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# One bomb—millions dead

Too many, including you, are naive about the coming calamity facing mankind. There is great danger but also great hope! Request Gerald Flurry's booklet *Nuclear Armageddon Is 'At the Door'* to understand.





# Face the Truth About Nuclear War

**“A** NEW NUKE WAVE WASHES OVER THE WORLD,” AXIOS wrote on March 19. In country after country, discussion and action aimed at acquiring or boosting nuclear power is increasing, heightening the threat of nuclear World War III. Yet our world is asleep!

Europe believes it can no longer depend on America’s nuclear umbrella. Germany wants access to other European nukes and is even considering building its own. France has agreed to share its nukes. South Korea, also questioning United States support, is contemplating the nuclear option. Japan says if South Korea can have nukes, it can too. China has “significantly expanded” its nuclear program, “fielding more types and greater numbers of nuclear weapons than ever before,” the Federation of American Scientists warns. Terrorist-sponsoring Iran is extremely close to nuclear weapons of its own and has rejected Western pressure to back off.

Back in 1924, Winston Churchill wrote an essay about advancements in military technology titled “Shall We All Commit Suicide?” He foresaw the atomic age two decades before it began. “Mankind has never been in this position before,” he wrote. “Without having improved appreciably in virtue or enjoying wiser guidance, it has got into its hands for the first time the tools by which it can unflinchingly accomplish its own extermination. That is the point in human destinies to which all the glories and toils of men have at last led them. They would do well to pause and ponder upon their new responsibilities.

“Death stands at attention, obedient, expectant, ready to serve, ready to shear away the peoples en masse; ready, if called on, to pulverize, without hope of repair, what is left of civilization. He awaits only the word of command. He awaits it from a frail, bewildered being, long his victim, now—for one occasion only—his master.”

Those deadly tools are here—yet mankind is incredibly casual about it! We have been so desensitized to this topic that we fail to comprehend the stakes. IN JANUARY, THE BULLETIN OF THE ATOMIC SCIENTISTS PUSHED THE MINUTE HAND OF THEIR SYMBOLIC DOOMSDAY CLOCK FORWARD TO JUST 90 SECONDS TO MIDNIGHT. SIGNS ARE EVERYWHERE THAT NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION WILL END IN *NUCLEAR SUICIDE!*

Before World War II, most leaders in the U.S. and United Kingdom lived in a weak world of illusion. But Churchill was willing to face reality and speak the truth. In a speech on June 20, 1936, Churchill said, “At any rate my conscience is clear. I have done my best during the last three years and more to give timely warning of what was happening abroad, and of the dangerous plight into which we were being led or lulled. It has not been a

pleasant task. It has certainly been a very thankless task. It has brought me into conflict with many former friends and colleagues. I have been mocked and censured as a scaremonger and even as a warmonger by those whose complacency and inertia have brought us all nearer to war and war nearer to us all.”

Anybody who sought the truth could find it. But people didn’t want to hear the truth. They wanted to hear “smooth things” and “deceits” (Isaiah 30:10). They *wanted* to be deceived!

It is hard to overestimate the deceit and wickedness of the human mind. “The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?” (Jeremiah 17:9). How many people today believe this irrefutable biblical truth?

Leaders like Churchill and Isaiah refused to “prophesy deceits.” That is a mark of a great leader: He always tells the truth, no matter how intense the opposition!

Nations today have the power to deliver nuclear weapons in mere minutes. We are heading into the worst crisis the world has ever known. Only people drowning in illusion can fail to see the great dangers. If we make the same mistake Britain and America made in World War II, our nations will not survive! What a terrifying tragedy if we fail to heed this warning.

That is the biggest challenge each one of us must always face: Do we really want to hear the truth? And will we act on it?

Hearing the truth can be the most painful experience of our lives. It often means ripping wrong ideas from our proud minds. But the truth greatly enriches our lives and sets us free.

Your Bible reveals that what the Nazis did in World War II was child’s play compared to what they are about to do—unless we wake up! And we don’t have much time to do so. Germany started both world wars in the 20th century. The Allies promised to never allow Germany to rearm so it could never start another war. But those promises have been long forgotten—to our peril. Right-wing extremism in Germany is growing. It isn’t alarmist to discuss such issues. It would be irresponsible if we don’t!

We are living in the time of the lion’s roar: “Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets. The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord God hath spoken, who can but prophesy?” (Amos 3:7-8). Jesus Christ warned us about a coming nuclear holocaust (Matthew 24:21-22). He is going to intervene to prevent us from annihilating humanity entirely.

We can heed this warning and avoid the worst suffering in history. Each of us must choose. The consequences of that choice are truly monumental!

Do you believe God? Do you have the courage to face the truth? ■

**P**RESIDENT DONALD TRUMP wants to be a peacemaker. He was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in the past, yet he has not yet won this coveted award. Since returning to office, he has been redoubling his efforts to solve international conflicts and to strengthen America.

“They will never give me a Nobel Peace Prize,” the president told reporters on February 4 while meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. “It’s too bad. I deserve it, but they will never give it to me.”

Despite his feigned exasperation in that exchange, evidently President Trump is still actively striving to become a world-famous peacemaker and unifier. Facilitating peace between Hamas and Israel, or Russia and Ukraine, or Armenia and Azerbaijan, or nuclear-armed nations, or Nicolas Maduro and Venezuelans could win someone the prize and a place in the history books—and Trump has weighed in on all these issues. Yet he has been unable to solve them. His efforts to become a “peacemaker and unifier” are hampered by a fatal flaw.

President Trump is naively placing his trust in men—even madmen like Russian President Vladimir Putin and those who lead Hamas.

President Trump is a courageous fighter against those who attack him openly, but he is very susceptible to manipulation and flattery. This is a dangerous weakness.

The Prophet Isaiah foretold that a class of people would arise in end-time America who would “say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits” (Isaiah 30:10). This prophecy is coming to pass as President Trump’s new foreign-policy team addresses extremely deadly foreign-policy situations with the attitude that, as the president’s special envoy to the Middle East, Steve Witkoff, put it, “Anything can be solved with dialogue.”



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STEVE WITKOFF

### Deadly Naiveté

Even before President Trump took office on January 20, he sent Witkoff, a longtime friend, to Israel to pressure Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu into releasing 1,904 Palestinian prisoners in return for a ceasefire with Hamas. At the time, my father, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry, wrote “**President Trump Betrayed Israel**” ([theTrumpet.com/30891](http://theTrumpet.com/30891)). Time has already proved this assessment correct. Hamas broke the terms of the ceasefire deal, and the terrorists Israel released are undoubtedly going to kill more people.

Witkoff admitted during an interview with Shannon Bream on *Fox News Sunday* that he may have been “duped” by Hamas in peace negotiations. Still, he takes Vladimir Putin “at his word.” He



shouldn’t be so sure about that.

Steve Witkoff is a Jewish-American real-estate investor, lawyer and diplomat who has been friends with Donald Trump since the 1980s. Trump personally selected him to take the lead in U.S. peace negotiations not only with Hamas and Israel but also with Russia, Ukraine and other nations. President Trump chose Witkoff

because he knows he can count on his personal loyalty. This is understandable, since Trump has been repeatedly betrayed over his political career.

Just because someone is loyal, however, does not mean he is competent or effective in dealing with bloody quagmires that have lasted for years, decades or generations.

This flaw in President Trump’s foreign policy was showcased in a revealing March 21 interview Witkoff gave to Tucker Carlson. Listen to the 88-minute interview, and it is evident

# The FATAL FLAW in Trump's Foreign Policy

The current U.S. administration places enormous trust in men—even madmen.

BY STEPHEN FLURRY



that he knows nothing about the regions where he is trying to engineer peace. None of his comments ring with any moral clarity: He didn't talk about good and evil, right and wrong. Rather, Witkoff espoused a utopian belief that everyone he talks to is a great guy and genuine peacemaker.

Regarding peace initiatives with the Islamist regime in Iran, Witkoff told Carlson that the president wants to avoid war and hopes to establish a program that verifies that the Iranians are using nuclear energy only for peaceful purposes.

"I think the president has acknowledged that he's open to an opportunity to clean it all up with Iran, where they come back to the world and be a great nation once again and not have to be sanctioned and being able to grow their economy," Witkoff told Carlson.

"I think anything can be solved with dialogue by clearing up misconception and miscommunication and disconnects between people," he said. "I believe that, by the way. And the president is a president who doesn't want to go to war, and he'll use military action to stop a war. That's when he actually wants to use military action. In this particular case, hopefully it won't be necessary. Hopefully, we can do it at the negotiating table."

"Anything can be solved with dialogue" is the underlying theme of Witkoff's worldview. In other words, he is treating negotiations with the world's largest state sponsor of terrorism like a real-estate transaction in the Bronx. He thinks that as long as compromise is reached, all parties will walk away happy.

That approach might work in certain business environments, but it does not work in international relations. The Iranians do not want nuclear energy to supply electricity to homes and businesses. They want nuclear energy—badly enough to repeatedly clash with the world's most powerful nations, badly enough to endure sanctions and other coercions—because they want nuclear bombs. Their leaders preach a particularly radical strain of Shia "Twelverism," claiming that an Islamic messiah will arrive in the midst of an apocalyptic war to enforce justice on the world by subjecting it entirely to Shiite Islam. They believe that if they *start* an apocalyptic war, they will hasten this mahdi's arrival.

You cannot negotiate with such a twisted mindset! Witkoff is no expert on Islamic extremism, and he knows little about human nature. He just wants everyone to sing "Kumbaya" and get along.

## Utopian Fantasy

As students of geopolitics know, including those of us who studied International Relations with the late *Trumpet* staff writer Ron Fraser, there are two broad theories of political thought: realism and utopianism. A realist accepts the biblical truth that human nature is evil

(Jeremiah 17:9). A utopian believes that human nature is basically good.

America's founders were realists. They understood human nature, so they sought to devise a system of checks and balances that would keep power out of the hands of a single branch of government or, worse, a single tyrant.

The world's socialist movements, on the other hand, are rooted in utopian thought. Generally they believe that 99 percent of humanity is basically good yet is restrained by a corrupt upper class. They reason that if the 99 percent can

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overthrow their oppressors, then out of their innate goodness they can establish a government that will abolish poverty, racism, sexism, war and other evils.

But to deny humanity's evil nature is to deny reality. And it makes our dangerous problems *worse*.

The Trump administration is politically conservative regarding economics and certain domestic politics. But it has a strong liberal streak regarding foreign policy. This is not just a blind spot concerning Hamas and Iran. When you listen to Witkoff's interview with Carlson, you see that he has a utopian view of human nature. He thinks most of America's adversaries are misunderstood people who just want someone to listen to them.

Witkoff told Carlson that he found Vladimir Putin to be a "super smart guy" and that he was not worried about Putin manipulating him in the least bit. He told a heartwarming story about how Putin prayed for Donald Trump after the assassination attempt in July 2024, not because Trump was a president but because Trump was a friend. He dogmatically stated his belief that Russia should control Crimea, Donetsk, Kherson, Luhansk and Zaporizhzhia, and that Putin just needed help getting Ukraine to raise the white flag in these regions. In other words, Witkoff trusts that Putin genuinely wants peace.

This assessment is the exact opposite of my father's assessment. "Putin is an

evil, ruthless, vindictive agent with Soviet-style methods of psychological warfare, assassination and war,” he wrote in our April *Trumpet* issue. “He has disgusting and devastating policies that are sick to the core and even satanic! I have been saying for years that Putin fills a critical role in Bible prophecy.”

Read online or request your free copy of **The Prophesied ‘Prince of Russia’** at [theTrumpet.com/go/Putin](https://theTrumpet.com/go/Putin).

Putin’s actions in the Ukraine war and even to many of his own countrymen are horrific and barbaric. These are not the actions of a genuine peacemaker. And that is to say nothing of the Bible referring to Vladimir Putin as the “prince of Rosh” and prophesying of a time when his army will dash the heads of children against stones (Ezekiel 38; Psalm 137).

But leaders like Steve Witkoff are sick in their reasoning and are faint of heart (Isaiah 1:5). When they see something fearsome, they are afraid to face it! They would rather hear “smooth things” and “deceits” than take a hard look at the dangers facing America.

Vladimir Putin does not want peace in Ukraine. He once called the collapse of the Soviet Union “the greatest geopolitical catastrophe of the century” and is working hard to revive that evil empire, as Ronald Reagan rightly called it. If President Trump does not realize this, he will be duped by Russia like he was duped by Hamas.

### No Hope in Man

President Trump optimistically believes America is on the cusp of a new golden age largely because he believes in his own skills as a dealmaker and in the good intentions of other world leaders. The Bible has a different view.

“The heart is deceitful above all things, and

desperately wicked: who can know it?” states Jeremiah 17:9.

This means we are not basically good people. My booklet *Human Nature: What Is It?* describes the way humanity acquired an evil nature from Satan. From early infancy, human beings become increasingly tuned in to his influence of selfishness, of grasping power, of dominating, taking, even killing. We have to recognize our own evil nature in order to fight it. When we refuse to recognize this nature, we let our worst impulses run unchecked and end up making huge miscalculations in our dealings with others.

“Our educational system looks upon man as being basically good and trustworthy,” my father writes in *Jeremiah and the Greatest Vision in the Bible*. “That philosophy destroys institutions and nations! We must see the evil in human nature or we will never solve our problems. THAT IS WHERE MAN’S FALSE HOPE LIES—IN AN INCREDIBLY DECEITFUL MIND THAT IS TERMINALLY ILL! Here is where men generally place their trust. What deadly deceit! Jeremiah 17 teaches the fundamental lesson about our human minds.”

Steel produced by this Canadian factory now faces a 25 percent tariff on sales in America.

## How Bad Will the U.S.-Canada Conflict Get?

CANADA “CEASES TO EXIST AS A VIABLE COUNTRY” WITHOUT money from the United States. That was the assertion President Donald Trump posted on Truth Social in February. He also said he wants to use “economic force” to make Canada the 51st state.

This was more than just insulting rhetoric: In February, Trump announced tariffs on Canada. Then he delayed them, then imposed them a month later, then delayed them again. In March the U.S. placed tariffs on steel and aluminum that affected most of the world but hit Canada and Mexico hardest. Businesses have been left guessing and workers are worried about layoffs.

President Trump’s team has some good reasons for what they’re trying to do—but so too do their critics in Canada and beyond. What’s important to realize is that a lot of bad blood is building between the two nations.

Canada seems eager to strike back. “[W]e’re going to make sure we inflict as much pain as possible on the American people,” Ontario Premier Doug Ford said, “without inflicting pain on the Canadian population.” Canada’s news media are rabidly anti-Trump, and are helping to shape a major public backlash: Only *one third* of Canadians say they have a positive view toward the U.S. under its new president. That makes America under Trump only slightly more popular than China under the Chinese Communist Party.

In 2021, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry pointed out the danger in division between Britain and America. Many of these same points apply to the U.S. and Canada.

“The division developing between our nations is a deadly weakness,” he wrote. Whoever is to blame, this division is deadly dangerous. “Threats in the world are increasing,” continued Mr. Flurry. “Other nations are betraying and attacking America and Britain and Israel. Many Bible prophecies show these trends will intensify. In a world this hostile, Britain, America and the Jewish nation of Israel need to stick together and to turn toward God. But they are splitting from God and from each other” (*Trumpet*, July 2021).

The EU is eager to transform itself into a military rival to the U.S. Europeans stand for fundamentally different values than Americans traditionally have—for example, increasingly restricting free speech and democracy. Yet Canada is siding more and more with the EU. Europe is Canada’s second-largest trading

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**GERALD FLURRY**

The statement that “anything can be solved with dialogue” is simply false. Satan also directly influences and manipulates world events through human leaders, and sometimes he has to be *fought* with overwhelming force.

In his April *Trumpet* article “**Does Donald Trump Know the Way to Peace?**” ([theTrumpet.com/31135](http://theTrumpet.com/31135)), my father described how human leaders can become possessed by evil spirits, even Satan in extreme cases. He wrote that certain leaders of great powers in history “no longer had the minds of human beings. They had the hearts of wild, raving beasts! That is why these empires are called beasts: They were ruled by men who took on the mind of a beast! There is a crucial spiritual dimension to

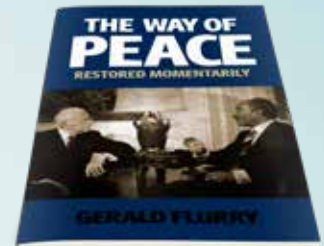
their transformation. These men who became so brutal had given themselves over to an evil spirit. Such beastly thinking is inspired by Satan the devil!”

These beast-like leaders include the heads of Hamas, Iran and Russia. So when Witkoff sits down with Putin or gets in touch with Hamas, this is the type of people he is dealing with. If he believes he is negotiating with good people who want peace as much as he does, he is definitely going to fall prey to the devil’s devices (2 Corinthians 2:11).

“These dreadful beasts conquer and enslave entire nations,” my father continued. “That is what these beasts do. But modern America likes to think of them as harmless wild animals. Our Israelite nations think like that because of their broken wills. They fear to face the extremely unpleasant truth. It is only a matter of time until they wake up to the harsh reality. ... President Trump does not see these powers for the beasts they are. This is a deadly weakness.”

God’s prophet has the responsibility of warning America’s leaders of the dangers that surround them and point them to God. This responsibility is harder when

the president is surrounded by advisers who speak smooth things and prophesy deceits. Dialogue will not bring about world peace. Only genuine repentance and the courage to face what is coming head on will save nations—or individuals. We must take a realistic look at the world around us before it’s too late! ■



## PEACE WITH BEASTS IMPOSSIBLE

**Negotiations, peace deals, sanctions, even wars are not enough to subdue beast-like leaders. Read Gerald Flurry’s booklet *The Way of Peace Restored Momentarily* to see a genuine example of peace and how it is soon coming to this world.**

partner, and the two sides already have a trade deal. The EU is an ocean away, so Canada’s lost trade with the U.S. will hurt badly. Perhaps it will turn Canada toward the Europeans even more.

Mr. Flurry concluded his article, “It is shameful that we are causing so much of this division and bringing it upon ourselves. It is going to lead to some dark times for Britain and America.”

Herbert W. Armstrong proved in his book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* that the U.S. and Canada descended



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**DOUG FORD, ONTARIO PREMIER**

from the ancient kingdom of Israel. Division within that kingdom led directly into times of terrible suffering. After the death of King Solomon, divisions in Israel worsened so severely and so quickly that the kingdom split. The northern 10 tribes retained the name kingdom of Israel, and the remaining southern tribes became the kingdom of Judah. No longer united in serving God and being blessed by Him—no longer united at all—the two kingdoms were weakened greatly, warred against one another at times, and eventually fell to outside empires.

Division is also prophesied to play a major role in the fall of modern-day Israel and Judah. “Manasseh shall devour Ephraim, and Ephraim Manasseh; Together they shall be against Judah” (Isaiah 9:21; New King James Version). Manasseh refers to the United States, and Ephraim to Britain and the British Commonwealth, including Canada. These nations being at each other’s throats is a curse!

The next few verses in Isaiah 10 condemn those who “decree unrighteous decrees” and “turn aside the needy from judgment, and ... take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and that they may rob the fatherless!” This describes those who abuse the law to make the innocent suffer.

God goes from talking about disunity to talking about sin. Isaiah 10 goes on to warn all Israel that it too will be conquered if it doesn’t repent of its sin.

While discord is a curse, unity is a blessing, and one God promises to bring soon. The turmoil in this world is leading to the rise of a new world, where nations will be taught to obey God. Then “[t]he envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim” (Isaiah 11:13).

The divide between the U.S. and Canada is the result of sin. Unity comes from repentance. When these nations return to God, they can lead the world into unity with Him.

**RICHARD PALMER**



# Heed the Watchman

A voice cried out before World War II warning of the horrors to come. A similar message is going out today. Will you hearken?

BY GERALD FLURRY

**I**N THE DECADE LEADING UP TO THE deadliest war in history, Winston S. Churchill was willing to say what no one else dared. While others clung to false peace, he foresaw devastating conflict and sought to prevent it. He was an outsider, ridiculed and dismissed. But as Germany grew stronger and Britain grew weaker, he did his duty and sounded the alarm, no matter the cost.

How true his words ring today.

In 1936 he warned, “Through our own folly and refusal to face realities and deal with evil tendencies while they were yet controllable, we have allowed brutal and intolerant forces to gain almost unchallenged supremacy in Europe and have placed ourselves in a position of weakness and peril, the like of which our history does not record for 2½ centuries.”

After the war, he decried “[h]ow the English-speaking peoples through their unwisdom, carelessness and good nature allowed the wicked to rearm” (*The Second World War*, Vol. 1).

The exact same trends are playing out today. In fact, the “unwisdom, carelessness and good nature” today is *worse* than a century ago. We have allowed evil forces to rise to the point where trying to contain them risks igniting nuclear World War III.

YET THERE IS NO POLITICAL WATCHMAN TO JOLT US AWAKE!

## Letting the Wicked Arm

In World War II, the Serbs allied with the United States and Britain against Germany. Yet in the 1990s, Germany compelled the *foolish* English-speaking peoples to bomb the Serbs, ignoring the dying screams of their own former allies and breaking up Yugoslavia *for Germany's benefit*.

Yet to this day, no political watchman of stature has warned of the consequences.

Simple-minded politicians and analysts believe that Iran's bloodthirst can be halted by negotiations, that Hamas terrorists only want equality, that Turkey's threats of war are merely bluffs, that Japan's militarization is for our good, and that North Korea's unhinged aggression can be softened by talks.

In World War II the Allies finally intervened after Germany invaded Poland. Yet for the past three years, Russia has marched in Ukraine. Aid from other countries has been only enough to hold Russia at bay but not to drive it back. And the most powerful leaders are calling for negotiation and appeasement.

China is rising as a new superpower, claiming islands, extending infrastructure, waging economic warfare near and far, developing cyberweapons, multiplying its nuclear warheads, and indirectly addicting and killing Americans

through drug exports. Yet leaders in America and elsewhere won't identify and respond to these evil acts *as evil*.

Hamas attacked Israel on Oct. 7, 2023, to murder, maim, rape and kidnap thousands of men, women and children. The barbarity of their actions equaled or exceeded that of the Nazis, yet many not only tolerated but *celebrated* the evil.

I wrote a booklet in 1999 titled *Winston S. Churchill: The Watchman*. It covers the history that led up to the Second World War. I encourage you to request a free copy of this booklet. In it I wrote, “If we truly believe in freedom, then we must support other nations and perhaps even fight for their freedom. But we lacked the will to do so before and during World War II. We also lack the will today.”

Who is willing to defend the people in Serbia, Ukraine, Taiwan, Israel or any other place where freedom is threatened today?

If the wicked remain unrestrained, the infamous torture camps of World War II will become child's play compared to what is about to happen. Modern weaponry and technology could make Adolf Hitler's dream of eradicating every trace of Jewish blood reality. Nuclear war is bound to leave hundreds of millions, even billions, *dead*.

## Churchill Scorned Today

“Many authorities say World Wars I and II were the greatest tragedies of the 20th century,” I wrote. “I disagree. The worst catastrophe is that we failed to learn a lesson from Churchill's warning! That means we have retained our deadly capacity for deception into the nuclear age. That is why we are destined to experience a nuclear holocaust unless we wake up!”

Churchill's warnings were proved right at a bloody, bloody cost. Yet today, the West scorns his great foresight. This is shameful, tragic and indeed DEADLY. We simply don't recognize existential threats today.

Even world leaders who have busts of Churchill in their offices utterly fail to learn from his example. PRESIDENT TRUMP IS URGING GERMANY TO REARM!

How can YOU ensure that you are not lulled asleep by deceitful world leaders, the lying media and careless politicians? *Winston S. Churchill: The Watchman* provides the answer.



“Those who fail to learn from history are destined to repeat its catastrophes!” I wrote. “Today a nuclear first strike is apt to win the next major war. So our margin for error is much smaller. That means we must stop a Hitler-type movement *before* it gains power. We can’t afford the pacifist attitude we had before World War II and survive nationally. Yet our pacifist attitude today is far worse than it was then.”

### When Lovers Betray You

The Bible prophesies that our enemies in the end time will be more sophisticated and subtle than Adolf Hitler was. WE ARE GOING TO BE BETRAYED AND ATTACKED BY OUR ALLIES, OR “LOVERS” (Ezekiel 16). AND THIS IN THE AGE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS!

So many in our world ignore *obvious* evil—thus they cannot recognize the deceitful “lovers,” who can be even more dangerous.

Churchill did not make that mistake.

“Do not delude yourselves. Do not let His Majesty’s government believe—I am sure they do not believe—that all that Germany is asking for is equal status,” Churchill told the House of Commons on Nov. 23, 1932. “I believe the refined term now is ‘equal qualitative status by indefinitely deferred stages.’ That is not what Germany is seeking. All these bands of sturdy Teutonic youths, marching through the streets and roads of Germany, with the light of desire in the eyes to suffer for their Fatherland, are not looking for status. They are looking for weapons, and, when they have the weapons, believe me they will then ask for the return of lost territories and lost colonies, and when that demand is made it cannot fail to shake and possibly shatter to their foundations every one of the countries ....”

Who dares to say such things today? How greatly needed is such a warning!

In March, Germany passed a historic constitutional change that allows it to borrow money and spend hundreds of billions on infrastructure and *weaponry*. Americans and others whose grandfathers fought and died from German weaponry are now cheering this development. They are oblivious to the feelings of revenge simmering deep down in many Germans.

Churchill saw German car manufacturers and other industries shift toward arms production. We are now seeing the

same thing. The country’s autobahn is more than a symbol of speed—it is part of its strategic military mobilization plans. Investments are made to turn the whole German landscape into a field ready for battle.

GERMANY IS REPEATING THE ACTIONS OF THE 1930S, YET NO ONE IS ALARMED! ISN’T IT BECAUSE WE FAILED TO LEARN THE LESSONS FROM WORLD WAR II?

What will happen when Germany rearms? What will happen when it allies

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WINSTON CHURCHILL

with other nations that deeply despise America, Britain and the Jewish nation? What will happen when unhinged hatred gains access to chemical, biological and nuclear weapons of mass destruction, coupled with sophisticated cyberwarfare capabilities?

In that booklet, I wrote, “War is ready to explode in Europe and the Middle East. The global economy is on the verge of collapse!

“The time for polite words is past. It is time for the blunt truth.”

The “blunt truth” is that our entire world is headed toward suffering *far more horrifying than the last world war*. Since I wrote those words, Europe and the Middle East *have exploded* into war. It is not too late to heed this warning, but it soon will be!

### A Watchman and a Prophet

“The people wouldn’t face Churchill’s warning until it was almost too late,” I wrote. “He talked about the possible ‘end’ of Britain’s glories. But the people did not want to think about the bloody dangers of a world explosion. They

didn’t want to be disturbed from their comfortable routine and pleasures.”

Churchill once said, “The habit of saying smooth things and uttering pious platitudes and sentiments to gain applause, without relation to the underlying facts, is more pronounced now than it has ever been in my experience.”

Churchill’s reference to “smooth things” was a quote from the Bible about people rejecting the hard messages brought by prophets sent by God Himself. He didn’t know it, but it also refers to a prophecy *specifically for us in this end time!*

“Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever: That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the Lord: Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, PROPHECY NOT UNTO US RIGHT THINGS, SPEAK UNTO US SMOOTH THINGS, PROPHECY DECEITS” (Isaiah 30:8-10).

As *Winston S. Churchill: The Watchman* explains, this prophecy addresses God’s spiritual and national leaders today. These leaders prefer “deceits” so they can continue their rebellion against God’s law. They reject prophecy and want “smooth things” so they can believe that the day of reckoning is in the distant future.

However, this day is coming quickly, and the Bible’s prophecies are speeding toward fulfillment. And even though there is no *political* watchman on the scene today, God *has* sent one man to warn. He is not only a watchman but also a prophet.

The day will come when the world recognizes God’s warning through this man, just as the world woke up, tragically too late, to Churchill’s warning. Prophecy indicates that it will take even more astonishing horror to wake up mankind. But God would not be a merciful God if He didn’t give individuals the chance to heed His message even as their nations fall apart. The time to heed the watchman is now. ■

## More relevant than ever

Churchill’s warnings were dead right—and still are. Gerald Flurry’s *Winston S. Churchill: The Watchman* shows why we must heed them today.



What you can learn from fools who scratch swastikas on Cybertrucks **BY JOEL HILLIKER**

**H**ERE IS A BIG APPLAUSE line on a recent show by late-night talk show host Jimmy Kimmel: “Tesla stock is way down—almost disastrously so.” After the cheers died down, he continued: “People have been vandalizing Tesla vehicles”—speaking of a spate of incidents of people keying cars, scratching swastikas, and physically harassing or assaulting drivers. Kimmel then stared into the camera and said sarcastically: “Please don’t vandalize. Don’t *ever* vandalize Tesla vehicles.” This elicited huge laughs. Isn’t it hilarious?

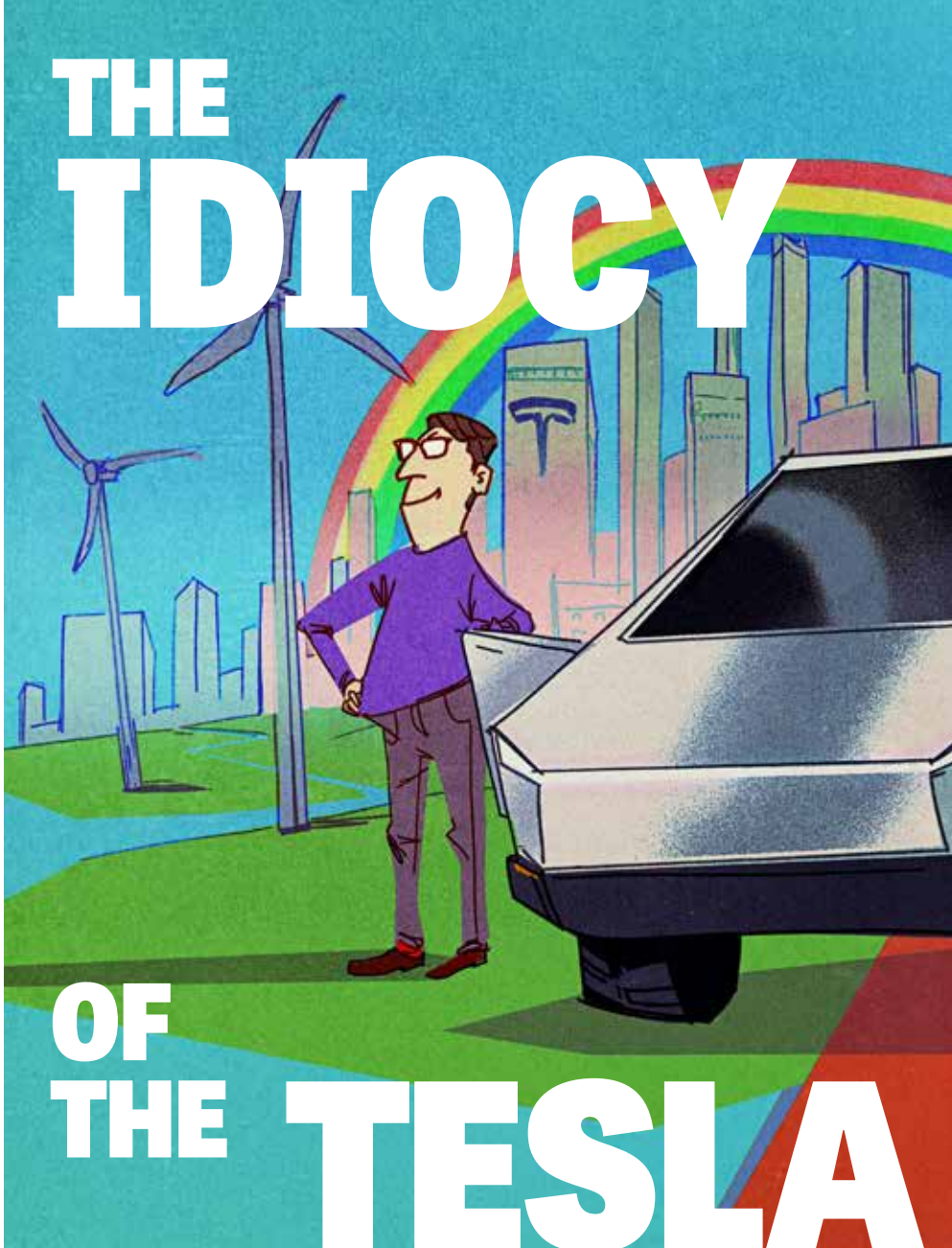
News clips of Tesla dealerships and Cybertrucks burning from arson attacks evoked claps and whoops from the audience of the satirical news program *The Daily Show*. “Police say the attacker used Molotov cocktails,” the newsmen in the clip intoned to more ecstatic shouts. “Tesla Cybertrucks were set on fire in Kansas City, and earlier this month, shots fired at a Tesla dealership in Oregon.” Footage of a bullet hole in a shop window drew enthusiastic applause and hurrahs. After the clip ended, the host said, “Wow, you guys like petty acts of domestic terrorism, huh? Cool.” More cheers and laughs erupted.

Why are Americans hatefully destroying fellow Americans’ American-made electric vehicles while American celebrities goad American audiences into cheering for it and whistling for more? What are we doing to ourselves, and why?

A few short months ago, the Tesla logo symbolized an environmentally friendly future, a shift away from oil dependency, a path to combating climate change. Driving one signaled that you might be a supporter of these causes and leftism in general. But virtually overnight, leftists have branded Tesla as a symbol of evil. It is now a lightning rod for their rage and propensity to destroy.

Why the sudden transformation from love to hate? The story of this swift metamorphosis profoundly illuminates some lessons we all need to learn—about our world and about ourselves.

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## How to Waste a Trillion Bucks

What fuels these flames of leftist outrage? Surprise, surprise—it’s Donald Trump. Their specific gripe concerns Tesla founder Elon Musk’s efforts on the president’s behalf to eliminate government waste and fraud.

The members of Musk’s Department of Government Efficiency are the bureaucratic equivalent of superheroes. They are fearlessly facing down the bloated federal leviathan, whacking away at its \$2 trillion deficit in the shadow of a \$36.6 trillion national debt. Many people realize that the debt has become a threat to America’s *national security*. This late and desperate effort to root out government waste and save America from bankruptcy

is incredibly important and unquestionably noble. It is crucial for even the *possibility* of the nation’s long-term survival.

Consider: The Treasury Department estimates that the federal government is headed toward a record deficit this year. A breakdown of spending during the first five months of fiscal year 2025 shows that Social Security costs are up \$38 billion because of more beneficiaries and higher cost of living; Medicare is up \$20 billion because of increased enrollment; Medicaid is up \$15 billion due to rising costs; military spending is up \$27 billion due to international conflicts.

But the biggest single increase in those five months over the same period from last year was *interest payments* on



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America's ballooning national debt: These were up *\$44 billion*. They're becoming the fastest-growing part of the federal budget. And the national debt keeps climbing: The Congressional Budget Office expects it to grow by \$23 trillion in the coming decade—approaching \$60 trillion.

This is insanity. It cannot and simply *will not* continue. So, if you're concerned about the damage done by government *cuts*, think of the catastrophe that would result from government *collapse*.

DOGE aims to erase \$1 trillion of the federal deficit by cutting federal spending by 15 percent. "Our goal is to reduce the waste and fraud by \$4 billion a day, every day, seven days a week," Musk said in a March 27 Fox News interview,

alongside seven members of his team. "And so far, we are succeeding."

The reality is, even a \$1 trillion cut is not nearly enough. It merely slows the rate of sinking deeper into nation-destroying debt.

Still, what DOGE *is* trimming is astonishing. FOUR BILLION DOLLARS A DAY. "We routinely encounter wastes of a billion dollars or more—casually," Musk said. He cited one example of a government survey that the average businessman could have easily used Survey Monkey to create for about \$10,000; it cost taxpayers nearly \$1 billion. And the survey results weren't even used.

The DOGE team members described more head-shaking examples: 15 million

"living" individuals on the Social Security rolls who are aged 120 or older; 4.6 million government-issued credit cards for 2.4 million employees; systemic vulnerabilities that cost billions, such as 40 percent of calls to Social Security phone centers coming from crooks impersonating retirees and stealing money; redundant workers; outdated software systems; and on and on.

*Every day*, DOGE announces more outrageous examples of taxpayer money being dumped into preposterous projects, squandered by politicians or stolen by fraudsters: \$333 million in loans dished out to 1,600 suspiciously spry "borrowers" over 157 years old; \$312 million in COVID relief checks sent to 47,000 kids under age 11 who somehow qualified as small business owners; \$1.5 million spent on a "voter confidence" conference held in Liberia complete with luxury catering; \$600,000 dumped into a mysterious consulting contract for a firm that exists only as a post office box in Delaware; \$397,000 shoveled into a "queer farmers' seed saving symposium" in Oregon featuring artisanal compost workshops.

The scale of federal bloat, corruption and rot being exposed is ludicrous. The more that is uncovered, the clearer becomes a truth that, on some level, we already knew: Our government is far bulkier and more expensive than need be. It is doing a lot that it has no business doing—to the point that it threatens the nation's future! (sidebar, page 11: "Rightsized Government").

## Scratching the Surface of Sickness

The Trump administration has been taking cues from DOGE to target federal programs and agencies to downsize or eliminate. On March 14, Trump's executive order "Continuing the Reduction of the Federal Bureaucracy" put seven small agencies on the chopping block. A Daily Wire investigation gave a jaw-dropping peek into one of them: the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service.

This agency is supposed to help the economy by resolving disputes that threaten the free flow of commerce. In reality, it "seemed, quite clearly, to exist for the benefit of those on its payroll, and not much else." The Daily Wire called it "a real-life caricature of all the excesses that the Department of

Government Efficiency has alleged take place in government.” One top official went on an all-expenses paid “business” trip to Italy and Switzerland, where she conducted a business meeting—over video chat. Another “used a ‘recreation and reception fund’ to order champagne and \$200 coasters for his office, and to purchase artwork painted by his wife.” Like decadent monarchs in a crumbling empire, officials adorned their halls with self-commissioned portraits, squandered public funds on endless indulgences, offered lavish positions to unqualified friends and family—and *did nothing for the country.*

Forget about being shut down—some of these people need to be in jail for embezzlement. Such revelations are maddening and embarrassing.

DOGE is only scratching the surface, but *everywhere it scratches*, THIS IS THE KIND OF ROT IT FINDS.

It brings to mind an end-time prophecy about the modern descendants of ancient Israel, which include the Americans: “Alas, sinful nation, A people laden with iniquity, A brood of evildoers, Children who are corrupters! They have forsaken the Lord, They have provoked to anger The Holy One of Israel, They have turned away backward,” the Prophet Isaiah wrote. “... *The whole head is sick, And the whole heart faints. From the sole of the foot even to the head, There is no soundness in it, But wounds and bruises and putrefying sores ...*” (Isaiah 1:4-6; New King James Version).

DOGE is uncovering *sickness* in America’s *head*—its leadership and government: wide-scale negligence, squandering, misappropriation, purloining, lavishness, graft, deceit, and throwing money at myriad ludicrous and even perverted causes. It’s like a brain cancer on a national scale.

Every American should be deeply grateful for this effort to make the government accountable to the people—the entire premise on which America

was founded. Yes, it can be painful to diagnose and verify that your country is so deeply diseased. But recognizing the truth provides the *only hope* for even the possibility of survival!

In undertaking such a mammoth task, DOGE is certain to make mistakes. They are trying to avoid them, operating “with a scalpel, not a hatchet,” as they say, and correcting them quickly when they happen. But to kill the entire operation to prevent mistakes would keep the



President Trump shows support for Elon Musk in front of a Cybertruck at the White House on March 11.

government and the nation on course for its own demise.

Still, crowds of vandals, politicians and television audiences are *upset* that someone is trying to curb the waste and corruption. They are indignant over government agencies being downsized and eliminated. They are angered that federal employees are being fired (even though the number amounts to less than one sixth of 1 percent of the federal workforce). They believe the government needs to remain just as vast and corpulent as it is.

Such thinking is encouraged by leftist, socialist and Communist-minded influencers who hate Donald Trump and the principle of returning power back to “we the people.” Several judges, using dubious legal authority, have blocked DOGE initiatives, demanding that fired employees be reinstated, restricting access to data, ordering funds on canceled contracts to be paid. Mainstream

and other left-leaning news media coverage of DOGE’s activities is mostly negative. They depict the team as unruly, shoot-from-the-hip cowboys, they exaggerate claims of legitimate benefits being slashed, and they frame any reduction in government services as ruinous.

An untold number of people in the country have come under the sway of this thinking—to the point where they want to see Musk *suffer* for what he is doing to expose and eradicate the corruption. They are *cheering* the destruction of one of his companies, and in some cases, committing violent acts against it.

This is sickness *in the body* of the nation, down to the sole of the foot!

### This Is Irrational

The “Tesla Takedown” movement peaked with over 200 protests on March 29 during a “Global Day of Action.” It aimed to ruin Tesla by encouraging people to divest from the company, sell their vehicles, and even engage in destructive acts. The campaign’s website, [teslataakedown.com](http://teslataakedown.com), featured inflammatory posts

and accusations tying Musk to Nazism.

Texas Democrat Rep. Jasmine Crockett said she wants to see Musk “taken down” on a livestream. Former New York Rep. Jamaal Bowman labeled Musk a thief and a Nazi on CNN. Lincoln Project cofounder Rick Wilson wrote an article titled “Kill Tesla, Save the Country” that accused Tesla of financially backing fascism. The movement turned violent, with at least 80 reported cases of vandalism, arson and attacks on vehicles and infrastructure across the country. A doxing website published Tesla owners’ personal information and encouraged “creative expressions of protest” with a Molotov cocktail cursor on its map.

Tesla’s stock lost nearly half its value from a December 2024 high to the start of April. Minnesota governor and former Democratic vice presidential candidate Tim Walz mocked the drop at a town hall—despite the fact that his state holds 1.6 million Tesla shares in its

retirement fund, which supports public workers like teachers and first responders, many of whom are loyal Democrats. Tesla's stock slump cost that state fund alone an estimated \$384 million—not because the quality of Tesla decreased, but because leftists attacked it.

Protesting the cleanup of government fraud and waste reflects infirm thinking. Protesting by trying to tank an American car manufacturer because of an ideological disagreement with its CEO is a more advanced state of disease. But protesting by acts of intimidation, vandalism, sabotage, violence and destruction is truly sick!

Just yesterday it seems, driving a Tesla meant you were helping combat the civilizational threat of global warming. But today, you must *destroy* Tesla to combat the *even bigger* civilizational threat of ... trimming bureaucratic bloat. It defies logic.

And the way to “solve” this “problem” is to spray-paint Nazi symbols on the vehicles of complete strangers—people who may actually be fellow leftists who bought those vehicles to try to save the planet. This is truly bonkers.

Unless you are literally a Communist Party USA member or a government employee on the take, who would be genuinely upset at DOGE's labors? There is plenty of evidence that many of the protests were not spontaneous outbursts but campaigns that were contrived, organized and funded by elites with larger, more overtly Communist goals in mind. Political money certainly could have sparked and fueled the fire. But luckily for the left, they have a great many devotees who live by emotion and impulse and can be led by the nose into all manner of inanity.

The same nonsensical Tesla-hatred piggybacked atop already fervid anti-Trumpism and rising anti-Americanism globally. London saw demonstrators outside a Tesla showroom on the March 29 “Day of Action” accusing Musk of supporting fascism. Protests popped up in Finland, Norway, France and other European nations. “Tesla Take-down” also took hold in Australia, New Zealand and Canada, where a Montreal dealership was vandalized with pink paint. Why these dissidents are revolting against Musk's efforts to cut federal

waste in the U.S. is truly a mystery.

The whole episode is a vivid example of how illogical, how inconsistent, how self-defeating the beliefs and actions of the left can be. Here they have ensnared themselves in a self-contradictory web of ideological fervor, environmental hypocrisy, anti-capitalist sentiment, socialist zeal, fanatical anti-Trumpism, and a knee-jerk resort to cursing and shouting, violence and destruction. Behold the idiocy. Take a good hard look.

## Rule Your Own Spirit

This is an extreme example of a defect in modern life that fills the daily news: people living by impulse and passion rather than reason and sense. And the *underlying cause* of this self-destructive illogic infects *all of us*.

Think on this important proverb: “He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls” (Proverbs 25:28). An inability

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# Rightsized Government

**D**OGE'S EXPOSURE OF GOVERNMENT BLOAT IS A POWERFUL LESSON IN WHAT GOVERNMENT should not be doing.

When the ancient Israelites demanded a king, God gave His prophet Samuel important insights into the pitfalls of human governments, which Samuel relayed to the people (1 Samuel 8:10-18). God warned that a human-led government would be oppressive. It would introduce burdensome taxes, becoming bloated and centralized. This is what human-led governments tend to do: They get bigger as they amass power, property and wealth—wealth that should remain in the hands of citizens.

It is fascinating to contrast this with the way of God's government revealed in His laws and in the Bible. God's form of government is far more generous, far less intrusive and far more interested in the prosperity and happiness of the people. Consider some things God's government *does not do*—things that become very problematic when governments do them.

God's government does not manage people's money—neither for health care nor retirement. (Those programs are bringing America and many other Western nations down. The socialistic mindset—that the government takes your place in providing for yourself and your family—contravenes God's law. That is why it fails.)

God's government does not own or run businesses that compete with businesses run by private industry. God's government facilitates wealth creation rather than interfering with it.

God's government does not legislate new laws. God has only about 600 laws. Man's governments constantly create new laws. In God's system of administration, there is no legislature. In ancient Israel, if Moses needed guidance in a matter he could not discern from the existing law, he appealed to God, who gave him judgments in accordance with the existing law. That is the way it was in ancient Israel—and that way will be reinstated when God reestablishes His rule on Earth in the soon-coming Kingdom of God! James 4:12 says there is one Lawgiver: God. Governmental positions under the Lawgiver are truly *administrative*—administering the law of God that already exists.

God's government is simple in its purpose: It teaches the law, and it administers and enforces the law. That is why God's entire government—whether over a church or a nation, or the entire world—can operate on such a limited budget: It requires only a 10 percent flat tax—a *tithe* of people's increase. It stays out of people's business as they strive to keep the law.

In God's Kingdom, people will tithe and give offerings the same as God's people do in God's Church today. Wealth will grow, and justice, equity and peace will spread!



# Eliminating the Need for the Dollar

As central banks start issuing digital money, the dollar will face real competition. **BY ANDREW MILLER**



**T**HE HORIZON IS DARKENING FOR THE world's dominant currency. Despite some positive financial news in the United States, other nations continue to reduce their reliance on the U.S. dollar. The price of gold has spiked past \$3,000 per ounce as central banks around the world load up on the precious metal in lieu of dollars.

Yet the U.S. dollar may soon face an even more formidable rival than gold bullion: digital money.

The only reason the dollar has not collapsed already is that the world's other major currencies are in even worse shape. Since there is currently no viable alternative reserve currency, central banks grudgingly work past the dollar's flaws and continue to use it for international transactions. But what would happen if those banks no longer needed currency reserves at all?

Soon after China launched a digital yuan in 2021, the Bank for International Settlements launched a technology called Multiple Central Bank Digital Currency Bridge (mBridge). This project is designed to tie together central bank digital currencies from China, Hong Kong, Saudi Arabia, Thailand and the United Arab Emirates. Once operational, these five nations will not need to use dollars in cross-border payments as the mBridge system converts digital yuan to digital riyal, and digital baht into digital dirham.

The goal of mBridge is to eliminate the need for nations to keep U.S. dollars in reserve to make international transactions. This will drastically reduce

demand for the dollar and tank its value. That will destabilize the U.S. economy, exacerbating the nation's debt and making the U.S. vulnerable in almost every imaginable sense—abroad and at home.

The Bank for International Settlements is not attempting to achieve this goal by replacing the dollar with a new reserve currency: It aims to accomplish it by eliminating the need for a reserve currency altogether. This would be a major problem for the U.S., which needs other nations to keep buying U.S. treasury bonds so it can pay the interest on its \$36 trillion national debt.

## Embracing Digital Money

To preserve the dollar as the world reserve currency, Joe Biden and his regime announced plans to design its own central bank digital currency, dubbed the “digital dollar” or “FedCoin.”

FedCoin would allow the U.S. to participate in its own mBridge-style system. It



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KARL-THEODOR ZU GUTTENBERG

would also mean dark days for freedom. Unlike private cryptocurrencies that operate in decentralized systems, central bank digital currencies are issued, backed and controlled by central banks. They give central banks—and the governments that support them—the power to monitor every digital monetary transaction.

competitive in a digital world.

Caught between a rock and a hard place, Donald Trump took action quickly once he took office. On January 23, the president signed an executive order titled “Strengthening American Leadership in Digital Financial Technology.” It bars federal agencies from developing a central bank digital currency while promoting the development of dollar-backed stablecoins worldwide. Its intention is to prevent an Orwellian surveillance state from hijacking America while simultaneously allowing the dollar to be used in digital blockchain networks in international transactions.

A stablecoin is a cryptocurrency where the value of the digital asset always matches another currency or asset. Stablecoins like Circle or Tether are redeemable 1:1 for U.S. dollars, so people can use these cryptocurrencies to participate in a blockchain network and cash out for dollars whenever needed.

Tech entrepreneur Elon Musk uses stablecoins to send money internationally because it's instantaneous and cheaper than traditional banking and avoids the privacy concerns associated with central bank digital currencies. Trump supports stablecoins for the same reason. He holds a leadership position at World Liberty

Financial, a crypto venture that recently launched a U.S. dollar-pegged stablecoin “inspired by President Donald J. Trump.”

Only time will tell how President Trump’s strategy will play out. So far, its main effect has been to prompt the European Central Bank (ECB) to fast-track the development of a digital euro. On January 24, ECB board member Piero Cipollone warned that stablecoins could threaten European banks. He wants the eurozone to launch its own central bank digital currency.

## Currency War

Almost a decade ago, former German Minister of Economics and Technology Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg warned that Europe was sleeping through the currency digitization revolution.

“I am convinced that blockchain will evolve and become very important,” he told an audience in Switzerland in 2016. “The technology could speed up transactions and save banks money—the middle man would become obsolete. ... I hope that Europe will come to its senses, build a strong blockchain hub, and not leave this development to the other side of the Atlantic.”

Few people acted on the trend Guttenberg was pointing out until President Trump took action to develop a U.S. dollar-pegged stablecoin. Now ECB chief economist Philip Lane says that a digital euro is essential to safeguarding Europe’s financial system. “The digital euro is not just about modernizing our monetary system,” he said. “It’s about securing Europe’s financial independence in an era of increasing geopolitical fragmentation. ... If dollar stablecoins gain traction in domestic transactions, they could indirectly anchor Europe’s payment system to the U.S. currency ....”

In other words, if the euro does not digitize, European companies will continue to rely on the giant U.S. payment corporations like Visa, Mastercard, PayPal, Apple and Google. That would be good news for the dollar’s status as the reserve currency, but it would keep Europe reliant on the United States.

In the age of Trump, many European leaders want independence from the U.S. Thus, developing a digital euro that can be traded via a blockchain has shot up the priority list.

The cryptocurrency world is now dividing into two giant currency blocs: a U.S.-led bloc promoting stablecoins and a Euro-Asian block promoting central bank digital currencies.

President Trump is fighting back against the central bank digital currency network China has been developing for the past four years, yet Bible prophecy indicates America will not do well against the economies allied against it. This is not because President Trump’s stablecoin idea is inferior to the digital yuan or digital euro. Rather it is because God prophesied that a “mart of nations” would rise and be used to punish the American people for their sins.



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PHILIP LANE

The world is turning against America, and technologies like mBridge may make it easier for America’s economic rivals to collude with each other without having to give up their own currencies.

## ‘Mart of Nations’

If Europe and Asia acted together, they could dethrone the dollar and revolutionize global finance to an extent not seen since the Chinese introduced paper money to the world. Amazingly, the Bible prophesied of an end-time economic alliance against America and Britain thousands of years ago.

In *Isaiah’s End-Time Vision*, Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry explains the Bible’s prophecies that the world economy will be dominated by three power blocs in the end time: Tyre, Tarshish and Kittim. Tyre, he explains, represents the commercial center of the modern-day European Union; Tarshish is modern-day Japan; Kittim is modern-day China. Isaiah 23:1-3 say that the merchants of Tarshish will mourn when Tyre is overthrown. This shows that Japan and China will be in a close economic partnership with a German-led superstate that dominates international trade.

Other Bible prophecies such as Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28 show that the modern-day nations of Israel (the United States and Britain primarily)

will be besieged until they are destroyed. This indicates that the Isaiah 23 mart of nations is an *anti-American alliance*. Such an alliance would have no interest trading in dollars. This means the process of international trade with the dollar will have been replaced. A blockchain network allowing digital yuan, digital yen and digital euros to be electronically traded could be the deciding factor.

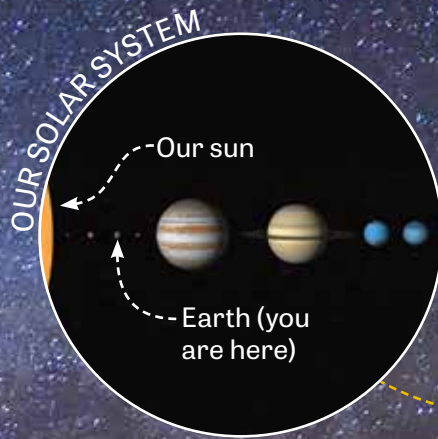
Prophecies about the mart of nations are not limited to the Old Testament. Revelation 17 reveals that a powerful religious entity will become a guiding force over a great economic powerhouse that dazzles all nations with its wealth and splendor. Revelation 18:3 says

that “the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury” (New King James Version). Revelation 13:17 shows that people will be unable to buy or sell if they do not obey this religious entity. This sobering prophecy may require blockchain-like technology to fully implement.

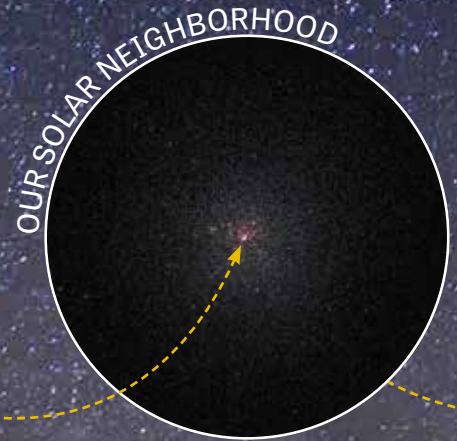
These verses are about a European financial power, but these merchants are not only active in Europe—they are doing business in nations all around the world. China and Japan will ally with a revived Holy Roman Empire to replace the current Anglo-American economic system.

Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in 1984 that a banking crisis in America “could suddenly result in triggering European nations to unite as a new world power, larger than either the Soviet Union or the U.S.” (co-worker letter, July 22, 1984). This unification of core European nations could also be accompanied by a new digital currency.

As the 2008 financial crisis showed, a banking crisis could easily cause the dollar to collapse. America’s enemies are aware of this fact and may even try to purposely provoke such a crisis. Though digital currencies and blockchain network are cutting-edge technologies, the economic trends unfolding today were prophesied in your Bible long before the first coins were minted! ■



This is our solar system, the cluster of planets that orbits our sun. In reality, the planets are much, much more spread out than shown here. Any attempt to draw them in their proper places on this scale would require hundreds of feet of paper.



Here is a computer simulation of over 100,000 of our nearest stars, with our sun as an invisible dot at the center. This circle is very roughly 1,500 light years across, about 1/100th of the diameter of our galaxy.

# WHAT IS MAN'S PLACE IN THE UNIVERSE?

The latest scientific discoveries paint a stunning picture of your importance.

BY RICHARD PALMER

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HAT ARE MERE MORTALS THAT YOU SHOULD think about them, human beings that you should care for them?” David asked God this question 3,000 years ago. Since then, man has learned more and more about his place in the universe, and we have learned

more about just how small we really are.

Are we as insignificant as we seem? Is the Creator to whom David spoke real? Does He care for us? If so, why?





**MILKY WAY GALAXY**

The Milky Way contains between 100 billion and 400 billion stars, and about the same number of planets. No human has ever left it and looked back to take a photograph, so this is merely an artist's impression, as are the next couple of images.



**LOCAL GROUP**

Our galaxy is part of a group of around 60 galaxies. This group is dominated by three galaxies that are larger than the rest: our Milky Way, the Andromeda Galaxy and the Triangulum Galaxy.



**VIRGO SUPERCLUSTER**

The Virgo Supercluster is a cluster of over 100 groups of galaxies, taking up 100 billion times more space than the Milky Way.

## UTTER INSIGNIFICANCE

Five hundred years ago, the Catholic Church was teaching that everything revolved around Earth. In 1610, Galileo Galilei proved it did not. The same year, he also showed that the Milky Way was not simply a fuzzy cloud, but a vast group of stars.

For the next 300 years, mankind believed the Milky Way *was* the universe. In the 1920s, Edwin Hubble proved that there are galaxies outside the Milky Way. We now know that our galaxy is just one of hundreds of billions.

Harlow Shapley, one of Hubble's main rivals, spent years ridiculing the idea there could be "island universes," as he called these other galaxies. When Hubble proved him wrong in a letter laying out the evidence for multiple galaxies, Shapley immediately grasped the magnitude of this new truth. He called it "the letter that destroyed my universe."

Now we know the universe does not revolve around us. Instead, we live on a speck of dust, orbiting a speck of light, one of 200 billion similar specks in a galaxy that is just another speck in the cosmos.

"If there is some special grandeur in our position in space and time, I fail to find it," wrote Shapley. He described man's "material inconsequentiality," stating that he is not remarkable or superior "in his location in space, or in his times, not in his energy content or chemical composition."

Yet in another sense, the more we study, the more we realize how special and unique our spot in the universe is.

Consider: Earth travels a perfect orbit the perfect distance from the sun and the perfect distance from the moon, within a magnetic field that protects human life from dangerous radiation, and its atmosphere and surface contain the right chemicals we need to sustain life. Our neighboring giant planets are perfectly positioned to trap asteroids in their gravity. Our sun is the perfect type of star, producing the right amount of ultraviolet light. We're safely distant from other stars that could disrupt our stable orbit. We're in the perfect type of galaxy and the perfect part of that galaxy—far enough away from the deadly radiation of its crowded center. And tiny though we may be, standing on the surface of this planet in this solar system in this arm of this galaxy happens to be the perfect place for us to observe the rest of the universe.

Now the latest discoveries reveal yet another mind-boggling truth. The position of the Milky Way galaxy, the vast structures it is part of, stretching billions of light-years across, all appear to be *designed with man in mind*.

The universe doesn't revolve around man. But are we central to its shape and structure?

## LANIAKEA

Laniakea appears to be our true home supercluster. All the galaxies in Laniakea are being drawn together, as shown by the white lines in the picture. Other nearby galaxies flowing in the opposite direction are considered part of different superclusters.

## GALACTIC ORGANIZATION

Once proved wrong, Shapley embraced Hubble's view of the universe and became a pioneer in studying this newly expanded cosmos. It has taken decades but this study is proving a startling truth: The universe is far too well organized to be the product of random chance.

One of the first big breakthroughs of this field came in the 1950s. Scientists discovered that the Milky Way is part of a larger structure, the Virgo Supercluster. Shapley called these "metagalaxies."

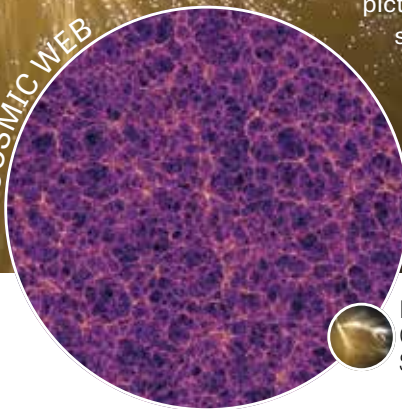
In 2014, a group of scientists made headlines suggesting that this supercluster is actually an appendage of a greater concentration of galaxies. They found that there are 100,000 galaxies that all flow together, drawn by their gravitational pull. They proposed calling the overall structure "Laniakea," Hawaiian for "immeasurable heaven."

Last year, a new study suggested that even Laniakea is part of a yet-larger construction, a "basin of attraction" that some call the Shapley Concentration. So Laniakea, vast as it is, is not so much a river flowing all the way to the sea but a tributary of a much larger system.

"This discovery presents a challenge: Our cosmic surveys may not yet be large enough to map the full extent of these immense basins," said Ehsan Kourkchi of the University of Hawaii. "We are still gazing through giant eyes, but even these eyes may not be big enough to capture the full picture of our universe."

"Our universe is like a giant web, with galaxies lying along filaments and clustering at nodes where gravitational forces pull them together," said University of Hawaii's R. Brent Tully. "Just as water flows within watersheds, galaxies flow within cosmic basins of attraction. The discovery of these larger basins could fundamentally change our understanding of cosmic structure."

COSMIC WEB



As far as we can tell, these giant superclusters all link up to form a cosmic web. The picture to the left is on a huge scale—its width is 1/25th the diameter of the observable universe. It is not an artist's impression but a computer simulation of the universe that roughly matches data from our telescopes.

LANIAKEA,  
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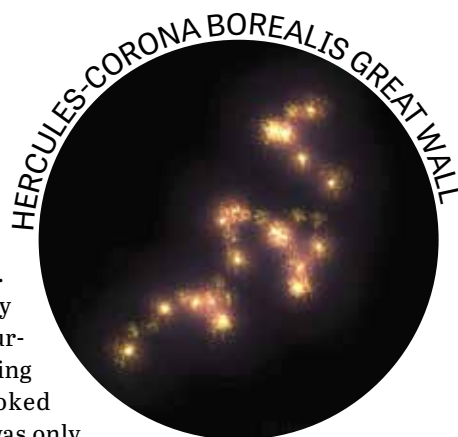
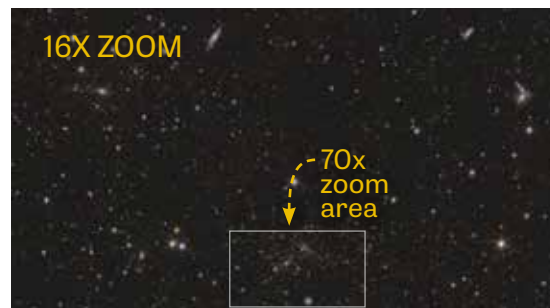
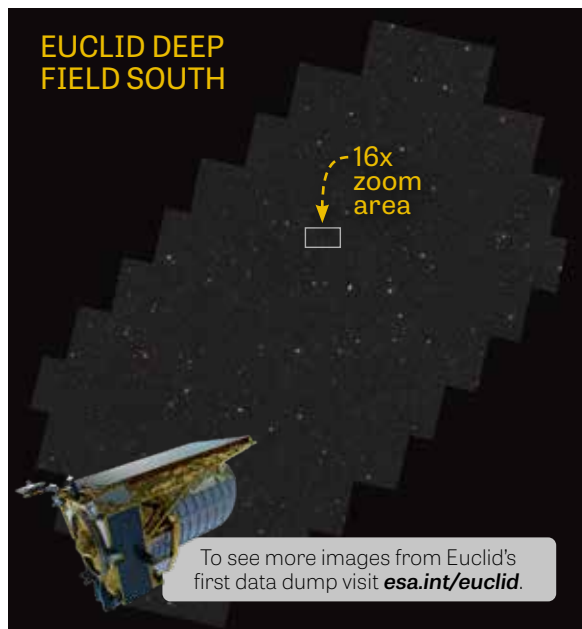
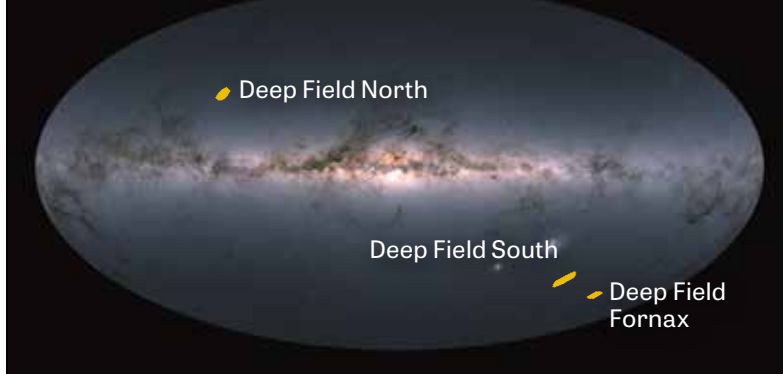
## BIG BANG?

Even the Shapley Concentration is "small" compared to the largest large-scale structure in the cosmos (that we know about). A year before Laniakea was discovered, astronomers found the Hercules-Corona Borealis Great Wall. This wall of galaxies stretches one 10th of the way across the entire observable universe. At 10 billion light-years across, the Great Wall is *impossibly* big—literally. Why? It is too large for the standard theory of the big bang to be true.

Cosmologists basically assume that after the big bang occurred, random fluctuations followed, and these formed clusters of galaxies. If that is true, then on a large enough scale, the universe would have a uniform distribution of galaxy clusters: Everywhere you look, it should look the same. When tossing a coin, you wouldn't be surprised to get three or four heads in a row. But do it 1,000 times and you'd expect the distribution of heads and tails to be pretty uniform. Finding this Great Wall is like getting 100 heads in a row: It is a scientific fact that something other than



Euclid has recorded three deep field maps from the areas indicated in yellow overlaid on the Milky Way as we see it in the night sky. These images are incredibly detailed. It seems galaxies continue no matter how far one zooms in.



random chance created it.

The second impossibility is its age. According to current theories, we are seeing what the Great Wall looked like when the universe was only 3.8 billion years old. The big-bang model keeps changing to try to fit new evidence to the contrary, but even the currently accepted model states that it is impossible for anything that big to form in such a “short” amount of time. Istvan Horvath, one of the scientists who discovered it, said he had “no idea” how it could have evolved.

Theories built on the big-bang assumption have been adjusted since, but they still struggle to account for order and structure on this scale.

Our understanding of the structure of the universe might be about to expand.

## EUCLID'S FIRST DATA DUMP

On July 1, 2023, the European Space Agency (ESA) launched Euclid. Like the James Webb Space Telescope, it orbits a spot around 1 million miles from Earth. Like Webb, it produces astonishing images. But unlike Webb, its main purpose is to give an *overview* of the universe, not to zoom in deep.

On March 19, the ESA released its first large data dump. It includes three “deep fields”—a deep look at three relatively small areas of sky that were found to contain 26 million galaxies and counting. Euclid will study these regions 30 to 50 more times to capture as many details as possible. In addition, the ESA published a more detailed survey of 380,000 galaxies.

Euclid aims to comprehensively map out where “stuff” is in the universe. It looks for galaxies whose shape has been distorted. The galaxies themselves weren't distorted, but the light from them has been bent by the gravity of massive structures as it traveled toward us. Some of those structures we can see—galaxies or neutron stars, for example. But by mapping and analyzing thousands of pictures of distorted objects, Euclid aims to create a map of the *unseen, dark matter* of the universe.

As scientists study these dizzyingly huge structures, they are revealing a startling truth: Our galaxy's position in the structure of the wider universe is perfectly suited for life.

## SAFE FROM GALAXY KILLERS

The Milky Way is in a relatively thinly spread area of the Laniakea Supercluster. That supercluster is the only one that scientists have spotted so far to have arms and filaments. Most are spheres or ellipsoids. Ours looks more like a stick insect.

Why does shape at this scale matter? The universe has gargantuan structures—and also gargantuan threats. The arms of Laniakea keep these threats at arm's length. This means our galaxy is relatively undisturbed by the potent gravitational forces exerted by large clumps of galaxies. It also keeps us away from supermassive black holes, which have masses a million times greater than our sun's. Those are at the heart of most larger galaxies.

No light can escape from a black hole. And they suck in matter at unimaginable speeds. They rotate similarly rapidly. As matter is sucked into a black hole, it accelerates to a significant fraction of the speed of light and collides with other matter moving at similar speeds. The result is that it shines with a deadly brightness.

Some galaxies contain black holes *1 billion* times more massive than the sun. These have been designated super-super-massive black holes—and they are galaxy killers.

One of the largest black holes in our neighborhood is at the heart of Galaxy M87, over 50 million light-years away. It outputs so much radiation that, according to Dr. Hugh Ross in his book *Designed to the Core*, not only is M87 uninhabitable, but nearby galaxies are likely sterilized as well. A *single particle* detected on Earth believed to have been sent our way by that black hole had the same kinetic energy as a baseball traveling at 60 miles an hour. That is 30 million times the maximum energy given to particles at CERN's Large Hadron Collider.

It takes a huge amount of matter—likely millions of stars—to form monsters of this size. Laniakea's spindly structure helps spread galaxies out, preventing the formation of many of these super-supermassive black holes. And the ones that have formed are spread out and farther from us.

These super-supermassive black holes also shoot out jets of radiation carrying much more energy and are capable of destroying life at a far greater range. M87's jet is so powerful it causes stars to explode. The structure of Laniakea makes it much less likely that the barrel of one of these galactic guns is pointing at us.

Of the few super-supermassive black holes around us, an unusual number are dormant. There is nothing nearby to fall into them at stupendous speed, and no deadly radiation.

"The Laniakea's neighborhood of superclusters indeed manifest extraordinary characteristics, all of them advantageous for the possible existence of life somewhere within," writes Ross. "Astronomers see no other configuration of superclusters remotely like it." Later he notes, "Given the vastness of the universe, it may seem strange that a conceivably safe time and place for advanced life would be so incredibly rare, but it appears to be so."

A galaxy contains hundreds of billions of stars and planets. Now we are talking about structures with thousands or even millions of components, so vast it takes light billions of years to cross. Could these structures really have been designed with puny little man in mind?

## GRAVITATIONAL LENSING

This image shows examples of gravitational lenses that Euclid captured in its first observations of the Deep Field areas. This type of lensing happens when a foreground galaxy and its halo of dark matter acts as a lens, distorting the image of a background galaxy along the line of sight toward Euclid.

## THE DESIGN REVEALED

Every year scientists are discovering more proof that this universe is the work of a Designer—that He tailored Earth, the solar system, cosmos and the very laws of physics for man's benefit. But all these studies can never reveal *why* He did that.

Having proved there is a Creator, the next step in the search for truth is to find His message. You can prove that this message is contained in the Holy Bible. (Request our free booklet *The Proof of the Bible*.)

In this inspired book, God gives us an even more astonishing truth than anything scientists have uncovered so far. The night sky, with all its stars, galaxies, superclusters and basins of attraction, *is there for man*.

Hebrews 2:8 answers David's question: "What are mere mortals that you should think about them?" It states that God has put "all things in subjection" under man. The Moffatt Bible translates "all things" as "the universe." Verse 8 goes on to say that God "left nothing that is not put under him."

"In other words, for those willing to believe what God says, He says that He has decreed the entire universe—with all its galaxies, its countless suns and planets—*everything*—will be put under man's subjection," Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in *The Incredible Human Potential*. Of course, as the verse goes on to say, the Creator has "not yet" put the endless universe under us—but He will.

Our entire, vast, stellar neighborhood is not simply designed with man in mind. It is designed for man to *rule!*

Hebrews 2:8 is not an isolated scripture. Several scriptures plainly reveal that God's plan for mankind includes the whole universe. That cosmic web, if that is indeed the true structure of the universe, is our inheritance.

The Apostle Paul describes the entire universe as an expectant mother in labor (Romans 8). The fate of the whole universe is tied to man. "For the creation" or the universe "waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God" (verse 19; Revised Standard Version).

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“This passage indicates precisely what all astronomers and scientific evidence indicate—the suns are as balls of fire, giving out light and heat; but the planets, except for this Earth, are in a state of death, decay and futility—but not forever—*waiting* until converted humans are BORN the children of God; born into the very divine Family of God, forming the Kingdom of God,” wrote Mr. Armstrong.

How could mankind even *begin* to affect all that is out there? What could a human being do to control the awesome power of the black hole at the heart of M87?

Verses like this point to a truth so stupendous that, though it is revealed in verse after verse, most Christians cannot accept it. When the Bible talks about “sons of God,” it is not merely a nice metaphor, a statement that God’s Church is similar to a family, or an allusion to the fact that God created us all. *It is a literal truth.* God is offering mankind the opportunity to be born as God beings into His eternal Family. Verse 15 states that we “have received the spirit of sonship” so we can cry “Abba! Father!” (RSV). Paul says we can use the term little Hebrew boys use for their dad.

This truth was too spectacular for the translators of the King James Version. They changed “sonship” to “adoption”—but that is not what it says. There is coming a time when men will be born again into God’s Family, and God “shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body ...” (Philippians 3:21), and “we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is” (1 John 3:2).

No wonder the Apostle Paul wrote, “For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us” (Romans 8:18).

The enormous scale of the universe helps bring to life the magnitude of the Christian

calling. Isaiah 51:16 says God intends to “plant the heavens,” filling the universe with life.

Transforming planets so that they can support life is mind-boggling enough. But planting life in many parts of the heavens will involve so much more than that. God wants multiple billions of God beings who can tame the power of super-supermassive black holes, rearrange superclusters, and restructure walls of galaxies—ending the decay out there and filling the universe with life, order and beauty.

This vision puts your life, all the world’s confusion and suffering, the entire human creation, into a dazzling context. The great God who created all this is preparing man for this inheritance!

No wonder God demands that His sons, soon to be born again, are tried and tested and that we submit ourselves completely to His authority and His law. He is offering us the power of a billion suns! It takes a lifetime of overcoming to qualify for such a spectacular reward—but God makes available all the help we need.

To overcome and endure to the end, we need to see what it’s all for. It’s no coincidence that as world events get darker, God gives us a brighter and brighter view of our universal future. Will Euclid give us an even greater picture of what is ahead for us as that data is analyzed and more is published?

“[W]e need our universe dream,” wrote *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry in our February 2004 issue. “We need to see the stupendous possibility and the eternal majesty. ... Nothing can stimulate our imagination like comprehending our universe potential! Nothing.”

“Scientists dare to introduce new theories about the universe,” Mr. Flurry concluded. “But we dare much more. We dare to believe our Creator no matter what. And then God gives us the faith we need to fulfill our incredible human potential.” ■



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# A New Era Requires a New Pope



Who will take the papal throne after Pope Francis? **BY GERALD FLURRY**

**O**VER THE PAST FEW MONTHS, MILLIONS of Catholics have been concerned about Pope Francis's health. On December 7 and January 16, he was reported to have suffered falls, one of which left a bruise on his chin.

On February 14, Pope Francis was admitted to the hospital. Many thought his battle with double pneumonia could be his last. After five weeks, he was discharged. But the concerns are not over. Doctors recommended at least two months of rest and rehabilitation, which is difficult to undertake for A MAN WHO LEADS A GLOBAL ORGANIZATION WITH 1.4 BILLION MEMBERS.

The fact that this health crisis was preceded by a fall on December 7 and then followed by one on January 16 may prove significant. The two dates span a 40-day period, a number the Bible associates with test and trial. These two dates also hold special significance for God's true Church. On Jan. 16, 1986, Worldwide Church of God pastor general Herbert W. Armstrong died. Almost four years later, on Dec. 7, 1989, I was fired for holding on to the truths he taught.

One of these truths centered on the rise of the Catholic Church to once more guide and direct a resurrected Holy Roman Empire at the heart of Europe, as prophesied in Revelation 17.

Based on this and other prophecies, I have thought for some time that a new pope may take power soon.

## Times Are Changing

A new era in world history has begun. Jesus Christ prophesied of this period, called "the times of the Gentiles" (Luke 21:24). We have to understand what this means: We are entering into the worst suffering in history. It will be extremely violent—and, thankfully, short. It should not catch you off guard.

The Bible gives many details about what to expect during this period. This includes many prophecies specifically

revealing what role the Vatican will play.

In some ways, Pope Francis has prepared the Catholic Church to fulfill some of these prophecies. However, I believe the changing time we live in will require a different pope. Pope Francis doesn't quite fit the picture.

Prophecy tells us we should expect a strong leader to arise in Germany. Europe's most powerful country is facing many pressures right now: the war in Ukraine; significant conflict in the Middle East (in Lebanon and Syria, where Germany has vested interests); the possibility of more migrants flooding into Europe. And Germany is in a political mess. This nation needs much stronger leadership. Prophecy tells us it is about to get it.

THE VATICAN WILL HELP BRING THAT POLITICAL LEADER ON THE SCENE, and that is when we will really see the fireworks. Prophecy says *the Vatican* will become very powerful and instigate radical changes.

Europe knows that to survive the trouble in today's world, the Continent must come together and act as one. It has taken many steps to do so, but significant obstacles always arise.

This European unification is also prophesied in your Bible. But the help of the Roman Catholic Church is going to prove essential to make it a reality.

Mr. Armstrong wrote on Jan. 23, 1980, that the challenge of creating a "United States of Europe" is so great that "[t]he politicians cannot do this by themselves. Only with the collaboration of the pope can they do it."

In the November-December 1954 *Plain Truth*, Mr. Armstrong noted: "Germany inevitably [will] emerge as the *leader* of a united Europe. It will require some *spiritual* binding force to inspire this *confidence*—to remove these *fears*—and that spiritual binding force *must* arise from inside Europe!"

Mr. Armstrong based this forecast on Revelation 17.

## The Woman and the Beast

This end-time prophecy portrays the seven heads, or seven resurrections, of the Holy Roman Empire. This church-state union began with the Imperial Restoration of A.D. 554 and has repeatedly dominated Europe through the centuries right up to the Hitler-Mussolini axis of World War II. That was the sixth resurrection. (This incredible story is explained in our free book *The Holy Roman Empire in Prophecy*.)

The seventh and final revival of this empire is prophesied to rise in our day. This modern-day Holy Roman Empire is again a church-state alliance—actually an empire *guided by a religious power*—as it has been in the previous six resurrections over the past 1,500 years.

Europe is not heavily Catholic today as it was in the past, but that will change soon, and rapidly.

Revelation 17:1-2 depict a "great whore," a woman "that sitteth upon many waters: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication." A woman is a prophetic symbol for a *church*. Who is this great false church that sits "upon many waters"? She has large churches in *many* parts of the world. She is spiritually intimate with the kings of this Earth—even dominates them. Who could this be? Even a teenager should be able to answer that question! Sadly, most people are *ignorant* of their Bibles.

We need to watch for the rise of a political strongman to guide this empire. And just as important, we need to watch

for the rise of the Catholic Church's influence over it.

Most likely, we will see a church leader installed on the papal throne who knows the German system and will help install the political leader who can really swing Europe around—a good strong believer of the church's doctrines.

### Church Unity

The European Union knows it must unite. Germany has many Protestants, but it also wants more unity. The Bible indicates that this is exactly what will happen as the Protestants come *more and more under the pope's authority*. (This is portrayed vividly in the end-time prophecy of Isaiah 47. I explain this in detail in my book *Isaiah's End-Time Vision*, free upon request.) Then Germany—the powerful economic engine of the EU—will lead with real power.

“Therefore hear now this, thou that art given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children” (Isaiah 47:8). This church lost its Protestant, or *protesting*, children. However, it has a master plan to force *them back into the fold!*

The late Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis expressed sympathy and praise for Martin Luther. Some Catholics speculate that the Vatican may soon declare Luther a saint. That may be true. After all, if Martin Luther were “together in heaven” with all the Catholic saints, there's no reason for the Catholic-Protestant division, right? Of course, if they unite, it would be under the authority of the Catholic Church.

However, biblical prophecy indicates that full unity will not be achieved

voluntarily. At some point, the mother church will abandon its efforts to woo her daughters back by flatteries and instead revert to the age-old method of enforcing “Christian” unity through physical force.

That too will likely require a different pope.

This description of end-time events foretold in biblical prophecy is crucial for you to understand! You may find it difficult to believe the Roman Catholic Church could be involved in anything so cruel as what the Bible describes. But study into the history of this institution—history it has tried to discredit and bury—and you will learn the cold, hard facts! Read *The Holy Roman Empire in Prophecy*. THIS CHURCH HAS NEVER REPENTED OF ITS VIOLENT, EVIL, UNPARALLELED PAST! God forewarns us all. We must heed, lest we find ourselves caught in the worst of these prophesied events! ■

## Who Will Be Next?

**A** PAPAL ELECTION COULD BE IMMINENT AND RESULT IN A pivotal shift. Who are the current front-runners? On March 2, *t-online* posed this question to German journalist and Vatican expert Andreas Englisch, who has for decades reported on developments in the Vatican. Englisch gave two possible candidates, both Italian: Pietro Parolin and Pierbattista Pizzaballa.

**Pietro Parolin** is cardinal secretary of state, second in command at the Vatican, an office that has often been a stepping-stone to the papacy. In 2023, the *Pillar* asked, “Could Parolin Be Pope?” and answered: “It seems increasingly likely. ... But a Vatican secretary of state has not been elected pope since Pius XII in 1939.”

Parolin has praised the World War II pope for his actions during the war and has defended him against critics—Pius famously maintained close ties with Adolf Hitler. Parolin has followed Pius's example in working with controversial world governments such as Cuba and China.

He also has a strong vision for Europe. In a February 15 interview with *Eco di Bergamo*, he called on Europe to “rediscover itself”—in other words, resurrect the Holy Roman Empire.

However, Parolin had a serious bout with cancer he had to overcome. After Pope Francis's prolonged sickness, many cardinals may look for a younger, more dynamic man.

**Pierbattista Pizzaballa**, the patriarch of Jerusalem, “would have particular political significance, especially in the current geopolitical situation in the Middle East,” Englisch said. “In addition, his comparatively young age—under 60—gives him a long-term perspective for the office.”

In 2023, Pizzaballa caught the attention of Gerald Flurry, who detailed Pizzaballa's criticism of Israel in his article “*The Jewish Nation Has No Helper*” (*theTrumpet.com/27803*). Later that year, Pizzaballa was made a cardinal and suddenly was seen as a contender for the papacy.

The office he holds, Latin patriarch of Jerusalem, was founded during the First Crusade when Catholic Crusaders slaughtered Muslims and Jews, filling Jerusalem with blood. The first patriarch of Jerusalem oversaw the forceful conversion and slaughter of heretics himself.

Bible prophecy reveals in Revelation 17 a strong relation between Europe's political leadership and that of the Roman Catholic Church. For this reason, the *Trumpet* and its predecessor, the *Plain Truth*, have long thought Europe would, in a moment of crisis, see the rise of new leadership at the head of its political and religious system and that these two would form a close alliance. Thus, relations between the potential successors to Pope Francis and Europe's upcoming leader need to be watched closely.

A strong candidate to become the leader of Europe's political system is former German Defense Minister Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg (see “*Watch This Man Closely*” at *theTrumpet.com/28740*). Incidentally, Guttenberg is friends with Andreas Englisch and has interviewed him for his podcast and a documentary.

Guttenberg, who has met both Pope Benedict and Pope Francis, descends from a strong Catholic family. In questions about the Vatican, Guttenberg trusts Englisch's insight. He may use it to form a cooperation with the Vatican's future leadership. A future conclave may bring surprises, but for this and other reasons, Parolin and Pizzaballa are worth watching.

**JOSUÉ MICHELS**



**I**SRAEL IS WELL INTO ITS second year of war, and circumstances are as chaotic as ever. The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) is back in Gaza fighting Hamas. The United States is escalating its strikes against Yemen's Houthis. Iran is closer than ever to developing a nuclear bomb. Israel is now neighbors with a country run by a jihadist offshoot of al Qaeda: Syria. Internal divisions against Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu threaten to tear the country apart.

Then there is Hezbollah. The Lebanese terrorist group, until recently considered by many to be the world's most dangerous non-state military, is still in Beirut. It still holds influence over Lebanese society and still desires to impose an Iranian-style Shiite Islamic revolution on Lebanon. Its goal is still to wipe Israel off the map. But since Israel invaded Lebanon late last year, Hezbollah has been largely neutralized as an immediate threat. This weakening has allowed anti-Hezbollah factions to take control of Lebanon's government for the first time in years.

Lebanon is a complicated country. It still poses a threat to Israel, albeit a diminished one. However, it also may provide an opportunity for peace. But is it too good to be true?

The IDF entered Lebanese territory, fought Hezbollah, dropped bunker-buster bombs on Beirut, and killed Hassan Nasrallah. The world braced for how Hezbollah, far more powerful than Hamas, would strike back. Instead, Israelis entered Lebanese territory to negotiate peace.

So far, it has been just talk. But considering the subject matter, this preliminary step is monumental. On March 11, the United Nations facilitated a meeting between Israel and Lebanon in the southern Lebanese town of Naqoura. Israel's prime minister's office confirmed the parties "agreed to form three joint working groups" that will,



## Will Lebanon Make Peace With the Jews?

After decades of war, many see cause for hope.

BY MIHAİLO S. ZEKIC

among other issues, hold "discussions on the Blue Line and points still in dispute." The Blue Line is the ceasefire line from the year 2000 that currently acts as a de facto border.

So Israeli and Lebanese officials are attempting to settle the border issue and negotiate a peace agreement. One source told Israel's N12 television network, "Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's policy has already changed the Middle East, and we want to continue the momentum and reach normalization with Lebanon." Another official told the *Times of Israel*: "The goal is to reach normalization."

In an interview with Tucker Carlson released on March 21, U.S. Special Envoy to the Middle East Steve Witkoff confirmed just how ambitious the goal is: "I think Lebanon could normalize with Israel, literally normalize, meaning a peace treaty with the two countries. That's really possible."

Israel has fought wars with terrorist groups in Lebanon since the 1970s. Its

withdrawal to the Blue Line in 2000 came after its 18-year military occupation of some parts of the country. Its recent assassinations, air strikes and ground incursions against Hezbollah are still fresh in our mind. For many Lebanese, all they have ever known about the Israelis is that they are the enemy.

Lebanon and Israel agreed to a maritime border as brokered by the United States under Joe Biden in 2022. This was considered a diplomatic triumph. A peace treaty and full normalization would be tremendous. If it happens, it could be Israel's biggest geopolitical change since its peace agreement with Egypt in 1978.

### Victory in War and Peace?

Israel's war with Hezbollah last year was mostly successful and largely facilitated the current peace talks. In two months, Israeli

troops neutralized most of the 150,000 precision-guided missiles and rockets Hezbollah had amassed, dismantled its military infrastructure, killed most of the top leaders of its elite Radwan Force, and bombed its longtime leader, Nasrallah, the same day that Netanyahu told the UN "we will not allow Iran to tighten the noose of terror around our neck."

Netanyahu stated in a Nov. 26, 2024, speech about the war that, after a year of conflict with Israel, "it is not the same Hezbollah. We have pushed them decades back."

Hezbollah's diminution enabled Lebanon's civilian government to retake control. Lebanon's presidency had been vacant since 2022 because of Hezbollah's interference. But in January, Lebanon's parliament voted in Gen. Joseph Aoun as president, despite Hezbollah's opposition. Of all the statements Aoun made in his first speech to the legislature, the one that received the longest standing ovation was his assertion that he would disarm Hezbollah.



Lebanon's political establishment is evidently tired of Hezbollah leadership. It opposed Israel, but it is also apparently tired of fighting it. When Israeli forces directly violated Lebanese sovereignty by invading last year, the Lebanese military not only declined to reinforce Hezbollah, it didn't fight the Israelis at all.

A telling sign that Lebanon is ready for negotiations is that Israeli media can report on normalization talks without sparking mass protests from the Lebanese people and denial from the Lebanese government.

A poll late last year by the Washington Institute for Near East Policy found that a majority of Lebanese surveyed agreed that "internal political and economic reform is more important for our country than any foreign-policy issue, so we should stay out of foreign war." A majority of Christian and Sunni Muslim respondents also endorsed "political negotiations for a Palestinian-Israeli agreement," implying that, under certain circumstances, they would want their government to recognize Israel's right to exist.

### Donald Trump's Peace

This peace initiative started neither in Israel nor in Lebanon. According to Axios, it is U.S. President Donald Trump's administration that has prodded the two sides to come together.

"The working groups will be led by diplomats from the U.S., Israel and Lebanon," a White House official told Axios. "We hope that these negotiations will begin as early as next month" (March 11).

In 2020, President Trump's first administration brokered agreements between Israel and four Arab states—the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Sudan and Morocco, in that order—which all agreed to recognize Israel's right to exist. As celebrated as those Abraham Accords were, an agreement with Lebanon would far surpass them. The U.A.E., Bahrain and Morocco

had indirect relations with Israel for decades. Sudan was an enemy but never an existential threat. Lebanon, by contrast, is right across the border and has been an imminent threat for decades.

"He wants the Abraham Peace Accords to be augmented," Witkoff told Carlson, "and we're in the process of doing it. We think we're going to be announcing several new countries who are joining."

Is the world going to see an Israeli-Lebanese agreement in the style of the Camp David Accords? Is Israel about to convert an archenemy into an ally?



### Warning Signs

The Washington Institute for Near East Policy poll also suggested 79 percent of

Lebanese had a positive view of Hamas, including a majority of Christian respondents. Nearly all respondents, 99 percent, said the Arab world should "immediately break all contacts with Israel in protest against its military action in Gaza."

Hezbollah, though beaten down, remains a threat to Israel and to Lebanon's internal politics. It still benefits from high levels of support among Lebanon's Shia Muslim population, not to mention Iran's resilient regime.

Even if a critical mass of Lebanese leaders want peace today, can Israel trust Lebanon to still want peace tomorrow?

After President Trump brokered the Abraham Accords in his first term, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote in our January 2021 *Trumpet* issue: "We all want peace. But sadly, these recent peace pacts have a deadly flaw.

"Biblical prophecy gives us deep insight into these agreements. It actually foretells that moderate Arabs will unite, somewhat like we are now seeing. But they are prophesied *not* to cooperate with the United States or Israel!

"A prophecy in Psalm 83 exposes a HIDDEN REALITY behind these peace deals. We are already in the beginning stages of its fulfillment."

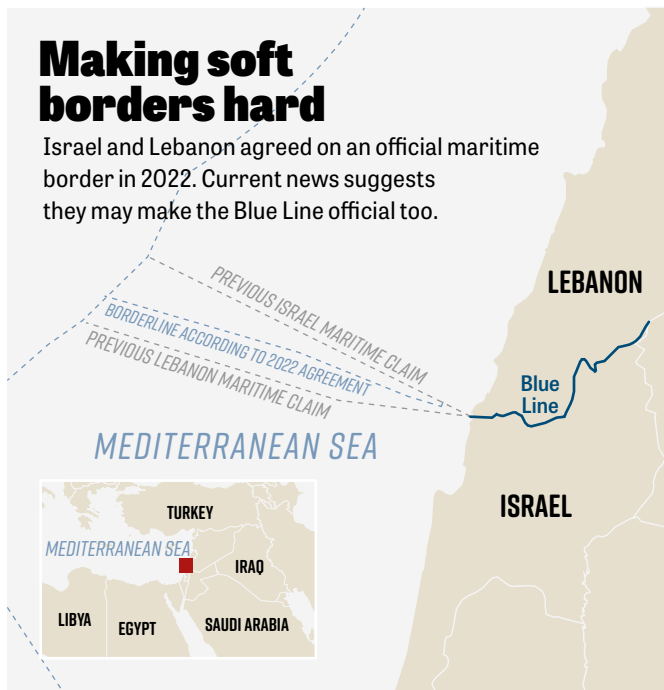
### The Hidden Reality

Psalm 83 forecasts a coalition of Middle Eastern peoples: "For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee: The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes; Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre; Assur also is joined with them ..." (Psalm 83:5-8).

The prophecy states these groups ally so "that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance" (verse 4). These peoples form a coalition for this purpose through "crafty counsel" (verse 3). *Strong's Concordance* defines "counsel" as "company of persons (in close deliberation); by implication, intimacy, consultation,

a secret." This implies confidential conversations unknown to the outside world.

Neither biblical nor secular history record the existence of such an alliance. Therefore, Mr. Flurry states that Psalm 83 is a prophecy for *our* day. He explains in his booklet *The King of the South*: "You must know who the modern descendants of these people are to understand just how timely and relevant this prophecy is." These include Saudi Arabia (the Ishmaelites), Jordan (Moab and Ammon), Syria (the Hagarenes) and the modern Palestinian Arabs (the Philistines). Assur was the capital of Assyria,





# ‘The Diamonds Are in Our Hands’

Israel’s ‘Operation Arnon’ is a story of courage and resolve for the history books. **BY JEREMIAH JACQUES**

fraught with risks: *Get in there and save them.*

From that day on, agents in Tel Aviv were fixated on this part of the camp, watching and listening as best they could, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They needed to determine exactly which buildings the hostages were in, and even the precise floors and rooms, if possible. The Israelis also needed to determine the number of terrorists guarding each hostage, what kind of weaponry they were armed with, and every other piece of information that might be relevant to the mission. And they needed to know—and act—before something changed.

Only a small group of the highest-ranking officials in the War Cabinet, the Israel Defense Forces and the Shin Bet security service knew about the mission.

The Israelis used aerial observation and a range of other advanced technologies. But it wasn’t enough to zero in on the exact locations or figure out some of the other specifics. So Israeli leaders made the incredibly high-risk decision to get Israeli eyes directly at the location, undercover.

The name of the female agent who disguised herself as a pregnant Palestinian has not been disclosed. But it is clear she was part of a small unit of deep-cover Israeli Border Police troops, in Hebrew called *Mista’arvim*. This translates to “Those who have become Arab.”

The *Mista’arvim* had arrived around the start of June. They had arrived in this cramped camp in broad daylight, driving two old battered cars. Mattresses were tied to the roofs, dents marred the doors, and they were filled with undercover male and female agents and all kinds of household items—the kinds of items that most any displaced Gazan family would have had if they were relocating.

They stopped their cars and stepped out. This was the most dangerous place these Israelis could be. Hundreds of well-armed Hamas terrorists controlled

**A** NOTICEABLY PREGNANT Palestinian woman walked on June 5, 2024, along a street in the Nuseirat Refugee Camp in the Gaza Strip. Wearing a hijab over her hair and a long black dress over her protruding stomach, she browsed vegetables from local vendors while complaining of the hardships of living in the war-torn region.

But this woman was not actually pregnant. Nor was she Palestinian.

She was an operative working with the Israel Defense Forces (IDF). Fluent in Arabic with a perfect Gazan accent, she had meticulously disguised herself as a local woman. And what appeared to be grocery shopping was actually intelligence gathering for a top-secret mission.

This mission was necessary because eight months earlier—on the now infamous date of Oct. 7, 2023—thousands of Hamas terrorists and other Palestinians had carried out a satanic massacre against Israel. The Palestinians slaughtered 1,139 men, women and children, and kidnapped some 250 others.

Among the hostages were three men: 21-year-old Almog Meir Jan, 27-year-old Andrey Kozlov and 41-year-old Shlomi Ziv, as well as a 26-year-old woman, Noa Argamani. Noa became one of the most well known of the Israeli hostages after Hamas published a video of her

being torn away from her boyfriend on October 7 and taken on a motorcycle between two terrorists. Her screams of despair and expression of horror were viewed by millions, making Noa the face of the Israeli hostages.

As the pregnant-looking woman was secretly gathering information, Noa and these three male hostages were in their 242nd day of captivity. They had been held in Gaza all that time, being transferred from one location to another in abysmal circumstances. They suffered from malnutrition and muscle atrophy, and were sometimes beaten and otherwise abused. And on June 5, they saw no end in sight for their captivity.

Little did they know that this Israeli woman was just outside the buildings they were imprisoned in and that events were in motion to attempt one of the most high-risk, complex and heroic rescue missions in recent military history.

## ‘Those Who Have Become Arab’

The location of Noa Argamani and the three men remained unknown to Israeli intelligence for months. But on May 12, 2024, Israel learned that they were being held somewhere in this particularly crowded part of the generally crowded Nuseirat Refugee Camp in the heart of the Gaza Strip.

Israeli leaders made a bold decision

everything around them, and even the civilians were largely aligned with the terrorists. These Israelis were now always a few minutes or seconds away from becoming victimized like their countrymen before them: captured, beaten, abused, battered, murdered.

The *Mista'arvim* agents said they were members of two Gazan families who had fled Rafah in the south of the Gaza Strip due to terrible shelling from the IDF. They said they were searching for a residence in Nuseirat that they could rent. One of them produced a large bag of cash and offered to pay a price well above the going rate if they could be housed right away in this exact area.

The story sounded convincing and the cash was plentiful enough to quell suspicions. Within three hours, the undercover agents had moved into a house near the presumed location of the hostages.

They began right away to settle in and blend in to the area. They worked in two teams, making outings on foot down the dusty streets, browsing and sometimes buying what was for sale. They moved with total confidence, as if they were strolling down Ben Yehuda Street in Jerusalem, all the while secretly collecting whatever information they could, all the while at risk of capture and death.

Within a few days, the undercover agents were able to zero in on a multistory building next to the al-Auda Medical Center as the location where Noa was being held. And they pinpointed another multistory residential building a half mile away where the three men were being held.

The agents used secure lines to pass the information along to their superiors. Twenty-eight commandos with Israel's Yaman counterterrorism unit began using that information to rehearse for an even riskier operation: the rescue. They created elaborate models of this section of the Nuseirat camp. They walked through every step of the mission, trying to anticipate all that could go wrong and how they would surmount all resistance without hostage casualties.

These commandos would have liked more time to model and rehearse the operation. But the terrorists could relocate the hostages at any time, and the rescue opportunity would be history.

On June 6, the IDF chief of staff, the War Cabinet and the head of Shin Bet

determined they could delay no longer. That evening Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu gave the final approval, and other Israeli cabinet members and senior commanders were informed of the plan. With the help of United States and British intelligence, the rescue mission began.

### 'It Was Actually Happening'

First the Israelis orchestrated an elaborate misdirection. This came in the form of two new IDF military operations, one launched just east of Nuseirat in Bureij and the other southeast of the camp in east Deir al-Balah. These were designed to draw Hamas terrorists away from Nuseirat.

At the same time, most of the undercover agents were instructed to quietly leave Nuseirat. Two agents remained in place to ensure that Israel would know if the hostages were relocated at the last minute.

The commandos rescuing Noa were able to quickly enter the building and eliminate the terrorists guarding her. One of them located the room she was held in and entered. "A soldier opened the door and said, 'Hello Noa, this is the IDF,'" she later told Israeli News 12. "I thought he was joking, so I didn't move. Then he told me, 'I'm going to pick you up over my shoulder, is that OK?' That's when I realized it was actually happening."

By 11:06, the Yaman commandos had Noa safely out of the apartment and en route to a secure location. They soon placed her into an awaiting helicopter that transported her to the Sheba Medical Center near Tel Aviv.

Noa's rescue went as smoothly as the Israelis could have hoped. But the situation with the three male hostages quickly became complicated.

Thanks to the reconnaissance work of the undercover agents, the Yaman com-



Andrey Kozlov (center) arrives at a medical center in Ramat Gan on June 8, 2024, after being rescued from captivity in Gaza.

Then on Saturday, June 8, shortly before 11 a.m., two furniture delivery trucks arrived near the al-Auda Medical Center. But rather than furniture, they carried 28 Yaman commandos.

Back in Tel Aviv, officers monitored live feeds of the two buildings and nearby streets. They assured the commandos that they still had the element of surprise, and at the very second the clock struck the hour, they gave the order: Now.

The two teams advanced on the targeted buildings at exactly the same moment to minimize the terrorists' ability to react—especially by executing hostages.

Commandos knew the three were being held in a certain room on the third floor of a residential building. A small number of them used a ladder to enter directly into that room.

At the same time, the larger part of this Yaman crew, led by 36-year-old Cmdr. Arnon Zamora, entered the building's main door on the first floor. They immediately came under heavy fire from some 30 terrorists. This was far more than they were expecting. Zamora was hit.

The commandos who had entered the room by ladder got to the hostages and sheltered them inside a bathroom as hundreds of gunshots rang out below.

Commander Zamora's men divided their attention between administering first aid to him and working to kill the terrorists who were firing on their positions. They were winning this extremely fraught battle, taking out the terrorists one after another. But everyone nearby could hear what was happening.

Many Hamas terrorists had left the area a day or two earlier due to the IDF's misdirection operations. But considerable numbers of them remained. They began rushing in from all directions, including from below through Gaza's infamous tunnel systems.

Hell-bent on killing the Israelis, growing numbers of terrorists fired on them with pistols, automatic rifles and even rocket-propelled grenades.

The Israelis were able to evacuate their wounded commander and the hostages from the building. At 11:15, one of them spoke a phrase into the receiver of his encrypted phone that the officials in Tel Aviv had been aching to hear: "The diamonds are in our hands."

After 245 days of captivity, all four of these "diamonds" were finally with their Israeli rescuers.

It was thrilling news—but the mission was still not complete. And the timeline had been thrown off by Zamora being wounded and the large number of terrorists joining the battle. The commandos' planned exit route was crawling with terrorists and filled with gunfire and exploding grenades. They had to improvise.

With some carrying Zamora's stretcher and others assisting the atrophied hostages, the commandos made their way through an alley and into a market area. By this indirect route and under heavy fire, they worked their way to their vehicle. But just before they arrived, it was struck by a pair of rocket-propelled grenades.

Back in Tel Aviv, authorities overseeing the mission saw that they had no choice but to activate "Plan B." This meant bringing in several military divisions that had been on standby, awaiting orders. Tanks and more than a hundred soldiers from the Givati and Golani infantry brigades charged into the Nuseirat Camp, providing cover for the commandos. At the same time, Air Force helicopters flew in from the east, while warships in the Mediterranean provided additional cover fire from the west.

Involving land, sea and air assets in a rescue operation of this kind was highly unusual. But the reinforcements were able to isolate the battle scene and open up an escape corridor for the commandos and hostages.

After many terrorists had been eliminated, an IDF helicopter landed just long enough to let the Israelis board. "When we got to the helicopter, I saw about 20 more soldiers," Andrey Kozlov said in an interview with *Israel Hayom*. "They were so happy they had succeeded. They offered us Coke. I started crying, but after a few minutes, I started laughing."

### **Arnon Zamora willingly risked his life to stand uncompromisingly against evil and to free his countrymen.**

The helicopter took off toward the hospital, only a few minutes behind Noa Argamani.

"I'll never forget the view from the helicopter window as we moved away and the Gaza Strip was visible from the back of the helicopter," Kozlov said. "I waved goodbye, 'Bye Gaza.' I still can't believe it."

Inside the helicopter, attempts to revive chief inspector Arnon Zamora continued. But his wound was too severe. After landing, this 36-year-old husband and father of two was pronounced dead.

During the weeks of meticulous intelligence gathering, planning and rehearsing, the Israelis had called the mission Operation Seeds of Summer. But Arnon Zamora willingly risked his life to stand uncompromisingly against evil and to free his countrymen. And he lost his life in that noble stand. So a short time after his death, the mission was renamed Operation Arnon.

#### **'They Do Not Compromise With Evil'**

"Arnon Zamora ... and his heroic friends straightened the back of the nation," Netanyahu said after the operation. "This is a heroic operation, which will be

written down in the history of military operations, in the history of the heroism of the Israeli people."

Netanyahu and others compared the mission to the famous 1976 IDF operation in which troops flew 3,000 miles to launch a surprise raid and rescue a group of airplane hostages, defying enormous logistical and tactical odds. That mission is known as Operation Yonatan, after the only Israeli killed in the action: Cmdr. Yonatan Netanyahu.

At that time, the late educator Herbert W. Armstrong said Israel "showed the rest of the world an example of how to deal with this international menace" of terrorism, and provided "an example of daring, courage and efficient execution in a lightning military operation" (*Plain Truth*, September 1976).

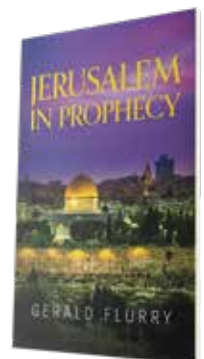
Mr. Armstrong said the IDF rescuers taught a "supremely important truth" about the dangers of compromising with evil. "Sometimes, whether in terrorist skyjackings or handling the Word of God, temptations tend to sweep us off our feet," he wrote. "[I]f we begin to compromise with God's truth, even in smallest, slightest manner," it can lead to destruction. "There is a striking parallel in the recent skyjacking" at Entebbe, he wrote (*Good News*, December 1976).

Mr. Armstrong's understanding of the dangers of compromise was rooted in the instruction of the Bible. "Joyful are people of integrity .... They do not compromise with evil, and they walk only in his paths" (Psalm 119:1, 3; New Living Translation).

The comparisons between Operation Yonatan and Operation Arnon are entirely valid. And we can be inspired by the courage, sacrifice and refusal to compromise with evil that made it such a success. Each of us could benefit from following the example of Arnon and the others who risked their lives, becoming individuals of joyful integrity, boundless courage and moving self-sacrifice. ■

## **Jerusalem—city of blood**

**Where is the turmoil in this tiny area of the globe leading? Request your free copy of Gerald Flurry's booklet *Jerusalem in Prophecy* to learn about the incredible hope coming to this tormented city.**



# The Mystery of Israel

*The Egyptians Drown in the Sea, by Gustave Doré*

**Why is the Bible predominantly about one nation? Why did God found a physical nation? The answers teach invaluable lessons that explain much about our world today! BY GERALD FLURRY**

**T**HE BIBLE IS THE MOST POPULAR BOOK IN THE WHOLE world—yet it is a book about ONE NATION: ISRAEL. That statement may surprise you, but when you look at the facts, it is undeniably true. Yet Israel is a total mystery to the religions in this world.

Herbert W. Armstrong made this subject plain in his most important book, *Mystery of the Ages*. The fifth chapter of that book is “Mystery of Israel.”

At the beginning of that chapter, Mr. Armstrong said we must understand that Israel “has great significance in God’s purpose for all peoples! One cannot understand the real purpose and incredible potential of man without this vital knowledge.” If you are to reach your incredible human potential, you must understand the truth about Israel!

There are many seemingly paradoxical facts surrounding Israel. Have you ever wondered why God raised up that nation? The Bible plainly states that God is not a respecter of persons (Romans 2:11)—but is He a respecter of NATIONS? Did He show favoritism to Israel? Here is another mystery: Are you aware that God didn’t offer salvation to the physical nation of ancient Israel? It was given material blessings, but the gift of His Holy Spirit was not made available to the Israelites, except for the prophets.

Here is yet another: The northern kingdom of Israel *was not Jewish*. That may

shock you. The Bible’s first mention of the word *Jews* is in 2 Kings 16:6—and the context is that the Jews are AT WAR WITH ISRAEL! How do you explain that?

All these questions are answered in Chapter 5 of *Mystery of the Ages*, a book you need to be well acquainted with.

## Father of the Faithful

Seven generations after the Flood, God began using a man named Abram. Following his conversion, his name was changed to Abraham. He eventually became known as the father of the faithful—the patriarch of anyone who has faith in God, whether Israelite or Gentile (Romans 4:11, 16). But to get Abraham to that point, God had to test him.

In Genesis 12, God commanded him, “Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father’s house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing” (verses 1-2). What a wonderful promise! God started Israel with one man, just as He started all of humanity with one man.

This was a *material* promise of *national prosperity*. God had a plan for Israel: “This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise” (Isaiah 43:21). God intended Israel to show the world how to obey Him, and what a multitude of blessings He provides to those who do!

Throughout the Bible, God works on the principle of duality. There was the first Adam—a material, carnal man—and the “second Adam,” Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:45-47; Romans 5:14). There is also duality surrounding the nation of Israel. The physical congregation of Israel in the Old Testament was a *type* of the New Testament Church of God.

Likewise, the promises God made to Abraham are dual: One is purely material and national; the other is spiritual and individual. Here is the second of those promises: “[A]nd in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed” (Genesis 12:3). This is God’s promise of grace: salvation to all humanity!

In Genesis 17:4, God told Abraham that he was to be “a father of *many nations*”—physically. And God also told him that “in

thy seed shall ALL the nations of the earth be blessed” (Genesis 22:18). That one “seed” does not refer to one great nation. It refers to Jesus Christ and salvation coming through Him (Galatians 3:8, 16). Christ, the second Adam, died for our sins and prepares us to receive the Holy Spirit, by which He lives in us! We are saved by His life (Romans 5:9-10).

## Spiritual Israel

Paul was the apostle to the Gentiles (Romans 11:13). He said Gentiles who are spiritually converted become a part of *spiritual Israel*, the Church: “And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou [Gentiles], being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them [Israel], and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree” (verse 17).

THE DIVIDED KINGDOM  
c. 930 B.C.



Here is an inspiring truth most people do not understand: Spiritually, ALL MANKIND is to become Israel! Paul wrote, “For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly ... But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly ...” (Romans 2:28-29). We all become spiritual Jews when we are converted to God’s way of life.

If you turn your back on God, however, as 95 percent of God’s people have done in this end time, then God says you are part of “the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews ... but do lie” (Revelation 3:9).

To the children of ancient Israel, God said, “Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation ...” (Exodus 19:5-6). They were to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. They were to teach the world about God. But they didn’t have God’s Holy Spirit, so this was all on a carnal level; they could only obey the letter of God’s law. Still, that is a wonderful way to live despite not having God’s Holy Spirit! That law was DESIGNED to bring prosperity and peace.

The Israelites told God that they would obey all that He said (verse 8). History shows, however, that they failed to follow through. God later said, “Surely as a wife treacherously departeth from her husband, so have ye dealt treacherously with me, O house of Israel, saith the Lord” (Jeremiah 3:20).

Still, Israel was God’s chosen nation. He gave the Israelites His law, His government and His religion—though all on a physical level; they were not a spiritual nation. He was with them, and they could appeal to Him.

What was the purpose of that? It is one of the most amazing truths in the Bible, but very few people understand it!

### What Mankind Lacks

The history of Israel proves a crucial spiritual point. It illustrates the limits of human beings when we lack God’s spiritual power working in us!

Mr. Armstrong wrote, “To Israel, God gave His statutes and judgments, as well as His spiritual law. But these perfect laws did not, without God’s Holy Spirit, solve the nation’s problems! God *could* say: ‘I am God. Take my word for it.’ But God gave PROOF, through Israel, that without the Holy Spirit, man is helpless! They even had God to appeal to” (*Mystery of the Ages*).

Ancient Israel had tremendous advantages as a nation. It experienced tremendous miracles from God: the Red Sea parted, the Israelites walked across on dry land, and the walls of the sea collapsed on the Egyptian army chasing them. What an amazing miracle to experience! This should have bolstered their faith, convincing them that God could pull them through anything! Instead, they soon began grumbling and claiming that God had brought them into the wilderness to kill them!

Then God delivered the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai. This is a PERFECT spiritual and moral law! When God gave it, the mountain was afire, lightning flashed, and thunder shook



the earth, demonstrating God’s great power and authority. God then followed that law with a perfect set of statutes and judgments. But rather than being awed and inspired by their great Lawgiver and grateful for these incomparable gifts, the Israelites became scared!

God worked countless miracles for this nation: He collapsed the walls of a great enemy city; He halted the movement of the sun in the time of Joshua; He defeated enemy armies with swarms of hornets. The Israelites had God directing them. They were His nation. He made a marriage covenant with them, known later as the Old Covenant (e.g. Jeremiah 3:14). They had an intimate relationship with God! Nevertheless, Israel still proved faithless, stubborn and rebellious!

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Why such a ghastly failure? In *Mystery of the Ages*, Mr. Armstrong explained, “God now decided to give them knowledge of His law—His kind of government—*His way of life!* He was going to prove to the world that without His Holy Spirit their minds were incapable of receiving and utilizing such knowledge of the TRUE WAYS OF LIFE. He was going to demonstrate to them that the mind of MAN, with its one [human] spirit, and without the addition of God’s Holy Spirit, could not have spiritual discernment—could not solve human problems, could not cure the evils that were besetting humanity. The nation Israel would be His guinea pig to demonstrate that fact.”

This explains why man is continually plagued by insoluble problems! Israel’s failure proves that, no matter how many other advantages people may have, *without God’s Spirit* mankind is helpless to devise solutions to troubles that are fundamentally spiritual! Human beings *insist* that they can reason their way to the right answers. But our problems are of a spiritual nature and must be solved spiritually! That is an astounding truth we ought to understand when we survey the 6,000 years of human history.

Herbert W. Armstrong personally met with hundreds of heads of state and prominent world leaders. He wrote, “[M]any kings, emperors, presidents and prime ministers I have conferred privately with now realize the problems are *beyond* human ability to solve” (ibid).

What a crucial truth! Humankind has bungled through 6,000 years of operating apart from God, and we have reached the point where we face the very real prospect of human annihilation! That is a problem beyond our ability to solve!

God, however, reveals the solution.

### The Solution

Among the commands God gave ancient Israel was this: “Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God; him shalt thou serve, and to him shalt thou cleave, and swear by his name. He is thy praise, and he is thy God ...” (Deuteronomy 10:20-21). Remember Isaiah 43:21: “This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise.” The Israelites should have been praising God to the whole world! But they never did. That job still needs to be done.

The Apostle Peter described the transition from the Old

Covenant to the New Covenant: “But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light” (1 Peter 2:9). This echoes the account in Exodus 19. Peter is describing a kingdom of priests who praise God and teach the Word of God to the world, helping people to live the way of blessings. This is what God’s true Church, spiritual Israel, must do today.

Notice: This *spiritual* nation is not just “a kingdom of priests”—it is “a ROYAL priesthood”! Those of the New Covenant have God’s Holy Spirit in them! Jesus Christ is living in them. That is what makes them a holy nation.

God had a goal with ancient Israel on a physical, letter-of-the-law level, but the people failed. But spiritual Israel, God’s Church today—if we are doing our job prior to Christ’s return—is showing forth the praises of God! Our lives should be *filled* with praise for God because of the wonderful blessings He continually gives us! And what He gives us today is only a tiny foretaste of the riches to come: God’s saints today will receive salvation in the Family of God as the Bride of Jesus Christ! (2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:25-32; Revelation 19:7-9). But to receive that transcendent reward, we must heed God’s message and obey Him now.

Hebrews 8:6 describes the New Covenant as “a better covenant, which was established upon better promises” than the Old Covenant. With the New Covenant, you can receive forgiveness of your sins. You can call on God the Father, *your* Father, and pray to Him, and He will take you into His Family forever! You can receive eternal life! You will become a God being. That is what your Bible teaches throughout. These are truly wondrous promises! How inspiring and moving!

This passage continues by explaining where Israel failed: “For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. For *finding fault with them*, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I

will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah” (verses 7-8). What was the problem with the Old Covenant? Was it the law? No—that was perfect (Psalm 19:7). It wasn’t anything on God’s part. The problem with the Old Covenant was THE PEOPLE! They didn’t have the Holy Spirit. As a result, they couldn’t obey God and couldn’t solve their problems, which were spiritual in nature.

God was showing all the world that THE FAULT IS WITH US! We MUST learn that we need His Spirit! Then what will God do? “For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them [not on physical tables of stone, but] IN THEIR HEARTS: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people” (Hebrews 8:10).

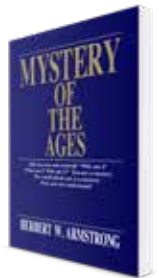
This is the solution to this world’s problems!

The nations of Israel today—America, Britain and the Jewish nation in the Middle East—have received abundant blessings from God (read *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* for a biblical explanation). Yet they have not learned how desperately they need God and His Spirit. God is going to punish them if they don’t repent of their sins. But He also has an incredible future prepared for them.

Mr. Armstrong’s book *Mystery of the Ages* makes God’s plan for the nations of Israel—and all mankind—plain. There is abundant hope in that plan. I urge you to study this book to understand the Bible’s most amazing truths—truths that will change your life!

## God loves Israel

Is Israel special to God? Is it superior? Learn more about its significance and why it impacts every nation on Earth in Herbert W. Armstrong’s free book *Mystery of the Ages*.



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which in biblical prophecy refers to modern-day Germany. “Germany is part of this alliance and is, in fact, the power behind it!” Mr. Flurry writes.

That passage also mentions *Gebal* and *Tyre*. Tyre, located in southern Lebanon today, was destroyed, but nearby is a rebuilt city with that name. It is a stronghold of Shiite Hezbollah. Gebal (Byblos) is a Christian-majority city in the north. So this prophecy implies that *all* of Lebanon, not just Hezbollah holdouts near Israel’s border, will be part of the plot to *wipe the name of Israel from historical memory*!

“While it seems that these nations are moving away from radicalism and violence,” Mr. Flurry wrote in his 2021 article, “we must look beneath the surface. After all, this prophecy reveals that

they will take ‘crafty counsel’—subtle and shrewd dealing. This sure prophecy shows that these nations will ally to try to *blot out the name of Israel forever!* That is intense hatred!”

Mr. Flurry wrote this regarding the U.A.E. and Bahrain, Gulf states that have never been at war with Israel. Lebanon, in contrast, has a *long* history of war with Israel. It is a security threat directly on Israel’s border.

Even if the two countries come to an agreement, Lebanon will not remain Israel’s friend. The Lebanese will contribute to the worst attack in Israel’s history! As Israel—and the U.S.—go down this path, *they are walking into a trap of their own making*.

That doesn’t mean there is no cause for hope, however. Verse 18 shows that God

is working these events out for a grand purpose: “That they may know that You, whose name alone is the Lord, Are the Most High over all the earth” (New King James Version). This is the ultimate purpose and fulfillment of any prophecy of God. God is letting circumstances play out to teach the whole world who He is. This includes countries like the State of Israel that have a long history with Him.

Until that happens, Israel and all nations have hard lessons to learn. But once they are learned, God promises peace to Israel, Lebanon and all mankind. This peace, unlike the pieces of paper signed by man today, will last forever. ■

The Middle East is a mystery. But you can understand it. Request a free copy of *The King of the South* to learn more.

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to govern your anger and rule your spirit leaves you vulnerable to attack.

Attack from whom? Many scriptures speak of evil spiritual powers that can influence your spirit. Revelation 12:9 reveals the alarming truth that an “old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan ... *deceiveth the whole world.*” The whole world—deceived by the devil? How is that possible?

Ephesians 2:2 calls this malevolent being “the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in [the minds of] the children of disobedience.”

“If your radio is set on the proper radio wavelength, or television set is tuned to the proper channel, the broadcaster’s message comes through clearly,” Herbert W. Armstrong explained in *Mystery of the Ages*. “Satan as prince of the power of the air broadcasts—not in words, sounds or pictures, but in attitudes, moods, impulses.”

The devil actually rules the world (2 Corinthians 4:4). He influences, deceives, affects and destroys unsuspecting human beings, very often through unreasoned, uncontrolled *emotion*. People who fail to govern their mind and rule their own spirit make themselves dangerously susceptible to the devil drawing and pulling them where he pleases.

And when people reject God and repudiate moral absolutes—like the fact that government programs are not sacrosanct, or that visceral hatred of other people is an inappropriate reaction to a clash of ideas, or that destroying property is wrong—they open themselves up to even more malign spiritual influence.

Satan is a liar and a murderer (John 8:44). He is the author of the *spirit* of hatred. You see it plainly in the videos of unhinged people throwing objects at the vehicles of strangers, cursing at people they have never met—somehow

convinced in their fevered minds that they are improving society, helping to reverse a grave injustice in the nation’s capital. They are untethered from reality. Frankly, Satan has them in his grip.

You have to protect yourself. “Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded” (James 4:7-8).

**Clean Up Your Own Waste**

One last lesson. Think about the left’s defiance against a good-faith endeavor to expose fraud and eliminate waste.

What are they fighting? Why?

O b v i o u s l y some people *like things as they are*. Surely those who *are* enrich-

devil, to being *able* to “cleanse our hands and purify our hearts,” to recognize sin in our lives and truly submit ourselves to God in repentance!

“No one can have the Holy Spirit, which alone can open the human mind to understanding of this Word of God, without a complete repentance and an implicit belief in Christ as well as believing what He says,” Mr. Armstrong wrote. “Repentance can only follow admission of being wrong—of wrongdoing and wrong believing. *The most difficult thing for any human seems to be to admit being wrong—to confess error of belief and conviction—to unlearn false knowledge as well as to learn true knowledge*” (ibid; emphasis added).

Every one of us must acknowledge that, like the American government, *we too* have waste, fraud and abuse *in our heads* that *must* be identified and exposed—then reduced, eliminated, purged!

This starts with an honest look at ourselves, no matter how painful. For this we need God’s help to open our eyes, because “[e]very way of a man is right in his own eyes; but the Lord pondereth the hearts” (Proverbs 21:2). We need to pray, like the psalmist, “Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts. ... Who can understand his errors? cleanse thou me from secret faults. Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me ...” (Psalm 139:23; 19:12-13).

Don’t make the mistake of the angry leftist, condemning the man who is uncovering the sickness in the body politic and pointing the way to health. Embrace whatever correction God gives you—and take action. Repentance means *changing* what you find wrong and fixing it. God commands that we *cut away* what doesn’t belong in our heart (e.g. Jeremiah 4:4).

This is a miraculous process that leads to spiritual health—and eternal life! ■

To learn more about repentance, request your free copy of *How to Be an Overcomer*, by Gerald Flurry.



A burned Tesla rests on a street in Berlin, Germany.



Protesters demonstrate outside a Tesla dealership in California on March 29 during the nationwide “Tesla Takedown” protests.

ing themselves on taxpayer money have powerful incentive to block DOGE. Others simply have an ideological hostility to all things Trump and will find fault no matter what his administration does.

This unwillingness to acknowledge what is clearly harmful, even disastrous prodigality and chicanery with public money well illustrates the common, very human resistance to admit error and to change.

This is the greatest obstacle in our human nature, as influenced by the



# Seven Ways to Avoid Wasting Time



**W**ASTING TIME IS MORE THAN JUST A BAD HABIT. GERALD Flurry, publisher of the *Trumpet* and *Royal Vision*, recently made this striking statement: “I think the main way Satan is attacking us is trying to get us to waste our time.” Even true Christians are susceptible to wasting time—and Satan exploits that all he can.

The devil is full of great wrath because he knows his time is short before Jesus Christ returns to depose him (Revelation 12:12). Do you know your time is short?

Christians fighting today’s “always on” society face more distractions than ever. Technology serves up constant time wasters like casual shopping, gaming and online interruptions. We can also waste time through lack of organization and planning, unclear goals, procrastination and not knowing when to say no. Do you fritter away time?

The Apostle Paul wrote, “See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, *Redeeming the time*, because the days are evil” (Ephesians 5:15-16). We need to redeem our time—buy it back, rescue it from loss—more and more as we approach the end of this age. Here are seven ways to shore up your defenses against time-wasting.

**1. Begin with why:** The quintessential question to time management is *WHY* we exist. Is there a *purpose* to human life? Absolutely *yes!* God created humans to be born into the Kingdom of God! To achieve that purpose, we must first repent (Acts 2:38). Repentance requires action. We must cease from sin and live righteously (Ephesians 4:22-32). Hebrews 5:8-9 say Jesus Christ learned “obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him.” What a magnificent purpose! To qualify for that reward, we must use our time wisely.

**2. Set attainable goals:** With a clear picture of *WHY*, we can begin to focus on *what* and *how* to buy back time. Make sure whatever goals you set advance that overarching goal. Matthew 6:33 says, “[S]eek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these [material] things shall be added unto you.” God must come *FIRST* in your life. Give Him your *best* time, then He will be involved in the rest of your time and your life.

**3. Prioritize what you *ought* to do:** God’s law functions as a spiritual mirror. If you look at it but make no changes in your life, you deceive yourself (James 1:22-24). When we squander our time, we feel less impelled to act, to achieve, to grow. We focus on what we’d *like* to do rather than what we *ought* to. Many people are blind to the need for self-discipline. Revelation 3:14-22 show that even most of God’s own people today have gotten distracted, lost spiritual focus, become materialistic, and slid backward spiritually. Christ calls for zealous repentance (verse 19).

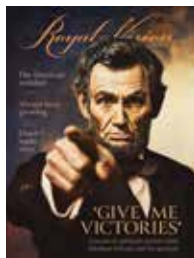
**4. Hold yourself accountable:** Remember, *God* holds us accountable. He measures our actions even in the little things. Christ said, “He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?” (Luke 16:10-11). God wants to give you eternal life, and He wants to know how well you will use that life. So He measures to see how we appropriate our time today. How we use or misuse our time will determine what God can entrust us with in His Kingdom.

**5. Know you cannot do it yourself:** Jesus Christ said, “I can of mine own self do nothing...” (John 5:30). If *He* could do nothing of Himself, where does that leave us? Yet Christ got things done. How? By submitting perfectly to the Father, who worked through Him. We must use God’s Holy Spirit to follow in His example in how we spend the time He gives us. Paul acknowledged he could “do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me” (Philippians 4:13). So can we. As Romans 8:14 tells us, we are the sons of God if we are *led* by His Holy Spirit.

**6. Revolve around God’s man and God’s work:** God gives a special blessing to those who put their whole heart into His work, wisely expending their time on worthwhile pursuits. God says, “I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name” (Revelation 3:8). Our purpose for living is to qualify for sonship in the Family of God. We qualify by walking through the open door and supporting God’s work.

**7. Parry and riposte:** In fencing, *parry* means to deflect the opponent’s blade and return to a defensive position. *Riposte* means to immediately counterattack. Usually the moment you deflect your opponent’s stroke is the best time to attack! Where is Satan attacking you through time wastage? *Parry* his attacks defensively by deflecting his temptations—then *riposte!* Counterattack by filling your life with godly things that drive Satan and his influences out all the more, including prayer, Bible study, Church literature and media. Take the all-out victory!

The Bible’s last chapter, Revelation 22, emphasizes the shortness of time: “things which must *shortly* be done,” “Behold, I come quickly,” “the time is at hand.” Time is running out for true Christians to prepare for our future responsibility: “And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be” (verse 12). ■



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## EUROPE

All residents should stock three days' worth of emergency supplies, the **European Union** urged its citizens on March 26. It advised storing at least 6 liters of water per person, tinned food, a flashlight, a radio with batteries and a printed emergency plan. The warning came a week after it emerged that **France's** government was planning to mail to every home a 20-page survival booklet that provides emergency phone numbers and radio channels, details on local reserve units, and advice on dealing with a nuclear attack.

European elites are trying to start massive military spending sprees. But only **Germany** with its low debt can do so easily. Everyone else is close to maxing out their credit cards. The only way to substantially boost that spending is to make painful cutbacks, such as fewer unemployment benefits, higher pension ages or lower health-care spending. These emergency survival campaigns serve in part to prepare for big changes and sobering times.

Germany's far-right **Alternative für Deutschland** has been soaring in popularity since the February 23 national election. A March 25 INSA poll shows the AfD at a record high of 23.5 percent, only 3.5 percent behind the **Christian Democratic Union (CDU)** and **Christian Social Union**, which combined have been the main right-wing party since World War II. Hermann Binkert, head of INSA, estimated that the AfD has a voter potential of 30.5 percent and could easily become Germany's strongest political party.

The CDU said it will form a

coalition to gain a majority of seats in the legislature. It refused to form a coalition with the AfD, which leaves the left-wing **Social Democrats (SDP)** as almost its only option. Initial coalition documents indicate that the SDP, which won the fewest seats in its history, is in a position to call many of the shots in the potential federal government. Not only are German mainstream parties still unable to solve major problems, they are contorting themselves into unnatural coalitions that leave many questioning how democratic Germany really is—and whether democracy is the best form of government. Watch Germany, and look not only for the far right to continue growing in power, but for a strongman to take advantage of the political crisis and rise to rule Germany and Europe.

German Foreign Minister **Annalena Baerbock** reopened

Germany's embassy in Damascus, **Syria**, on March 20, during her second visit since **Bashar Assad's** regime fell in December. Baerbock's stated goal: "a political new beginning between Europe and Syria." After 13 years of civil war, ex-terrorist **Ahmed al-Sharaa** now rules Syria, and Germany wants to ally with him. "With this embassy reopening, we are saying quite clearly: Germany is back in Damascus," Baerbock said, adding that Germany has "an overriding interest in a stable Syria." Based on insight into Bible prophecies in Psalm 83 and Daniel 11, Gerald Flurry wrote in our **February Trumpet\***, "I believe today that Germany's backing is the main cause of Syria's fall." For 13 years, the *Trumpet* has expected Iran to lose its power over Syria and Germany to move in. This is now in progress. ■

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## ASIA

Russian President **Vladimir Putin** agreed to a 30-day pause on energy infrastructure strikes in Ukraine during a March 18 phone call with United States President Donald Trump. A few hours later, **Russia** bombed energy infrastructure in Slovyansk, **Ukraine**, with 145 drones and at least six long-range missiles. "Putin is playing a game," German Defense Minister **Boris Pistorius** said. "We've seen that attacks on civilian infrastructure have not eased at all in the first night after this supposedly groundbreaking, great phone call." Two days later, the Russians struck Ukrainian energy infrastructure in Odessa, and in the following days further intensified attacks on energy infrastructure across the nation. "President Trump has done a



a historic meeting in Tokyo on March 22, seeking to unite their three nations on economic and security issues. Japan and South Korea have long had a deep fear of China’s increasingly belligerent foreign policy and have worked over the years to strengthen their alliances with the U.S. to be able to stand against China. But as President Trump increasingly dishonors America’s alliances, leaving partners wondering whether America would defend them, the leaders of these nations are making contingency plans. “Given the increasingly severe international situation, I believe we may truly be at a turning point in history,” Japanese Foreign Minister **Takeshi Iwaya** said. The Chinese leaders welcome this shift, with Foreign Minister **Wang Yi** emphasizing the strength the three nations could have if they worked together due to their combined economic output of \$24 trillion.

Bible prophecy reveals that Japan and South Korea will soon ally with China. These three nations, along with other Asian countries, will be part of the most powerful military force in history. Read more in **Russia and China in Prophecy**.

North Korea sent some 3,000 additional troops to

Russia in January and February to continue supporting Putin’s war on Ukraine, South Korea’s military intelligence reported on March 27. North Korea had previously supplied Russia with at least 11,000 troops for the war, 4,000 of which are estimated to have been killed or wounded. It has also provided howitzers, suicide drones and millions of artillery shells. In return, Russia supplies North Korea with cash, oil and weapons technology, including space technology. The Bible prophecies of an alliance of several Asian nations headed by a Russian superpower that will field an army of 200 million men and play a central role in a coming worldwide war. To understand the specific Bible prophecies that foretold this trend, read “**North Korean Troops Fight Alongside Russians, Against Ukraine**.”

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prophecy that it will align itself with an Islamist bloc the Bible calls “the king of the south.” Its instability makes it vulnerable to control from foreign powers. Read **Libya and Ethiopia in Prophecy** to learn more.

President Donald Trump sent Iranian Supreme Leader **Ayatollah Ali Khamenei** a letter on March 12 giving him a two-month deadline for a new nuclear deal. On March 27, **Kamal Kharazi**, Khamenei’s foreign-policy adviser, announced: “The Islamic Republic has not closed all the doors and is willing to begin indirect negotiations with the United States.”

Trump pulled out of President Barack Obama’s 2016 nuclear deal because its limited scope, expiration date and lack of enforcement actually helped Iran in its efforts to acquire a nuclear bomb. But he has recently said he hopes to reach a new deal. As we wrote in our April issue (“**Does Trump Want an Iran Nuke Deal?**”), it appears the president does not understand how committed the Iranian regime is to acquiring nuclear weapons. Bible prophecies show that Iran will continue pushing at other nations until a major war erupts. Also read our Trends article “**Why the Trumpet Watches Iran’s Pursuit of Nuclear Weapons**.”

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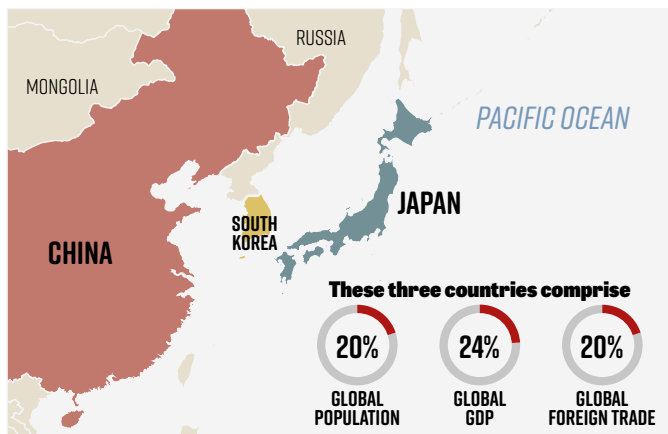
## MIDDLE EAST

Violence is flaring up in **Ethiopia**. Militants affiliated with the **Tigray People’s Liberation Front** attacked Ethiopian government buildings on March 11, entering government offices, detaining cabinet members, and opening fire on civilians. The Tigray ethnic group fought to gain independence from Ethiopia in a war that killed as many as 600,000 people from 2020 to 2022. The two sides have been in a stalemate in recent years, but violence like this could quickly plunge one of the world’s most populous countries back into brutal civil war.

The *Trumpet* watches Ethiopia because Daniel 11:40-43

lot of great things for America,” Gerald Flurry wrote in our **April issue**. “But he has a serious blind spot when it comes to peace negotiation and international diplomacy. This is a deadly weakness ....” He continued: “Peace is a noble goal, but if it is pursued the wrong way, that effort ends up achieving the opposite!”

Foreign ministers from **China, Japan** and **South Korea** held



# ANGLO-AMERICA

The United States is hurtling toward bankruptcy. Tech entrepreneur **Elon Musk** recognizes this fact and is putting together cost-cutting proposals for the Trump administration to consider. Yet the new **Department of Government Efficiency** has yet to reduce the federal deficit or even slow spending. In Deuteronomy 28, God warned that debt problems are one of the many curses of disobedience. The U.S. is currently suffering these curses, with mainstream economists predicting bankruptcy within 20 years. Read "**The Idiocy of the Tesla Attacks**," page 8.

Meanwhile, the administration of **Donald Trump** is being hindered by crippling lawfare. After President Trump invoked the Alien Enemies Act for the first time since World War II, the American Civil Liberties Union and Democracy Forward sued his administration. Enacted in 1798, the law authorizes the president to imprison and deport noncitizens in times of war. President Trump has designated **Tren de Aragua** and seven other drug cartels as terrorist organizations

and is using this act to deport foreign terrorists without trial. District Judge **James Boasberg** temporarily blocked President Trump from enforcing the law, and the Justice Department has asked the Supreme Court to overturn this order. A prophecy in Amos 7:12-13 indicates President Trump will have more success establishing the rule of law in America during his second term than in his first term, but activist judges are still trying to stop the Make America Great Again movement. Read "**Is America's Supreme Court in Bible Prophecy?**"

In other news, a New Jersey hospital made headlines for

handing out a form to parents, asking them to identify the sexual orientation and gender identity of their newborn babies. Authorities at hospitals and other local institutions are still encouraging parents to label their babies as "transgender," "gay" or "queer." The form was produced by Inspira Health, a group that operates four hospitals and eight health centers across South Jersey. The Bible reveals that unless America turns to God to raise strong, stable families, the nation will continue to be plagued by social and moral evils.

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**Rosita Thompson**

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You are telling the truth about what is going on. Other churches don't teach about things like the mystery of the two trees, who is God, how God looks. That's what I like about this church. They teach you the truth and I'll keep learning until the day I die.

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# Seeing God in the Fire

The Bible gives profound meaning to seemingly random disasters.

The author's home turns to ash on March 14.

**M**ARCH WILDFIRES HERE IN CENTRAL OKLAHOMA LEFT four people dead and at least 200 injured. A violent storm came sweeping down the plain on March 14; flames incinerated 170,000 acres and more than 200 homes. I was at the *Trumpet* offices in north Edmond finishing an article when my roommate came to my office and told me that the house we were renting in Guthrie was in the high-risk zone, so I drove up there to get some things for the evening. I was about to see something I never thought I would see and learn an important lesson about why God allows disasters.

By the time I arrived, the nearby field was burning with 10-foot flames that were spreading toward the house. I dashed inside, grabbed my satchel with my Bible and computer, and put them in my truck. I turned around to head back in, but the driveway was filled with smoke and burning embers. I got in my truck to drive through the smoke, but it was too thick.

I drove back toward the house, but the first flames had now reached it. I decided not to risk going back in for other belongings. When the yard had burned down a bit and some of the smoke cleared, I drove down the driveway to safety. When I arrived at my neighbors', we realized that the heat and embers were so bad that some logs in my truck bed had caught fire, but we were able to extinguish them.

Forty minutes later, I went back. The field had burned to ash, and the house was engulfed in flames. All I could do was watch it burn and kick myself for not grabbing my passport, truck title, scuba gear, hiking backpack, *The Lords of Avaris* and other favorite books.

After a night at my sister's house on an air mattress next to my nieces' dollhouse, I returned to see that everything that had been a house—shingles, rafters, joists, pipes, wiring, furniture, clothing, paintings—was now a roughly rectangular 18-inch-high lumpy pile of dark ash in a field of light ash. I found my cast iron skillet and left.

I am definitely more fortunate than most of the people who lost homes in the recent catastrophe, since I have both savings and a house that I had been renting out that I can move into. Plus, many friends of mine have generously donated clothes and gift cards to make the next month easier. Yet disasters like this that even temporarily overturn your life definitely get your attention.

Here at the *Philadelphia Trumpet*, we have likened wildfires

and other disasters to God's bullhorn. God says that *He* actively controls His creation, including weather patterns (Job 38). Blizzards, droughts, earthquakes, hurricanes, windstorms and wildfires are not random happenstance. God allows them in order to get people's attention.

Oftentimes, God allows disasters as a curse for sin. God says in Isaiah 29:6, "You will be punished by the Lord of hosts With thunder and earthquake and great noise, With storm and tempest And the flame of devouring fire" (New King James Version). This is why natural disasters tend to increase when societies turn away from God and His laws.

Sometimes, natural disasters occur to build our patience and faith.

God tells us that fiery trials are a tool He uses to build character in His people (1 Peter 4:12) and that we should rejoice in our trials, because the trying of our faith builds patience and endurance (James 1:2-4).

In some cases, disasters can precede greater blessings. After fire from heaven killed Job's children, servants and livestock, and after Job repented, God blessed him with twice as much as he had before (Job 42:10). Certainly, someone like me would hope for that outcome in particular, but there's a much more important outcome that I and every such victim need far more.

The main lesson we must learn is to see God in the fire!

Disasters are not random accidents. God knows every sparrow that dies (Matthew 10:29-31). He is well aware of exactly how fires, storms and other massive disasters affect every human victim. He allows these things to happen for a reason. He wants victims to stop and think what this reason could be. He wants our attention; He wants us to overcome our sins; He wants us to rely on Him for our every need.

Regardless of the trial, the biggest mistake you can make is to ignore it or dismiss it as mere random chance. Disasters are getting worse. But many of those who look at these tragedies and even those who suffer them fail to see God in the fire. They instead blame carbon emissions, climate change or happenstance. They focus on politics, disaster services and how confusing and unfair it all is, ultimately moving on with their lives without learning the real lessons. Sadly, this means that such disasters will continue getting worse until we wake up to the fact that God is trying to get our attention! ■

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**Montgomery** KYMB-LD 6:30, Sun; WCOV-TV 5:30, Sun

**Montgomery-Selma** WAAO-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; WBMW-DT/WNCF-DT 8:30, Sun; WDSF-BUZZR 5:30, Sun

**Opelika** WGBP 9:30, Sun; WLTZ-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** KNOE-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; KOPS-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** KRET-CD 3:30, Sun

**Chico** KCVU-NEST 7:00, Sun; KHSL-DT 9:30, Sun; KRCR 9:00, Sun; KCXCH-LD-

FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; KCXCH-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun

**El Centro** KEYC-DT 8:30, Sun

**Eureka** KBVU-NEST 7:00, Sun; KECA-LD/KVIO-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; KTTV 7:00, Sun; KXLA 10:00, Sun

**Modesto** KSAO-BUZZR 3:30, Sun

**Monterey** KION 9:30, Sun; KYMB-LD 3:30, Sun; KYMB-BUZZR 3:30, Sun

**Oak** KGO 5:30, Sun

**Oakland** KQSL-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun

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

**Redding** KCVU-NEST 7:00, Sun; KHSL-DT 9:30, Sun; KRCR 9:00, Sun; KCXCH-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; KCXCH-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun

**Sacramento** KMAX-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KSAO-BUZZR 3:30, Sun

**Salinas** KION 9:30, Sun; KYMB-LD 6:30, Sun

**San Diego** KSDY-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; KUSI 11:00, Sun

**San Francisco** KBCW-COMET TV 5:30, Sun; KKXP 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

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** WZZX-CD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun

**Miami** WTXI-LI-BUZZR 6:30, Sun

**Orlando** WOTF-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WRBW-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WZXX-CD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun

**Panama City** WEGP 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. Petersburg** WDNP-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WDNP-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun

**Tallahassee** WTWC 10:30, Sun; WTFL-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

**Springfield** WBUI-NEST 6:00, Sun; WICS-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

**INDIANA**

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

**Evansville** WYYW-CD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; WYYW-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/WSTB 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; KDMS-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** KTVQ-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** KMTW-NEST 6:00, Sun

**Kansas City** KCKS-LD 5:30, Sun; KCKS/-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KCKS-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KCTV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun

**Lawrence-Leavenworth-Olathe** KCKS-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun

**Louisburg** KMJL-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

**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



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### NATIONWIDE

**American Crimes Network** Nationwide 10:30, Sun  
**ACTION** Nationwide 7:30 ET, 6:30 CT, 5:30 MT,  
7:30 PT, Sun

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

**GETTV** Nationwide 6:30, Sun

**REV'N TV** Nationwide 7:30 ET, 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

**This TV** 6:30, Sun

## CANADA

### 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

### FIJI

**Nationwide** MaiTV 9:00, Sun

### PHILIPPINES

**Nationwide** GMA 5:30, Sun

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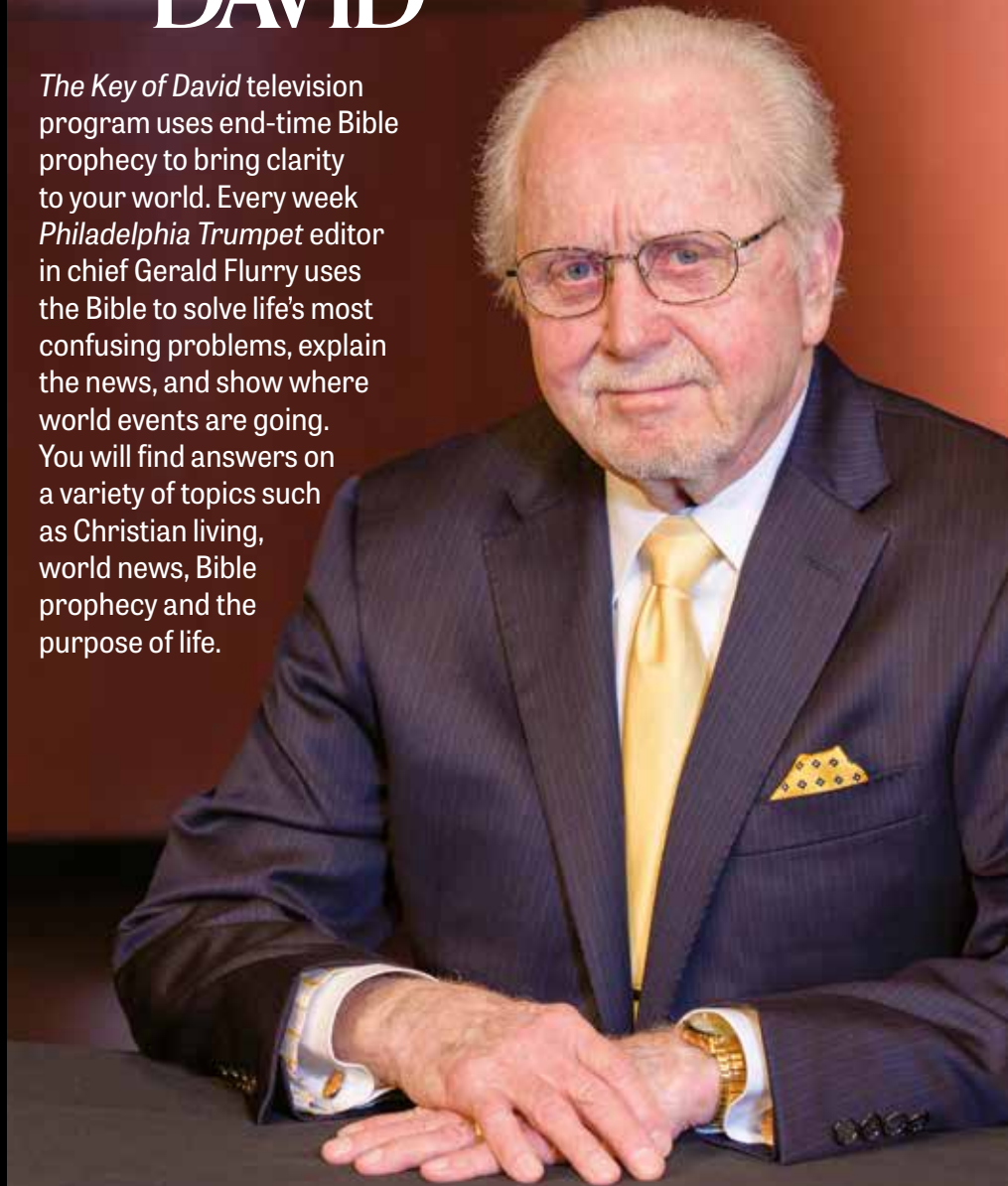
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