked. But the violence that gained the most attention was caught on video in Mannheim, Germany. A radical Muslim stabbed Michael Stürzenberger, an anti-Islam activist at a rally, then fatally stabbed a policeman who ran to Stürzenberger's defense. The attacker was born in Afghanistan but now lives in Germany.

Physical violence erupted from a small number of people on the far right against mainstream leaders, from the far left against right-wing leaders and from Islamists. Many are comparing the surge in violence to the 1920s and '30s in Germany. It's another symptom of the dangerous new era in European politics, and another reason Europeans will demand a strong leader.

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Russia is also continuing to frighten Europe. On May 21, Russia unveiled a draft law that would unilaterally change its maritime borders in the Baltic Sea with Lithuania and Finland. The draft was later deleted, but it revealed that Russia's aggressive territorial ambitions are not confined to Ukraine.

A few weeks after giving an impassioned appeal for European unity in Paris on April 25, France's President Emmanuel Macron paid a state visit to Germany from May 26 to 28—the first such visit in 24 years. Speaking in both French and German, he received an enthusiastic reception. The highlight of his trip was a speech at Dresden, the city famously destroyed by allied bombing during World War II. Macron used the city as a symbol of German revival, reunification and European cooperation, but Dresden also has strong undertones of victimhood, resentment of the United States, and far-right fervor. During the visit, France signed important military agreements with Germany, most notably the joint development of long-range missiles.

Macron continues to empower Germany and emphasize independence from the U.S. "France will ... be shocked to see what its betrayal of America and Britain has caused!" wrote *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry in his article "**France's Deadly Ignorance About Germany.**"*

Meanwhile, Germany announced on May 29 that its military will remain in Niger, even after France and the U.S. have been forced to withdraw. It took secret negotiations with the post-coup government to secure the concession, and Germany

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hopes to maintain a permanent base there. North Africa is critical for European energy supplies and the fight against radical Islam, so Germany is working hard to maintain a hold.

One of the German military's top suppliers, Rheinmetall, announced a new sponsorship of the Borussia Dortmund soccer team, the first such

sponsorship by a German defense company. Rheinmetall armed Germany during both world wars and is currently Europe's fifth-largest weapons manufacturer. Its logo appearing alongside that of a team in Germany's top soccer league reflects changing attitudes toward Germany's militaristic past—and future. ■



MIDDLE EAST

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Iran's President Ebrahim Raisi and Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian died on May 19 in a helicopter crash in western Iran. Raisi's death triggered new presidential elections on June 28.

Elections, like the rest of Iran's government, are controlled by Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. No matter who becomes the next president—or who eventually becomes the next supreme leader—Bible prophecy shows that Iran will

continue to intensify its policies of sponsoring terrorism and developing nuclear weapons. Read *The King of the South*, by Gerald Flurry.

The *Wall Street Journal* claimed on May 27 that the United States was pressuring Britain and France not to censure Iran at the International Atomic Energy Agency for its clandestine nuclear program. The censure was later cosponsored by Germany and finally by the U.S. the morning before it passed on June 3. Although the censure has little power against Iran's nuclear program,

ASIA

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Russia is increasingly unleashing its belligerence upon the world. The Russian military was behind a successful cyberattack on a water facility in Muleshoe, Texas, as shown by evidence that emerged on April 17. The



attack occurred in January and sent tens of thousands of gallons of water flowing into the streets. At the same time, two other towns in north-eastern Texas also recorded harmful cyberactivity against their networks. It all traced back to a unit of Russia's GRU military intelligence agency known as Sandworm. Analysts view these and other similar assaults as preparations for far more devastating cyberattacks in the future.

Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry has warned for years about the danger of America's dependence on computer systems, particularly in the military realm. As he wrote in "America's Achilles' Heel," the United States "could lose the next war before we even begin."

On May 19, Russian forces struck a civilian community in Kharkiv, Ukraine, killing four civilians and injuring six. They then waited while members of the community including

paramedics, firemen, policemen and emergency repairmen rushed to the scene to try to help—then struck again, injuring two more, including a paramedic. Russia has increasingly used this ruthless "double tap" tactic in its war against Ukraine.

At least 2,200 Ukrainian prisoners of war have been tortured in captivity, Prosecutor General of Ukraine **Andrii Kostin** said on June 5. Russians are holding the prisoners in inhumane conditions and beating them, he said, and video evidence corroborates the claims. More than 500 Ukrainian prisoners reported that physical violence was used against them, including electric shock. The evidence also shows that Russians commonly use sexual violence against Ukrainian captives, male and female alike. According to Kostin, Russian military personnel force prisoners to expose their bodies, mutilate their genitals, rape them, and apply electric shocks to their genitals.

Countries that have experienced significant cyberattacks (2006-2020)



As Mr. Flurry wrote in our May-June 2023 issue, "The Russia-Ukraine War is giving the world a vivid picture of the scale of evil Putin is willing to commit. ... Putin is an evil, ruthless, vindictive agent with Soviet-style methods of psychological warfare, assassination and war. He has disgusting and devastating policies that are sick to the core and even satanic!"

TOPSHOT Indonesians sift through garbage in the heavily polluted Citarum River in West Java province.

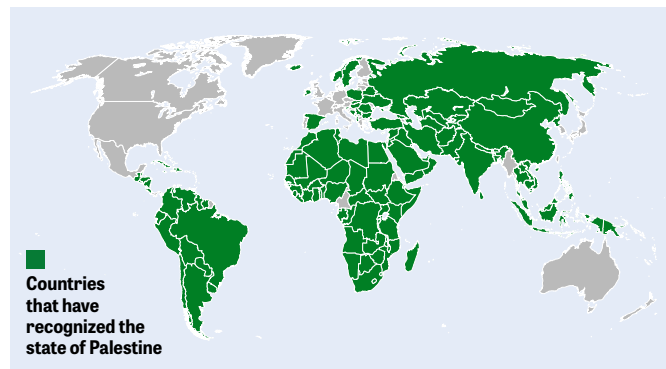
it shows a certain anxiety in Europe toward the Iranians, and a certain amount of support for them coming from the regime of **Barack Obama** and **Joe Biden**.

The current radical Islamist regime in Iran considers the U.S. its greatest enemy, yet Obama eased diplomatic pressure against the regime, gave it billions of dollars in sanctions relief, created a path for it to develop nuclear technology, and it appears, continues to support it behind the scenes, including its nuclear activities. This makes no rational sense. But as Mr. Flurry's book *America Under*

Attack reveals, there is a deeper spiritual cause.

On May 28, **Ireland, Spain** and **Norway** announced that they formally recognize a

Palestinian state. **Slovenia** followed suit on June 4. The move increases pressure on Israel to allow a ceasefire, to relaunch negotiations, and to



allow Hamas to survive and continue to control Gaza. This comes barely eight months after Hamas terrorized, maimed, raped, abducted, murdered and desecrated more than 1,100 people in an enormous massacre on Oct. 7, 2023.

Psalm 83 mentions the "Philistines"—modern Palestinians—allying themselves with Assur, an ancient name for Germany. The *Trumpet* expects Europe to become more involved in the Israel-Palestinian war. Ireland, Spain, Norway and Slovenia recognizing Palestine as a state points to this.

ANGLO-AMERICA

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The United States government is breaking its own laws to exacerbate the worst border crisis in American history. Since Joe Biden took office, nearly 8 million illegal aliens have been encountered crossing the U.S.-Mexico border. This doesn't even count how many have crossed the border and avoided an encounter. The U.S. House of Representatives stated in its articles of impeachment against Biden's secretary of Homeland Security that much of this immigration was made possible because of a "willful and systematic refusal to comply with the law."

On May 9, Biden said on the Spanish radio show *Chiquibaby* that current immigration into the U.S. is "a little bit like back in the 1840s and the great exodus of Ireland. ... It's even a bigger influx now in terms of Hispanic voters—Hispanic citizens—who want to become citizens." This slip-up indicates how Biden really views these millions of illegal aliens. Some analysts think that demographic shifts caused by unlawful immigration, not to mention lax voting laws, could turn Texas into a permanently Democrat-voting state and therefore the U.S. into

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a permanently Democrat-voting electorate as early as this year's presidential election.

As Biden's regime makes it easier for both illegal immigrants and drugs to cross the border, it is making it easier for Americans to access those drugs. On May 16, Biden announced that the federal government would reclassify marijuana from its most restricted Schedule I category of illegal drugs to the moderately restricted Schedule III category alongside substances like ketamine, anabolic steroids and testosterone. This could lessen the federal tax that businesses pay on the drug, making it more affordable for the average American to purchase.

Meanwhile the dismantling of the Boy Scouts of America continues. The group began accepting openly homosexual boys in 2013, homosexual troop leaders in 2015, transgender

scouts in 2017, female Cub Scouts in 2018 and female Boy Scouts in 2019, then changed the name from Boy Scouts to Scouts BSA. In May, it announced that the name of the organization would change on Feb. 8, 2025, ceasing to be the Boy Scouts of America after exactly 115 years and becoming instead Scouting America. This is one of the clearest examples of America's ongoing dismantling of boyhood, manhood and masculinity.

The push to normalize sexual perversions is also spreading into religion. On May 1, at a general conference meeting in North Carolina, the United Methodist Church lifted a 40-year ban on homosexual clergy with a vote of 682 to 51. Delegates also voted to allow clergy and churches to hold same-sex weddings, joining numerous other churches that have broken the laws of marriage defined in the Bible.

FEATURED FEEDBACK



My sincere thanks for the past years' issues of the *Philadelphia Trumpet* arriving to my address without charge. I find all articles in each issue so very needed to alert us to the gravity of the time we are living in. I truly want to continue receiving this most informative publication, with many scriptural-based reasons for the situation that governments and society are creating.

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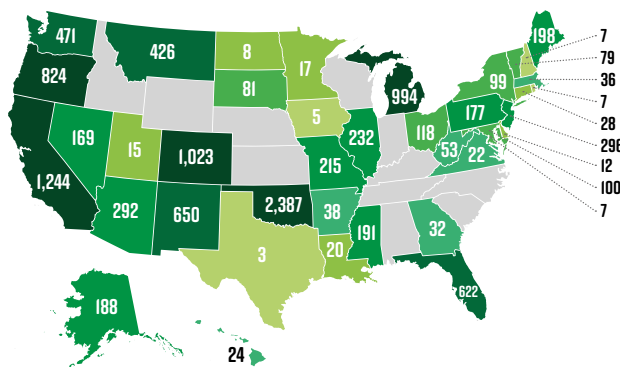
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Syrian children
bike through a
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Hope Amid Syria's Rubble

Despite today's horrific headlines, there is good news!



ALMOST NO OTHER CURRENT CONFLICT HAS CAUSED AS much suffering as the Syrian civil war. Hundreds of thousands of Syrian children have tumbled from nightmare to nightmare. They have seen little more than rubble and death and felt little more than starvation and fright.

Tens of thousands of them have been killed. Some of them were tortured to death.

Those who haven't lost their own lives have seen it flicker out in the eyes of friends and family members—and with it vanished their hope. In desperation, many children have joined armed groups—terrorizing and being terrorized. The constant shootings, bombings, torture, poisonous gas attacks have left them traumatized for the rest of their lives.

German Federal Development Minister Gerd Müller lamented in 2020 the reality for an entire generation of Syrian children: They know “nothing but fear and need.”

Those who survive face hopelessness.

“After 13 years of conflict in Syria, almost 7.5 million children in the country are in need of humanitarian assistance—more than at any other time during the conflict,” United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund reported March 15. “Repeated cycles of violence and displacement, a devastating economic crisis and extreme deprivation, disease outbreaks and last year's devastating earthquakes have left hundreds of thousands of children exposed to long-term physical and psychosocial consequences. More than 650,000 children under the age of 5 are chronically malnourished—an increase of around 150,000 in the four years since 2019.”

For years, the international community has tried to solve this conflict, yet it has only grown worse.

“Why do we find a world of awesome advancement and progress, yet paradoxically with appalling and mounting evils?” the late Herbert W. Armstrong asked in *Mystery of the Ages*. “Why cannot the minds that develop spacecraft, computers and marvels of science, technology and industry solve the problems that demonstrate human helplessness?”

The present reality is staggeringly bleak. World leaders discuss solutions—but every glimpse of promise turns to ashes. This paradox puzzles many today. Yet we continue to look to the

wrong source for the solution. Many are desperately looking to Germany, yet Bible prophecy shows that Germany is about to use its power to start an even more devastating war worldwide!

What hope then does a Syrian child have in the midst of rubble? His family cannot provide comfort, neither can his government, nor the media, nor outside nations.

Is there any hope in the midst of the carnage?

In Matthew 24, Jesus Christ gave His disciples a timeline of events that would precede His return. He warned of religious deceit, wars, famine, pestilence, earthquakes and much tribulation. But He also gave them words of comfort: “[S]ee that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass ...” (verse 6).

In the midst of suffering, many wonder: *Where is God?* He is here! We could find Him if we would only look to His Word.

In it, Jesus Christ accurately prophesied the evil that is now befalling mankind. He warned that it will get to the point where “there should no flesh be saved” alive if He did not intervene—but *He will intervene!* (verse 22).

Every war and every conflict is bringing mankind closer to realizing their own helplessness! The carnage actually indicates that Christ's return is near!

The answer to why God allows such terrible events to occur is also found in God's Word. To understand this eye-opening truth, read our September 2022 article “Why Does God Allow Suffering?” (theTrumpet.com/25977).

When Christ walked this Earth, He was moved with compassion by the suffering of this world. He said they were “as sheep having no shepherd” (Matthew 9:36). He knows that unless we come to realize our own helplessness, we will never accept His intervention and *submit* to Him (see Revelation 2:27).

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God has a plan to save mankind not only physically but from our own rebellious and terminal human nature. If you understand that long-term plan, there is much reason to hope. The same Bible that accurately prophesied the destruction we are experiencing and are about to experience also prophesies that mankind will *finally learn* the inescapable, painful lesson that rebellion against God and His law is rebellion against the only just, right and happy way of life. That lesson will be learned not only by the survivors of the current and imminent carnage but also by those who die from it! The Bible shows that a resurrection is coming for all those who have died never knowing the true God, the way of His wonderful law, or the true purpose of their own lives.

There among the rubble, whether he still lives in fear or has died in terror, *this is the hope* for the child of Syria—and of all nations.

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Chico KCVU-NEST 7:00, Sun; KHSL-DT 9:30, Sun; KRCR 9:00, Sun; KCXCH-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; KCXCH-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
El Centro KEYC-DT 8:30, Sun
Eureka KBVU-NEST 7:00, Sun; KECA-LD/KVIQ-DT 9:30, Sun
Fresno KAIL 3:30, Sun; KGOF-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; KJKZ-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; KMPH-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KMPH-CD-NEST 7:00, Sun; KMPH-TV-NEST 7:00, Sun; KVBC-BUZZR 3:30, Sun
Los Angeles KBEH-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; KCAL-NEST 7:00, Sun; KCOP 10:30, Sun; KCOP-TV-BUZZR 3:30, Sun; KDCC-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KXLA 10:00, Sun
Modesto KSAO-BUZZR 3:30, Sun
Monterey KION 9:30, Sun; KYMB-LD 3:30, Sun; KYMB-BUZZR 3:30, Sun
Oak KGO 5:30, Sun
Oakland KQSL-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
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Redding KCVU-NEST 7:00, Sun; KHSL-DT 9:30, Sun; KRCR 9:00, Sun; KCXCH-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; KCXCH-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Sacramento KMAX-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KSAO-BUZZR 3:30, Sun
Salinas KION 9:30, Sun; KYMB-LD 6:30, Sun
San Diego KSDY-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
San Francisco KBCV-COMET TV 5:30, Sun; KKPX 6:00, Fri; KPXY-NEST 7:00, Sun; KQSL-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; KTVU-BUZZR 3:30, Sun
San Jose KQSL-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Santa Barbara-Santa Maria KSBY-DT 9:30, Sun
Santa Rosa KUKR-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
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COLORADO
Colorado Springs KXRM 9:30, Sun
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Montrose KJCT-DT 8:30, Sun
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Hartford W24EZ-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WCCT-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
New Haven W24EZ-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WCCT-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WCTX-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Waterbury WCCT-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
FLORIDA
Daytona Beach WZXZ-CD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun
Fort Meyers-Naples WGPS-LD-BUZZR 6:30, Sun
Ft. Pierce WMMF-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WMMF-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WPEC-NEST 7:00, Sun; WWHB-CD-NEST BUZZR 5:30, Sun
Fort Walton Beach/Pensacola WBQP-CD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; WFGX-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WPXI-NEST 6:00, Sun
Gainesville WCJB-DT 9:30, Sun; WCJB 6:30, Sun; WGTV-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WNBW-DT-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Jacksonville WBXJ-CD 6:30, Sun;

WCWJ 6:00, Sun; WJXB-CD 8:30, Sun; WJVF-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WJVF-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WKBJ-LD-BUZZR 6:30, Sun
Melbourne WZXZ-CD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun
Miami WTXI-BUZZR 6:30, Sun
Orlando WOTF-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WRBW-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WZXZ-CD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun
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Sarasota WDNP-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
St. Augustine WQXT-CD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
St. Pete WDNP-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WDNP-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Tallahassee WTWC 10:30, Sun; WTLF-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WTXL 1:00 p.m./5:00 p.m., Sun; WTLF/WTLH-DT 9:30, Sun
Tampa WDNP-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WDNP-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WTTA 8:30, Sun; WXPX 6:00, Fri
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Thomasville WTLF-NEST 7:00, Sun
West Palm Beach WMMF-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WMMF-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WPEC-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WPEC-NEST 7:00, Sun; WWHB-CD-NEST 7:00, Sun; WXOD-BUZZR 6:30, Sun
ALBANY
Albany WGCW-LD 8:30, Sun; WFXL-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WPCW 7:00, Sun; WSWG Sun, 8:30; WSWG-DT 9:30, Sun
Atlanta WAGA-TV-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WANN-CD 6:30, Sun; WDNV-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WDNV-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WPCW 7:00, Sun; WUPA-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
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Augusta-Aiken WAGT-DT 9:30, Sun; WFXG 8:30, Sun
Brunswick WPXC 6:00, Fri
Chickamauga WOOT-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Columbus WLTZ-DT 9:30, Sun; WQMK-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WXTX 7:00, Sun
Macon WGXA-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WMAZ-DT 9:30, Sun
Savannah WSAV-DT 9:30, Sun; WTGS-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Thomasville WTLF/WTLH-DT 9:30, Sun
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IDAHO
Boise KKJB-BUZZR 4:30, Sun; KYUU-LD-RETRO TV 6:00, Sun; KYUU-LP/KBOI-DT 8:30, Sun; KYUU-LD-NEST 9:00, Sun
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Pocatello KIFI-DT 8:30, Sun
Twin Falls KMTV-DT 8:30, Sun
Urbana WICD-COMET TV 6:00, Sun
ILLINOIS
Bloomington WEEK-DT 8:30, Sun
Champaign WBXC-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; WBJU-NEST 6:00, Sun
Chicago WCUI 9:30, Sun; WEDE-CD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; WGN 10:30, Sun; WPPR-BUZZR 5:30, Sun
Decatur WBJU-NEST 6:00, Sun
Harrisburg WUWT-CD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun
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Springfield WBJU-NEST 6:00, Sun; WICS-COMET TV 6:00, Sun
INDIANA
Bloomington WTTV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Evansville WYVV-CD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; WYVV-CD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun;

Fort Wayne WISE-DT 9:30, Sun; WMLM-LD-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
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Lafayette WLF1-DT 9:30, Sun
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IOWA
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Ottumwa KTVO-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KWOT/KYOU-DT 8:30, Sun
Sioux City KMEG-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KMEG-NEST 6:00, Sun; KTVI-DT 8:30, Sun
KANSAS
Hutchinson Plus KMTW-NEST 6:00, Sun
Kansas City KCKS-LD 5:30, Sun; KCKS/KMJC-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KCKS-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KCTV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun
Lawrence-Leavenworth-Olathe KCKS-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun
Louisburg KMJC-LD 5:30, Sun
Pittsburg KFJX-DT 8:30, Sun; KSXF 9:30, Sun
Topeka WROB-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; WROB-LD 5:30, Sun; WROB-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; WROB/KCTV/KCKS 7:30, Sun; KTKA-DT 8:30, Sun
Wichita KCTU-LD 5:30, Sun; KSAS-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun
Wichita-Hutchinson KGPT-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KSMI-LP-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; KSMI-LP-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun
KENTUCKY
Bowling Green WBKO 8:30, Sun; WBKO-DT 8:30, Sun/12:30, Fri; WCZU-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; WDNZ-LD-NEST 6:00, Sun
Hindman-Hyden WLF3-BUZZR 6:30, Sun
Jenkins-McRoberts WLF3-BUZZR 6:30, Sun
Lexington WBON-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WDKY 7:00, Sun; WOBZ-BUZZR 6:30, Sun
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Paducah KBSI-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WDKA-NEST 6:00, Sun; WJUF-CD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun
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Alexandria KALB-DT 8:30, Sun
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MAINE
Bangor WABI-DT 9:30, Sun
Presque Isle WAGM-DT3/WBPQ 9:30, Sun
Portland-Auburn WGME-NEST 7:00, Sun
Waterville-Portland WPFO-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
MARYLAND
Baltimore WMJF-CD-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WNUV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WNUV-NEST 7:00, Sun
Hagerstown WMDE-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Salisbury W14DK-D-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WMDT-DT 9:30, Sun;

MASSACHUSETTS
Boston WCRN-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WBSK-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WLVI-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WUTF-NEST 7:00, Sun
Burlington WVMA-CD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Holyoke WWLP-DT 9:30, Sun
Manchester WCRN-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Springfield WWLP-DT 9:30, Sun
MICHIGAN
Alpena WBAE 9:30, Sun
Bay City WSMH-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WSMH-NEST 7:00, Sun; WURO 8:30, Sun
Cadillac WFOQ-DT 9:30, Sun; WPBN/WTOM-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Detroit WDIV 5:00, Sun; WHNE-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WJBK-BUZZR 6:30, Sun
Flint WSMH-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WSMH-NEST 7:00, Sun; WURO 8:30, Sun
Grand Rapids WLLA-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WOTV-CHARGE 6:30, Sun; WXPX-CD-NEST 7:00, Sun
Lansing WLJAJ-DT 9:30, Sun; WSYM, 6:30, Sun/6:00, Fri
Marquette WBKP-DT/WBUP-DT 8:30, Sun
Saginaw WSMH-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WSMH-NEST 7:00, Sun; WURO 8:30, Sun
Sault Ste. Marie WPBN/WTOM-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Traverse City WFOQ-DT 9:30, Sun; WMNN-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WPBN/WTOM-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
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Alexandria K16C0-D-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; KTKA-DT 8:30, Sun
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Mankato KMNF-LD2 8:00, Sun; KWYE 8:30, Sun
Minneapolis KKTW-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; KKTW-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KMSP 5:30, Sun; KSTP 10:30, Sun; WFTC-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; WUCW-COMET TV 7:00, Sun
Rochester KTTC-DC 8:30, Sun
St. Paul KKTW-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; KKTW-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KMSP 5:30, Sun; WFTC-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; WUCW-COMET TV 7:00, Sun
MISSISSIPPI
Biloxi WXXV 7:30, Sun; WXXV-DT 8:30, Sun
Clarksdale WHQC 5:30, Sun
Cleveland WHCQ-LD 5:30, Sun
Columbus W07BN-D-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; WCBT-DT 8:30, Sun
Greenville WBWD 8:30, Sun
Greenwood WBWD 8:30, Sun
Gulfport WLOX 10:00, Sun; WXXV-DT 8:30, Sun
Hattiesburg WHLT-DT 8:30, Sun
Houston W07BN-D-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun
Laurel WHLT-DT 8:30, Sun
Meridian WTOK-DT 8:30, Sun
Oxford W34BJ-D-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun
Tupelo W07BN-D-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; WCBT-DT 8:30, Sun
West Point W07BN-D-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun
MISSOURI
Cape Girardeau KBSI-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KBSI 10:30, Sun; WUWT-CD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun
Columbia KOMU-DT 8:30, Sun; KRCG-COMET TV 7:00, Sun
Gulfport DXXV 10:30, Sun
Hannibal WGEM-DT 8:30, Sun; KHQA-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun
Jefferson City KOMU-DT 8:30, Sun; KRCG-COMET TV 7:00, Sun
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