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## Is the world shifting right?



The growing  
backlash against  
the radical left

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# As Civilization

**Make sure your hope has a sound foundation.**

**I**N NATIONS ACROSS THE WORLD, RADICALISM IS ON THE march, problems are proliferating, and many, many people are frustrated and fed up. Maybe you are one of them.

There are leaders who offer solutions and give people hope. Let me tell you: *You must be careful about where you place your hope.* Many of those “solutions” are illusions!

But there is **REAL HOPE** in *genuine solutions* to this world's problems. And if you understand them, today's world events point to that hope in a wonderful way.

Look at one example. In several countries, leftists pushing multiculturalism and lax border policies have invited mass immigration. They say diversity is strength. But in fact, their policies have burdened welfare programs, created no-go policing areas and enflamed serious social disruption. High-profile cases of migrants robbing, looting, raping and killing citizens are filling headlines. Many people are angry and demanding solutions.

Examples of leftists pushing radical reforms and transforming society abound. Their fiscal policies are undermining currencies. Inflation is rampant. Their immoral positions are growing more extreme. Educators are pushing sexual immorality and LGBTQ propaganda on even young children. Politicians and bureaucrats are enforcing “woke” regulations that criminalize normal behavior. Free speech is under attack.

# Crumbles, Heed This Lesson

This is creating a backlash. In country after country, citizens are speaking out and protesting. They are demanding that their leaders make changes, and they are voting for change. This is disrupting politics throughout the Western world—in Germany, France, Italy, throughout Eastern Europe, in Britain, in America.

Will new leaders be able to solve these problems? This is an important question we explore in this issue of the *Trumpet*.

In some cases, people looking for relief from failed and dysfunctional politics are adopting ideas and supporting leaders or political parties that have serious problems of their own. Some are embracing doubtful, even dangerous political extremes.

## Are These the Answers?

Thanks to mass migration parts of Old Europe now resemble cities in the Middle East and the Third World. There is, understandably, a growing movement to reclaim and reassert traditional European heritage and culture. Europeans are becoming more outspoken about the need to return the Continent to its Christian roots.

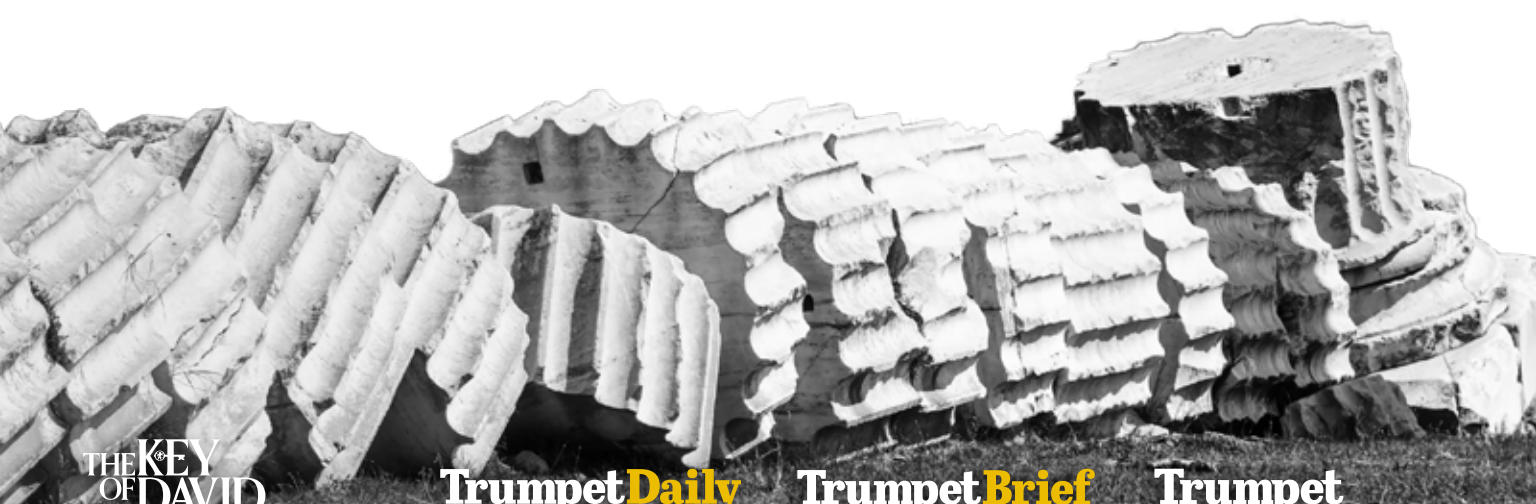
What few are considering is that these roots include the history of the Holy Roman Empire, a church-state alliance that has caused untold suffering throughout history! And Bible prophecy shows this empire will rise again in our day to wreak terrible destruction! Our free book *The Holy Roman Empire in Prophecy* will explain both this history and prophecy to you.

You *must* understand this as you watch this trend in Europe.

In a related example: Within Germany, fed-up voters are awarding election victories to the Alternative für Deutschland. In parts of the country, the AfD is now the most popular party. It is easy to see why so many frustrated Germans are looking to a party that appears anti-leftist, pro-family, pro-church. But they are supporting a party that has *literal Nazi sympathizers in its upper ranks*. When you understand Bible prophecy, you know this is an extremely alarming trend in Germany! It is clearing the way for *far* more dangerous developments for Europe and the world! (article, page 12).

Another example: More and more people, weary of political chaos, are longing for strongman leadership. Russia's Vladimir Putin is receiving praise as he poses as a heroic defender of traditional values like family and religion. But thinking that such a man is the champion for civilization ignores a lot of grisly facts about this murderous tyrant! (article, page 16). Support for him is an embarrassing measure of Western leaders' moral bankruptcy.

Yet another example: America is preparing to hold a presidential election, and the country is deeply divided. Even after two assassination attempts against Donald Trump, leftists keep insisting that he poses as great a threat to democracy as Adolf Hitler. Some Republicans despise Trump so much that they are endorsing Kamala Harris as the "less dangerous" candidate—despite her being the most radical presidential



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candidate in America's history! Can you imagine the damage brought on this country under four years of a Harris presidency? On the other side, a great many people are convinced that one man, President Trump, can singlehandedly reverse the flood of curses besieging the nation. Based on Bible prophecy, I am absolutely confident that Donald Trump will be back in the presidency. But *only God* can save this country, and it must be *to Him* that we look, not to any man (article, page 3).

Often, leaders are promoting themselves and offering answers that provide temporary relief at best—and end up burdening their peoples with even more crushing crises.

Time will prove that in each of these cases, and many more, people who are trying to escape from the frying pan are not jumping to safety but straight into the fire.

There is a fundamental lesson here that we must learn.

### Whom to Trust

Jeremiah 17:5 has this sage advice from God Himself: “Thus saith the Lord; CURSED BE THE MAN THAT TRUSTETH IN MAN, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord.”

This one verse explains why our world faces so many mountainous disasters: People are not trusting in God but in man. That “man” may be a leader, or it may even be their *own Satan-influenced human nature*; most people trust *themselves* and follow their own mind.

Here is a fundamental lesson man has not learned for 6,000 years: WE ARE CURSED IF WE FOLLOW A MAN. In fact, unless repented of, this terrible mistake leads to eternal death!

Now, it is also important to realize that God *does work through men*. He always works through one man, like He did the Prophet Jeremiah, to lead His people. God plainly says we are cursed if we follow a man. But we are *also* cursed if we fail to follow the man God is using.

Most people rebel against God because they trust a man—yet they refuse to TRUST GOD and FOLLOW HIS MAN, His leader. We must learn this gigantic lesson or be cursed. WE ARE CURSED IF WE FOLLOW A MAN—AND CURSED IF WE FAIL TO FOLLOW GOD'S MAN!

How will we be cursed? “For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and SHALL NOT SEE WHEN GOOD COMETH; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited” (verse 6). Trust in men, and you will not see when good comes.

God is actually sending His message to this world—warning of escalating curses people are bringing on themselves, and of the mind-splitting suffering and world war that is about to overtake the nations! He is also sending a message of SHINING HOPE—revealing how Jesus Christ Himself is going to intervene to solve these problems. We are in the *very last days* of man's rule on Earth. Soon the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdoms of Jesus Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever! (Revelation 11:15). There is no greater GOOD than that!

When we look at the crises facing our world today, we ought to see plainly that these are MUCH BIGGER than *any man* can solve! Do not be seduced by human beings promising salvation! They cannot save you or anybody else!

If you want to be blessed, here is what you must do: “BLESSED IS THE MAN THAT TRUSTETH IN THE LORD, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit” (Jeremiah 17:7-8). Trust in God! Those who do are like a tree planted by the waters, with deep, strong roots that can survive drought and still bear fruit.

Find the Church that trusts God, and you will find abundant fruit. They will have God's revealed prophecy. They will be doing a powerful work, delivering that revealed prophecy.

Jeremiah discusses *one tree* with green leaves and fruit in the midst of spiritual drought. It is easy to see for those who have spiritual vision. The fruitful tree stands out spectacularly,

alone in the midst of a scorching drought. Those who cannot see that tree are focused on a man!

Is your life like this beautiful, fruit-producing tree in the midst of drought? Are you always producing fruit in a world afflicted with spiritual drought?

God is going to let mankind reach the point where people will know there is no hope in man and they are willing to heed God's Word, the Bible. The experiment of human government will prove itself a grandiose failure, and people will begin

to recognize that they truly need God's help.

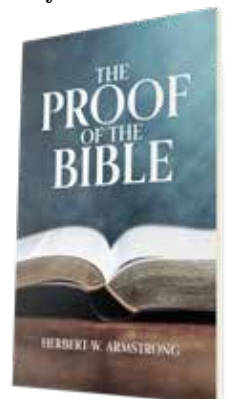
What a world that will be! When human arrogance has been leveled, people will become humble and childlike, and they will be ready to be taught by God!

Sadly, to reach that stage, mankind must experience destruction just short of destroying all humanity—every man, woman and child.

I challenge you to learn this towering lesson *now*, before that global tribulation strikes. Events are rapidly approaching that conflagration. You need God's direction, His correction and His protection! And God *will* protect you and cause your life to blossom and bear bountiful fruit—if you learn to TRUST HIM. Receive His word as He reveals the way of life and the way of death, OBEY Him, and TRUST IN HIM. ■

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# Is America Turning CONSERVATIVE?

Backlash against radical leftism is getting stronger. Will Republicans return the country to its moral roots? **BY JOEL HILLIKER**

**W**HAT DO AMERICANS want? Apparently most of them do *not* want open borders or gun confiscation. They do not want taxpayer-funded gender-transition surgeries for detained immigrants and federal prisoners. They don't want bans on fracking and plastic straws, nor electric vehicle mandates, nor reparations for slavery.

These are all positions that Kamala Harris recently supported. But now that she is trying to appeal to voters in a presidential election, she has abandoned them all and rebranded herself.

The new Harris is *not* a radical leftist but an average American: a gun owner who would shoot any intruder in her

home, tough on border security, protective of fracking rights and America's energy independence, a champion of the free market. She has dodged the question about reparations. And she laughs at the *absurdity* of taxpayers funding transgender surgery for illegals.

Vice President Harris's transformation is more than just an insincere display by an opportunistic politician. It is a measure of just how *unpopular* the radical-leftist policies that her political class have been forcing on Americans really are.

Leftist leaders who have worked to, in Barack Obama's words, "fundamentally transform America" have tried to mainstream a passel of truly abhorrent positions: limitless abortion, unrestricted immigration, support for even violent

"racial justice," bizarre men accessing women's bathrooms, drag queens in public spaces, perverse pornographic materials for schoolkids, ever expanding government overreach into our private lives, economy-crushing regulations, clampdowns on free speech—the list goes on. Somehow this has increasingly become the Democratic Party line. And more and more Americans are waking up to just how extreme and ridiculous it is. Even lifelong Democrats are abandoning the party.

Is the *backlash* against leftist extremism signaling a return to conservatism in America?

A lot of people hope so, even believe so. But let's be honest: You don't have to be a right-winger to acknowledge that leftist elites have jumped the shark.

How conservative is America becoming, *really*?

## Progressive: the New Conservative

In an effort to reach disenfranchised leftists, the Republican National Convention gave a prime-time speaking slot to a pro-abortion rapper. “My name is Amber Rose,” she told Republican delegates on July 16, sporting tattoos of her two boys’ names, Bash and Slash, across her forehead.

“I’m a model and entrepreneur ...” she said. “I’m here tonight to tell you, no matter your political background, that the best chance we have to give our babies a better life is to elect Donald Trump, president of the United States. ... I watched all the rallies and I started meeting so many of you, his red-hat-wearing supporters. I realized Donald Trump and his supporters don’t care if you’re black, white, gay or straight. It’s all love. And that’s when it hit me. These are my people. This is where I belong.”

Rose has said she can support Trump because he is not “very conservative” after all, since he is “pro-choice.” Many Republicans were happy that a left-wing celebrity like Rose would endorse Trump over Harris. But her receiving a Republican convention prime-time speaking slot well illustrates just how much this party has changed.

There is a saying in America that it only takes 20 years for a liberal to become a conservative without changing a single idea. The Republican National Convention supplied ample proof of this truth.

Twenty years ago, Republicans were signing abortion bans into law and pushing for a constitutional amendment to define marriage as “the union of a man and a woman.” Today’s Republican Party has officially dropped

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its opposition to homosexual “marriage” and its decades-long push for a federal abortion ban. Their new policy platform is one of the greatest defeats conservatives have suffered at the hands of Republicans. These issues alienate people like Rose, so Donald Trump and party leaders abandoned them in a bid to gain more votes and expand support for more-pressing issues like closing the border and rebuilding the economy.

The 2024 Republican platform opposes late-term abortions and pledges to keep men out of women’s sports, ban taxpayer funding for sex-change surgeries, and stop taxpayer-funded schools from promoting gender transitions. *These* are the moral fights Republicans are willing to pick today. That means they have already surrendered all the moral territory *up* to these bizarre, extremist positions.

To fight these evils, many Republicans have made common cause with transgenders like Bruce “Kaitlyn” Jenner, who also opposes men competing in women’s sports and sex-change operations for children. They want to prove that Democrats are so radical that even the “moderate” transgenders oppose them. But giving Jenner a platform on Fox News normalizes men dressing and acting like women—a position that, 20 years ago, *only the most fringe, radical Democrats believed in*. Today, even “Make America Great Again” Republicans will accept transgenders in their party as long as they don’t abuse children.

The media constantly portray pro-Trump Republicans as far-right extremists. This is delusional. Actually, the current Republican Party is not much different from the Democratic Party of 20

## What Is Conservatism?

**T**HE BASIC PREMISE OF *CONSERVATISM* is the effort to preserve things as they have been. It accepts change and innovation that respects existing customs and traditions. We are all prone to overestimate our own wisdom and underestimate the limits of our perspective. Conservatism tempers that dangerous tendency.

This philosophy is aptly summarized in the proverb, “Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set” (Proverbs 22:28; also 23:10; Deuteronomy 19:14). That landmark was put there for a purpose, even if you don’t understand what it was.

A perfect example is *marriage*, an institution that has underpinned human civilization from its beginning. Its stabilizing influence on society has long been obvious, and logically so: When a man and woman commit to each other before they have children, those children are substantially likelier to grow up in a stable environment under the guidance of two people who have a deeply vested interest in their success. Facts bear this out: Children from stable two-parent homes are, on balance, safer, better



behaved, better educated, more successful, wealthier, and likelier to produce stable families of their own. The rules of marriage—one man and one woman, monogamy, fidelity, teamwork, permanence—were set long before we arrived, and their wisdom, frankly, exceeds our understanding. (If you are interested, you can gain a lot of

that wisdom by reading our free booklet *Why Marriage—Soon Obsolete?*, by Herbert W. Armstrong.)

Removing this ancient landmark—celebrating promiscuity, marriageless parenting and divorce instead; then redefining the institution itself to include two or more people of whatever sex—is guaranteed to have far-reaching consequences beyond what we can imagine.

Marriage is actually an ancient landmark set not by our human fathers but by our ultimate Father, God, at man’s creation (Genesis 2:18-25). People can *vote* on these things if they want, judges can ignore them, governments can define and redefine them, *but God’s laws of marriage do not change.*

years ago. The whole of American society is accepting leftist views; Republicans are just moving a bit slower than Democrats.

### The Culture War

While the political battles between Democrats and Republicans are as fierce and bitter as they have ever been, on many fronts the *culture war* in America has already been decided.

Bestselling author Mark Steyn has warned that a conservative government cannot exist in a leftist culture. “Liberals [meaning leftists] expend tremendous effort changing the culture. Conservatives expend tremendous effort changing elected officials every other November—and then are surprised that it doesn’t make much difference,” Steyn wrote for the *New York Post* back in 2014, before Donald Trump entered politics. “Culture trumps politics—which is why, once the question’s been settled culturally, conservatives are reduced to playing catch-up, twisting themselves into pretzels to explain why gay marriage is really conservative after all, or why 30 million unskilled immigrants with a majority of births out of wedlock are ‘natural allies’ of the Republican Party.”

According to a recent Gallup poll on moral issues, U.S. adults are likelier than ever to see abortion, suicide and polygamy as morally acceptable. The latest polls indicate that 7 percent of Americans now identify as lesbian, homosexual, transgender or queer. This number has risen dramatically in recent years, especially among young people—a stunning success for sexual deviants who have been targeting children for years. Polls also show that a quarter of these Americans are Republican. So Donald Trump can potentially boost his share of the popular vote in the 2024 presidential election by 2 percent by dropping opposition to same-sex “marriage” from the Republican Party platform.

Unlike leftists, Trump is not endorsing same-sex “marriage” because he wants to fundamentally transform society. He has accepted that society has already been fundamentally transformed, so he is doing whatever he needs to do to remain popular enough to win reelection. In a democracy, the politics reflects the populace.

Donald Trump is popular because he has promised to protect America’s border, secure America’s elections, and revitalize America’s economy. He will

also say enough about God to attract religious voters. But the Republican Party isn’t about to start trumpeting a message about biblical moral virtues. People simply do not want to hear it.

There is no longer a cultural battle in America between conservative and liberal. The field has shifted. Today’s fight is between the moral center left and the insane radical left.

### Dangerous Agreement

Mute all the snarling political rhetoric and personal nastiness, and you can begin to see that in some fundamental ways, the Republican and Democrat party platforms have strange similarities. “Concerning the broad contours of public policy, there is a disturbing convergence,” George Will wrote after this summer’s RNC. “Programmatically, the parties are more aligned than they have been since the 1950s, when President Dwight D. Eisenhower caused Republicans to accept the permanency of the New Deal’s legacy: a transfer-payment state (Social Security, soon to include Medicare and much more) and federal supervision of the economy. ... Both parties favor significant expansions of government’s control of economic activity and the

When we break those laws, *our lives* get broken. The proof is all around us. Removing this landmark is destabilizing society dramatically and bringing untold curses.

It is true that ancient landmarks established by men are not always good and wise; sometimes they do need to be removed. But whether or not you believe it, many of America’s “ancient landmarks” were, like marriage, set by none other than God Himself. This nation was founded on many biblical principles and almost entirely by Bible-believers, men with far greater wisdom than that possessed by any of today’s leaders. Their careful composition of a government aimed at curbing tyranny—whether of the monarch, the governing elite or the mob—is a masterwork. The safeguards they installed to protect liberty, prosperity, security and stability are brilliant. The less respect we have for the ancient landmarks—especially the most ancient among them, which are contained in the Bible—the more we invite trouble.

What the overall principle of conservatism gets right traces back to the Bible, the Creator and the way He created man.

God does not change. The Bible establishes that fact. “For I am the Lord, I change not ...” (Malachi 3:6). Jesus Christ is “the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever” (Hebrews 13:8). His word endures. “The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word

of our God shall stand for ever” (Isaiah 40:8). “For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven” (Psalm 119:89).

While it is true—the Bible is clear on this point—that certain aspects of God’s law, specifically designed for ancient Israel under the Old Covenant with that nation, no longer apply physically, those aspects are far fewer than most people believe. We are bound by the spirit, intent and principle of far more of those laws than most people acknowledge. (Even those laws that are done away have much to teach us.) To the Israelites anciently, God specifically said His laws were not suggestions from which they could pick and choose; the people were to live “BY EVERY WORD” (Deuteronomy 8:3). The spirit of this law applies to Christians today. Jesus Christ personally quoted and confirmed this truth (Matthew 4:4). Clearly, *Christ* studied the law. *He* lived by every word. Why don’t more people who call themselves Christians follow His example?

Society has spurned God’s laws and untethered itself from all moral absolutes. What is right one day is wrong the next; standards are in constant flux. People are left floundering on shifting sands, adrift in fallible human reasoning.

In such conditions, it is inevitable that radicals will keep pushing. And as the push continues, things once thought abhorrent eventually become tolerable.

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distribution of wealth. Both promise to leave unchanged the transfer-payment programs (Social Security, Medicare) that are plunging toward insolvency, and driving unsustainable national indebtedness” (*Washington Post*, July 18).

No politician would find success in America today by scaling back promises on entitlements and promoting fiscal conservatism. The astronomical national debt—already \$35 trillion; climbing another \$1 trillion every 100 days; on track to blow past \$57 trillion in a decade—isn’t even being discussed.

America already pays over \$2 billion in interest on this sum every day. Next year it could pay well over \$1 trillion *in interest alone*. Compare that with the Defense Department’s fiscal year 2025 budget request of \$849.8 billion. Historians warn that debt interest exceeding military spending is a death knell for empires.

Still, “the country’s fiscal trajectory merits only sporadic mentions by the major-party presidential nominees, let alone a serious plan to address it,” the *Wall Street Journal* noted. “Instead, the candidates are tripping over each other to make expensive promises to voters” (September 17). Most Americans admit the federal debt is too high, but nobody is willing to make any personal sacrifices to rectify this nation-destroying problem. And they always appreciate more benefits.

Now, consider how these cultural and economic troubles are linked.

One major reason the government is so deep in debt is that programs like Social Security, Medicare and a myriad of welfare policies aim to fulfill societal functions that used to be the duty of the family: caring for the sick, the aged and fatherless children. Family responsibility has been nationalized. This is economically unsustainable, and has brought many curses in its train.

Megabillionaire Elon Musk is one of the few prominent people warning that America’s debt is an existential threat. He has come out in full-throated support of Donald Trump, and Trump has pledged to place Musk at the head of a new Department of Governmental Efficiency. Surely *any* effort to reduce wasteful government spending would be a welcome step. Yet Musk completely avoids the cultural issues that have made the debt a problem in the first place.

Musk is a prime example of a left-of-center liberal abandoned by the radicalization of the Democratic Party. He plainly recognizes the evils of coercive transgenderism and leftist clampdowns on speech, but he is no cultural conservative.

This new hero of the right is so concerned about global population decline that he encourages people to have as many children as possible even if it means creating fatherless children through in-vitro fertilization. He has sired 12 children with three different women. He can well afford to care for these children financially, but he apparently forgets that *half* of all federal spending goes to these entitlement programs that *could* and *should* be handled by strong, stable

families. Until America’s broken family structure is fixed, the nation will continue toward bankruptcy. But it seems Americans, both Democrat and Republican, have forfeited that battle permanently.

### God’s View of America

Gerald Flurry, the *Trumpet’s* editor in chief, has shown that America today parallels ancient Israel during the eighth century B.C. under the reign of Jeroboam II. In fact, that history, recorded in the section of the Bible called the former prophets, is a *direct prophecy* of our day, and Donald Trump is fulfilling the role of a modern-day Jeroboam. (This is all explained in Mr. Flurry’s free book *America Under Attack*. Request a free copy.)

## Blessings or Curses?

CONSIDER ONE PROPHECY IN Deuteronomy 28, which is aimed at the modern descendants of ancient Israel, of which America is chief. This promise is made to the nation that obeys God:

“The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and *thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow*” (verse 12). There too is this warning to the nation that *disobeys* God: “The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low. *He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him ...*” (verses 43-44).

America’s \$35 trillion debt is a flashing sign: This nation is not receiving the blessing of obedience but the curse for disobedience. The debt proves America is sinning. Can you recognize it?

This is just one warning sign among many. Runaway immigration is a curse. Racial division is a curse. Upside-down and splintered families are a curse. So too are cities strewn with drugged-out homeless people. Physical and mental disease. Environmental disasters. Agricultural blights. Craven, foolish and corrupt leaders. Foreign infiltration, meddling and sabotage. Military impotence and defeat. These are curses.

Many people are praying for God to bless America. But before He can answer those prayers, America needs to fulfill the conditions to receive those blessings. Deuteronomy 28 begins, “And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And *all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee ...*” (verses 1-2).

Instead, the Bible prophesies a cursed future, politically, economically, morally and militarily, for a nation that has turned from the God who gave it its abundant blessings to begin with. (For a thorough scriptural study of these prophecies—and to see the ultimately inspiring *reason* for which God is bringing them to pass—request a free copy of Herbert W. Armstrong’s book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.)

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Before Jeroboam II's rule, Israel was in terrible straits, bitter affliction. But God took pity and reversed the situation, and He did so *through this king*. Under Jeroboam, Israel enjoyed a period of unparalleled prosperity. The kingdom's borders spread, enemies retreated, trade flourished, and the population grew. Jeroboam "restored the coast of Israel from the entering of Hamath unto the sea of the plain, according to the word of the Lord God of Israel ..." (2 Kings 14:25). Archaeological evidence has confirmed the accuracy of this biblical account.

The financial and physical wealth Jeroboam II oversaw is astounding. Yet the *spiritual condition* of the kingdom was appalling. God didn't bless Israel because of the people's righteousness or the king's righteousness; in fact, Jeroboam "did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord" (verse 24). The material wealth was a total inversion of the kingdom's spiritual state.

The Prophet Amos, who wrote in that period, revealed that the nation's success made people prideful and overconfident. Cultish, idolatrous practices abounded (e.g. Amos 5:21-27). The rich exploited the poor and glutted themselves on their luxuries (Amos 6:1-6). The prophets Hosea and Joel also condemned the materialism and self-indulgence of that time.

No, it was not for any repentance or religious awakening that God showed such mercy on the nation—but because it was so close to its end! God did not want to see the name of Israel blotted out (2 Kings 14:26).

How aptly prophetic of America today. In God's view, we are a sinful nation. The materialism, selfishness and greed, the casualness about lying and deceit, the acceptance of corruption, the sickness in our families, the surrender to promiscuity, homosexuality and transgenderism, the indifferent spirit of "whatever suits you, just leave my kids alone," the infatuation with darkness and perversion—these are sins for which God is deeply mournful and angry. These sins invite curses.

Other prophecies foretell a time of terrible curses on America—and we are already living through the early stages of those curses (sidebar, page 6). The prophecy of 2 Kings shows that, amid these curses, God *will* give America a temporary resurgence. But it is clear

that this is not because of Jeroboam's righteousness or the nation's righteousness—but *in spite of their wickedness*.

### What Should You Do?

What was once considered conservative is now extreme, and what was progressive is now thought to be center right. Looking squarely at these facts, one thing is clear: You cannot use society's standards as your measuring tool. Those standards are constantly and rapidly shifting. And if you want to feel good about yourself, there are plenty of deviants to compare yourself with.

C. S. Lewis wrote, "That is the devil getting at us. He always sends errors into the world in pairs—pairs of opposites. And he always encourages us to spend a lot of time thinking which is the

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worse. You see why, of course? He relies on your extra dislike of the one error to draw you gradually into the opposite one. But do not let us be fooled. We have to keep our eyes on the goal and go straight through between both errors."

The marvelous solution God offers is in His enduring Word, which spells out His unchanging standard. Keep your eyes fixed on that. Measure yourself against that. Strive to live by that, and expect to have to work hard to resist the current sweeping the rest of the world past you.

The curses you are witnessing in America and the world are more than the effects of rebellion against God, they are the prophesied consequences leading to the end of this age, and the prophesied *signs* of a godly new era that will begin when Jesus Christ returns to Earth to govern it directly. God has spelled out in prophecy what we can expect in these days. As you watch His forecasts coming to pass before your eyes, recognize His hand—and *use that as a motivator*. God has gone to extraordinary lengths to prophesy and then to bring these

prophecies about. This is meant to lead us to Him. We cannot simply move on. God wants you to take action.

What action, exactly? A lot of Americans, frustrated and angry at the damage the radical left has done to the country, are turning to this modern-day Jeroboam II in hopes that he can reverse the decline and save the country. Actually God says *He* will save the country, temporarily, *through* this man. The fact that Donald Trump is still standing, after all the verbal, administrative, personal, legal and physical attacks on him have failed, is stunning proof that God is going to make good on His promise.

But you must see plainly exactly what is happening. America is not on the verge of a religious awakening. The Republican Party is not going to turn the tide. *God* is going to save America, temporarily, through Jeroboam.

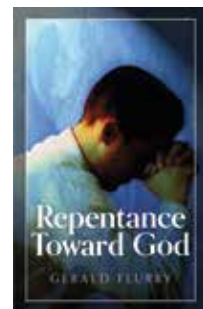
The whole reason God is doing this is to give us one last chance to learn a crucial lesson. He does not want you to invest your hope in a man or a political party but *in Him*. He does not want you seeking salvation through the political process but through spiritual repentance and renewal.

Looking at His perfect standard, comparing yourself to the goodness of God and of Jesus Christ, you will begin to see the evil in your own heart. Focus on God's standard, and the goodness of God will lead you to repentance (Romans 2:4).

And then, look at where you are hearing God's voice from. Where is the truth of these prophecies coming from? Who is teaching you the truth by which to measure yourself? The world is full of enticements. Actually trusting God requires testing the spirits and avoiding deception. Satan muddies the waters. All these alternatives—which is the one that God Himself is behind?

Heed God's warning, and listen to His voice. Recognize in these events the hard, plain truth: *There is no hope in man*. Put your hope and trust IN GOD. ■

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# The Fight for American DEMOCRACY

Elections under attack **BY ANDREW MILLER**

**T**HE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA was a great experiment in self-government. Britons became Americans precisely because they had been denied their right to be represented in their government. Risking their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor, they fought to bring forth a new nation that granted the citizen even more liberty, equality and accountability than the old. We the people became free to govern ourselves by electing representatives to appoint judges and to enact laws for the good of the country, and by electing an executive to enforce those laws.

For all its flaws, this system helped bring more peace, prosperity and liberty to more people than any other system of government devised by mankind. Over 12 generations since, many heroes and millions of everyday Americans have sacrificed, fought, bled and died for the fundamental American idea: self-government.

In the American republic, the individual citizen does not personally

decide or even vote on legislation. He does not enforce legislation or render judicial opinions. The *only* means by which an American exercises self-government is through free and fair elections.

But nearly 250 years since the founding, those elections are a cultural, journalistic, political and legal war zone. That means self-government—the very idea of America itself—is under threat.

Elections are under attack.

A powerful force has infiltrated, altered and stolen elections, from the local level all the way up to the most powerful office in the land and in the world: the American presidency. By the very definitions of *republic* and *democracy*, this means a silent overthrow of self-government has already occurred.

Now, as Americans head into their first presidential election since the 2020 presidential coup, many are rallying together, and rallying around one particular candidate to try to fight back and “save America.”

The “war in ‘24” is here.

## Hacking the Machines

For years now, county election boards have been replacing paper ballots with electronic voting machines. This is largely to save time and costs and, supposedly, to preserve or increase accuracy. But these machines use opaque processes and are manufactured by scandal-plagued companies. The continued use of these machines, which are demonstrated as hackable on literally an annual basis, is a catastrophic breach in election integrity.

Meanwhile, especially after the COVID phenomenon, state legislatures have changed laws to increase the number of absentee and mail-in ballots while dramatically decreasing the scrutiny of these ballots. One after another, the fortifications of election integrity have been targeted and destroyed so that now huge numbers of duplicate voters, out-of-state voters, juvenile voters, felon voters, dead voters, digital voters and other illegal voters cast ballots, replace elected officials, and change governments.

A thorough research report by American economist Peter Navarro found that

3,069,002 “possible illegal votes” were cast in the swing states of Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin in the 2020 U.S. presidential election. Joe Biden’s official margin of victory in these six states was only a 10th of that figure. Therefore, no reasonable person can honestly conclude the 2020 presidential election was free and fair. And no observant person can honestly conclude that it doesn’t make a difference.

For most of American history, votes were counted by hand or with a mechanical adding machine. Anyone trying to alter the results and replace duly elected representatives with imposters had to collaborate with hundreds of people, including local election officials, who have to be present in thousands of voting precincts across the nation. Only in instances where the election was virtually a tie (such as in the 2000 U.S. presidential election between George W. Bush and Al Gore) could stolen or disputed votes in a small number of swing counties make a difference.

Now, 24 years later, about 90 percent of voters must use machines manufactured by only three companies: Dominion Voting Systems, Election Systems & Software and Hart InterCivic. That means malfunctioning or malicious hardware or software in the machines these companies produce can alter the results of an election, and it takes only a small number of people to subvert the will of millions.

The “trouble-plagued companies” responsible for manufacturing and maintaining voting machines “have long skimmed on security in favor of convenience,” leaving systems across the country “prone to security problems.” This statement was one of several made in recent years by members of Congress sounding the alarm on voting machines. In this case it appeared in an open letter regarding Dominion Voting Systems, written by four Democratic senators. However, when their candidate was installed as president in a highly irregular presidential election 11 months later, the alarm went silent.

Regardless of party, election year or election machine type, the very concept of electronic voting machines has been demonstrably dangerous, and one of those who has demonstrated this the most clearly is data security expert

Harri Hursti. He and his associates have examined the exact voting machine models currently in use year after year at one of the main hacking conferences in the world. His 2020 documentary *Kill Chain: The Cyber War on America’s Elections* summarizes the results. In it, he demonstrates in a mock election that he can alter the outcome with a fairly straightforward means of accessing Dominion software and modifying a few lines of code. Yet even with this flaw known and demonstrated publicly, Dominion has not fixed its machines.

Navarro’s report chronicles nearly 500,000 voting machine irregularities in Georgia, Michigan and Wisconsin. Factoring in undetected irregularities, it is likely millions of votes and many election results in November will be determined not by the American voter but by hackers.

Why don’t America’s leaders send reinforcements to eliminate these election vulnerabilities? Not only have they pointedly *ignored* them, current officials have simultaneously imported millions of illegal aliens into the nation, especially over the past few years, *as potential future voters*.

This means the official 2024 presidential election results will likely suffer even more voter fraud than the nation experienced four years ago—and that amount of fraud was enough to eject the duly elected representative of the people from the presidency, install a pretender to the throne, and suspend American self-government at the federal executive level for four years.

It’s a different kind of revolution, a different kind of coup, but it’s a war for control of the government just the same.

Remember, elections are the *only* means by which an American citizen can exercise self-government. True elections *are* self-government. Voting machines under attack means *American self-government* under attack.

The outer shell of what America seems to be might remain, but inside, the ideals, the principles and the Constitution—what it is that *constitutes* the United States—are being decimated by the enemy.

## Undocumented Voters

America has suffered catastrophic casualties in terms of election integrity, in terms of *the people’s vote*. What is the main reason for this? Is it because our leaders are well-meaning but incompetent? Or are they grossly negligent?

Look closely at the massive, unrelenting political effort that our leaders have expended to install election machines, hold on to election machines, abolish voter identification laws, increase the number of easily falsified ballots, and open the doors to illegal voters of all kinds. An enemy has done this. There is indeed a premeditated effort to seize power from “we the people” and transform this democratic republic into a dictatorship controlled not by those who win the most votes, but by the officials who count the votes.

Federal law allows only legal citizens to vote in federal elections. Yet these elections are run by state and local governments. Along with the District of Columbia, 14 states inexplicably have no laws requiring voters to provide identification proving that they are citizens. Election officials literally take their word that they are citizens and allow them to cancel the votes of actual citizens one after another after another.

Add to this the fact that Joe Biden—who was installed as president due to a fraudulent electoral outcome—and his regime have actively held the doors open to welcome *10 million* illegal immigrants.

Eight states have enacted new voter identification laws since the 2020 election, but many politicians are opposing, undermining and ignoring these laws. These politicians belong to the Democrat Party, which has made it a central policy to *degrade election integrity*. Whatever rhetoric they spew to justify or obfuscate the real-world results of that policy, *that is the policy*. It is not an exaggeration to say that, in the war over election integrity, the Democrat Party has been fully mobilized for several years now and is the largest force fighting the hardest and winning the majority of the battles.

The United States House of Representatives passed a bill in July requiring



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individuals registering to vote in federal elections to provide proof of citizenship. The bill is unlikely to advance in the Democrat-controlled Senate, and Biden has said that if it does, he will veto it. In September, California Democrats passed a law *banning* voter ID requirements.

The Democrats' consistent, coordinated actions in manipulating election laws make no sense unless they *want illegal voters to vote*.

People are required to produce a valid identification to apply for a job, rent an apartment, buy a house, hook up utilities, file a marriage license, obtain a passport, board an airline, borrow money, run a business, enlist in the army, complete hospital forms, fill a prescription, receive welfare, enroll in school, open a bank account, buy a car, drive a car, get a credit card, check out a book, pick up a package, cash a lottery ticket, buy a beer, get a refund, and numerous other everyday activities. Americans use photo IDs constantly, which is why an estimated 9 in 10 voting-age Americans already have one. The remainder includes those who have had their IDs suspended due to an infraction or who do not want an ID.

Yet the policy of eliminating voting integrity is so important to Democrats that they assert that requiring ID to vote disenfranchises minorities and is therefore racist.

A study by Just the Facts found that 10 percent to 27 percent of noncitizen adults in the U.S. are now illegally registered to vote. That is a truly astonishing figure. The U.S. Census recorded more than 19 million adult noncitizens living in the U.S. during 2022, which means 2 million to 5 million noncitizens can vote.

Even in Georgia, where a photo ID is required to vote, illegal voters will be partially determining which local and national candidates will walk the halls of power. The Heritage Foundation found that in one apartment complex in Norcross, 14 percent of those who admitted they are noncitizens are registered to vote. If this percentage is true state-wide, then more than 47,000 illegal immigrants are registered to vote. Even after all their infamous

irregularities, the 2020 elections in Georgia produced a margin of victory for Biden of only 11,779 votes. This means that illegal immigrant voting alone could make the difference in this swing state.

The Migration Policy Institute finds that the top 10 destinations for refugees and asylum seekers in the U.S. are Texas, California, New York, Michigan, Ohio, Washington, Arizona, Pennsylvania, Georgia and Florida. Four of these states (Michigan, Arizona, Pennsylvania and Georgia) are swing states where just a few thousand illegal immigrant votes, not to mention other illegal votes, could steal the presidency for the party of open borders.

There is indeed a war on American democracy. But look at the math on illegal immigrant voting alone, and you realize that the Democrats' claim of "saving democracy" is psychological warfare.

### Voting by Mail

Most First World nations have historically banned absentee and mail-in ballots except in rare cases where the citizen lives or is deployed abroad. But during the COVID-19 frenzy, about 40 nations changed their mail-in voting policies, citing the much-hyped reason "because of COVID" as rationale.

The United States was one of these nations. In fact, the number of American voters who cast their ballot in person on election day in 2020 was shockingly low: *36 percent*.

Even before factoring in illegal immigrant voting and hackable election machines, the vote-by-mail phenomenon opened the door to tremendous voter fraud. Last year, a Rasmussen Reports survey of 1,083 likely voters found that *1 in 5* admitted to participating in at least one form of election fraud.

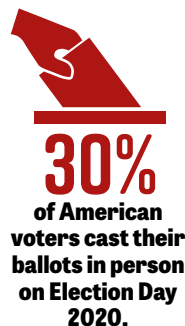
Politicians and election officials could sound the alarm, prosecute those who stole the votes of American citizens, and urgently secure local and national elections as fast as they can. They could at least admit that 2020 was "incompetence" or a "mistake." They could excuse 2020 as an "emergency" requiring extraordinary action and extraordinary amounts of mail-in ballots, then allow 2024 to be marred only by all the other

types of fraudulent ballots. But that is not what they are doing. They are flooding the nation with mail-in ballots *again* in 2024.

You might be anticipating Election Day as a *day*, but people around you have already cast their votes, legal and otherwise. America no longer has Election Day so much as election *season*. It's not so much two sides lining up on the battlefield and knowing who won at the end of the day, but rather a murkier, ongoing struggle that allows more time for more subterfuge and more use of electoral weapons of mass destruction—more akin to asymmetrical warfare.

In Pennsylvania, people begin voting 50 days before Election Day, and officials will continue accepting ballots until three days afterward. Since this is an important swing state, America and the world probably will not know the official vote totals on the morning of November 6. Instead, there may be a wait—and a struggle—for the last of the mail-in ballots to be officially tallied. Remember, Pennsylvania is the state where, among other things, a tractor-trailer driver for the Postal Service filed an affidavit claiming that his Oct. 21, 2020, load from New York to Pennsylvania contained *entire pallets of prefilled ballots*.

"The Democratic Party uses a two-pronged grand 'stuff the ballot box' strategy to flood six key battleground states—Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin—with enough illegal absentee and mail-in ballots to turn a decisive Trump victory into a narrow and illegal Biden alleged 'win,'" wrote Navarro regarding the 2020 presidential election. "Prong one dramatically *increased* the amount of absentee and mail-in ballots in the battleground states. Prong two dramatically *decreased* the level of scrutiny of such ballots—effectively taking the election 'cops' off the beat. This pincer movement resulted in a *flood* of illegal ballots into battleground states more than sufficient to tip the scales from a decisive legal win by President Trump to a narrow and illegitimate alleged 'victory' by Joe Biden. ... By implementing its grand 'stuff the ballot box' strategy, the Democratic Party and its political operatives have strategically gamed one of the most sacred elements of American democracy, our election system."



No one has fixed or even seriously addressed the vulnerabilities and the exploitation of those vulnerabilities documented by Navarro and others. The same voting machines are being used. The same politicians in the same party are preventing voters from having to prove their eligibility to vote. And voting districts are still issuing mail-in ballots by the truckload. The only major change between the 2020 and the 2024 presidential elections is that Joe Biden and Kamala Harris have abused their power to import several million illegal immigrants in addition to the millions who were here four years ago.

All the evidence points to Democrats waging another war on the will of the people in the 2024 elections.

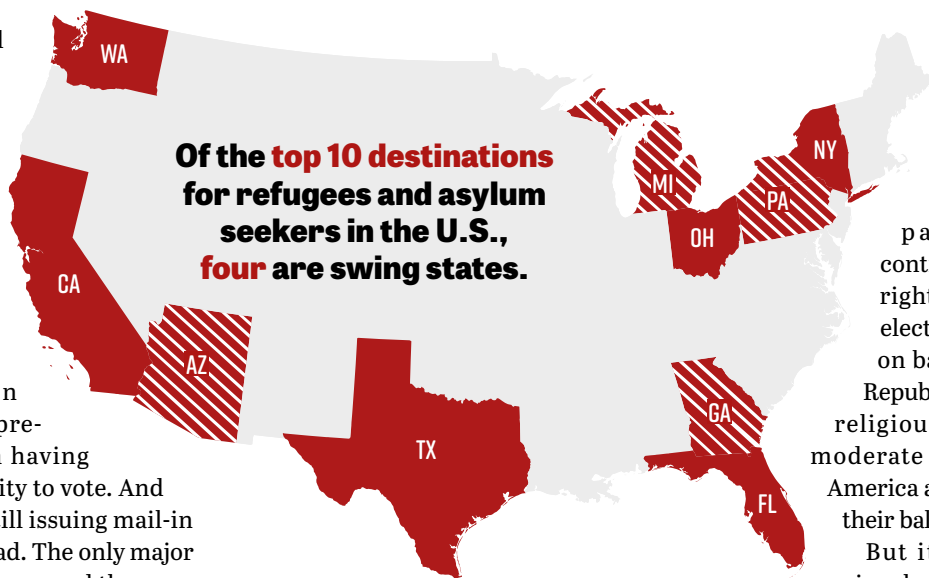
### **Warring to Recover**

Until the theft of the 2020 election is officially exposed, Democrats will continue to consolidate their power and withstand the counterattack, already underway, by citizens desperate to get their country back.

President Trump called for “only paper ballots” in America’s elections when he announced a 2024 White House bid two years ago, a clear statement of which side of the election integrity battle he is on. He believes that the U.S. president should be determined by legal American voters and the Electoral College, just as it has always been since the first election under the Constitution in 1789. And it is likely that the majority of legal voters are casting ballots marked “Donald J. Trump.”

In “What Will Happen After Trump Regains Power” ([theTrumpet.com/23957](http://theTrumpet.com/23957)) in our July 2021 issue, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry asserted that Trump was the legitimate winner of the 2020 election. He wrote that the Bible prophecies that Trump will be in power when certain future events occur; therefore, he must return to the presidency.

“[T]he indication is that regaining office may take considerable work,” Mr.



Flurry wrote. “Donald Trump will have to fight for it. It doesn’t have to be military action, but it certainly *could*.”

2 Kings 14:26-28 record a slice of ancient Israel’s history that is actually prophecy for America 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. Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damascus, and Hamath, which belonged to Judah, for Israel, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?”

Mr. Flurry has written since 2018 that this prophecy is being fulfilled by President Donald Trump as an end-time type of King Jeroboam II of Israel. Through the 2016 presidential election, God used President Trump to temporarily save America from the radical-leftist forces seeking to destroy its Constitution and fundamentally transform it into a socialist state. But then his office was stolen, and he will have to “war” to recover it.

He has already fought multiple legal battles, including attempts by two states to take his name off the ballot entirely.

## **The U.S. election outcome is already decided.**

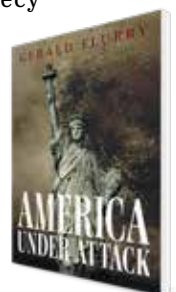
But Satan is trying hard to subvert it. Find out how and why. Request your free copy of *America Under Attack*, by Gerald Flurry.

The Supreme Court has ruled in those cases that unless the people’s representatives in Congress pass laws to the contrary, Trump has the right to run in the 2024 election and shall appear on ballots in every state. Republicans, conservatives, religious people and even moderate Democrats across America are preparing to cast their ballots for Trump.

But it is apparent that simply voting for Trump won’t bring him back to office. There will be a struggle. And conservatives will have to expose the millions of illegal votes cast for Harris.

Donald Trump is coming back, and soon. One of his biggest political tasks will be exposing the stolen election. As much as certain powerful people in politics and the media are pushing for it, Americans cannot pass over the 2020 presidential election steal as a fluke and expect the basic concepts of Election Day, citizens voting, self-government and the “blessings of liberty” to reassert themselves. They must see how close they are to losing their republic, a first step toward repenting of the many sins that have brought us into this fight for survival.

God is not finished with Donald Trump. There is a reason He keeps saving him from journalistic assassination, political assassination, a silent coup, lawfare and literal assassination. He has chosen to help the nation survive a little longer, and He is accomplishing this specifically by the hand of Donald Trump. Expect this man to return to power soon and to expose the truth about the attack on U.S. elections. When you see this happen, you will be seeing Bible prophecy in action!





# Who Will Drain Europe's Swamp?

People are itching for—and voting for—change from the status quo.

BY RICHARD PALMER

**P**RESIDENT DONALD TRUMP famously campaigned to “drain the swamp” of corruption and crime in Washington, D.C. Across the pond, Europe is looking very swampy.

Rule by unelected bureaucrats and identikit politicians who all think the same, no matter which party or even which country they come from, has left European politics a stagnant, rotting mess, and no one is happy.

Europeans are ready for a big change in politics, and they are about to get one.

## Europe's Slow Agony

Even former European Central Bank head Mario Draghi, once the most powerful of all the unelected European bureaucrats, admits that the situation is dire.

Draghi's long-awaited report on the European economy was published on September 9. In it, he said that he has “nightmares” about Europe's future and that the “slow agony” of its decline can only be reversed with “radical change.” “For the first time since the Cold War,” he wrote, “we must genuinely fear for our self-preservation.”

Meanwhile, the European economy is stuck in the mud. Consider: Since 2000, income in the United States has grown

twice as fast as in the European Union. Six American companies are now worth more than \$1 trillion, all of which were founded in the last 50 years. Over the same time period, no European company has grown to even \$100 billion.

“This is an existential challenge,” Draghi said. “Europe's fundamental values are prosperity, equity, freedom, peace and democracy in a sustainable natural environment .... If Europe can no longer provide them to its people—or worse still, if it has to trade off one against the other—it will have lost its reason for being.”

Germany, in particular, is seeing its basic way of doing business collapse. For the first time in its 90-year history, Volkswagen is looking at closing factories within Germany. Audi is close to shutting down its electric car factory in Belgium. BMW, Mercedes and Stellantis factories are producing dramatically fewer cars than the plants are built for; some are manufacturing at half capacity.

Germany's auto industry is a major driver of the national economy and of national pride. But governments around the world are pushing consumers to buy electric; and here, Germany lags behind.

In the decades since World War II, Germany built itself into an exporting

powerhouse, churning out high-quality industrial goods at a reasonable price. Now the war in Ukraine has pushed the cost of raw materials and energy sky high. Other long-term factors indicate that they will remain that way. Economically, Germany can't compete any more.

Europe is also suffering social disasters, most obviously regarding immigration.

A Syrian migrant who should have already been deported murdered three people on August 23—at a diversity festival. In June, an Afghan migrant murdered a police officer in Mannheim. On September 5, an Islamist with a gun attempted to carry out a terrorist attack outside the Israeli consulate before he was shot dead.

These are the highest-profile examples. Meanwhile, knife attacks in Germany are on the rise, with over 430 reported in the first half of 2024, compared to 777 in all of 2023.

What will be the effect of these crises on German politics? The understandable outrage among German citizens has prompted the government to finally close its borders, affecting even the Schengen Zone. Within this zone, tourists and Europeans from 26 different nations can move freely. In place for three decades, it is one of the most visible examples of successful European unification.

Now German officials are spot-checking vehicles that cross the borders. The center-right Christian Democratic Union (CDU) wants to go even further and bring back the pre-Schengen days of halting all traffic at the border and requiring drivers to show their papers.

This will help reduce the flow of migrants into the country, but Germany's neighbors don't want to be stuck with them either, so they too are considering closing their borders. The chain reaction could destroy the Schengen Zone.

Meanwhile, overall crime is steadily rising. Police recorded almost 6 million criminal offenses in 2023, up from 5.4 million the previous year. Violent crime has reached its highest level in 15 years, despite the fact that the population is aging, which usually equates to lower crime.

This was on display to the world at the Euro 2024 Football Championship. Germany hosted the World Cup in 2006, a major moment in its postwar history. It proved one to be one of the best host

nations this major event has had: The world saw a modern, cosmopolitan and united Germany.

This time around, nations had to warn their citizens to dash from the station to their hotel as quickly as possible—because Germany's large cities, especially Frankfurt, aren't safe anymore.

### The Solution?

The Germany you see today is not just the result of its cumbersome ruling coalition. It's also the fault of the Christian Democrats, who ruled from 2005 to 2021. They and the other mainstream parties look increasingly the same. None has any big ideas to turn the nation around.

No wonder that in local elections in September, Germans voted for change—*radical change*.

Germany has three extreme parties that have gone from receiving tiny percentages of the vote or not even existing just a decade ago to becoming the dominant force in German politics.

The Alternative für Deutschland started out in 2013 by opposing the use of German taxpayer money to bail out severely indebted EU countries. It was a party of economists and lawyers who opposed the bailouts that were costing everyday Germans dearly for the “benefit” of creating a European superstate, and they didn't want to be a part of it.

But during Germany's migrant crisis in 2015, the party reached a new height of popularity. It pointed out the very clear, very real problems caused by mass migration while all the mainstream parties conspicuously ignored them. The AfD surged in popularity.

Now, several top party leaders go much further than opposing immigration. They are also pushing a radical new view of history, in which the Nazis were not so bad, World War II should not have ended as it did, and Germany was unfairly punished by the Allies afterward.

Maximilian Krah led the party into European elections last spring. He has defended not only Germans serving

## Nazi-Associated Party Wins in Austria

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN AUSTRIA'S HISTORY, ON SEPTEMBER 29 the Freedom Party (FPÖ) won the national election. Its campaign opposed the current government's destructive immigration, coronavirus, foreign, climate and anti-family policies. The FPÖ also won despite, or because of, its associations with Austria's Nazi past.

The FPÖ won 29 percent of the vote, with the mainstream conservative Austrian People's Party (ÖVP) coming in second with 26 percent. The two could form a majority government led by the FPÖ, but the ÖVP is reluctant, for good reason.

During World War II, Austria was a stronghold for SS officers, two of whom became the first two chairmen of the FPÖ when it was founded in 1956.

In 2000, this political party, led by Jörg Haider, the son of Austrian Nazi Party members, entered a government coalition with the (ÖVP). This move caused every European Union member state, along with Israel, to impose a diplomatic boycott on Austria.

In 2017, the FPÖ entered another coalition with the ÖVP, this time with less outcry. This despite the fact that the party's leader at that time, Heinz-Christian Strache, was infamous for having been arrested in Germany in 1989 for taking part in a neo-Nazi rally.

Now the FPÖ promises to build “Fortress Austria,” which includes the “remigration of uninvited foreigners” and a “homogeneous” nation. Election posters promised voters, “Your will be done,” a corrupt allusion to the words of Jesus Christ. Party leader Herbert Kickl campaigned to be Austria's *Volkskanzler* (people's chancellor)—a term once used to describe Adolf Hitler.

The FPÖ claims to oppose many nation-destroying policies in order to *defend Europe's historical identity*.

The FPÖ is united in this goal with Austria's nobility, with whom it enjoys close ties. Baron Norbert van Handel, a member of the European Order of Saint George of the House of Habsburg-Lorraine, told the *Visegrád Post* in 2017: “They are Christian, they believe in the family, in property and in the possibility of defending our society and our culture. And

they believe in Europe, in a Europe which is a fatherland of fatherlands.” He supports the FPÖ because he fears “the complete loss of our culture, of our religion, of our traditions and of everything that has built up our identity during the last 1,000 years.”

That culture and those traditions certainly include the architecture, art and music of Europe's past. However, the history also includes the persecution, torture and killing of Muslims, Jews and Protestants who rejected the Roman Catholic faith. The rulers of the Holy Roman Empire, including Austria's Habsburg dynasty, brought both.

Most members of far-right parties have no such vile intentions. However, by lauding and romanticizing Europe's history, they unwittingly evoke these evils as well. This same history inspired the Austrian-born Adolf Hitler to bring the crown jewels of the Holy Roman Empire from Vienna to Nuremberg, after annexing Austria in 1938—just before sending Jews to death camps.

This may all seem like ancient history and irrelevant to modern-day Austria and Europe, generally. However, biblical prophecy warns emphatically that this old empire will rise again in our day.

Revelation 17 depicts this empire as a vicious beast controlled by a harlot, the symbol of an adulterous church. As the late Herbert W. Armstrong taught, this chapter reveals that Hitler led the sixth resurrection of this empire—and also that it would rise once more. The far right is certainly not the only part of this rising beast; many other left and right-wing ideologies are mixed up in it. But the Bible warns that while this empire presents itself as the solution to mankind's problems, it is a devastating counterfeit, and it actually opposes God's true saints (verse 6).

Only biblical prophecy can put these political trends in Austria and Europe in their proper context. More importantly, as verse 14 shows, it reveals the inspiring ultimate outcome that will follow this short-lived empire's final resurrection. **JOSUÉ MICHELS**



HERBERT KICKL

in the army in World War II but even those who fought in the Waffen-SS, the paramilitary unit most loyal to Adolf Hitler and most responsible for the Holocaust and for kidnapping, rape, torture, murder and other war crimes. His statements offended even the other European fringe parties, to the point that they severed their connections with the AfD. And Krah isn't the only AfD leader to give voice to such radical views.

Another clearly radical top AfD leader, Björn Höcke, said in 2017: "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 he characterized Germany's Holocaust memorial as "a monument of shame in the heart of

its capital." He said the nation needs a "180-degree reversal on the politics of remembrance." When he said, "The AfD is the last revolutionary, the last peaceful chance for our fatherland," 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."

Last year, AfD leader Tino Chrupalla said, "I find it fundamentally problematic to always link commemoration with the question of guilt. ... Historical guilt should no longer determine the way we act."

*Compact*, a magazine by and for AfD supporters, presents a view of World War II in which Germany is the victim.

It has asserted, "The German soldiers fought mostly chivalrously and honorably in the Second World War." It characterized the atrocities as committed by only a small number of criminals, and "offenses were usually severely punished by the military justice system."

Remember what it is they are talking about! They are referring to Adolf Hitler launching the worst war in human history, killing 60 million people worldwide, and implementing an outright satanic Holocaust extermination of the Jewish people. To this day, Germany and other European nations have laws that forbid Holocaust denial. But certain people and certain movements are fed up with those laws, the governing parties, and the whole swamp.

But this gives a variety of views, from legitimate to deadly, ground to stand on.

In a probably counterproductive move, German authorities shut down *Compact* over the summer due to its far-right views. This is an indication

## A Good Reason to Elect a Marxist?

What if he's the least bad option?

BY RICHARD PALMER



**I**N APRIL 1971, AROUND 10,000 WANNABE MARXIST REVOLUTIONARIES attacked police stations across Sri Lanka. The People's Liberation Front (JVP) insurrection took three weeks to put down, and their last outposts weren't eliminated for months. Officially, 1,200 people died in the struggle, but many believe the total was in the thousands.

Seventeen years later, these same Marxists tried again. Better trained and organized, the JVP launched a guerrilla-style insurgency. This one took over *two years* to suppress, and the fighting was far deadlier, killing tens of thousands.

Now, one of these twice-defeated Marxists is president of Sri Lanka. He didn't take office through a third uprising. Instead, through free and fair elections, Sri Lankans voted him in.

How can a Marxist group go, in a single generation, from starting a war that killed tens of thousands of their own people to gaining majority support? The answer is that, compared to the incumbent leadership, the Marxists looked like an attractive alternative.

Mahinda Rajapaksa first became president in 2005. His rule seemed to start well as he ended the country's lengthy civil war, enabling the economy to grow substantially—more than 8 percent annually. In 2015, the World Bank called it "a development success story."

But the Rajapaksa family drove the country into the ground for their own gain. Mahinda appointed his family members to key posts. At the height of his power, 40 members of his extended family held important (and lucrative) government jobs. And they used that power to sell their country to China.

They awarded development plans to China, taking out loans for unnecessary vanity projects, including the Mahinda Rajapaksa International Cricket Stadium in Mahinda's home town of Hambantota and the nearby Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport, which has been called "the world's emptiest airport." China lent Sri Lanka around \$1 billion to build a new port in Hambantota. When Sri Lanka could no longer pay back the loans, China took it over on a 99-year lease.

Many large businesses in Sri Lanka are state-owned. The Rajapaksas used their control of these businesses to sign big contracts with Chinese-owned firms. These firms funneled some of that cash back to the Rajapaksas. In 2018, the *New York Times* reported that millions of dollars flowed directly from Chinese port construction funds to the 2015 Rajapaksa reelection campaign. At the same time, China was funding 70 percent of the nation's infrastructure products.

This corruption broke the country. Unable to pay the many debts, the country began printing money. Inflation hit 70 percent. Even then, the country couldn't pay, and on May 20, 2022, this would-be "success story" defaulted on its debt for the first time in history.

With no one willing to lend it money, and not much to sell, Sri Lanka ran out of foreign currency. Without cash, it couldn't



that, with Germans thinking, feeling and speaking this way, there are no good options. You either empower the government to deny freedom of speech or you allow a strident movement to basically resurrect Nazism—and maybe you end up with both.

Despite this, the AfD won the election in the East German state of Thuringia, with 32.8 percent of the vote. The party now controls more than one third of the seats in the state parliament, meaning it holds a blocking minority. Its cooperation is now required to appoint new judges or to dissolve the state parliament early.

In Saxony, the AfD won 30.6 percent of the vote, only a little less than the one-time political juggernaut CDU, which won 31.9 percent.

### The Rise of the Fringe

Die Linke (The Left) is another extreme party in Germany. It is the modern successor to the East German Communist

party. Its leaders are so left-wing that they literally campaign alongside busts of Karl Marx. After an interview with one Die Linke leader, a columnist called “Charlemagne” in the left-leaning *Economist* wrote, “I found myself praying that these people never get anywhere near power” (Sept. 20, 2013).

And now Germany has a new fringe group: the Sahra Wagenknecht Alliance. Wagenknecht split off from Die Linke to create a new radical political platform. It keeps the false promises of communism, but drops environmentalism and mass migration. Like the AfD, it opposes support for Ukraine, and instead wants Germany to draw closer to Russia. In Thuringia, Wagenknecht’s group won 15.8 percent of the vote, and Die Linke, 13.1 percent. Combined, over 60 percent of voters chose one of these three extreme parties. Now, parties that are so extreme that the CDU outright refuses to negotiate with them control more than

two thirds of Thuringia’s parliament.

If the CDU maintains this attitude, it’s hard to see how Thuringian politics can ever produce a functioning government.

Thuringian politics have always been a bit extreme. But all three formerly fringe parties are looking forward to great success in German national elections next year. It’s only a matter of time before they win significant local and national governing power.

We have already seen this in France. For about five decades, parties have maintained the *cordon sanitaire*: If the main French fringe party, the National Front (now rebranded as National Rally), ever got close to victory in national elections, the parties on the left and right would unite to keep them out.

This summer, it seemed like French voters would elect the National Rally into power. But thanks to tactical voting by other parties, the party was left in third place in terms of parliamentary seats.

pay for oil. Armed guards patrolled petrol stations as thousands queued for their daily ration of four gallons of fuel. Waiting eight hours in the hot sun for a tiny amount of fuel, many people died. To combat rolling blackouts, many Sri Lankan businesses used backup generators, which consumed more precious fuel.

The Rajapaksas turned to quack remedies. To hold on to precious foreign currency, they restricted the importation of fertilizer. Crop yields plummeted. Farmers lacked the fuel to transport what did grow to market. The nation starved.

This pushed the populace past the breaking point. In July 2022, protesters stormed the residences of the president and prime minister. The president, Gotabaya Rajapaksa, fled the country.

But beyond that, few top leaders changed. Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe moved homes and became president. Although a political opponent of the Rajapaksas, he is believed to have shielded them from prosecution when he was last in office, from 2015 to 2019. After Wickremesinghe took over, Gotabaya Rajapaksa returned to live in a government-funded, government-secured house.

In elections this year, voters firmly rejected Wickremesinghe. Another main candidate was Sajith Premadasa, from the center-right United People’s Power. But Premadasa is the son of another former Sri Lankan president, and Sri Lankans are fed up with political dynasties.

Now Anura Kumara Disanayake, the Marxist revolutionary, is president. He has toned down his Marxist rhetoric, saying he now supports a free-market economy and tariff-free trade as an engine of economic growth. He is from an ordinary family and presents himself as a down-to-earth friend of the poor and enemy of the corrupt. He is the change many Sri Lankans believe in. Yet he has never renounced his earlier beliefs. His

party’s red flag retains the hammer and sickle. Disanayake has defended the Communist dictatorship of North Korea. Most of his policies are standard fare for democratic socialists: more taxes on the rich, more welfare for the poor, and more power for the government to make it happen.

In a country where so many people got their riches through corruption, this is an appealing message. But it will not work.

Disanayake might prove to be less corrupt than previous governments, and might even improve everyday life somewhat, but a socialist system won’t bring peace and prosperity to Sri Lankans. Disanayake’s Marxists have links to China, just as the Rajapaksas did. China has already offered more lending for infrastructure programs since Disanayake took office. It’s possible this new president will only bring his nation deeper into China’s debt trap.

These developments are a microcosm of human government throughout our history. We careen from one flawed government to another, bouncing between extremes in search of someone who will fix the previous leader’s shortcomings. Occasionally, we find a good one who can remedy a few problems and injustices. But eventually even he is forced from office or dies.

So we continue putting our faith in a flawed source: man. The truth is, we don’t know how to manage a country effectively, and we cannot be trusted to regulate ourselves. Like all human beings, we lack the capacity to rule ourselves effectively *and always have*.

This is why it is a law of history that the more power a man receives, the more temptation he has for corruption. Few countries have leadership as terrible as Sri Lanka, but all will soon be brought to ruin. This is the only way we will learn to stop looking to man for the solution and realize the lesson that thousands of governments have been teaching for thousands of years: *Only God* can rule us the way we need. ■

Yet with no easy coalition possible, President Emmanuel Macron seems to have made what may be a fatal breach of the *cordon sanitaire*, and cooperated with the National Rally to help form a government. Michel Barnier is now France's prime minister, but only with the sufferance of the National Rally. It is the first government in France's postwar history to rely on support from the far right.

Germany seems to be treading a similar path.

### How Bad Could They Be?

But doesn't Europe need a change? Could the AfD or even The Left be much worse than the current leadership? And if the AfD can't drain the European political swamp, who will?

European politics are indeed broken. And Bible prophecy says Europeans will soon try something very different. But it's not going to make the world a better place. In fact, this new leadership will take Europe in a wildly new, powerful, aggressive direction—and lead Europe into almost complete destruction.

The Bible reveals the only sure hope for Germany and Europe—and the one and only hope is for new leadership that is even more radical.

Revelation 17 is a key Bible prophecy about Europe's future. It describes an empire that rises and falls seven times. Complementing this with prophecies in the book of Daniel, you can see that it is describing the successive resurrections of the Roman Empire.

A very different Europe is coming. It will not be led by faceless bureaucrats, cowardly committees or divided parliaments, but by "kings." Its military won't be a joke, but the fear of the world (Revelation 13:4). Instead of remaining secular, vaguely Christian or increasingly Islamic, this version of Europe will be led, as past versions have been, by the Catholic Church. Europe will be dominated by a king ruling a religious superpower, something that this generation has never seen. And many around the world will cheer its arrival.

This resurrected European empire will *use* its great power. It will *use* that military, not merely to deter its enemies but to attack, conquer, decimate,

"overflow and pass over" them.

Yet this version of Europe will prove to be a colossal failure. This new power will launch conquest after conquest and win victory after victory—until it is divided and absolutely destroyed.

Past versions of the Holy Roman Empire were a curse on its victims—and a curse to Germany and Europe. Yet Bible prophecy says that Germans will, once again, embrace this empire.

God will use this Holy Roman Empire to correct and punish the decadent modern nations of Israel—primarily Britain and America. (Request your free copy of *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.)

God corrects modern Israel because He loves them. But He doesn't correct only these nations. God says He will raise up the kings of the east to correct Germany and the Holy Roman Empire. And then He will personally correct these kings of the east. He aims to bring all nations to know Him.

None of these countries have to suffer this way. God is sending correction to bring about repentance. No matter what country we are from, it's the way we are *living* that is causing our problems. The solution is not a change in political leadership or a revolution in political systems—but rather a change in our way of life. God is allowing curses to get us to repent and to change *that way*. Once we submit to Him, we can live a way of life that will cause good in every area of life.

God responds to repentance from any nation. And He responds to repentance from any individual. The solution to the swamp is not a radical new political party. It is repentance.

Look to a man for hope and God says you're under a curse (Jeremiah 17:5). Put your hope in God, and even if the world around you is falling apart, you will prosper (verses 7-8).

Soon Europe's swamp will be drained, and epic prosperity will flow out across the Continent. You can apply the same method to prosper in your life today. ■

Request your free copy of *Who or What Is the Prophetic Beast?*, by Herbert W. Armstrong.



# Is Putin the Last Defender of Family Values?

Russia is fighting a battle closer to home than Ukraine.

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"I HAVE SEEN THE FUTURE; AND IT works." These were the words of American journalist Lincoln Steffens after he traveled to newly Communist Russia in 1919. To him, the budding Soviet Union looked like it had successfully tackled thievery, corruption, prostitution and other social ills. It looked like a model society.

Today, however, people associate the Soviet Union with gulags, omnipresent secret police, mass starvation and profound corruption. Hindsight is 20/20.

The Cold War is long over, and Russia no longer espouses communism. But just as under the Soviet regime, Russia today is doing all it can to influence Westerners upset with their governments. This time, it's not Western leftists Russia is targeting, but conservatives.

Many in America and Europe are disturbed with their governments' aggressive pushing of the LGBTQ agenda, accusations of institutional racism, climate change and other secularist causes. Meanwhile, they look to Russia and see a society that is apparently pushing back against sexual deviancy and claiming to support family values. Like Steffens a century ago, some look to Moscow and think they see a workable future.

This is a narrative that Russian dictator Vladimir Putin has exploited to great effect, deepening societal divides in the United States and Europe, and



weakening the resolve of Western nations to stand up to his unlawful aggression. But it is based on easily disprovable lies. Russia is not the freedom fighter for family values that it pretends to be. There is an agenda behind this marketing. Buying into the propaganda will prove catastrophic.

### **Rubles for Reputation-Building**

In a speech in February, Putin said: “Everything we do is somehow connected to supporting the family.” He frequently makes such claims about his regime as he works to convince Russia and the world of his message: *Russia is an upright nation, the last champion of traditional family. The West has never treated Russia fairly. Russia should be allowed to absorb the nations around it to protect them from American evil and decadence. Russia is a victim; America, the chief villain. America’s main aim is to destroy Russia, and it is using Ukraine as its pawn.*

Within Russia, the majority agree with Putin, thanks in part to his 24 years of rewriting history, manipulating school curricula and suppressing the press.

To reach hearts and minds beyond Russia, Putin invests billions of dollars into mass and social media. In 2021, more than \$1.5 billion is known to have gone toward these efforts. In 2022, that amount tripled; it appears to have stayed around that total in the years since. Most

goes to official state media outlets such as Sputnik, Rossiya Segodnia, TASS and RT (which rebranded from “Russia Today” years ago to avoid what *Kommersant* called “scaring away the audience”). RT alone is available to 700 million TV viewers in more than 100 nations, including 85 million in the U.S. In 2013, it became the first TV news channel to hit 1 billion views on YouTube. Its website states that RT “consistently and significantly outperforms other foreign channels including Euronews and Fox News.”

Putin also pays millions of dollars to professional and amateur journalists working for a range of other Western outlets—not to mention Western politicians—to parrot Kremlin talking points. He employs thousands of full-time online trolls inside Russia, working in shifts around the clock to post pro-Russia, pro-Putin content on Facebook, Reddit, Telegram, TikTok, VKontakte, X, YouTube and even Tinder. These individuals often pose as conservative Americans, under nicknames like USA Gunslinger and Florida Patriot. They leave endless posts and comments highly critical of the U.S., United Kingdom and Israel and champion all things Russian. Putin’s regime also taps into the power of automation, using hundreds of thousands of bots to extend the trolls’ influence. This nonstop frenzy heavily manipulates social media and search engine rankings.

And it is paying off.

“Putin’s latest speech explains how cultural marxism is destroying traditional values,” political commentator Liz Churchill wrote in a 2023 X post. “Why are we being told he’s the ‘enemy’ that must be defeated at all costs?”

In February 2024, former Fox News host Tucker Carlson traveled to Moscow and used his channel to portray Putin favorably and to promote Russia as a traditionalist’s paradise.

In April, Republican Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene framed Russia’s war on Ukraine as part of a broader war by a godless West against a defender of Christianity: “The Ukrainian government is attacking Christians. ... Russia is not doing that; they’re not attacking Christianity. As a matter of fact, they seem to be protecting it.”

Perversion in the U.S. and other Western nations is pervasive and unquestionably destructive. And it is true that Russia has enacted laws banning “LGBT activism” and “propaganda of nontraditional sexual relations among minors.” Some right-leaning Westerners portray these as unique, saying Moscow is a moral compass for other governments. But such laws are common and vigorously upheld throughout Africa, Asia and the Middle East. The truth is that Russian society, like those of the nations in these regions, is not morally upright by any means. It only has a different brand of godlessness from the West.

### **Russia’s Depraved Culture**

Exhibit A is Russia’s staggering abortion rate. According to the World Health Organization’s 2017 data, Russians legally aborted 480 babies for every 1,000 live births. This is more than double the U.S.’s rate of 200, and more than triple Germany’s 135. This is a big part of why Russia has one of the world’s lowest fertility rates at 1.4 per woman—far below the 2.1 needed to keep the population from collapsing.

Many of the Russians who do bring children into the world end up abandoning them to it. In 2011, Russia admitted at the United Nations that it had more than 650,000 registered orphans. More than 90 percent are “social orphans,” according to UNICEF, meaning at least one of their parents is alive. The Russian government used to allow Americans

to adopt these children for exorbitant fees, but Putin banned this a decade ago to punish the U.S. Now most of the orphans languish in a state care system notorious for neglect and cruelty. An estimated 2 million children in Russia are abused annually.

Also notable is that Russia is one of just a handful of countries where possession of child sexual abuse materials is legal.

Russia is also profoundly misogynistic. Rates of domestic violence on women are in the stratosphere, partly because of the teachings of the Russian Orthodox Church. “Church leaders believe that domestic violence is a part of the Russian traditional family,” wrote Russian lawyer Olimpiada Usanova. In 2017, Russia decriminalized battery offenses of family members, signaling open season for wife beaters. One in five Russian women suffer domestic violence, and every year some 8,500 are killed by it. This means 10 percent of all women who die by the hand of a partner or family member are Russian, though Russia accounts for only 1.8 percent of the global population. The culture of misogyny and violence is part of the reason why Russia has the fourth-highest divorce rate in the world. This rate is 60 percent higher than in America.

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In a related trend, Russia’s rates of alcoholism and drug addiction are off the charts. This is part of the reason why life expectancy for a 15-year-old Russian male is the same as that of a 15-year-old male in Haiti: just 53.7 years. However, drug addiction rates have been falling since the Putin regime has been sending many addicts to Ukraine to kill and be killed.

Another tragic fact is that Russian military culture is built on a psychotic policy called *dedovshchina* (“reign of old-timers”). This allows men who have been in the forces longer to brutalize new recruits in a range of ways, including beatings, sexual torture and rape. The abuse is so widespread and

so severe that it kills hundreds of young men each year, and causes hundreds more to commit suicide. In 2019, the Russian military prosecutor’s office admitted that *dedovshchina* was getting worse, with 51,000 human rights violations documented that year.

The war that “family-friendly Russia” is waging against Ukraine has shattered hundreds of thousands of families in Ukraine and Russia alike. Parents are mourning sons, children are mourning fathers, and Russia’s minister of foreign affairs has admitted that the Russian government has deported 700,000 Ukrainian children to Russia since the war began. Many of these have at least one parent or grandparent back in Ukraine, but Putin’s regime has illegally abducted them, moving them deep into Russia and reeducating them to basically become Russians and to help slow Russia’s population collapse. (Read “Not Just for Land” at [theTrumpet.com/29543](http://theTrumpet.com/29543).)

As Putin has worked to safeguard his personal power and increase Russia’s global influence, his conduct has been anything but upright. During his long reign, hundreds of influential Russians who crossed him have been wrongfully imprisoned, killed or have died in extremely suspicious circumstances. More than 130 journalists alone have been killed. In his conquest of Chechnya, Putin flattened a city and killed tens of thousands of people, mostly civilians, for the crime of not wanting to be part of Russia. In Syria, since 2015, he has killed thousands of civilians, including some 2,000 children.

Russia is no bastion of family values. Those who portray it as such should know better—much better.

### Persecuting Christians

Russia’s propaganda war has not only convinced people that it is a haven of family values in a godless world, but that it is one of the last national defenders of Christianity itself.

Along with its heartbreaking abortion and divorce statistics, Russia’s rates of church attendance prove otherwise.

Currently, only 9 percent of Russians attend regularly, compared to 33 percent in the U.S. Russia has been and remains one of the world’s cruelest enemies of religious freedom. Among the groups that have been maltreated and even banned are Baptists, Pentecostals and Jehovah’s Witnesses. People of these and other faiths have faced persecution by government regulators and have had their organizations liquidated.

Another prominent religion banned in Russia is Falun Gong, the Chinese religion that also endures heavy persecution by the ruling Chinese Communist Party. In 2005, 20 members of Russia’s parliament tried to brand “all religious and ethnic Jewish organizations,” as participating lawmaker Alexander

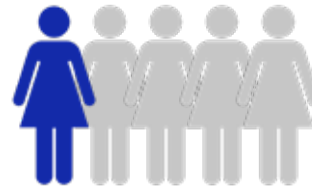
Krutov put it, “extremist.”

This religious persecution has extended to Russia’s occupation in Ukraine. In 2023, the Russian independent outlet Vertska documented at least 109 “acts of pressure on churches and religious figures against five religious denominations.” This included the kidnapping and murder of clergy. “In at least 66 cases,” it found, “the buildings of churches, mosques, religious centers and related organizations were confiscated, looted and destroyed. In their place, the military placed warehouses with weapons, and the pro-Russian authorities opened police departments, the National Guard and offices of United Russia [Putin’s affiliated political party].”

In some brands of Orthodox Christianity, the secular rulers have primacy over the spiritual leaders. For much of its history, the head of the Russian Orthodox Church was the czar himself. Putin’s government considers itself successor to the czars. Whether Western commentators realize it, compared to the worldview Westerners have historically held, Russia’s “Christian” worldview is much more narrow and illiberal.

### Danger in Trusting Putin

Putin “is not just an authoritarian leader,” *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote in the cover story for the



**1 in 5 Russian women suffers domestic violence. Approximately 8,500 die as a result every year.**

March 2017 *Trumpet* issue. “This is a man with beastly power and with a beastly desire to rule the world! He is a vengeful, monstrous friend of the devil with all sorts of anti-God policies. He is steeped in secrecy, deception, manipulation, aggression, intimidation, coercion and force, and there is far more about him that we do not know.”

Mr. Flurry wrote this at a time when some were in favor of compromising and resetting America’s diplomatic relations with Putin’s Russia. A new presidential administration was looking to clean up certain foreign-policy problems left by the previous presidency.

Politicians and journalists have used allegations of “Russian collusion” to smear President Donald Trump. Meanwhile, allegations of corruption have linked Joe Biden and his family to Ukraine. It may be easy for conservative Americans to assume that the threat Russia poses is a deceitful smear as well, and even that partnering with Russia could help combat American Democrats.

But the fact that one side of the political spectrum is dangerous or corrupt doesn’t mean that the opposite extreme is the safe zone. Putin’s worldwide media program isn’t designed to give people “the truth” and save them from the “globalists.” It is designed to sow influence and division. And the more he can divide Americans, the easier a job he has in attacking a geopolitical rival.

One telling example occurred on May 21, 2016. Two Russia-connected Facebook pages, “Heart of Texas” and “United Muslims of America,” called for protests that day in front of Houston’s Islamic Da’wah Center. One group protested against Islamic influence in America; the other protested in defense of it. The result? Americans angrily challenged other Americans on the streets of Houston in an election year. They had no idea the whole conflict was initiated by Russian groups.

“The Russians have a knack for playing on our fears, amplifying our suspicions, and pushing our buttons,” *Trumpet* managing editor Joel Hilliker wrote in 2018. “They don’t care which side is right or wrong, who wins an election, who is president, and who is the opposition—as long as *America loses.*”

Putin is not crusading against a globalist takeover in America. He is a part

of the attack on America, and he is using a variety of tools to carry out this attack.

There is a deeper danger than geopolitical maneuverings. Putin’s Russia is literally kidnapping thousands of children in Ukraine. It has turned Russia into an anti-family dystopia while marketing it as the opposite. When people reject such easily provable claims as “globalist propaganda,” this not only gives Putin a smokescreen. *It makes such atrocities seem normal. It justifies unspeakable evil in people’s minds.*

“What will happen to a country that will ‘get along well with Vladimir Putin?’” Mr. Flurry asked. “That’s not just a rhetorical question. THE CLOSER OUR PRESIDENT AND OUR NATION GETS TO PUTIN, THE FURTHER IT GETS FROM WHAT IS GOOD AND WHAT IS RIGHT—THE FURTHER IT GETS FROM GOD! That is deadly dangerous!” (op cit).

Homosexual indoctrination in Western schools is an evil. Unrestricted illegal immigration from danger zones is a threat to sovereignty. But painting Putin’s model as the antidote to “wokeness” means normalizing the sins *Russian* society glories in. In biblical terminology, being “unequally yoked together” with Russian propaganda is equivalent to a “concord ... with Belial” (2 Corinthians 6:14-15).

### The Bible on Putin’s Russia

The Bible actually describes Vladimir Putin’s Russia. A prophecy in Ezekiel 38 refers to “the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal” (verse 2; New King James Version). Mr. Flurry explains in *The Prophesied ‘Prince of Russia’* that those three names represent the ancestral peoples of ancient Russia. This man is commanding armies of Asian nations “in the latter years” (verse 8).

*Strong’s Concordance* translates the word “prince” as “exalted one,” with the root word relating to vapors rising to the heavens. The rest of the passage shows him attacking his enemies “like a storm” (verse 9), going out of his way to attack innocent people (verses 11-12). God states of this man: “[Y]ou will devise an evil

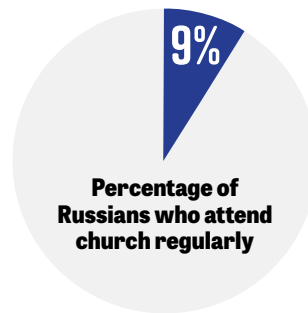
plan” (verse 10; Amplified Bible). He is an evil-minded megalomaniac who relishes in bloodshed and world conquest. His hubris will lead him to challenge God Himself. And as *The Prophesied ‘Prince of Russia’* brings out, the Russia he leads will one day set its sights on America.

For over a decade, Mr. Flurry has pointed to Vladimir Putin as fulfilling this prophecy.

Ezekiel 38 shows God’s commission to send out a message about Vladimir Putin, and it’s not a message congratulating him for being a white rider liberating the West from globalism. It’s not how his cleaning up of Moscow is an example for New York and London. It is, as verse 2 states, to “PROPHECY AGAINST HIM.”

There are few individuals in this end time for whom God has reserved such specific condemnation. There are few individuals God has commissioned His work to prophesy against to this extent. Such biblical focus shows that former KGB agent and Russian dictator Vladimir Putin is “not just another authoritarian leader.”

There is a lot of noise in the media over Vladimir Putin. The Russian president knows how to manipulate the narrative to serve his purpose. But the Bible cuts through the fog. It not only reveals who Putin is but what he will do in the near future. As Russia gets more important in world news, the biblical perspective is the most important to have. ■



## What does God think of Vladimir Putin?

To find out, order your free copy of Gerald Flurry’s booklet *The Prophesied ‘Prince of Russia.’*

# THE OLD MADE NEW

How the budding romance with the glories of the past actually portends the wonders of the future

BY PHILIP NICE

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, A NEW MOVEMENT IS PRESENT within our society, and I wonder what you make of it. It is a resistance movement, a rebellion. It's not an uprising against tradition and history—but against the incessant *destruction* of tradition and history.

This uprising doesn't look like the freedom fighters in a blockbuster film. It looks a lot more like eating meat, lifting weights, learning skills, reading the Bible, attending church services, buying a house, committing to one woman, living traditional roles, raising children, and looking the establishment leftist radicals in the eye and telling them, "No."

This movement is advanced by different people of different ages in different ways, from the frivolous to the political to the profound: plaid, boots, wide-brimmed hats or Year 2000 cargo pants and polo shirts over here; flip phones, vinyl records and old cameras trending as novelties over there. New automobile models and nameplates derived directly from the old. Art, design, music, forums and entire subcultures that celebrate the "retro," the "steampunk," the "vintage," the "old ways." People "detoxifying" from their smartphones, bending over backward to obtain more natural nutrition, speaking out about masculinity and femininity without apology.

Modernity permeates the Western world with its evolutionary purposelessness, ceaseless sensual gratification,



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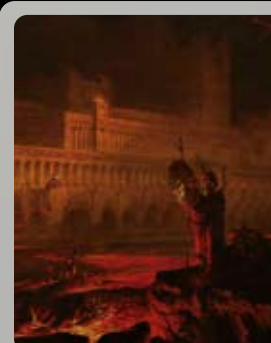
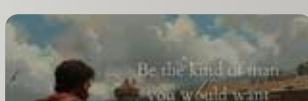
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technological glorification, perpetual novelty, sacrosanct self-superiority, political stasis, self-destructive sexuality and promise of a future without accountability—and without independence, autonomy, tradition or liberty, without purpose, nor families, nor sexes, nor even, for many, the desire to perpetuate humanity.

The hypotheses of Darwin, the ideology of Marx and the psychology of Freud are the new orthodoxy. The priests of modernity dominate, the world they have made is ugly, and now some people are reacting.

In different ways and to different degrees they are recognizing materialism as mundane, so-called liberality as oppression, empiricism as empty, rationalism as incomplete, feminism as false, pornography as slavery, sexual mutilation as mutilation, and ideologies dependent upon accusations of “Nazi” as fraudulent. At this point, simply to openly appreciate what Europe, Britain and America have contributed to civilization is an act of defiance. Politicians and other censors assert that the Western record, landscape paintings, mathematics and hiking outdoors is “racist.” Even if all they desire is a woodstove and some raw milk, traditionalists are the new revolutionaries.

You see some of the desire for tradition reflected in the occasional feature film or television series portraying men on a medieval quest, or sailing the open sea, or banding together in warfare. You might glimpse it on a political or news program. If you look for it in podcasts or social media, where New York and Hollywood budgets and executives are not a prerequisite, you will find it in abundance.



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Some of these new traditionalists are bold enough to devote their daily lives to resuscitating dying arts, trades and traditions: from beekeeping, gardening and homeschooling to blacksmithing, carpentry, farming, ranching, masculinity and fatherhood for the boys and men; to baking, canning, cooking, nutrition, sewing, childcare, homemaking, femininity and motherhood for the girls and women. And many more who are not so bold as to live off the grid on a homestead with a milk cow, nonetheless “like, share and subscribe” to the increasing number of commercial and personal media channels that document and portray these traditional ways of life.

We love it, and there are good reasons why.

The new traditionalism goes far beyond building and crafting: It necessarily extends to beliefs and family. Parents now understand some of the scope, sequence and subversion with which modern schools and universities are indoctrinating their children. Many have protested, removed teachers or school board members, passed fresh laws to ban that which is new and protect that which is old, and taken the major step of schooling their own children in their own homes.

A significant number of private schools, charter schools and home schools are adopting curricula based on the classical model. By one estimate, 1 million American schoolchildren are now learning the classics in this way. Meanwhile, a number of wealthier British parents who want their children to receive a proper education send them all the way to schools in India where history, logic, rationality, the classics, uniforms and respect for authority are core curricula—a traditional educational model that, ironically, first arrived in India with the British.

We are looking for something. We have looked around, we have looked ahead, and now we are looking back.

And when you look back, there are worlds to see: *The entire heritage of Western civilization.*

## Behold

Ironically, this revival is perhaps most apparent online. The new traditionalists use new tools to capture the ethos of the 1970s father, the Apollo astronaut, the Norman Rockwell peace officer, the World War soldier, the pioneer, the Victorian naval captain, the French general, the classicist translator, the Roman legionnaire, the Greek thinker, the ancient warrior-poet, the philosopher king. They want to show you aged documents, grainy photographs, mechanical drawings, colorized videos and affectionate illustrations rendering the glories of the past and even the imagined retro-inspired future. They want to bring back to life the industrialists, the inventors, the soldiers, the composers and the nobles to look you in the eye before you scroll past. They want to bring you quotations that ring true from across the centuries and across the millennia: Thomas Jefferson, Adam Smith, Horatio Nelson, Edmund Burke, Voltaire, John Locke, Isaac Newton, J.S. Bach, Martin Luther, Edward III, William the Conqueror, Epictetus, Jesus Christ, Marcus Aurelius, Euclid, Constantine, Aesop, Thucydides, Alexander the Great, Moses.

They have account names like oxAlaric, Alexander’s Cartographer, Aquinas Quotes, Aristos Revenge, Archeohistories, Architradition, Chivalry Guild, Classics MVP, Creation 24/7, Cultural Tutor, Defend the West, Dr. The Histories, Dynastus, Fanatical Monk, Histories Daily, Invictus, Learn Latin, Medieval Scholar, Napoleon Bonabot, Rewire the West, Stoic Father, Svtcivni, Thinking West, Traditionalist Chad, Trad Wins, Unravel Virtue, Updating on Rome, Villa Grippa, Young Traditionalists and Western Exile. They love “hardcore history,” “the art of manliness,” the distinctions between exercising and training, the seamanship of the Vikings and the precepts of Stoicism. They will teach you facts about aqueducts, chivalry, composers, geometry, oils on canvas, masculine etiquette, orations, pavestones, philosophies, pikes, siege weapons, traditional families and the

THE NEW TRADITIONALISM GOES FAR BEYOND BUILDING AND CRAFTING: **IT NECESSARILY EXTENDS TO BELIEFS AND FAMILY.**



# LIKE THE PRESENT, THE PAST WAS PERMEATED BY BOTH GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS AND GREAT EVILS. THAT IS EXACTLY HOW WE ARRIVED AT THE PRESENT.

glories of Rome. Their call, for those who will hear it, is “Retvrn.”

One of the first accounts to stand out in this way, Culture Critic, is now followed by 1.5 million people who want glorious photos and factual explanations of architraves, plinths and spires, and pointed questions about why most elite modern Western architects fail, decline, or refuse to build dignified structures. Cards of History vividly illustrates and succinctly summarizes vignettes of the Western story from Allied troop drops to Dutch windmills to the discovery of the Dead Sea scrolls. Other accounts are provided by people who, though sometimes more interested in Internet fame than in their actual craft, will demonstrate to you how to change a tire, build a campfire, butcher a chicken, forge a sword, dress a stone, thatch a roof, saddle a horse, and swaddle a baby.

There are worlds we never knew. There are worlds that, as many online traditionalists have said, *the modernists took from us*.

## Discern

Trudging through the culture war ruins, how refreshing it is to come across these rare individuals who reject the modernist apparatus and who openly appreciate past agriculture, apparel, architecture, engineering, handicrafts, music, painting, philosophy, science and sculpture, and who believe God exists. It’s a revitalizing respite from the dishonorable, gyrating, undignified, radical, seething anti-humanism of the present. It’s a special kind of connection, however small, with a brother in arms, because it joins us not only with each other but with something that is older and greater.

It’s worth remembering, though, that you and I must still exercise the virtue of discernment. We must love the things we love not because they are old, not because they are Western, not because they are ours, but *because they are good*.

Conservatism requires discernment between good and evil. It is not preservation of everything from the past because it is past. Rather it is the conservation *only* of what is *good*. And the evil always mixes itself with good. It is easy to overromanticize the past and overlook the costs of its triumphs and the blemishes of its heroes. Like the present, the past was permeated by both great achievements and great evils. That is exactly how we arrived at the present.

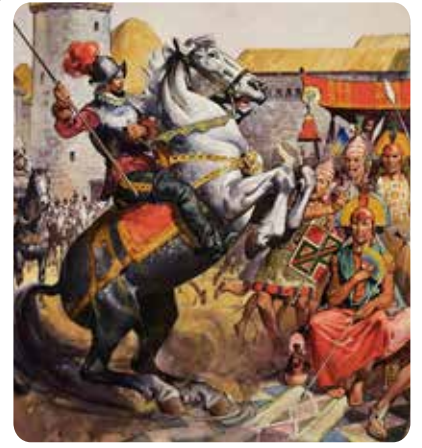
After all, the way of life leading to moral and intellectual self-reliance—then individual and civilizational self-destruction—was rightly named the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Our ancestors chose that way of life: judging evil and trying to generate good *on our own*. We *willed* to have that capacity, but we have never had it, neither in the peaks of the past nor, obviously, in the wasteland of the present. Good—and the ability to discern it from evil—can be generated *only* by the *Creator* of mankind.

*What is the cause*, the reviver of tradition might ask, *that the former days were better than these?* Solomon answers (Ecclesiastes 7:10), “You do not enquire wisely concerning this.”

Solomon experienced intellectuality, wisdom, wealth, authority, power and creativity to a degree that perhaps no other human being ever has. He built a glorious kingdom. He experienced the results of submitting to God’s will regarding good and evil, and he also experienced the results of substituting his own will instead—which led him, for all his many gifts, to hate life. Yet at the end of his days, he wrote words that echo through time to each one of us.

In Ecclesiastes 12:13, he takes us back not merely to the past but all the way back to the Creator and, moreover, to His laws defining right and wrong: “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.”



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The massive Inca Empire was brought to its knees by less than 200 Spanish conquistadors. I need 199 men to fight the enemy—who’s in?

## Envision

And herein is real hope. This is where the glories and beauties of the past really come from! They come not from the greatness of certain men or certain institutions, but rather from the greatness of our beautiful, majestic, illustrious and glorious Creator. They come from the fact that we are created in the image of God (Genesis 1:26; Psalm 82:6; John 10:34; 20:17) with minds and bodies modeled after His and with His desire and dream to work together and create. Why are male and female beautiful? Why is family beautiful? Why is giving and building and achieving beautiful? For the same reason that these things came into existence in the first place: Because they come from the Creator God!

This is why certain parts of the past are, rightly, *refreshing*. They are clues that, if you trace them back to their true source, will lead you to the source of *every* good thing in *every* aspect of human life.

The former days were better inasmuch as the former generations lived by the Creator’s laws of cause and effect, honored their father and mother, and did not kill, steal, lie or covet. They were better inasmuch as those generations diligently applied their God-given gifts to learn and apply the physical laws of creation and produce artwork, music, inventions, buildings, cities, civilizations. They were evil inasmuch as they disobeyed the fundamental laws of love toward God and love toward neighbor.

The same Creator and the same laws of cause and effect exist for us today. When we sow seeds of truth, beauty, elegance, majesty, virtue and righteousness, we reap harvests we can be proud of. In fact, God states in the Holy Bible that, like a loving Father, He will open up the windows of heaven to pour blessings onto us, our families and our posterity to the point that “there shall not be room enough to receive it” (Malachi 3:10).

God is laying seeds for a future whose glories—familial, agricultural, architectural, artistic, literary—are in some ways foreshadowed by the very best of what human beings have produced throughout history but that will transcend even those.

The Bible specifically states that rivers will dry up in certain places, emerge in others, new forests will grow, prairies will spread, barren places will turn green, and streams will flow. Animals and plant life will flourish. People will be freed from the evils that plague the body, as well as the evils that plague the mind. They will homestead, homeschool, farm, ranch, garden, grow orchards, build neighborhoods, invent tools, play sports, make music, advance education, invent technologies, create commerce, build cities, construct infrastructure.

They will learn from their Creator and His laws how to truly conserve the good and reject the evil. The “great conversation” in which humanity’s historians, philosophers, warriors, leaders and poets have engaged over the millennia will finally be purified from its confusion, frustration, self-will and evil. A new conversation will begin between minds and hearts that are building on a true foundation.

Many, past and present, have stood in awe of the great works of Alexandria, Rome, Tenochtitlan, Istanbul, Paris, Manhattan and other cities. The Bible asserts that they—and you—will see greater works than these, more

luminous than the Taj Mahal, more functional than the World Trade Center, more monumental than the pyramids.

These achievements will arise from peoples who are neither inflicted with subjugation nor infected with sin. The creators, the builders, the designers, the growers, the masters will be people more wholesome, more intelligent, more creative, more kind and more sincerely joyful than the most beautiful Instagram post or AI image ever contrived. They will be peoples as diverse from one another as their homelands, yet all joined together in prizing sincerity, truth, love and worship of the one true God. They will be joined together with each other, with their fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, grandparents, cousins, friends, co-workers and neighbors. *They will live as we were born to live.*

Do certain things from the distant and recent past stir something in you? Do you crave a world where we finally understand what makes those things great, where the good is finally freed from its mixture with evil?

Yes, look at the past and its glories. Draw on the judgment of the Creator—

rather than your own judgment—to discern that which is good from that which only appears so. When next you behold one of these all-too-rare and partially sullied artistic, constructive, botanic, inventive, societal or interpersonal beauties of the past, recognize what it is you are looking at. You are looking at evidence of your own Creator, of His laws of cause and effect, and of what the future for His creations can and will be. Beauty comes from its

Creator, and He created human beings for the very purpose of sharing in it, enhancing it, adding our own touches to it, *covering the globe with it*, and more.

Return all the way through the past to the beginning, and you will actually find yourself ascending into a dazzling future. ■



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# DIG INTO

Why learning about the Bible's ancient past is important

BY MIHAILO S. ZEKIC

**T**HE BIBLE'S RELEVANCY OFTEN crops up in unexpected places. For me, it was my post-graduation trip to Madrid in 2023. I was expecting a lot of Spanish sun, marzipan and baroque art. Something I wasn't expecting was a trip back to the era of King Solomon at Spain's National Archaeological Museum.

2 Chronicles 9:21 shows that the Phoenician people of Lebanon had a presence in a far-off land called *Tarshish*. Solomon used his Phoenician allies to develop trade links with that land. Under Solomon, the kingdom of Israel used Tarshish as a base to obtain gold, silver, ivory and exotic animals.

Many biblical scholars and archaeologists believe southern Spain was likely a favorite destination of Solomon's fleet. Greek texts refer to Spain as “Tartessos,” and archaeologists have uncovered significant Phoenician remains in the region.

Madrid's National Archaeological Museum displays exquisite examples of Tartessian goldwork and locally mined silver, a small sample of the wealth that would have lured Solomon's sailors to Spain. Also on display are idols of Phoenician gods like Baal (1 Kings 16:31) and Ashtoreth (1 Kings 11:5). One stele depicts a tree with a curiously curved



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top, reminiscent of a Phoenician-style column capital found at Jerusalem's City of David, where the Bible says the Phoenicians constructed a palace for Solomon's father, King David (2 Samuel 5:11).

This museum made this small section of the biblical narrative much more tangible and connected me to history from 3,000 years back. The Bible's stories became vivid, so much more than text on a page!

*This is the effect biblical archaeology can have on you.*

God preserved the history of the Bible to teach us lessons in the present day (1 Corinthians 10:11). Believing the Bible and following Jesus Christ means making Bible history *our* history. Yet you and I are separated from the people, places and events of the Bible by thousands of years, by thousands of miles, by language and by culture.

Biblical archaeology can bridge the gap. Biblical archaeology unearths objects and structures you can touch, that the men of the Bible touched. It takes you back to millenniums-old streets and buildings that prophets and saints walked. It enables you to make the Bible's history *your* history. As one archaeology instructor at college taught me, *it makes the Bible come ALIVE.*

Moses, David and the 12 apostles are dead. Diving into the world of biblical archaeology is the closest we can physically become acquainted with their

world. It helps us connect with the people and places in the Bible like little else can. With modern technology and mass media, we can dive into it from anywhere.

How does one start?

**Follow current excavations.** Excavating biblical sites isn't something from a bygone era of colonial explorers and steamships. Excavations are happening right now in Israel and other important places in the Middle East. Some of these digs regularly publish updates of their work, which you can follow online to stay up to date on the latest discoveries.

**Visit museums.** You don't have to travel to Spain to see wonders from another world. Today I live in England, and here are two of the world's best museums for biblical archaeology: London's British Museum and Oxford's Ashmolean Museum. Wandering the halls of the British Museum brings you face to face with an ancient obelisk showing an image of Israel's King Jehu (2 Kings 9). You can walk among wall panels that once decorated the palace of Assyria's King Sennacherib (2 Kings 18-19). The Ashmolean Museum has an entire gallery dedicated to the Minoan civilization based in Crete (called Caphtor in ancient times): Minoans were the ancestral people of the Philistines (Deuteronomy 2:23; New King James Version). A walk through galleries of Egyptian

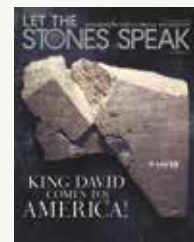
hieroglyphics and Roman statues can be an education on the civilizations described in the Bible.

European cities offer especially significant collections, but great museums for biblical archaeology are found all over the world. One of America's greatest collections is located at the University of Chicago.

**Travel.** For those with the means, few experiences can make the Bible come alive more than visiting the Holy Land. On one visit to Israel, I toured the Caesarea Maritima, a Roman city on the Mediterranean coast. Scholars have identified a building amid the ruins that may have been where the Apostle Paul appeared before Roman governors (Acts 25:1-6). In Athens, a popular tourist attraction is Mars Hill, where Paul famously addressed Greece's philosophers (Acts 17:22-31). Seeing the actual places of the Bible—and in some cases *walking through* them—is an incredible experience.

**Read archaeological history.** Biblical archaeology has been progressing as a scientific discipline for well over 150 years. Your local bookstore and library likely contain a good selection of books introducing you to artifacts and other highlights from excavations in Israel, Egypt, Iraq, Greece and elsewhere. You can also subscribe to magazines that bring you past biblical archaeological work and modern developments easy to understand for scholars, schoolchildren and everybody in between.

The Armstrong Institute of Biblical Archaeology publishes a bimonthly magazine titled *Let the Stones Speak* ([ArmstrongInstitute.org/magazine](http://ArmstrongInstitute.org/magazine)). It keeps you up to date with the latest developments in biblical archaeology, with articles written for the general public. Like the *Trumpet*, *Let the Stones Speak* is free. There is no better way to learn to, as Psalm 102:14 puts it regarding Jerusalem, "take pleasure in her stones, and favour the dust thereof." ■



# Hezbollah's Days Are Numbered

Smoke rises above Khiam, Lebanon, following an attack by the Israel Defense Forces on September 28.



Where to now for Lebanon? **BY MIHAILO S. ZEKIC**

**T**HE GLOVES ARE OFF. AFTER ALMOST a year of dealing with Hezbollah's constant bombardment of the north that forced 60,000 Israelis to evacuate south as refugees, after months of threatening to go into Lebanon and take out Hezbollah once and for all, Israel finally acted—and it acted fast. In short order, Israel nullified most of the threat posed by what some analysts consider the world's most heavily armed non-sovereign military. Iran's favored proxy, Hezbollah quickly found itself backpedaling for its own survival.

In the coming weeks and months, Israel may give Lebanon its biggest geopolitical turning point in decades and actually remove Hezbollah from Lebanon once and for all.

## Decapitating Hezbollah

Hezbollah Secretary-General Hassan Nasrallah anticipated war with Israel. To avoid internal messages getting intercepted by Israelis, he instructed Hezbollah members to abandon smartphones and switch to lower-tech alternatives like pagers, which are harder to hack. But Israel preempted Nasrallah and somehow infiltrated the supply line for those devices: Israeli agents laced these pagers' batteries with an explosive substance. Some accounts suggest this could have taken years of planning, including the use of multiple front companies, to accomplish.

On September 17, thousands of those pagers exploded, injuring over 2,700 people and killing at least 12. The next day, exploding walkie-talkies injured at least 450 people and killed 27.

This put Hezbollah in a panic. If something as seemingly mundane as an order of pagers can be infiltrated by Israel's Mossad and used as a weapon, what else has Mossad booby-trapped? If Hezbollah members can't use even these technologies, how can they communicate?

On September 20, the heads of the Radwan Force, an elite Hezbollah' unit, held a meeting in Beirut, Lebanon. This included Ibrahim Aqil, the force's leader. Israel used the opportunity to advance its attacks a step further. Having discovered the location and time of the meeting, Israeli warplanes bombed the building, killing Aqil and nine other Radwan Force leaders.

On September 25, Israel launched preemptive strikes on storage locations for rockets and missiles (some of which were found to be in civilian homes), as well as launch sites. The Israel Defense Forces said they hit more than 2,000 targets, including almost 70 intelligence centers. The strikes are estimated to have destroyed up to *half* of Hezbollah's arsenal of roughly 150,000 projectiles.

Nasrallah vowed retaliation. But he wouldn't live to see it.

On September 27, after many top Hezbollah leaders were already gone, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu

gave a speech at the United Nations in New York City.

"I have a message for the tyrants of Tehran," Netanyahu said in his speech. "If you strike us, we will strike you. There is no place in Iran that the long arm of Israel cannot reach. And that's true of the entire Middle East."

It turned out that Netanyahu's speech in New York was a smokescreen to give Nasrallah a false sense of security. The Hezbollah leader was reportedly watching that speech on television inside the Hezbollah headquarters bunker when Israeli warplanes released bunker-busting bombs overhead. Netanyahu's threat

may have been the last thing Hassan Nasrallah ever saw.

On September 30, Israeli soldiers entered Lebanon on small-scale raids to gather intelligence for the main push. The next day, the Israel Defense Forces launched Operation Northern Arrows and commenced the ground invasion. The IDF described them as "limited, localized and targeted raids" along the border region. The immediate goal: Neutralize targets that pose "an immediate threat" to Israel's north.

Israel has implied Operation Northern Arrows is focused on destroying Hezbollah's infrastructure that directly and immediately threatens northern Israel. But Israel has taken out almost all of Hezbollah's command structure, including Nasrallah. It has disrupted Hezbollah's communications networks to the point that the terrorist group is afraid of using rudimentary technology. What is to stop the IDF from marching to Beirut and uprooting Hezbollah for good?

## Iran Lies Low

The big obstacle is Hezbollah's sponsor, Iran. But Iran appears to be dragging its feet. Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has stated that *Hezbollah*, not Iran, would exact vengeance.

According to Iranian officials speaking to the *New York Times*, "Ayatollah Khamenei had been deeply shaken by his friend's death and was in mourning

but had assumed a calm and pragmatic posture.” His announcement that Hezbollah would retaliate rather than Iran itself “was a striking sign, some analysts said, that Ayatollah Khamenei may have no way to respond effectively at the moment to Israel’s onslaught on his proxies. Faced with a choice between all-out war with Israel or lying low in the interest of self-preservation, he appears to be choosing the latter.”

Former Iranian Vice President Mohammad Ali Abtahi said on Iranian media: “This was an incredibly heavy blow, and realistically speaking, we have no clear path for recovering from this loss. We will not go to war, that’s off the table. But Iran will also not reverse course in supporting the militant groups in the region, nor in defusing tensions with the West. All of these things can be pursued at the same time.”

Immediately after Nasrallah’s assassination—which followed its killing of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh in July—Khamenei went into hiding in a safe house. Apparently, the Iranian regime knows that its supreme leader could be the next target, and they are not confident that they can protect him without taking drastic measures.

Iran *did* launch almost 200 ballistic missiles against Israel on October 1 to avenge Nasrallah and Hezbollah. But this was fewer than the 300-plus projectiles it sent Israel’s way in April to avenge the killing of an Iranian general. Nasrallah was a much more important figure than was the general, so the quantity of missiles used in the October 1 strike—and the knowledge that Israeli missile defense systems would intercept many of them—suggests halfheartedness on Iran’s part.

Much remains to be seen, but the implication is that, at least as of this writing, the Iranians are wanting to basically sit this fight out.

Hezbollah is leaderless. Its communications are destroyed. Iran has announced it will not directly join the fight. Israel is poised to go deep into Lebanon and finish the job.

*Hezbollah is facing the perfect storm to cause its undoing.*

## Regional Shift Prophesied

The Middle East is an infamously volatile region. By the time you read this, the situation on the ground could be very different. However, there are general trends to watch for that the *Trumpet* stands by. Bible prophecy informs the *Trumpet*’s expectations.



Iranian mourners attend a funeral for Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah, who was killed in an Israeli air strike in Beirut on September 27.

Psalm 83 is a prophecy of a group of Middle Eastern nations allying themselves with Germany and the European Union. Verse 7 mentions Gebal and Tyre, cities that still exist in Lebanon today. Because of this, we expect Lebanon to become allied with Europe. Daniel 11:40 describes a German-led Europe, under the prophetic name “the king of the north,” going to war against Iran and its allies (“the king of the south”). We have Trends articles on our website explaining both these prophecies in detail ([theTrumpet.com/16032](https://theTrumpet.com/16032) and [theTrumpet.com/15726](https://theTrumpet.com/15726)).

Daniel 11:41 states that this fight will be over the “glorious land”—the land of Israel today. Iran won’t relinquish its goal to annihilate Israel. Verses 42-43 reveal interesting details. It lists Iran’s *allies* against Europe, including Egypt, Libya and Ethiopia.

All of these nations are to the south and west of Israel. That is not where Iran is focusing its attention right now. Libya and Ethiopia are dysfunctional messes, and Egypt has a peace treaty with Israel. Until now, Iran’s main point of attack against Israel has been to the north—through Lebanon, as well as through Syria. (Psalm 83:6 also lists Syria—under the name of its ancient populace, the Hagarenes—as an ally of Germany.)

But by the time Psalm 83 and Daniel 11 begin to be fulfilled, Iran will hardly have a presence in the north and will have shifted its focus to Israel’s south.

*Something* is going to cause Iran to change strategy.

Syria and Lebanon are both part of Iran’s bloc right now. Bible prophecy says they will ally with Germany *against* Iran. “Losing Syria will be devastating to Iran,” *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote in the August issue. “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” ([theTrumpet.com/29734](https://theTrumpet.com/29734)). He wrote in the October 2020 issue: “Psalm 83 ... shows that Hezbollah will forfeit much of its power and that Iran will lose its grip over Lebanon—that the nation will instead ally with Saudi Arabia and other moderate Arab states, along with German-led Europe” ([theTrumpet.com/22811](https://theTrumpet.com/22811)).

Daniel 11:41 specifies the king of the north “shall enter also into the glorious land.” “They ‘enter’ into the glorious land, or the Holy Land,” Mr. Flurry writes in *The King of the South*. “The Hebrew indicates this is a peaceful entry—not forced. The Jews appear to invite them in as peacekeepers. After war explodes in the Middle East, there will probably be a thunderous call for a peacekeeper in Jerusalem.”

Germany will be the power behind Lebanon and Syria by this point. The implication is, *Israel no longer sees Lebanon and Syria as threats*. Could this be because Israel will have a hand in installing the countries’ new governments? Or because they believe a European ally has the situation there under control?

Putting these prophecies together, we expect Lebanon to leave Iran’s orbit. The most likely route is for Hezbollah, Tehran’s lapdog, to be forced out of power. *Hezbollah has never been more vulnerable than right now.*

Whether it’s the Israelis, Europeans, Lebanese opposition or somebody else who will fire the opening shots, one thing is clear: *The days of Iran controlling Lebanon are numbered.* ■

**What is Lebanon’s future? To find out, order your free copy of *The King of the South*.**



# Hurricane Helene and God's Message to Mankind

The Bible shows that weather disasters will soon get even worse—but not for long.

BY JEREMIAH JACQUES

Debris piled 6 feet high in the Rocky Broad River blocks access to a bridge connecting Lake Lure and Chimney Rock, North Carolina.



People line up in Fletcher, North Carolina, to purchase gasoline in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene.

**“W**E DON'T KNOW IF our son is alive, and he doesn't know if we are alive,” said Beverly Eller, a resident of Swannanoa, North Carolina, during a *Washington Post* interview published September 28.

Eller is one of more than 2 million people in the southeastern United States who were impacted by Hurricane Helene. The storm slammed into Florida's coast as a Category 4 hurricane on the night of September 26, then weakened to a tropical storm as it tore through Florida, Georgia, Alabama, the Carolinas, Tennessee and Virginia.

Eller's home had never once flooded during the 37 years she lived in it with her family. Now it is utterly destroyed as a result of floodwaters from what meteorologists describe as a “once-in-a-thousand-year” storm.

Raging rivers and landslides felled countless trees and destroyed roads and bridges, cutting off access to many mountain communities. Furious floodwaters washed numerous homes and businesses off their foundations. And more than 2 million people were left without power, phone lines, cell service and Internet for extended durations, preventing all contact with the outside world.

At the time of this writing, 160 people are confirmed dead, and the number is certain to rise as the waters fall, revealing more of the extreme destruction.

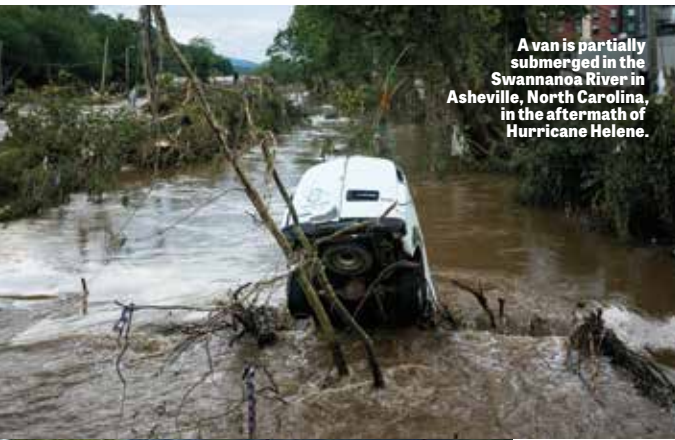
“We haven't cried yet,” Eller said as she sat beside her husband in the Toyota vehicle that now serves as their temporary residence. “We are just in survival mode.”

Their other vehicle was swept away by the floodwaters, along with the stability that the Ellers and countless other families in the region thought they had built into their lives.

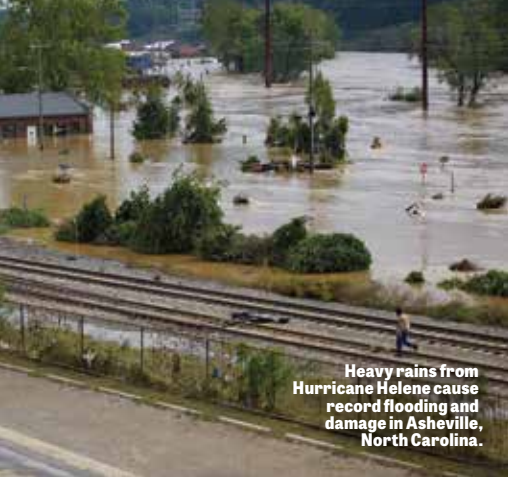
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The situation is similar in regions and nations all over the globe as people grapple with chaotic and destructive weather.

2024 started with a bang: A 7.6-magnitude earthquake struck Japan on January 1, killing 401 people and destroying tens of thousands of homes. In April, America's Midwest and Great Plains suffered a bizarrely intense outbreak of tornadoes, with more than 100 touching down and wreaking havoc in a span of just four days. From April to May, heatwaves of unprecedented temperature and duration scorched Pakistan, India and Bangladesh, killing dozens and impacting millions. At the same time,



A van is partially submerged in the Swannanoa River in Asheville, North Carolina, in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene.



Heavy rains from Hurricane Helene cause record flooding and damage in Asheville, North Carolina.



unprecedented floods inundated parts of Brazil, killing at least 160 people, displacing more than a million others, and devastating great swaths of the nation. Meanwhile, a different

Brazilian region suffered drought and wildfires that authorities called “the most intense and widespread in Brazil’s history.” About 1.5 million acres were devoured, and tens of thousands of people displaced. In mid-September, Typhoon Yagi battered Southeast Asia, killing almost 300 in Vietnam, more than 220 in Myanmar, 42 in Thailand, 21 in the Philippines and 4 in Laos. And the deaths are only the most extreme aspect of the destruction. In Myanmar alone, the flooding also displaced 240,000 people and destroyed more than 160,000 houses, 1,040 schools, more than 120 government buildings, almost 400 religious centers and hundreds of roads and bridges.

Throughout man’s history, human beings have wrestled with adverse weather, but in recent years the extremes seem to be getting more severe and touching more peoples’ lives. Part of the reason the damage and destruction are increasing is that the global population is growing, and recent decades have seen people around the world

move en masse to large cities near water.

Never in living memory have so many people suffered so many severe, deadly and erratic extremes in weather. The big question is WHY? Is mankind’s industry and pollution to blame? Is there something larger at play?

### What Controls the Weather?

The question of what controls the planet’s weather has become a political and deeply divisive one. Most on the political left say the increasingly erratic conditions are entirely the result of mankind’s destructive *industrial* activities. The storms, floods and fires, they say, are cosmic payback for man’s environmental sins. Many also say this is *the most urgent* problem facing humanity, and they throw all their weight behind efforts to reduce the carbon emissions from industrialized nations. No matter what economic consequences may result, they argue, industry (especially American industry) must be reduced so the planet can survive.

For many people, belief in industry-fueled climate change has become a religion. Anyone who dares express skepticism about any aspect of it is lambasted as a flat-Earth know-nothing.

Largely because of this ultra-orthodox leftist stance, many on the political right have gone to the other extreme, saying the idea of man-made climate change is a hoax. “You’ve been offered a way out of the guilt for having contributed to the destruction of the planet,” the late Rush Limbaugh said on his radio show back in 2013, “and that is if you will go out and buy a hybrid, or if you will oppose oil companies, or if you will oppose fracking, if you will oppose the

Keystone pipeline, if you will oppose the growth of any fossil fuel industry, then you’re a good person. ... It’s all a hoax. ... Your time on Earth is barely the size of the head of a pin, if that big. So what possible impact could you be making?”

What is the truth?

Take a look at the climate of the Middle East. Historically, much of this region was covered with lush forests and verdant vegetation. But in the early 1900s, the Ottoman Turks undertook massive tree-felling operations to build the Hejaz Railway from Damascus to Medina. The deserts that now dominate many parts of the region are the direct result of that project. Widespread deforestation begets desertification. Desertification alters regional climates. This is a clear example of climate change resulting from man’s economic activity.

Evidence shows that slash-and-burn techniques, converting forested areas into concrete jungles, pollution from industrial production, and exhaust from planes, trains and automobiles have contributed to weather variation. It is also clear that developing irrigation systems, building lakes and dams, draining aquifers and swamps, and engaging in massive-scale monoculture farming contribute to climatic variation. It is clear that some of the weather calamity we are suffering is mankind reaping the results of environmental mismanagement, poor stewardship, errors and greed.

However, it is not scientifically possible to attribute the sheer scale of the erratic weather that nations around the world are suffering to man’s industrial behaviors.

### His Way in the Whirlwind

Scientific observation of physical evidence can only tell a small part of the story. To understand the rest, we have to turn to a source that most would not think to consult for such matters: God’s revealed Word, the Holy Bible.

The earliest chapters of the Bible depict God creating Earth’s continents and oceans, as well as the atmosphere, climate and the intricately woven ecosystems. And unlike modern meteorologists who struggle even to predict short-term weather, the Bible accurately forecasts long-term trends and even pinpoints the primary cause of weather disasters.

“[T]he Lord hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm,” the Prophet Nahum wrote. “He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers .... [T]he earth is burned at his presence .... But with an overrunning flood he will make an utter end of the place thereof” (Nahum 1:3-5, 8).

In the above passage and dozens of others, the Bible makes plain that there is a *spiritual dimension to weather*. Many modern people view themselves as too sophisticated to believe such a fact, but the fact is not dependent on belief. Nature is not only a creation originating from God’s mind, but God also “has His way” in weather phenomena—for the purpose of communicating with the most important part of His creation: *mankind*.

and even religion. Look at the widespread indulgence in sin. Modern nations have shoved God out of every facet of life. By shaking up the weather, God is trying to get through to His creation so we will understand this. He is trying to make us think about cause and effect, and what happens when people reject the law of the God who gave them life. He is showing mankind that we are breaking laws which, if kept, would cause joy, peace, happiness and “rain in due season.”

they fight to accelerate the cultural shifts that are destroying families and individuals. True, mankind’s industry and pollution *are* having some effect on unstable weather patterns, but the *primary cause*—by a wide margin—is man’s increasing and prideful lawlessness. You may not think the unprecedented proliferation of deceit, greed, hedonism, abortion and other kinds of child abuse are hurting nations economically, but the Bible says they are.

Mankind’s actions are causing worsening weather because our lawlessness is causing our Creator to punish us—for our long-term benefit. Weather is a tool He uses to accomplish this punishment.

### The Future Forecast

The Bible foretold the onslaught of floods, droughts and other disasters the world is now suffering. It also says that today’s conditions will soon seem mild compared to the completely berserk weather ahead (Ezekiel 5:16; Revelation 8:4-12). God will soon unleash unprecedented forces of nature on this rebellious world to humble the people and bring the nations to their knees in repentance (Isaiah 45:22-25).

But it is not all stormy weather ahead. After that period of intense punishment and the resulting repentance, God promises He will “heal the land” (2 Chronicles 7:13-14). Under God’s government of love, all men will keep God’s law and abide by His commandments. Then God promises that instead of weather curses, He “will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing. And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase” (Ezekiel 34:26-27). During this beautiful future time, even the currently scorched deserts of the Earth will “rejoice, and blossom as the rose” (Isaiah 35:1). ■



What is the message? What is He communicating through Hurricane Helene and other brutal disasters? Study Leviticus 26:19-20; 2 Chronicles 6:26-27 and especially Job 37:11-13. If you believe that the Bible is the Word of God, then the message is inescapably clear: God intervenes through weather to deliver *blessings* for obedience and to mete out *punishment* for sinfulness.

Look at modern systems of education, politics, military, industry, entertainment

Modern meteorologists fail to recognize this pivotal dimension in weather because they, like the majority of mankind, are deceived about the most basic realities of life (Revelation 12:9). This failure prevents them from seeing the direct correlation between wrong ways of living and catastrophic weather.

Devotees of the man-made climate change religion are wrong. They say man’s *industry* is responsible for erratic weather—at the same time that

## Would a loving God punish the people He created?

Would He cause weather disasters? For the important answers, order your free copy of *Why ‘Natural’ Disasters?*





# ‘Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread’

Avoid anxiety at the grocery store.

**Y**OU LIKELY PAY MORE FOR BREAD TODAY THAN AT ANY OTHER time in your life. The same could be said for meat, milk, eggs and many other staples. Prices for these commodities are approaching double what you paid in the pre-pandemic world. Walking the grocery aisle is an anxious experience for many. Putting bread on the table is getting harder. It makes you wonder: *How hard will it get?*

However, God actually tells us not to worry about this question.

Note Jesus Christ’s own words: “Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things” (Matthew 6:30-32).

God knows every detail about our lives. A price hike, a disrupted supply chain, a surge in inflation, or whatever challenge we face is no problem for the God who lifts the sun into the sky every day. However, His diligence to supply our needs is conditional upon what motivates us every day.

Jesus’s next words were, “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof” (verses 33-34).

Consider how God feels about those who are Kingdom-oriented in their thinking, living and planning. God is perfect, absolutely true to His word. He promises to supply the *needs* of those who seek His Kingdom first. That doesn’t mean a cushy life of ease. Oftentimes He tests and tries us, makes us wait on His promises, and helps us to see *wants* and *needs* the way He sees them (e.g. James 1:2-4).

Are you seeking God’s Kingdom *first*? Examine your daily prayers as a gauge. Earlier in Matthew 6, Christ taught His disciples how to pray. “After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven” (verses 9-10).

This Kingdom-focus should be evident in our prayers and prioritized correctly. Once it is, *then* Christ instructs us to pray, “Give us this day our daily bread” (verse 11). God knows our needs, but He still expects us to ask Him to provide.

This is crucial: Jesus instructs us to ask God for our *daily* bread. He said to take *no thought* for tomorrow (verse 34). You need not be anxious about the affordability of bread tomorrow—as long as you’re seeking the Kingdom first today.

Let me give you an example. In the late 1920s, God called Herbert W. Armstrong into His service. After suffering several severe business reversals, along with the onset of the Great Depression, the Armstrongs entered a period of poverty that lasted 28 years! They sought the Kingdom of God first and learned to rely on God for their daily needs. This taught them how to rely on God to carry out the Work of God that He called them to accomplish.

Beginning in 1933, Mr. Armstrong broadcast weekly on radio. On his show, the *World Tomorrow*, he preached the gospel of the coming Kingdom of God. By 1942, an opportunity opened for *daily* broadcasts. But this transition to daily production meant a staggering increase in expenses. Mr. Armstrong knew this was an incredible opportunity, but did not know from

where the money would come. Each week of programming had to be paid for in advance. He called the Church office and was informed that the balance in the bank at that moment was the exact amount of one week’s daily broadcasting.

“Well, even if it was our last dollar, God had supplied TODAY’S need for this colossal opportunity He had opened to us! Jesus’s sample prayer teaches us to ask, ‘Give us *this day* our daily bread.’ ... God had opened now the biggest door so far. He had supplied the immediate need of that particular day” (*Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong*).

He wrote the check, and daily broadcasting began. Mr. Armstrong didn’t worry about the following week, or any week thereafter. “I decided that was GOD’S problem and responsibility.”

There was an immediate substantial boost in response from listeners. And

even though Mr. Armstrong never asked for contributions on the air, there was also an increase in financial support!

“On the day the second week’s advance payment for radio time was due,” Mr. Armstrong wrote, “I telephoned our office .... The money for the second week’s broadcasting was in the bank! And, a week later, there was enough for the third—and then the fourth, and on and on! God continued, week by week, to supply the **NEED!**”

Examples such as this demonstrate God’s faithfulness and care. These experiences are vital to remember, because life *will* get more difficult. New challenges and unexpected obstacles will interfere with daily living. But we have God promises! Seek first the Kingdom, and our daily needs will be supplied. And as life gets harder, the aching **NEED** for God’s Kingdom will grow ever stronger. *That* need, too, God will one day soon fill! ■



# WORLDWATCH

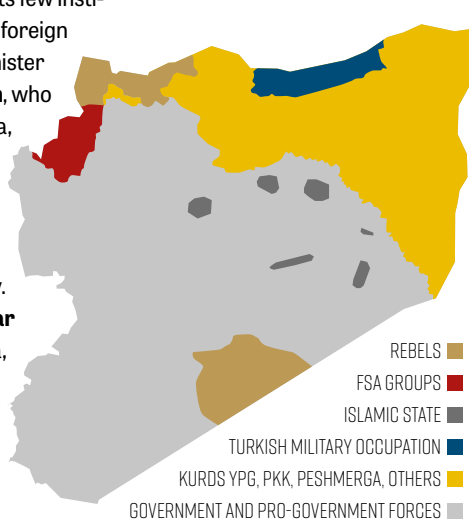
## MIDDLE EAST

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**L**ibya halted 60 percent or more of its oil production on August 29. The nation is divided between two rival governments, and one of its few national institutions that works with both sides is its central bank. It is also one of its few institutions with access to foreign currencies. Prime Minister **Abdul Hamid Dbeibah**, who controls western Libya, recently tried to unilaterally appoint a new bank chief, causing the current one to flee the country. Warlord **Khalifa Haftar** controls eastern Libya, which produces most of the nation's oil, its only major export. Haftar retaliated by drastically decreasing oil production, denying the bank its greatest source of revenue. This attracted the attention of the European Union, Libya's largest oil customer. The Europeans have not yet intervened, but the

more unstable Libya becomes, the fewer choices they will have.

Even somewhat minor international oil disruptions like this are worth monitoring because Daniel 11:40-43 include Libya in a Middle East power bloc called "the king of the south" that will push at "the king of the north" and provoke war. Gerald Flurry states in his booklet *The King of the South\**



that this southern power, led by **Iran**, will cut off oil supplies to Europe as a major part of its push.

In late August, **Israel Defense Forces** troops discovered the

bodies of six Israeli hostages who had been recently murdered. Large numbers of Israelis, perhaps hundreds of thousands, reacted by demonstrating in the streets of Tel Aviv and elsewhere—not to demand the eradication of Hamas but to demand a ceasefire agreement and to denounce Prime Minister **Benjamin Netanyahu** for standing in the way.

**Hamas** launched a horrific massacre and murdered more than 1,100 people on Oct. 7, 2023. It is now losing the resulting war in **Gaza**. Yet by murdering hostages, it has succeeded in prompting Israelis to make Hamas's cause, a ceasefire, into their cause, and to identify Hamas's enemy, Netanyahu, as their enemy. Netanyahu faces pressure from the United States and other nations to not only accept a ceasefire but make it permanent, effectively leaving Hamas leaders in control of Gaza and legitimizing their regime.

**Israeli** missiles struck **Syria** on September 8, killing 18 people and wounding 43. The strikes, which Israel has yet to acknowledge, occurred in the vicinity of the northwestern city of Masyaf, where Iran operates a major weapons research facility. Syrian President **Bashar Assad**

allows Iranians to use Syrian territory for arming Hezbollah terrorists in Lebanon, but he has been reluctant to strike Israel, even after Israel struck Iranian targets in Syrian territory. Assad may even attempt to expel Iran from Syria to make himself less of a target. Mr. Flurry has forecast for years that Iran will lose control of Syria. He reaffirmed this forecast in the **August Trumpet issue\***, saying this will happen soon. With or without Assad, Syrian foreign policy is about to change, drastically. ■



## EUROPE

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**T**he first international treaty on artificial intelligence is so vague that it may seem inconsequential, but it is dangerous. Signed on September 5, the **Council of Europe Framework Convention on Artificial Intelligence and Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law** was approved by the **European Union**, the **United States** and the **United Kingdom**, among others. It states: "Each

party shall adopt or maintain measures with a view to ensuring that activities within the life cycle of artificial intelligence systems respect equality, including gender equality, and the prohibition of discrimination, as provided under applicable international and domestic law." Signatory nations are obliged to carry this out and to prevent the spread of information, but how to do so and what limits there should be on that power is not defined.

The strongest force behind this agreement was the EU,

which already has its own AI Act. **Pope Francis** also specifically advocated for it. Like various climate-change treaties signed over the years, the vagueness and broadness of the powers this agreement grants to government officials is just as important as the threats it addresses.

The **European Union** has also appointed its first-ever defense commission. **Andrius Kubilius**, a former prime minister of **Lithuania**, has been assigned to organize the EU's defense industry and help member countries

rearm after ammunition and other equipment shipments to **Ukraine** have resulted in massive shortages. He will also expedite the movements of troops throughout Europe, coordinate European efforts in space, and push for integration of European militaries into a united force.

**Kubilius** will have a limited budget and potentially limited authority if member states retain sovereignty over their militaries. But his appointment is a major signal of Europe's ambition to become a military union.

\* Find links to freely access all the articles and booklets referred to on these pages at [theTrumpet.com/go/ww2411](http://theTrumpet.com/go/ww2411).

# ASIA

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**O**n September 18, **Russia's** President **Vladimir Putin** ordered his government to add 180,000 troops to the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation, bringing the total number of military personnel to 2.4 million, with 1.5 million active servicemen. This will push Russia past the U.S. and **India** into second place for the world's largest active military force, just behind China. The

order takes effect on December 1. The surge in new troops may mean "a major increase in Russian combat capability," according to Geopolitical Futures. The new manpower could enable Putin's forces to oust Ukraine from Russia's Kursk region and push deeper into Ukraine. The Bible prophesies that Putin will turn Russia into a military superpower that will join forces with other Asian nations and field the largest army in human history. This military expansion is a small step toward fulfilling this prophecy.

**China's** government will require some foreign companies with operations in the country to include a Chinese "representative" on their board of directors, the *Daily Mail* reported on September 9. The new law applies to any foreign company with more than 300 employees working in China, and it means that tech firms and other businesses will find it extremely hard to protect sensitive information from espionage and infiltration by the Chinese Communist Party. This has major implications

for America's national security. Microsoft, for example, is the main technology supplier to the U.S. government, including the Pentagon, the State Department and the FBI. The *Daily Mail* quoted one source as saying: "Once you're on the board, you are privy to all sorts of incredibly sensitive information, incredibly sensitive decision-making, and you can exert a substantial amount of pressure on the people [who] are on the ground in China. If one day they want to exert pressure on Microsoft or any of the many other multinational companies that operate there, they know who to call. What they're going to do is just steal all the data." China has spied on U.S. companies for decades, stealing intellectual property and gathering information for cyberattacks. When this law is implemented, such intrusions can be conducted from inside U.S. companies, from the top.



**TOPSHOT** A Florida resident inspects the damage to his house after Hurricane Helene made landfall in Horseshoe Beach on September 28.



The late Herbert W. Armstrong forecast the rise of a 10-nation superpower in Europe. "This coming union of 10 nations is first to start as an economic system with very great prosperity," he wrote. "Later it is to become a political union" and then "a colossal, super-modern, military power with power to blast whole major cities at once off the map." Read "[Why the Trumpet Watches Europe's Push Toward a Unified Military.](#)"

A practical step toward this result started in Lithuania on

August 19, when construction began on a new German military base. In December 2023, the two countries signed an agreement to deploy 5,000 German troops to cover Europe's eastern flank and deter Russia. In April, the first troops arrived to prepare for construction. The deployment of a permanent German brigade in another country will be the first of its kind since World War II. Watch for Europe's military power to rise and for **Germany** to take the lead.

Eight years after millions of Brits voted to leave the EU, **British**

Prime Minister **Sir Keir** Starmer visited Germany on August 28 for what he called "Operation Reset." The *Telegraph* wrote: "Sir Keir Starmer needs Olaf Scholz of Germany to carry out his plan to undo the Tories' hard Brexit." Starmer said, "We must turn a corner on Brexit and fix the broken relationships left behind by the previous government. We have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to reset our relationship with Europe." He also wants a defense pact with Germany. Reuters wrote:

"An Anglo-German defense partnership could resemble the Lancaster House pact between Britain and France agreed in 2010, according to officials, with pledges to create a joint force and share equipment and nuclear missile research centers." The *Trumpet* and its predecessor, the *Plain Truth*, have forecast for decades that Britain will trust in its old World War enemy and suffer dearly for it. To learn more, read "[Britain in Prophecy](#)" in *Hosea—Reaping the Whirlwind*, by Gerald Flurry.

# ANGLO-AMERICA

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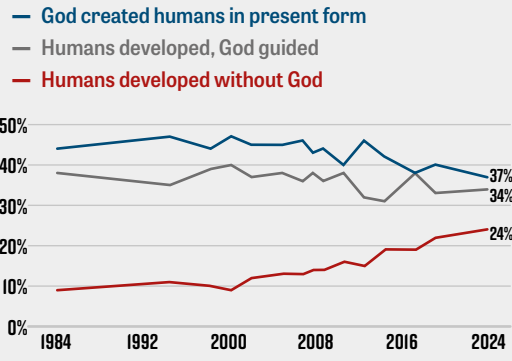
Americans' belief in God has dropped to an all-time low. According to a Gallup poll published on July 22, only 37 percent of adults in the United States now accept that God created humans in their present form at some point within the past 10,000 years. The rest either believe that humanity evolved without God's help or that God created humans by making gradual alterations to amoebas over millions of years.

The Gallup data indicates that 69 percent of Americans with a college degree believe in human evolution, compared to 51 percent of those without a degree. About a quarter of American adults hold college degrees, and millions are currently pursuing them, and absorbing anti-Creator doctrines in the process.

Human beings must believe in something: When their faith turns away from their Creator, it turns toward other gods, irrational ideologies and secular religions like "diversity, equity and inclusion." This doctrine rejects

the Christian teaching that all human beings are created equal, and equally in need of forgiveness, and instead teaches that people suffer different degrees of "inequity" principally due to "white privilege." This ideology combines Marxism, racism and factionalism to divide America.

## Americans' beliefs about human origins



It permeates much of higher education. At least 26 universities have recognized the danger and pledged to eliminate it from their curricula. However, a September 17 Fox News Digital report found that 10 of these universities have retained their "diversity, equity and inclusion" departments and merely rebranded them with more-benign-sounding names.

As Marxist ideologies infiltrate American education, Marxist spies infiltrate America's federal government. On September 3, federal prosecutors charged **Linda Sun** for being a secret agent

of the Chinese government. Sun worked as deputy chief diversity officer (2018–2020) for former Gov. **Andrew Cuomo** and deputy chief of staff (2021–2022) for current Gov. **Kathy Hochul**. She is alleged to have helped establish relationships between New York politicians and Chinese officials, to have blocked Taiwanese officials from contacting U.S. officials, to have censored speeches and press releases according to the Chinese government-approved language, and to have secretly granted Chinese officials access to a high-level state government conference call.

During the Cold War, educator Herbert W. Armstrong warned that communism would be used to sap America's strength, pervert its morals, sabotage its educational system, wreck its social structure, destroy its religious life, weaken its economic power and demoralize its armed forces, with the goal of ultimately overthrowing its government by force and violence. This is reality today as Marxists attack America from without and within. Read "The Communist Infiltration of America Was Prophesied" in our booklet *He Was Right*.

## FEATURED FEEDBACK



Your magazine is incredible. This (October 2024) is my second one, and I'm also reading the book *America Under Attack*. On the second page of the magazine, they refer to something that struck my interest: *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. I'd like to receive a copy if I could.

**Jeff Hollis** FAIRVIEW, OREGON

There is no newspaper, nothing, that is concise or biblically accurate as this magazine. I read it cover to cover. My only regret is that I haven't been able to view *The Key of David*. I love your magazine, and I wish I could get to your museum in Oklahoma some day.

**Daniel Luke** KAYSVILLE, UTAH

I've been listening to you folks since 1976 with Herbert W. Armstrong. I pray that you guys will always be there.

**Richard Pagano** BRANDENTON, FLORIDA

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# Why We Explore

What are we looking for?

SpaceX's Polaris Dawn Falcon 9 rocket blasts off from NASA's Kennedy Space Center on September 10 in Cape Canaveral, Florida.

Jared Isaacman steps out of the Polaris Dawn capsule on September 15 after it returns to Earth.

**W**HAT WOULD YOU DO IF YOU HAD A SPARE \$200 MILLION? Jared Isaacman used it to blast off into space. In the Polaris Dawn SpaceX mission, Isaacman traveled farther from Earth than any human since the end of the Apollo missions over 50 years ago and took part in man's first ever commercial spacewalk. And he funded the whole mission, estimated to be around \$200 million.

Enough people are willing to pay huge sums to go into space that orbital tourism is becoming a viable industry. An \$834 million annual industry today, it is expected to surpass \$5 billion annually over the next decade, according to market research company Brainy Insights. For around \$300,000 to \$450,000, companies like Virgin Galactic and Blue Origin will rocket you to the edge of space. For a more budget-friendly experience, \$50,000 to \$200,000 will get you a balloon ride that peaks nearly 20 miles above the surface, still high enough to see the curvature of the planet and the thin blue line of our atmosphere.

Why do some spend the price of a house or a new sports car on such a fleeting experience? Is it just a quirk of a few super-rich space enthusiasts?

Throughout our history, men have sacrificed far more than cash to break through new frontiers. Ferdinand Magellan, James Cook and Jean-François de La Pérouse all died mapping the oceans. David Livingstone, Mungo Park and Alexandrine Tinné died trying to map out Africa—then called the Dark Continent because it was so little known. Of the 676 people who have attempted to fly into space, 19 have died. Now billionaires like Isaacman, Jeff Bezos and Elon Musk are willing to put their fortunes and perhaps even their lives on the line to venture farther into the unknown. Musk joked, “I would like to die on Mars. Just not on impact.”

Where does this kind of hunger come from?

The answer is in our origins.

Genesis 2:7 reveals that man was created out of the dust of the earth, physical matter. But man isn't created to *remain* physical. The Apostle Paul wrote, “And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly” (1 Corinthians 15:49).

Even within this physical life, human beings are incomplete, created to need God's Holy Spirit. “The only thing that will impart to [human beings] this sense of satisfaction, completeness, abundance, is GOD's Spirit—God's nature—God's

FULLNESS,” Herbert W. Armstrong wrote. “Yet his carnal mind does not recognize that fact. Being incomplete, lacking in the spiritual waters and heavenly food—God's Word—that would FILL him to satisfaction, he has a gnawing soul-hunger that leaves him miserable, empty, discontented. He seeks to quench his thirst and satisfy his soul-hunger in the interests and pursuits and pleasures of this world” (*Plain Truth*, August 1962).

This “gnawing soul hunger” could have, should have, driven Adam and Eve to eat from the tree of life and receive the Holy Spirit. But Genesis 3 introduces us to the existence of evil and of an evil spirit being. Satan the devil offers a different fruit for assuaging this hunger. Appealing to Eve's vanity, he offered her the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. Since then, each of us has tried to fill this hunger on our own and found ourselves yet still starved of truth and purpose.

God has appealed to mankind through the prophets, through the Bible, through the Church. “Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? ...” (Isaiah 55:2). But the serpent is still active, offering abundant reasons to fill that hunger with anything but submission to God: comfort, entertainment, lust, drugs, business success, political power, exploration and great deeds. Some provide a temporary sugar rush, but all fail to satisfy.

But this is not the full story. Once man is given the Holy Spirit, does he cease to reach for the stars?

Emphatically not. God created man with a God-type mind. One that can learn to act, think and reason with God. And He created us with an almost unbelievable potential—one that actually extends beyond the confines of this planet.

God Himself has great plans to “plant the heavens” and populate the universe (Isaiah 51:16; 45:18). Romans 8:22 tells us the whole universe is groaning, waiting for those plans to be fulfilled through mankind.

Jesus Christ said that He and His Father are constantly working (John 5:17). That is inherent in God's character and nature: He wants to expand His Family without limits. The gnawing soul hunger God created will drive us to explore the stars—but soon mankind will not be trying to undertake this project on his own. Instead, that hunger will drive us to God for His Spirit and character. And then, once we are tuned in and submitted to our Creator, then He can use us in His endless expansion project that will extend out into the limitless universe. ■

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## UNITED STATES REGIONAL

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### ALABAMA

**Anniston** WSWH-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; WSWH-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; WVUA 5:30, Sun  
**Birmingham** WBAM 10:00, Sun; WBMA-LD-NEST 6:00, Sun; WSWH-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; WSWH-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; WUOA-BUZZR5:30, Sun  
**Decatur** WNAL-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; WNAL-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun  
**Demopolis** WJMY-CD 5:30, Sun  
**Dothan** WJLN-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; WJLN-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; WRGX 7:30, Sun; WTVY-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Florence** WNAL-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; WNAL-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun  
**Homewood (Birmingham)** WTTO-COMET TV 7:00, Sun  
**Huntsville** WAFF 10:30, Sun; WHDF (Chan. 15) 8:00, Sun; WNAL-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; WNAL-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun  
**Mobile** WBQP-CD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun  
**Montgomery** KYMB-LD 6:30, Sun; WCOV-TV 5:30, Sun  
**Montgomery-Selma** WAAO-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; WBMM-DT/WNCF-DT 8:30, Sun; WDSF-BUZZR 5:30, Sun  
**Opelika** WGBP 9:30, Sun; WLITZ-DT 9:30, Sun; WQMK-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun  
**Tuscaloosa** WSWH-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; WSWH-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; WVUA 5:30, Sun

### ALASKA

**Anchorage** KYUR-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Fairbanks** KATN-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Juneau** KJUD-DT 8:30, Sun  
**ARIZONA**  
**Phoenix** KDVD-LD 4:30 MT, Sun; KFPB-LD-RETRO TV 9:30, Sun; KSAZ 5:30 MT, Sun; KTVK-COMET TV 6:00 MT, Sun; KUTP 9:30, Sun; KUTP-BUZZR 4:30, Sun  
**Prescott** KFPB-LD-RETRO TV 9:30, Sun  
**Yuma** KAJB-NEST 9:00, Sun; KEYC-DT 8:30 MT, Sun

### ARKANSAS

**Bentonville** K28NT-D 5:30, Sun  
**El Dorado** KNQE-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Fayetteville** K28NT-D-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; KAJL-LD-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KHBS-DT/KHOG-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Fort Smith** K28NT-D-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; KAJL-LD-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KFTA 9:30, Sun; KHBS-DT/KHOG-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Harrison** K26GS-D-COMET TV 7:00, Sun  
**Jonesboro** KAIT3-HD 9:30, Sun; KJOS 8:30, Sun  
**Little Rock** KATV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KATV-NEST 6:00, Sun; KQPS-BUZZR 5:30, Sun  
**Mountain Home** KO7XL-D 5:30, Sun  
**Pine Bluff** KATV-NEST 6:00, Sun; KQPS-BUZZR 5:30, Sun  
**Rogers** K28NT-D-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; KHBS-DT/KHOG-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Springdale** K28NT-D-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; KFTA 9:30, Sun; KHBS-DT/KHOG-DT 8:30, Sun

### CALIFORNIA

**Bakersfield** KBFX-CD-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KBFX-CD-NEST 7:00, Sun; KCBT-

BUZZR 3:30, Sun; KGET-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Cathedral City** KRCT-CD 3:30, Sun  
**Chico** KCVU-NEST 7:00, Sun; KHSL-DT 9:30, Sun; KRCR 9:00, Sun; KXCH-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; KXCH-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; KDOC-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  
**Oakland** KQSL-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun  
**Palm Springs** KCWQ/KESQ-DT 9:30, Sun

**Redding** KCVU-NEST 7:00, Sun; KHSL-DT 9:30, Sun; KRCR 9:00, Sun; KXCH-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; KXCH-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** KBCW-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

**Stockton** KSAO-BUZZR 3:30, Sun; KSAO-LD 5:30, Sun  
**Victorville** KVVB-LP-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun  
**Visalia** KGOF-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; KJKZ-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; KMPH-CD-NEST 7:00, Sun; KMPH-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KMPH-TV-NEST 7:00, Sun; KVBC-BUZZR 3:30, Sun

### COLORADO

**Colorado Springs** KXRM 9:30, Sun; KXTU 6:30, Sun  
**Denver** KAVC-LD-FAMILY TV 8:30, Sun; KAVC-LD-RETRO TV 9:30, Sun; KCDO-BUZZR 4:30, Sun; KTFD-TV-NEST 9:00, Sun; KWGN-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun  
**Grand Junction** KJCT-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Gunnison** K13AV-D 4:30, Sun  
**Montrose** KJCT-DT 8:30, Sun

### CONNECTICUT

**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** WZXC-CD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun  
**Fort Meyers-Naples** WGFS-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 7:00, Sun  
**Fort Walton Beach/Pensacola** WBQP-CD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; WFGX-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WPMI-NEST 6:00, Sun  
**Gainesville** WCJB-DT 9:30, Sun; WCJB 6:30, Sun; WGVF-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** WZXC-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; WZXC-CD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun  
**Panama City** WCEP 7:00, Sun; WJHG-DT 8:30, Sun

**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** WTVW 10:30, Sun; WTLF-COMET TV 8:00, 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  
**Tampa-St. Petersburg** WTVT-BUZZR 6:30, Sun  
**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

### GEORGIA

**Albany** WCGW-LD 8:30, Sun; WFXL-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WPCW 7:00, Sun; WSWG 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; WXIA 6:30, Sun  
**Augusta** WJBF 6:00, Sun  
**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  
**Macomb** 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  
**Trenton** WOOT-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun

### IDAHO

**Boise** KJJB-BUZZR 4:30, Sun; KYUU-LD-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; KYUU-LP/KBOI-DT 8:30, Sun; KYUU-LD-NEST 9:00, Sun  
**Idaho Falls** KIFI-DT 8:30, Sun; KVUI-BUZZR 4:30, Sun  
**Lewiston** KLEW-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun  
**Pocatello** KIFI-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Twin Falls** KMVT-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Urbana** WICD-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

### ILLINOIS

**Bloomington** WEEK-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Champaign** WBXC-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; WBUI-NEST 6:00, Sun  
**Chicago** WCUI 9:30, Sun; WEDE-CD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; WGN 10:30, Sun; WPPWR-BUZZR 5:30, Sun  
**Davenport-Rock Island** KLJB 9:00, Sun  
**Decatur** WBUI-NEST 6:00, Sun  
**Harrisburg** WUWT-CD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun  
**Peoria** WEEK-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Quincy** WGEM-DT 8:30, Sun; KHQA-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun  
**Rockford** WRFX 10:00, Sun; WREX-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Springfield** WBUI-NEST 6:00, Sun; WIGS-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

### INDIANA

**Bloomington** WTTV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun

**Evansville** WYVW-CD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; WYVW-CD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun  
**Fort Wayne** WISE-DT 9:30, Sun; WLMO-LD-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**Indianapolis** WALV-CD 6:30, Sun; WSDI-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WSWY-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WSWY-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; WTHR 5:00, Sun; WTTV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**Lafayette** WLFI-DT 9:30, Sun  
**South Bend** ESBT/WSBT 7:30, Sun; WCWW-LD 6:30, Sun  
**Terre Haute** WTHI-DT 9:30, Sun

### IOWA

**Cedar Rapids** KFAX-NEST 6:00, Sun  
**Des Moines** KAJR-LD 5:30, Sun; KDSM-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; WBXF-CD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun  
**Keokuk** WGEM-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Mason City** KAAL 8:30, Sun; KTTC-DT 8:30, Sun  
**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; W12:30, Fri; WCZU-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; WDNZ-LD-NEST 6:00, Sun  
**Hindman-Hyden** WLFG-BUZZR 6:30, Sun  
**Jenkins-McRoberts-Whitesburg** WLFG-BUZZR 6:30, Sun  
**Lexington** WBON-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WDKY 7:00, Sun; WQBZ-BUZZR 6:30, Sun  
**Louisville** W50CI-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WBNM-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WMYO-CD-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**Paducah** KBSI-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WDKA-NEST 6:00, Sun; WUWT-CD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun

### LOUISIANA

**Alexandria** KALB-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Lafayette** K210B-D-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KATC-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Lake Charles** KPCL-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Monroe** KNQE-DT 8:30, Sun  
**New Orleans** WNOL-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; WQDT-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; WQDT-LD-NEST 6:00, Sun  
**Shreveport** KRHP-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KSLA 5:00, Sun; KVPO-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun

### 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; WSBK-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** WFQX-DT 9:30, Sun; WPBN/WTOM-COMET TV 7:30, Sun  
**Detroit** WDIV 5:00, Sun; WHNE-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WJBC-BUZZR 6:30, Sun  
**Duluth-Superior** KBJR 9:00, 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; WXSP-CD-NEST 7:00, Sun  
**Lansing** WLJA-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Marquette** WBKP-DT/WBUP-DT 9:30, 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** WFQX-DT 9:30, Sun; WMNN-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WPBN/WTOM-COMET TV 8:00, Sun

### MINNESOTA

**Alexandria** K16CO-D-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; K16CO-D-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun  
**Duluth** KDHL-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Mankato** KMNFD-LD 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 6:00, Sun; WFTC-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; WUCW-COMET TV 7:00, Sun  
**Rochester** KTTT-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** WHCQ 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; KRCC-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; KRCC-COMET TV 7:00, Sun  
**Joplin** KFJX-DT 8:30, Sun; KJLN-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; KJLN-LD-RETRO

TV7:30, Sun; KPJO-LD-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KSXF 8:30, Sun  
**Kansas City** KCMN-LD-NEST 6:00, Sun; KCTV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KCWE 8:30, Sun  
**Kirksville** KTVO-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KYOU-DT2 8:30, Sun  
**St. Louis** KPLR 7:00, Sun  
**Pittsburg** KJLN-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; KJLN-LD-RETRO TV7:30, Sun  
**Springfield** KRKB 9:00, Sun; KSFZ-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; KSFZ-LD-RETRO TV7:30, Sun; KXMP-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; KXMP-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun  
**St. Joseph** KNPG-LD 8:30, Sun  
**St. Louis** KDNL-NEST 6:00, Sun; KUMO-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KPLR-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KSDK 5:00, Sun; WBGU-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; WPXS-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun  
**MONTANA**  
**Billings** KSVI 10:00, Sun; KTVQ-DT 6:30, 8:30, Sun; KQHD-LD-RETRO TV 9:30, Sun  
**Bozeman** K04QX-D-RETRO TV 9:30, Sun; KBZK-DT/KXLF-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Butte** K04QX-D-RETRO TV 9:30, Sun; KBZK-DT/KXLF-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Glendive** KWZB 8:30, Sun  
**Great Falls** KRVT-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Helena** KTVH-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Missoula** KPAX-DT 8:30, Sun  
**NEBRASKA**  
**Hastings** KWBL/KCWHD 8:30, Sun  
**Kearney** KWBL/KCWHD 8:30, Sun  
**Lincoln** KWBL/KCWHD 8:30, Sun  
**Omaha** KPTM-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KXVO-NEST 6:00, Sun  
**North Platte** KIIT-LD2/KWPL 8:30, Sun  
**Scottsbluff** KGWN-DT 8:30, Sun  
**NEVADA**  
**Las Vegas** KGNG-BUZZR 3:30, Sun; KVCW-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KVGA-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; KVCW-NEST 7:00, Sun; KVGA-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun  
**Reno** KNCN-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; KNSN-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KNSN-NEST 7:00, Sun; KOL03/KREN-DT 9:30, Sun; KRMF-LD-FAMILY TV7:30, Sun  
**NEW MEXICO**  
**Albuquerque** KCHF-RETRO TV 9:30, Sun; KOB 4:30, Sun; KRTR-LD 4:30, Sun; KYNM-CD-FAMILY TV 8:30, Sun  
**Santa Fe** KCHF-RETRO TV 9:30, Sun; KOB/KOBF 6:30, Sun  
**NEW YORK**  
**Albany** WCWN-NEST 7:00, Sun; WNGX-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WRGB-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WYBN-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WYBN-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun  
**Binghamton** WBNG-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Buffalo** WBXZ-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WBXZ-LD 6:30, Sun; WBXZ-LP-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WNYO, 12:00 p.m., Sun; WNYO-NEST 7:00, Sun; WNYO 9:00 p.m. Sun; WNYO-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WUTV 10:30, Sun  
**Elmira (Corning)** WENY-DT 9:30, Sun  
**New York City** WLNK-NEST 7:00, Sun; WPIX 11:30, Sun; WWOR, 8:00, Sun; WWOR-TV-BUZZR 6:30, Sun  
**Pittsburgh** WPTZ-DT 9:30, Sun; WVMA-CD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun  
**Rochester** WBG7-CD 6:30, Sun; WUHF-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**Schenectady** WCWN-NEST 7:00, Sun; WNGX-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WRGB-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WYBN-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun  
**Syracuse** WONO-CD 6:30, Sun; WSTM-TV-COMET TV 8:00  
**Troy** WCWN-NEST 7:00, Sun; WNGX-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WYBN-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun  
**Utica** WKTV-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Watertown** WWTI-DT 9:30, Sun

**NORTH CAROLINA**  
**Anderson** WASV-LP-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WNGS-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun  
**Asheville** WASV-LP-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WLOS-NEST 7:00, Sun; WNGS-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WYCW 9:00, Sun  
**Bowling Green** WBKO 12:30, Fri  
**Charlotte** WAXN 3:00, Sun; WAXN 10:00, Sun; WCCB 5:00/10:30, Sun; WHKY-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WMYT-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WVEB-LD-NEST 7:00, Sun  
**Durham** WDRH-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WLFL-NEST 7:00, Sun; WNCB-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WRDC-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WTVB 6:30, Sun  
**Fayetteville** WDRH-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WLFL-NEST 7:00, Sun; WTVB 6:30, Sun  
**Greensboro** WMYV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WXLV-NEST 7:00, Sun  
**Greenville** WCTI-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WJGC-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WJGC-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WNCT-DT 9:30, Sun; WYDO-NEST 7:00, Sun  
**Hickory** WHKY-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**High Point** WMYV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WXLV-NEST 7:00, Sun  
**New Bern** WJGC-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WJGC-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WCTI-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WNCT-DT 9:30, Sun; WYDO-NEST 7:00, Sun  
**Raleigh** WDRH-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WLFL-NEST 7:00, Sun; WRDC 10:30, Sun; WRDC-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WNCB-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WTVB 6:30, Sun  
**Salem** WMYV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**Washington** WJGC-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WJGC-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WNCT-DT 9:30, Sun; WYDO-NEST 7:00, Sun  
**W. Salem** WXLV-NEST 7:00, Sun  
**Wilmington** WECT 6:00, Sun; WSFX-TV 6:30, Sun  
**Winston** WMYV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**NORTH DAKOTA**  
**Bismarck** KXMD 8:30, Sun  
**Dickinson** KXMD/KXMC-DT2 8:30, Sun  
**Fargo** KCPM-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KXJB 8:30, Sun  
**Minot** KXMD/KXMC-DT2 8:30, Sun  
**Valley City** KXJB 8:30, Sun  
**OHIO**  
**Akron** W27DG-D-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WIVX 8:30, Sun; WIVX-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun  
**Chillicothe** WWHO-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**Cincinnati** WKRC-NEST 7:00, Sun; WOTH-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WSTR-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**Cleveland** W27DG-D-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WEKA-LD-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WIVM/WIVX 8:30, Sun; WIVX-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WJW-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WUAB 7:30, Sun  
**Columbus** WOXB-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WSYX-NEST 7:00, Sun; WWHO-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**Dayton** WKEF 10:00, Sun; WKEF-NEST 7:00, Sun; WRGT-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**New Philadelphia** WIVD-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun  
**Steubenville** WBWO 9:30, Sun  
**Toledo** WNNW-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**Youngstown** EYTV 11:30, Sun  
**Zanesville** WBVZ 9:30, Sun  
**OKLAHOMA**  
**Ada** KTNB-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Lawton** KAUZ-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Oklahoma City** KBZC-LD-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KOCB-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KOKH-NEST 6:00, Sun; KWRW-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun  
**Tulsa** KMYT-TV 5:30, Sun; KQCV 9:30, Sun; KTUL-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KTUO-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KUOC-LD-BUZZR 5:30, Sun

**OREGON**  
**Bend** KTVZ-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Eugene** K44JP-D-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; KMTR-COMET TV 5:00, Sun  
**Medford-Klamath Falls** KTVL-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KTUL-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Portland** KATU-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KUNP-NEST 7:00, Sun  
**Yakima-Pasco-Richland-Kennewick** K20MJ-D-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun  
**PENNSYLVANIA**  
**Altoona** WHVL-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WJAC-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**Erie** WSEE-DT/WIGU-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Johnstown** WHVL-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WJAC-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**Philadelphia** WDPN-TV-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WPSG-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WPSG-NEST 7:00, Sun; WTXF-TV-BUZZR 6:30, Sun  
**Pittsburgh** WOSG-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WPDK 9:30, Sun; WPNT-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WPNT-NEST 7:00, Sun; WPTG-CD 6:30, Sun; WPTG-CD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun  
**Scranton** WSWB-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WSWB-NEST 7:00, Sun  
**State College** WANT/WWCP 8:30, Sun; WHVL-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WJAC-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**Wilkes Barre** WSWB-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WSWB-NEST 7:00, Sun  
**RHODE ISLAND**  
**Providence** WJAR-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**Anderson** WLOS-NEST 7:00, Sun; WYCW 9:00, Sun  
**Charleston** ECIW 8:30, Sun; WCBZ-DT 9:30, Sun; WCIV-NEST7:00, Sun; WLOW-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun  
**Columbia** WACH-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**Florence** WPDE-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WTNG-CD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WWMB-DT 9:30, Sun; WWMB-NEST 7:00, Sun  
**Greenville** WASV-LP-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WLOS-NEST 7:00, Sun; WNGS-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WNGS-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WYCW 9:00, Sun; XXXX-BUZZR 6:30, Sun  
**Hardeeville** WTGS-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**Myrtle Beach** WPDE-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WTNG-CD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WWMB-DT 9:30, Sun; WWMB-NEST 7:00, Sun  
**Rock Hill** WMYT-TV-BUZZR 6:30, Sun  
**Spartanburg** WASV-LP-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WLOS-NEST 7:00, Sun; WNGS-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WNGS-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WSPA 12:00 p.m., Sun; WYCW 9:00, Sun  
**SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**Rapid City** KLCO-DT 8:30, Sun; KRPC-LP-FAMILY TV 8:30, Sun; KRPC-LP-RETRO TV 9:30, Sun  
**Sioux Falls (Mitchell)** KRPC-LP-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KSFY-DT 8:30, Sun  
**TENNESSEE**  
**Chattanooga** WDNM-CD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WOOT-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WOOT-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun  
**Jackson** WNBK 8:30, Sun  
**Kingsport-Johnson City** WLFQ-BUZZR 6:30, Sun  
**Knoxville** WKXN 1:30 p.m., Sun; WKXT-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WKXT-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun  
**Memphis** KPMF-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; WHBQ 5:30, Sun  
**Nashville** WJNK-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; WNAB-NEST 6:00, Sun; WWHL-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; WUXP-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; WWHL-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun

**Spring City** WOOT-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun  
**TEXAS**  
**Abilene** KTXS-DT 8:30, Sun; KVII-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun  
**Amarillo** KLKW-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KVLI-DT/KVIH-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Austin** KGBS-CD-NEST 6:00, Sun; KTBC-BUZZR 5:30, Sun  
**Beaumont** KAQB-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KBT-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KBT-TV-NEST 6:00, Sun; KFDH-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Brownsville** KCWT/KNVO-DT 8:30, Sun; KGBT-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun  
**Corpus Christi** K33QP-D-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KRIS-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Dallas** KDAF 7:00, Sun; KDFI-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KFDW-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KTXD-NEST 6:00, Sun; KTXD-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun  
**El Paso** KFOX-NEST 9:00, Sun; KFOX-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KTSM 7:00, Sun  
**Ft. Worth** KDFI-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KDFW 5:00, Sun; KFDW-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KTXD-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; WFAA 5:30, Sun  
**Harlingen** KCWT/KNVO-DT 8:30, Sun; KGBT-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KTFV-CD-NEST 6:00, Sun  
**Houston** KIAH-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KTXH-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KVQT-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun  
**Laredo** KLDO-TV-NEST 6:00, Sun; KYLX 8:30, Sun  
**Longview** KDKJ-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KLNK-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; KLNK-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KYTX-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Lubbock** KLCW-DT 8:30, Sun; KYML-BUZZR 5:30, Sun  
**Lufkin** KLNK-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; KLNK-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun  
**Midland** KWAB-DT/KWES-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Nacogdoches** KLNK-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; KLNK-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun  
**Odessa** KWAB-DT/KWES-DT 8:30, Sun; KWWT 5:30, Sun  
**Port Arthur** KAQB-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KBT-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KBT-TV-NEST 6:00, Sun; KFDH, 2:05, Sat/8:30, Sun  
**San Angelo** KTXE 8:30, Sun  
**San Antonio** KMY5-NEST 6:00, Sun; KOB5-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KRTX-LP-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; KRTX-LP-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun  
**Sherman** KTEB-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Sweetwater** KTXS-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Tyler** KDKJ-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KLNK-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; KLNK-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KTRF 11:30, Sun; KYTX-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Victoria** KVCT-DT3/KWVB 9:30, Sun  
**Waco** K20KJ-D-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KZCZ-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KZCZ-LD-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KWKT 6:30, Sun  
**Weslaco** KCWT/KNVO-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Wichita Falls** KAUZ-DT 8:30, Sun; KFDX 6:00, Sun  
**U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS**  
**Charlotte Amalie** WVXF 6:30, Sun  
**UTAH**  
**Salt Lake City** KBTU-BUZZR 4:30, Sun; KJZZ-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; KMTI-LD-RETRO TV 9:30, Sun; KUTO-LD-FAMILY TV 8:30, Sun  
**Paiute-Richfield** KSVL-LD-RETRO TV 9:30, Sun  
**VERMONT**  
**Burlington** WFFF 10:00, Sun; WPTZ-DT 9:30  
**VIRGINIA**  
**Abingdon-Meadowview** WLFQ-BUZZR 6:30, Sun

**Bristol** WCYB-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**Charlottesville** WVIR-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Dryden-Big Stone Gap-Norton** WLFQ-BUZZR 6:30, Sun  
**Grundy-Vansant** WLFQ-BUZZR 6:30, Sun  
**Hampton/Norfolk** WSKY 9:00, Sun  
**Harrisonburg** WVIR-DT 9:30, Sun; W29DH-D-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**Lynchburg** WSET-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**Newport News** WTKR 6:30, Sun  
**Norfolk** WAVY-NEST 7:00, Sun; WTKR 6:30, Sun; WTVZ-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WVBT 6:30/10:00, Sun  
**Richmond** WRLH-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WUPV 6:00/10:30, Sun; WWBT 1:30, Sat  
**Roanoke** WSET-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**WASHINGTON D.C.**  
**WJLA-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WMDE-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WTTG-BUZZR 6:30, Sun**  
**WASHINGTON**  
**Kennick** KORX-NEST 7:00, Sun; KUNW-CD-NEST 7:00, Sun; KVVK-CD-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KVVK-CD-NEST 7:00, Sun  
**Pasco** KEPR-DT 9:30, Sun; KORX-NEST 7:00, Sun; KUNW-CD-NEST 7:00, Sun; KVVK-CD-NEST 7:00, Sun  
**Richland** KEPR-DT 9:30, Sun; KORX-NEST 7:00, Sun; KUNW-CD-NEST 7:00, Sun; KVVK-CD-NEST 7:00, Sun  
**Seattle** KCPQ 7:00, Sun; KUNS-NEST 7:00, Sun; KYMU-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun  
**Spokane** KREM 6:00, Sun  
**Tacoma** KUNS-NEST 7:00, Sun; KYMU-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun  
**Yakima** KEPR-DT 9:30, Sun; KORX-NEST 7:00, Sun; KUNW-CD-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KUNW-CD-NEST 7:00, Sun; KVVK-CD-NEST 7:00, Sun  
**WEST VIRGINIA**  
**Beckley** WVVA-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Bluefield** WVVA-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Charleston** WTPZ-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WVAH-NEST 7:00, Sun; WVAH-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**Fairmont** WVUX-LD 6:30, Sun  
**Huntington** WVAH-NEST 7:00, Sun  
**Oak Hill** WVVA-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Parkersburg** WCWP/WOVA-LD2 9:30, Sun  
**Wheeling** WBWO 9:30, Sun  
**WISCONSIN**  
**Appleton** WCWF-NEST 6:00, Sun  
**Eau Claire** WXOW-DT/WQOW-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Green Bay** WCWF 10:00, Sun; WCWF-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; WCWF-NEST 6:00, Sun  
**La Crosse** WXOW-DT/WQOW-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Madison** WKOW 5:30, Sun; WMSN-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun  
**Milwaukee** WTAS-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; WTAS-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; WTSJ-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; WWTV-DT2-COMET TV 7:00, Sun  
**Rhineland** WAOW/WYOW 8:30, Sun  
**Superior** KDHL-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Suring** WCWF-COMET TV 7:00, Sun  
**Wausau** WAOW-DT/WYOW-DT 8:30, Sun  
**WYOMING**  
**Casper** KCWY-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Cheyenne** KGWN-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Jackson** Riverton KCWY-DT 8:30, Sun

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### NATIONWIDE

**American Crimes Network** Nationwide 10:30, Sun

**BUZZR** Nationwide 6:30 ET, 5:30 CT,  
4:30 MT, 3:30 PT, Sun

**TBD** 8:30 ET/PT, Sun

### NATIONWIDE CABLE

**CHARGE** 6:30 ET/PT, 5:30 CT, 7:30 MT, Sun

**COMET** 8:00 ET, 7:00 CT, 6:00 MT, 5:00 PT, Sun

**CW PLUS** 9:30, 6:30 ET/PT, Sun, 8:30,  
5:30 CT/MT, Sun; 5:30, ET/PT, Mon-Thurs,  
4:30 CT/MT, Mon-Thurs

**FAMILY** 7:30 ET, PT, 6:30 CT, 8:30 MT, Sun

**NEST** 7:00 ET/PT, 6:00 CT, 9:00 MT, Sun

**RETRO** 8:30 ET, PT, 7:30 CT, 9:30 MT, Sun

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### NATIONWIDE CABLE

**VISION TV** 4:30 p.m. ET, Sun

**CHCH** 11:30 ET, Sun

### ALBERTA

**Medicine Hat** CHAT 8:30, Sun

### BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Kamloops** CFJC 9:00, Sun

**Prince George** CKPG 9:00, Sun

**Vancouver** CHEK 8:30, Sun; CHNU 11:30,

Sun/10:00, Tues; KCPQ 7:00, Sun

**Victoria** CHNU 11:30, Sun/10:00, Tues

### MANITOBA

**Winnipeg** CIIT Joy TV 11:00, Sun

### ONTARIO

**Toronto** WUTV 10:30, Sun

**Windsor** WKBD-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun

### QUEBEC

**Montreal** WVN 10:30, Sun

## CARIBBEAN

**BAHAMAS** FOX W Chan. 216, 10:30, Sun

## AUSTRALASIA

### AUSTRALIA

**Nationwide** Channel 10 6:30, Sun

### PHILIPPINES

**Nationwide** GMA 5:30, Sun

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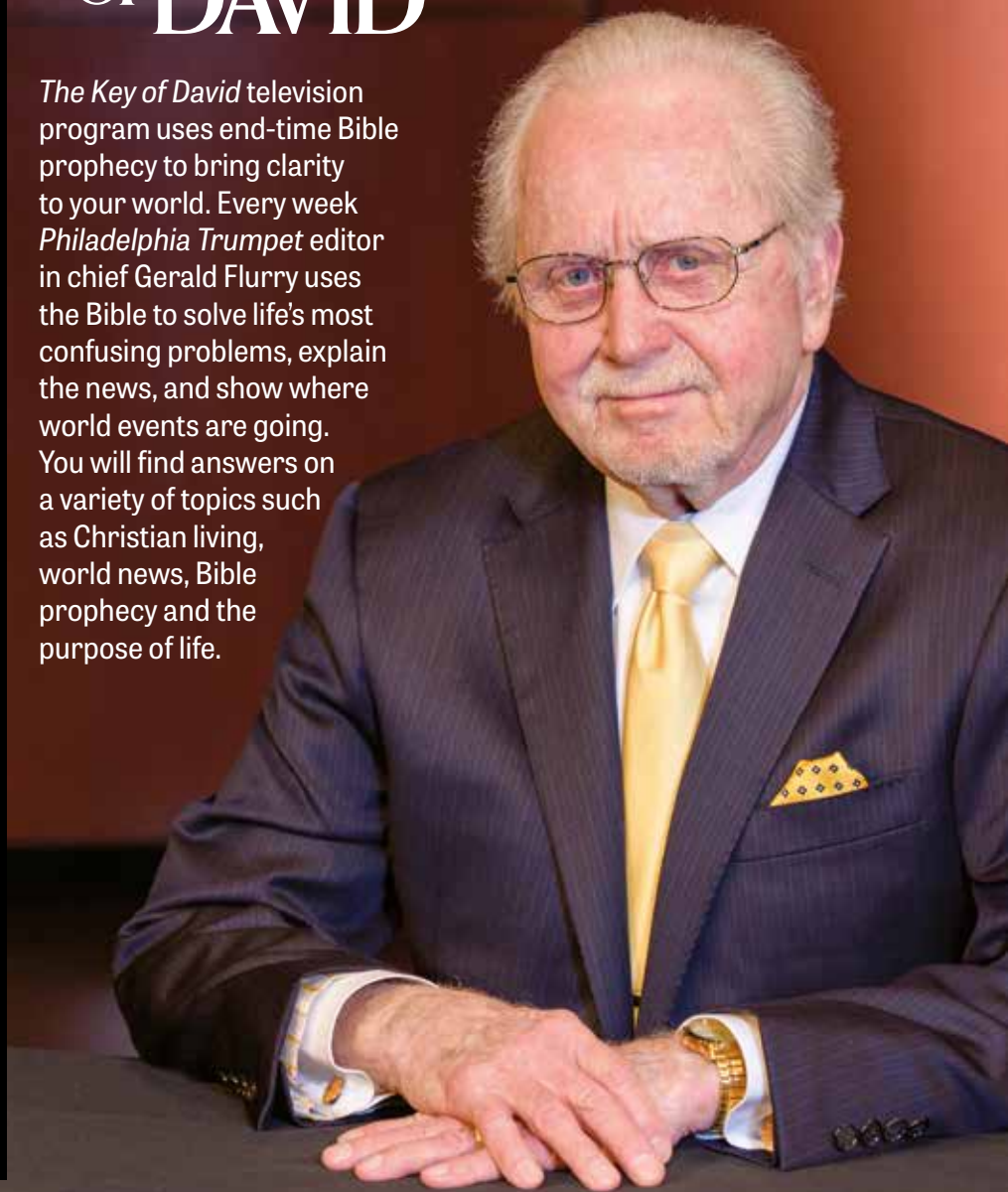
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