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Where Will These New Leaders Take the World?

The new chancellor, pope and other world leaders are fulfilling key Bible prophecies.

GERMANY HAS A NEW CHANCELLOR. THE WORLD HAS A NEW pope. Canada has a new prime minister. And America is taking the world on a new course as its president begins a new term. This is a time of disruption and upheaval in world events, and these leaders will accelerate the trend.

In this *Trumpet*, we look at what Bible prophecy says to expect. We will see how much the world could change under new leaders in Germany, the Vatican, Canada, the U.S. and elsewhere.

I want to underscore two of the most important personalities in end-time Bible prophecy: 1) a man, most likely German, leading a unified European empire, and 2) a man leading the church associated with that empire. Prophecy is clear that these two men will lead a church-state union that changes the world.

It so happened that, *within two days*, Germany got a new chancellor and the Catholic Church got a new pope. Friedrich Merz was installed on Tuesday, May 6; Robert Prevost was elected Pope Leo XIV on Thursday, May 8. What is the significance of this unprecedented alignment of events? Many people who are familiar with our message have been asking that question.

This *Trumpet* looks at the new chancellor and what he means for Germany (article, page 2). We look back at Pope Francis and the legacy he left (page 5). We look at the new pope and where he may take the Catholic Church (page 8). And we consider how each of these men advances Bible prophecy.

To evaluate these events, you need to know what the Bible prophesies about these two end-time personalities. These men will lead a resurrection of the dangerous and bloody Holy Roman Empire. The *Trumpet* has warned of this from our earliest issues 35 years ago. (Read an in-depth study of this in our free book *The Holy Roman Empire in Prophecy*.) Herbert W. Armstrong warned of the same thing for decades before us. (Read this in his booklet *Who or What Is the Prophetic Beast?*, which we also publish and distribute freely.)

This empire is described symbolically in Revelation 17 as “a woman sit[ting] upon a scarlet coloured beast” that has seven heads and 10 horns. The “seven heads” represent seven revivals of this medieval empire that occurred in Europe over the last 15 centuries. The 10 horns represent “ten kings” (verse 12) ruling over 10 unified European states. These 10 will be governed by *one overarching strongman*, most likely separate from them all

and here called “the beast” (verse 13). The woman symbolizes a universalist church that spiritually unifies and guides this political-military superpower.

Many prophecies forewarn that the European strongman and the head of that church will work together to unleash unparalleled suffering on the world! This will affect world trade, Middle Eastern powers, Asian powers, America and Britain—and *you!*

Based on those prophecies, I don’t believe Chancellor Merz and Pope Leo XIV will form this tandem of leaders. However, as you will read in this *Trumpet*, both could pave the way for the emergence of these two end-time leaders.

In several ways, Pope Leo XIV does not fit the picture in these prophecies. *I do not expect him to remain pope for long*. Still, he may set the stage for a more ambitious and aggressive pope.

Germany’s direction under Chancellor Merz is already more defined and clearly in line with Bible prophecy. He is Roman Catholic, as are many of his appointed ministers. He seeks European unity and independence from the United States. Even before taking office, he enabled the largest boost in German military spending since World War II, leading parliament to pass a constitutional change that allows it to borrow money and spend hundreds of billions on infrastructure and weaponry.

Most notably, the man we believe *will* be the overarching king, the beast of Revelation 17, seems already to be exerting influence over Germany through Merz’s government. We have watched this man for more than 15 years to take on such a guiding role. Now he is not only an advocate of the new government but there are strong indications he is shaping its policies.

It appears Friedrich Merz is not just another German chancellor who speeds up the fulfillment of Bible prophecy, but may himself play a role in its coming to pass. I believe Merz could be one of Europe’s prophesied 10 kings. Time will tell.

The direction of Germany. The European strongman. The increasing power of the Vatican. The world economic realignment. These are exhilarating prophecies leading to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ! The Bible does not reveal the names of these individuals, but we can determine that by the fruits of their works. Some may already be working in the open. Others are working in the background. One thing is sure: These prophecies are about to be fulfilled! ■

Does Germany's New Chancellor Fulfill Prophecy?



Perhaps not an emperor—but a king **BY JOSUÉ MICHELS**

FOR DECADES, FRIEDRICH Merz harbored the ambition of becoming Germany's chancellor. In 2001, he made his ambition publicly known. But his plans were quickly thwarted by his chief rival, Angela Merkel, leader of the Christian Democratic Union (CDU).

Merz, then the CDU parliamentary leader, hoped to run in the 2002 election

over Christian Social Union's Edmund Stoiber, believing he had persuaded Stoiber to leave the candidacy to him. However, Merkel met Stoiber, backed his candidacy, and secured his future support in return.

Stoiber ran and narrowly lost the 2002 election. Merkel seized Merz's position shortly after that election and became chancellor in 2005. Merz left politics in 2009.

When Merkel announced in 2018 that she would step down as leader of

the CDU, Merz finally saw an opportunity for a comeback. He challenged Merkel's favored successor, Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer, and lost on December 7.

Kramp-Karrenbauer's policies and party leadership soon proved unpopular, and she eventually announced her resignation. Merz then ran for the party leadership *again*. But on Jan. 16, 2021, the party congress voted for Armin Laschet instead. In the election that September, the party lost millions of votes and Laschet announced his resignation.

To some it seemed ridiculous, but Merz tried again and finally succeeded in becoming party leader in January 2022.

With him—or as some argue, despite him—the CDU secured victory in the national election this past February, making Merz the designated chancellor. A long, hard-fought dream had finally become reality.

But the hurdles didn't end there. Coalition negotiations with the Social Democrats proved tedious and were marked by compromises. Soon after the election, his party's polling levels dropped below that of the far-right Alternative für Deutschland.

Then yet another setback arose at the moment he was meant to be crowned.

Not an Emperor

While the coalition he built had the necessary majority to elect him chancellor on May 6, 18 members of parliament rebelled and did not support him. The hours that followed may have been the most agonizing of Merz's political career. His ambition to become chancellor had never been so near but a spanner was thrown into the works.

The vote was repeated, the mutiny dissolved, and Merz confirmed as chancellor. No chancellor in Germany's

postwar history had faced so many rejections. Now, many fear the country's new government will be fragile, on perpetually shaky ground.

In April, Britain's *Telegraph* hoped Merz could fill Europe's leadership void, headlining "Friedrich Merz: The Man Europe Has Been Waiting For." After the debacle, it published "Friedrich Merz Was Supposed to Lead Europe. Now He's Fallen Flat on His Face," concluding, "Germany's Mr. Tough has become Mr. Trousers-round-his-ankles" (May 6).

Europe was looking to Germany for a savior amid great crises. Many hoped for a leader akin to an emperor of old who could direct the whole Continent. Instead they found a man who may barely be able to hold his own coalition government together.

This kind of outcome is what *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry forecast in his *Trumpet Brief* newsletter the week prior: "Europe Needs Someone Greater Than a German Chancellor." He wrote, "Friedrich Merz will become Germany's next chancellor on Tuesday. For years, Europe has suffered a leadership vacuum. Growing threats in the world demand stronger leadership, especially from Germany. Many people hope Merz will help fill that vacuum. ... However, based on Bible prophecy, the late Herbert W. Armstrong believed it would take an office *greater* than that of a German chancellor to provide the leadership Europe is yearning for. End-time prophecy speaks of *one overarching strongman* who rules over 10 kings governing a European superstate" (April 30).

If anyone had any doubts before this, it became clear that Merz would be unable to provide this overarching leadership. But there is evidence he could be one of the prophesied "ten kings" of Daniel 2 and Revelation 17—European leaders who will give their power to an overarching king (Revelation 17:13).

In fact, the leader the *Trumpet* has watched as the likeliest man to fill Europe's leadership void is already intriguingly linked to the new German government.

The Rise of 10 Kings

Revelation 17:12-13 read: "And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet;

but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast."

Commenting on this passage, the late Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in the October 1962 *Plain Truth*: "The beast, then, is the leader, or ruler, over all—and 10 other dictator-kings, or lesser rulers over 10 European nations or nation-groups" In 1951, he wrote: "These 10 lesser dictators over the 10 European nations are to unite with the supreme führer and with the pope to reestablish the Roman Empire—but *only for a very short duration*" (*Plain Truth*, October 1951).

These 10 kings will be fed up with democracy and set themselves up as dictators. But their power will be limited: They will submit to an overarching leader.

Merz's recent struggle and weak coalition may pave the way for this overarching leader to rise. But there are also indications that Merz could be one of these prophesied 10 kings.



The beast of Revelation 17 is ridden by a woman, symbolizing a church.

Mr. Flurry further explained in our April 2025 issue, "We believe there will be one supreme king over 10 kings. (There is a slight possibility that there could be just 10 kings total and that the leadership would come out of Germany.) Given that Revelation 17 is a prophecy of a church-state combine known as the Holy Roman Empire, Mr. Armstrong strongly believed that those leaders would be Catholic.

"We *may* be seeing some indications who the dictator-king, or lesser ruler, over Germany *could* be. Friedrich Merz

is a Roman Catholic who has repeatedly called for a guiding culture in Germany based on Christian, or rather *Catholic*, values. He is also an outspoken advocate for a European army. Since his party won the election, he has been acting with unusual urgency and zeal to create a militarized Germany—even defying democratic norms doing so. Furthermore, he enjoys the support of [Karl-Theodor zu] Guttenberg, who we believe may be the 'one supreme king'" ("**Germany Is Looking for a New Charlemagne,**" *theTrumpet.com/31138*).

Since Mr. Flurry wrote this, Guttenberg has emerged as a vocal backer of the new government. There are also indications that he may be *personally* shaping its agenda.

While there is room for plot twists, and it is far from certain, we may be seeing the beginning of a relationship between Europe's prophesied supreme king and one of Europe's 10 kings.

Guttenberg's Influence

Guttenberg and Merz have known each other for years. In 2020 both were invited by Wolfram Weimer to the economic forum of the Ludwig-Erhard summit (January 16-17). Weimer at the time described Merz as the most promising candidate for chancellor. Guttenberg echoed the sentiment at the sidelines of the event: "For me, Friedrich Merz is currently the only one of the CDU/CSU politicians who I consider to be entirely suitable for this task or who I would vote for."

Five years later, Merz has indeed become Germany's chancellor, and he has appointed Weimer as his cultural minister. His wife, Christiane Goetz-Weimer, continues the tradition of the Ludwig-Erhard summit; she invited Guttenberg to this year's annual gathering in May.

At the event, Guttenberg again expressed his support for Merz and rebuked those who voted against him: "It was a bit of a bumpy start on Tuesday. But I am optimistic. I think they definitely deserve a chance. ... I was just appalled again by the typical reactions in Germany. Yes, there was a second vote. So what? It's not a super fiasco, a catastrophe, all these things. Give them a chance to work now and forget about these 18 idiots with their somehow weird vote for their own interest."

Guttenberg appears very invested in the success of Germany's new government. Perhaps this has to do with some personal attachments.

When Merz announced his prospective cabinet on April 28, one appointment caught many by surprise: Katherina Reiche as the minister for economic affairs. Adding to the intrigue, it was confirmed the same day that Reiche is in a relationship with Guttenberg.

Merz's rise was marked by democratic challenges, and there will be more. The question is, will those challenges break him—or will he break the democratic system?

These two have known each other from their time in politics in the 2000s. He left politics in 2011. She left in 2015. Like Merz, both had successful post-political business careers.

Before Reiche's political comeback was made official, *Berliner Zeitung* cited CDU-CSU circles calling the two a “politically aspiring dream couple.” Then after the rumors were confirmed, Bavaria's *merkur.de* wrote: “Berlin ... has a new political dream couple. Zu Guttenberg is very familiar with government tasks such as those Reiche is now taking on. He himself was already in Angela Merkel's cabinet as economics and defense minister. Now his girlfriend Reiche is to become the new economics minister.

“With the announcement of their relationship and the announcement of Katherina Reiche's new important role, the two are likely to attract a wave of media attention. It is possible that they will become the new glamorous couple of German politics. A role with which Guttenberg is already very familiar.” “‘Power couple’ would probably be an understatement for these two,” *Brisant* wrote (April 30).

Given his experience in the economics ministry, his connections and his post-political career, Guttenberg may very well serve as one of Reiche's private advisers. Some have even speculated what role he may have played in her appointment. Perhaps he encouraged her to take the job or helped promote her expertise. Those speculations are not without basis.

On May 4, Guttenberg hosted the president of the Kiel Institute for the

World Economy, Moritz Schularick, on his podcast. This man told Guttenberg, “It is indeed the case that I would not be president of the Kiel Institute for the World Economy if we hadn't talked about it, so you have something to do with it.”

In their pre-coalition talks, Schularick advised the Social Democrats and the CDU-CSU to soften the debt brake for defense spending and to set up a special fund for infrastructure. The two

parties followed his advice. While Merz campaigned on the promise not to raise Germany's debt, Guttenberg supported the amendment all along.

For more than 15 years the *Trumpet* has watched Guttenberg as the likeliest man to lead a resurrected Holy Roman Empire. The fact that he is now advocating for the German government and may even have a certain influence over its policies is most intriguing.

To add to the intrigue, evidence that Merz may fulfill the role of one of the prophesied lesser kings is also mounting.

Merz a ‘King’?

Growing up in the predominantly Catholic Sauerland region, Merz was involved in the Catholic youth community and was an altar boy. He became a member of a Catholic student fraternity and the Catholic social organization Kolpingwerk.

In the early 2000s, Merz suggested a *leitkultur* (guiding culture) that refugees into Germany would have to adapt to. In 2023, he picked up the term again, saying that Christmas trees are part of Germany's “guiding culture.”

Merz's cabinet picks also have a Catholic touch. The German Catholic news agency reported that at least 10 members

of Germany's new government are Catholic, including Merz. The new government also includes a Chaldean Catholic, three Protestants, a nonreligious Jew and six more ministers of undisclosed religious faith. Many of these ministers talk openly about their religious beliefs.

The Catholic-dominated government in itself fulfills prophecy. Revelation 17 describes an empire led by a church (verses 1-2); a woman in biblical prophecy symbolizes a church. This is why Mr. Armstrong forecast that the European Union would become a 10-nation superpower led by the Catholic Church. A predominately Catholic German government supports this prophecy.

Merz's first foreign visits to France and Poland the day after his inauguration emphasized his commitment to strengthen European defense. In France, Merz stated: “We will intensify cooperation at all levels and develop further formats.” This especially applies to the area of defense and armaments cooperation. “We must further increase defense spending in all member states,” he added.

In his first speech as chancellor on May 14, Merz declared that strengthening the German Bundeswehr is the government's “top priority.” His government now wants to spend 5 percent of its GDP on defense, as previously demanded by President Donald Trump (though 1.5 percent can be on dual-use civilian infrastructure). This works out to an astonishing \$250 billion in defense spending.

This too fits with Bible prophecy. When this military power becomes strong, people are prophesied to question: “Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?” (Revelation 13:4).

Merz's rise was marked by democratic challenges, and there will be more. The question is, will those challenges break him—or will he break the democratic system? The latter would also indicate that we are seeing the rise of one of the prophesied 10 kings.

How did he know?

For decades, Herbert W. Armstrong prophesied about the exact things that are happening in Europe right now! How could one man be so right? Understand the origins of such accurate forecasts in our free booklet *He Was Right*.



King-and-Emporor Tandem

As our booklet *A Strong German Leader Is Imminent* explains, various prophecies in Daniel and Revelation foretell the rise of an unusually cunning strongman.



Daniel 11 notes that he will gain power by “flatteries.” Revelation 17 adds that he will assume rule over 10 nations in Europe, holding a position akin to that of an emperor of old.

In the Dec. 5, 2018, *Key of David* program titled “The Prophesied Holy Roman Empire Has Arrived,” Mr. Flurry noted, “[T]his strongman could come on the scene as, maybe like a president or a king over those 10 kings, or a ruler over those 10 kings, and rule all of Europe that way. He could be appointed that way, according to Revelation 17:12-13. There are indications of that. So we’ll have to wait and see, but he’s going to come in by flatteries! I’ll tell you this, Mr. Gutenberg is a charming man, and we have said again for years that we believe he’s going to lead that powerful European Union, which is going to be pared down to 10 nations and called the Holy Roman Empire.”

Germany is the strongest nation of this rising empire. It has a history of militarily dominating the Continent. The Bible also identifies Germany, ancient Assyria, as the leading nation of the conglomerate. It is therefore clear that, whoever the supreme leader is, he will have particular influence over Germany—no matter who the king under him will be.

Thus, Gutenberg’s connections to the new German government are intriguing to watch.

World events are moving steadily toward the fulfillment of the Bible’s most fascinating prophecies. But notice the most exciting part of these prophecies: “And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever” (Daniel 2:44).

Whoever fills the highest offices in Europe’s rising superpower, these men are a *sign* that man’s rule over man is about to be replaced by God’s Kingdom! ■

Pope Francis’s Real Legacy

We must look honestly at where he took the Catholic Church. **BY GERALD FLURRY**



POPE FRANCIS HAS BEEN THE most controversial pope since Pius XII, who led the Catholic Church through World War II.

Francis increased the profile of the Roman Catholic Church in many ways. Within months of becoming pope, he was arguably the most popular and loved man on Earth, the hope of millions, and *Time* magazine’s Person of the Year. The enthusiasm he brought to the church was called “the Francis Effect.”

Times have changed in the 12 years since Francis took office. In recent years, that luster had dimmed. Critics have complained that Francis liberalized the church and imposed his views on those reluctant to go along. The world has grown more dangerous and, in many ways, has shifted to the right politically. I wrote in our last issue, “I believe the changing time we live in will require a different pope. Pope Francis doesn’t quite fit the picture” (“*A New Era Requires a New Pope*,” *theTrumpet.com*/31311).

Now the world has a different pope. This is a good time to reflect on what Pope Francis did and the dramatic ways he moved Bible prophecy forward.

Restoring Europe’s Latin Empire

Pope Francis was the first non-European pope in over a thousand years. His

election captivated Latin America and sparked a surge of Catholicism in his native Argentina.

Our booklet *He Was Right* documents the accurate forecasts of late educator Herbert W. Armstrong, which he based on the Bible’s prophecies. In this booklet’s chapter about the European-Latin American relationship, we write: “The *Plain Truth* [predecessor to the *Trumpet*] recognized the deep importance of the religious roots Europeans and Latin Americans share. In October 1957, it said, ‘Latin American nations will join in with the European revival of the old Roman Empire’” (Request a free copy of *He Was Right* for in-depth insight into this relationship.)

That prophecy was written nearly 70 years ago! It is prophecy that can come only from God.

Latin America possesses tremendous resources. Germany knows this very well. This country is leading Europe. And prophecy shows that it will soon also be leading Latin America as head of a reconstituted Holy Roman Empire!

Pope Francis helped add a crucial religious and cultural dimension to this union. His election highlighted the history these two blocs share going back hundreds of years, along with a shared religion and a shared outlook. At a time when China is also making economic

inroads into Latin America, this ancient tie is essential for Europe.

Europe will draw a lot of power from its relationship with Latin America. Mr. Armstrong foretold that this combined power bloc would overtake the United States. His *Plain Truth* magazine stated in May 1962 that “the United States is going to be left out in the cold as two gigantic trade blocs, Europe and Latin America, mesh together and begin calling the shots in world commerce.”

Mr. Armstrong prophesied precisely what we see happening today! This union will grow stronger than Russia and China. It will be stronger than the United States.

It will instigate a massive trade war—and America will be frozen out!

Economic War

It's no coincidence that one of Pope Francis's most notable legacies is his attack on the American economic system.

Pope Francis made clear that he wanted to topple the global system of free-market capitalism. In his first major apostolic exhortation, *Joy of the Gospel*, published in November 2014, he wrote: “[S]ome people continue to defend trickle-down theories which assume that economic growth, encouraged by a free market, will inevitably succeed in bringing about greater justice and inclusiveness in the world. [T]his opinion ... expresses a crude and naive trust in the goodness of those wielding economic power ...”

Francis called free-market global capitalism “a new tyranny” and condemned it as “a financial system which rules rather than serves.” He also called it “the dung of the devil.”

Of course, the leading nation of free-market global capitalism is the United States of America. So Pope Francis could not possibly wish for the leader of the capitalist system to thrive and prosper, continuing to inflict its “tyranny” on the world. If the free market is a force of destruction, then he would feel not only justified but obligated to use his power to destroy it.

Francis's next encyclical, *Be Praised*, added climate change into the mix. He argued that to establish a just economy and to save the environment, a “world political authority” was needed.

Given the flawed nature of Western

systems, Francis explained, “it is essential to devise stronger and more efficiently organized international institutions, with functionaries who are appointed fairly by agreement among national governments and empowered to impose sanctions.”

Thus, the pope threw the weight of the Catholic Church behind the environmentalist movement.

These “environmentalists” talk as if the scientific community unanimously agrees that carbon dioxide emission reduction is the solution, and if we don't act immediately, the planet is doomed. The reality is that there is no scientific consensus on this point. In fact, examples abound of scientific fraud supposedly proving man-made climate change.

Why would scientists deceive the public on this subject? If you see who is really behind it, you will understand that the real issue here is CONTROL. Environmental regulation gives significantly more power to bureaucrats. The governments most in favor of confronting climate change are the socialist, Marxist-type governments that want to control everything. Most of the money allocated for climate change initiatives goes to these types of governments.

Pope Francis used this same argument to argue for more Catholic control.

The Deadly Dangerous Cuba Deal

Pope Francis's two goals of bringing down the United States and uniting Europe and Latin America came together in his Cuba deal.

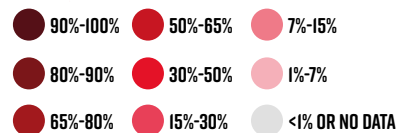
Cuba sits at the entrance to the Gulf of America, offering a strategic foothold for a foreign power to gain control over or even cut off U.S. trade. And like the rest of Latin America, Cuba has a deep Catholic heritage.

In December 2014, President Barack Obama surprised the world by announcing that America would restore diplomatic ties with Cuba after 53 years of hostility. The terms of the deal completely favored Cuba. Cuba did not have to abandon communism or reform its dictatorial governance. The U.S. got nothing out of this deal.

This deal was largely the handiwork of the VATICAN. The pope played a vital role. “Pope Francis issued a personal appeal to me, and to Cuba's President Raúl Castro,” President Obama said in his landmark

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announcement. The pope had appealed to both leaders by letter the summer before, urging them to exchange prisoners and improve relations. The Vatican later hosted a clandestine meeting between the two sides in Rome. After months of working behind the scenes, the momentous deal was sealed.

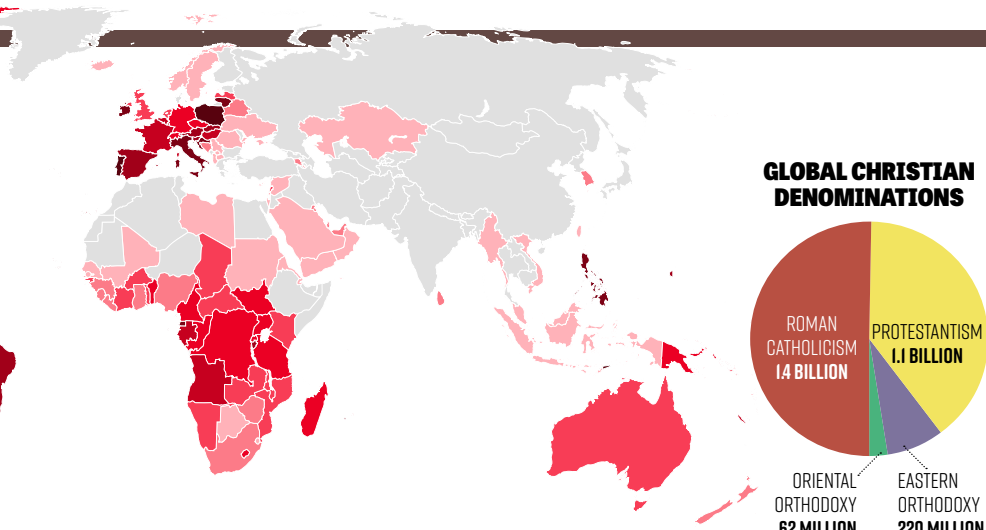
It displayed to the world the kind of power Pope Francis had. “Francis is a master at blending the spiritual with the political,” wrote National Public Radio. “[He] has embraced the bully pulpit of the papacy and has emerged as a daring, independent broker on the global stage” (April 14, 2016).

So America opened itself up to an unsavory regime just a short boat ride away. But this is about much, much more than that, especially when you understand the history of the Catholic Church and Cuba.

Much of the wealth and power of the Catholic Habsburg empire came from Spain's conquest of the New World. Fleets of ships laden with gold and silver worth billions of dollars crossed the Atlantic. And CUBA PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN ITS WEALTH. Havana, Cuba, was the primary port for shipping all the treasure Spain was confiscating and mining in the New World.

Modern Cuba is a Communist nation, but it has only been Communist for 60 years. IT HAS BEEN A CATHOLIC NATION FOR ALMOST 500 YEARS! Today, 60 to 65 percent of Cubans say they are Catholic, so clearly the church's influence remains entrenched.

The many decades of U.S. dominance of the Caribbean have lulled many into



a false sense of security, overlooking the strategic importance of this region. FOR THE CATHOLIC SPANISH EMPIRE, CUBA WAS THE SINGLE STRATEGIC PORT THAT SERVED TWO ENTIRE CONTINENTS. For Napoleon, Haiti served as the basis of his empire in the New World. When he lost Haiti in a slave revolt, he gave up his ambition in the Western Hemisphere and sold off a massive chunk of territory in the Louisiana Purchase of 1803.

There is a much more recent reminder of Cuba's strategic importance. In 1962, the U.S. discovered that the Soviet Union was deploying missiles to Cuba. Many believe this was the closest the Cold War ever came to full-scale nuclear war. The Cuban Missile Crisis turned out to be a victory for America, but it could have easily been a crushing defeat. It proved how strategic the Cuban islands are for anyone who wants to harm the U.S. With modern weapons, how easily and quickly an enemy force could strike America's military and its cities!

The Bible prophesies of a deadly economic siege that is going to strike America soon. It will inflict one third of the tremendous suffering in the Great Tribulation. THAT SIEGE MEANS OUR ENEMIES WILL BE CONTROLLING TRADE ROUTES—SO IT IS EASY TO SEE HOW CUBA COULD PLAY A STRATEGIC ROLE. (*He Was Right* explains this in detail.)

The German-led European Union is the seventh and final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire—the same empire that, centuries ago, used Cuba so powerfully to fuel its wars. If the present resurrection were to move into Cuba again,

it would be well positioned to launch a trade blockade. And it could do it in the cloak of secrecy, since Cuba is essentially a police state with tight controls on information. Think of the control that it could have. Think of how valuable Cuba has been to America's enemies in the past! You need to watch events in Cuba.

Meddling in Politics

Pope Francis also got very involved in U.S. domestic politics. The most powerful symbol of his meddling occurred in February 2016. As Donald Trump was campaigning for the presidency, the pope made a point of speaking out against him during his visit to Mexico and the U.S.

In Mexico, the pope visited the American border. He walked up to a concrete ramp and bowed before a large cross overlooking the border, with barbed wire fences filling the background. The Rio Grande at this point is hemmed in with cement and looks more like a moat than a river. Then the pope descended to give the first-ever Catholic mass that straddled the border between two countries. About 200,000 people watched from the Mexican side and around 50,000 from the U.S.

The global media loved it. "Pope Francis is the pope of mercy, he is the pope of the poor, he is the pope that visits inmates, he is the pope who wants to be where there is pain, and this is exactly where we find him now," gushed CNN.

This visit provided the most iconic visual from his trip, and it was overtly political, DIRECTLY AIMED AT INFLUENCING AMERICAN POLITICS.

Then, during the pope's flight home, a journalist asked "if an American Catholic can vote for someone," referring to Trump, who promises to strengthen border security and deport 11 million illegal immigrants. The pope replied, "A PERSON WHO THINKS ONLY ABOUT BUILDING WALLS, WHEREVER THEY MAY BE, AND NOT BUILDING BRIDGES, IS NOT CHRISTIAN." He made very clear what he thought of Trump and his policies, clearly trying to influence the presidential race.

This pope was very politically minded, as he himself admitted. Even as he spoke about Trump, the pope described himself as a "political animal." Back in 2013, he said, "A good Catholic meddles in politics." He saw this as his religious duty. In Argentina, before he became pope, Cardinal Bergoglio often supported or opposed political causes.

Political "meddling"—to use the pope's term—is hardly exclusive to Francis. The Vatican often meddles in European political matters, even telling certain lawmakers how to vote. Politics is a fundamental part of the role the Catholic Church believes it must play in the world.

A Deadly Visit

One of the most significant moments of Pope Francis's papacy was his visit to Jerusalem in May 2014. The news media failed to recognize its significance. This momentous visit shed light on the future of Europe and of the world and showed us where we are in Bible prophecy.

The pope did not fly straight to Israel. Instead, he flew to Jordan, then spent most of the next day in the West Bank, visiting the Palestinians first. There he made the most eye-catching moment of his visit to the Holy Land.

In an unscheduled move, the pope ordered his motorcade to make an unexpected stop at a section of Israel's security wall in Bethlehem, covered in graffiti comparing it to the Warsaw Ghetto. Near the spray-painted words "Free Palestine," he touched the wall and prayed, with cameras capturing the moment. He deliberately directed the world's attention to that image.

Why does that fence even exist? Britain's liberal *Guardian* newspaper described it this way: "Built by Israel as a so-called security fence It has become an emblem of the Israeli

occupation” (May 25, 2014). So-called? The government built this fence to prevent Palestinian weapons smugglers and suicide bombers from traveling into Jewish population centers! Palestinians and everyone else are still free to move about—they just have to pass through a checkpoint so Israelis have a better chance to stop someone from walking onto a bus full of innocent people and blowing them up! The pope’s photo op equated the Jews with Nazis and signaled support for a Palestinian state. It was an extremely provocative, hostile act toward Israel, yet almost nobody criticized Francis for it.

On his trip to Bethlehem with Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas, the pope issued a statement referring to “the state of Palestine” and to Mahmoud Abbas’s office as the “presidential palace.” He also called Abbas “a man of peace and a peacemaker.”

During Sunday mass, Pope Francis prayed with Fouad Twal, a Palestinian archbishop who was then the Catholic Church’s Latin patriarch of Jerusalem. “In his sermon, Twal accused Israelis of being the present-day version of Christ-killers by referring to the Palestinians as walking ‘in the footsteps of the divine child,’ and likening the Israelis to King Herod,” Caroline Glick wrote. “In his words, ‘We are not yet done with the present-day Herods who fear peace more than war ... and who are prepared to continue killing’” (*Jerusalem Post*, May 27, 2014).

After hearing these violent and outrageous words, not only did the pope fail to condemn them, he added to them! “Who are we, as we stand before the child Jesus? Who are we, standing as we are before today’s children?” he asked. “Are we like Mary and Joseph, who welcomed Jesus and cared for Him with the love of a father and a mother? Or are we like Herod, who wanted to eliminate Him?” Apparently he really believed the Jews are “present-day Herods ... who are prepared to continue killing”!

On top of that, Francis embraced the Palestinian mufti of Jerusalem, Sheikh Mohammed Hussein, addressing him and his associates as “dear brothers.” Who is Sheikh Hussein? “In 2012, Hussein said it was the destiny of Muslims to kill Jews, who he claims are subhuman

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What Does Leo XIV Mean for America?

Just because Robert Prevost is a United States citizen does not mean he will be a pro-American pope. BY ANDREW MILLER

FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER, the supreme pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church hails from the United States. Many people thought this day would never come. Since about 40 percent of cardinal electors are from Europe, the common thought has been that the pope would never come from America, the global superpower. Yet on May 8, an hour after white smoke emerged from the Sistine Chapel chimney, Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost of Chicago stepped onto the balcony of St. Peter’s Basilica and addressed the world as Pope Leo XIV.

He spoke in Italian and Spanish, underscoring the church’s Roman home, his deep connection to the global south and his vision of a church that reaches beyond national identities. Interestingly, he chose not to speak a single word of English, even though he is an American with a Midwest accent.

United States President Donald Trump congratulated Prevost, saying, “It is such an honor to realize that he is the first American pope.” Many U.S. citizens share Trump’s enthusiasm. But Prevost’s citizenship does not mean he will govern as a pro-American pope.

What's in a Name?

Leo XIV immediately signaled to the world that he intends to be a more traditional pontiff than Francis by his choice of apparel. In his first appearance on the balcony of St. Peter's Basilica, he wore a red shoulder cover and ornately decorated stole, a contrast from Francis's white attire in 2013. This same outfit was worn by Pope John Paul II and by Pope Benedict XVI. Pope Francis wore only a simple white frock to project an image of down-to-earth humility, while Leo's shoulder cover and stole evoke the more princely tradition of the papacy.

His choice of the papal name "Leo XIV" also indicates a respect for Catholic tradition. Unlike Francis, who chose a brand-new papal name, Prevost selected a name used by 13 pontiffs before him, including Leo I (A.D. 440–461), who remade Catholic government structures in the image of the Roman Empire; Leo III (A.D. 795–816), who crowned Charlemagne emperor; and Leo XIII (1878–1903), who wrote the definitive text on Catholic social and economic policy.

In a meeting with the College of Cardinals on May 10, the newly elected pontiff explained that Leo XIII was the primary inspiration for his papacy. "There are different reasons" the name he chose, he said, "but mainly because Pope Leo XIII in his historic encyclical, *Rerum Novarum*, addressed the social question in the context of the first great Industrial Revolution. In our own day, the church offers to everyone the treasury of her social teaching in response to another industrial revolution and to developments in the field of artificial intelligence that pose new challenges for the defense of human dignity, justice and labor."

This is an important clue to the aims of the pontificate of Leo XIV.

Grieved by what he saw as the twin evils of Protestant capitalism and atheistic socialism, Pope Leo XIII penned *Rerum Novarum* (*On Capital and Labor*) in 1891. This exhortation advocated an economic model that gained wide acceptance as a "Third Way." In reality, however, this model wasn't new. It was an updated version of the medieval feudal order.

That's right! The first American pope wants to replace free-market principles with Old World feudalism. The premise of Catholic corporatism (as described

in *Rerum Novarum*) is that the goal of equality is actually a cruel illusion: People are happiest when placed in a hierarchy guided by the Catholic Church. Competition is spiritually demeaning; therefore, business, labor and the state must work together in "corporations" that control quotas, prices, wages, individual behavior and the entire economy. And these corporations are controlled by Roman Catholic elites.

Leo XIV feels that "developments in the field of artificial intelligence" will unleash "another industrial revolution." Therefore, the world economy needs the Catholic Church and the pope to guide it.

Yet people should be careful what they wish for, lest they get it. Catholic corporatism was the guiding economic force in Juan Perón's Argentina, Engelbert Dollfuss's Austria, Augusto Pinochet's Chile, Ante Pavelić's Croatia, Pierre Laval's France, Adolf Hitler's Germany, Benito Mussolini's Italy and many other fascist states. Leo's crusade against the twin evils of Protestant capitalism and atheistic socialism will likely result in him supporting a rising Holy Roman Empire—against his own country!

Economic Revolution

In some ways, Pope Leo is distancing himself from Pope Francis. He wore the traditional red shoulder cover instead of the white frock. He lives in the Apostolic Palace instead of Francis's smaller guest room. He emphasized that homosexuality and transgenderism are sins.

But on economic and immigration issues, the two men are kindred spirits.

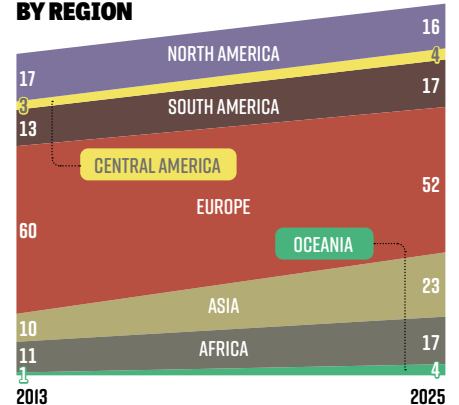
On Dec. 8, 2020, Francis established the Council for Inclusive Capitalism with the Vatican. Many people have said this real-life organization seems like a conspiracy-theory forum. It is led by the pope and Cardinal Peter Turkson, and includes numerous leaders from Fortune 500 companies with 200 million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

This is the type of economic initiative that Pope Leo XIV will likely build upon.

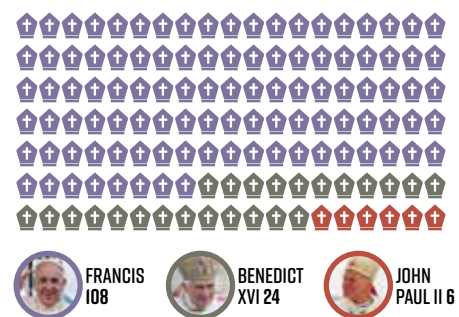
The goal of the Council for Inclusive Capitalism with the Vatican is "to build a fairer, more inclusive and sustainable economic foundation for the world." Lynn Forester de Rothschild is the founder and managing partner for this group. She married the late Sir Evelyn Robert de Rothschild a year after she was introduced to him at a 1998 Bilderberg Conference. She is close friends with Bill and Hillary Clinton. Though not Catholic herself, she agrees with certain principles of Catholic social doctrine and wants to establish a "third way" between capitalism and communism.

PAPAL ELECTORS

VOTING CARDINALS BY REGION



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This is a highly significant trend. Bible passages such as Revelation 17 and 18 reveal that an end-time religious entity will guide an economic powerhouse that intoxicates all nations with its wealth and splendor. Already, many people are calling on the Roman Catholic Church to step in and stop private businessmen from polluting the environment and taking advantage of the poor. Yet 1,200

years of medieval history prove that Roman Catholic bishops are no less vulnerable to the corrupting temptations of power than were Vladimir Lenin's socialist central planners.

Institutions like the Council for Inclusive Capitalism will not actually create a "fairer, more inclusive and sustainable economic foundation for the world." They will instead create a world where "no man might buy or sell" unless they agree to keep certain Roman Catholic doctrines (Revelation 13:17). Leo XIII updated medieval feudalism for the industrial age. Now Leo XIV is setting out to do the same for the information age.

The plan is for employees to play the role of serfs, corporate elites to play the role of lords, and the Catholic Church to play the same role it played in the Middle Ages. All that is missing is an emperor to enforce the new economic system—and the Bible prophesies that such an emperor will soon appear. In the meantime, the bishop of Rome is doing his best to turn as many people as possible against the free market in general and the U.S. in particular.

Weaponizing Immigration

A few astute Vaticanologists, such as Dr. Natalia Imperatori-Lee of Manhattan University, have already noted how ironic it is for the world's first American pope to take the name Leo. Not only did Leo XIII adamantly oppose the type of free-market economics practiced in the U.S., he also condemned the idea that church and state should remain separate as a heresy called "Americanism." So if Leo XIV wants to use *Rerum Novarum* to guide the world through "another industrial revolution," he is highly likely to start trumpeting some very un-American views.

During his time as a cardinal, Prevost took a hard line against President Trump's immigration policies. In particular, he criticized Vice President JD Vance's statement that "There is a Christian concept that you love your family and then you love your neighbor, and then you love your community, and then you love your fellow citizens, and then after that, prioritize the rest of the world. A lot of the far left has completely inverted that."

Earlier this year, Prevost shared an article titled "JD Vance Is Wrong: Jesus Doesn't Ask Us to Rank Our Love for Others" and inferred that immigration officials should show the same concern for illegal aliens that they show to their own children.

Cardinal Prevost's concern for illegal immigrants, however, may not be completely unselfish. San Diego bishop Robert McElroy stated in 2016 that mass deportations of illegal aliens could remove 10 percent of parishioners from U.S. churches. Without illegal immigration, the Catholic Church would be a shrinking, aging organization with

England. It's the story of the pilgrims and the Mayflower, the first Thanksgiving and John Winthrop's sermon about a 'city upon a hill.' It's the story of great men like Washington, Jefferson and Madison. It's the story of great documents like the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights. ... But the story of the Founding Fathers and the truths they held to be self-evident is not the whole story about America. The rest of the story starts more than a century before the pilgrims. It starts in the 1520s in Florida and in the 1540s here in California. It is the story not of colonial settlement and political and economic opportunity. It's the story of exploration and evangelization. This story is not Anglo-Protestant but Hispanic-Catholic. It is centered, not in New England but in *Nueva España*—New Spain—at opposite corners of the continent" (Aug. 10, 2011).

Like Gómez, Pope Leo XIV is not from Anglo-Protestant America. He is from Hispanic-Catholic America. *Crux* called Pope Leo XIV "the least American of the Americans" due to the years he spent as a bishop in Peru. Like Francis before him, the new pope will undoubtedly use Hispanic immigration to move America away from the traditional free-market principles it was founded on and toward the neo-feudalism of the Holy Roman Empire.

Strategic Disguise

One intriguing possibility is that Leo XIV's American background could act as a smokescreen for the Vatican as it increases its power. Prevost spent most of his career in Peru, which was actually part of the Holy Roman Empire during the reign of Charles V. News analysts are trying to understand the significance of the first U.S. pope on the world, but in many ways, Leo XIV is more so the second Latin American pope.

Shortly after Francis became the first Latin American pope, the late *Trumpet* writer Ron Fraser wrote, "Taking the papal throne under the watchful eye of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Pope Francis looks set to begin the third and final act in Rome's effort to draw the continent of Latin America under its influence and

AMERICAN CATHOLICS

THERE ARE CURRENTLY ABOUT

64,000,000

AMERICAN CATHOLICS

40,000

AMERICANS CONVERT TO CATHOLICISM EVERY YEAR



336,000

AMERICANS LEAVE THE CHURCH EVERY YEAR

THE CHURCH WOULD BE SHRINKING IN THE U.S. IF NOT FOR

850,000-1,000,000

CATHOLICS IMMIGRATING TO THE U.S. EVERY YEAR (LEGALLY AND ILLEGALLY)

diminishing influence in the U.S.

If Pope Leo XIV really views Protestant capitalism and atheistic socialism as twin evils, then he must help destroy its economic system. It took Polish Pope John Paul II to convince Poland and other East European states to break away from the Soviet economic system. Will it take an American pope to bring down the traditional American economic system? Flooding the U.S. with immigrants from nations where Catholic social doctrine is practiced is certainly one way to bring down America's free-market system. In fact, Archbishop José Horacio Gómez of Los Angeles has laid out a plan to fundamentally transform American culture.

"Immigration is a key to our American renewal," he wrote for *Angelus News* in 2011. A little later in his article, he explained his rationale: "The American story that most of us know is set in New

forge an intercontinental empire—in reality the biblically prophesied seventh and final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire” (*Trumpet*, May-June 2013).

The election of Pope Leo XIV continues this trend. The late Herbert W. Armstrong long prophesied that the alliance between Europe and South America would grow extremely strong. He expected Europe to use Latin America to economically besiege the United States. What better way to do this than with a U.S. pope with close ties to Latin America. It would be a mistake to think that the election of the first American pope is a sign that the Vatican is pro-America. It is far more likely that the election of the first American pope signals the Vatican’s desire to attack America’s economic system from the inside.

The Holy Roman Empire is flooding America with illegal immigrants while it gears up to besiege it economically. The election of a Peruvian-American bishop promising to defend Catholic economic teachings is an escalation of this trend.

Germany and the Vatican are building a transcontinental alliance that will ultimately include 10 European kings, a loyal network of Latin American vassal states and an anti-Iran, anti-Israel alliance of Arabic regimes. With its left arm, this Vatican-dominated conglomerate will reach down southward and eastward into the Middle East to conquer the Holy City Jerusalem. With its right arm, it will reach southward and westward across the Atlantic to take control of Latin America and besiege the United States. This is Rome’s real grand strategy.

It appears unlikely that Leo XIV is the last pope. Bible prophecies about the end-time pope moving his “tabernacle” from Rome to Jerusalem suggest a pope with a stronger connection to the Middle East (Daniel 11:44). One way or another, Leo XIV may not be pope for long. Nevertheless, even with a short reign he is well positioned to help unite Europe and Latin America against the Anglo-Protestant world.

Pope Francis probably did more than any pope in history to turn global sentiment against free-market capitalism and its primary proponent, the U.S. Yet his efforts may soon be eclipsed by his successor, Pope Leo XIV of Chicago. Bible prophecy forecast thousands of

years ago that the bishop of Rome would wage war against the United States.

Lady of Kingdoms

Many Catholics don’t grasp that Vatican City is more than the headquarters of a religion: It is actually a nation-state participating in political machinations involving *empires*. As political economist Rodney Atkinson wrote to Ron Fraser in 2013, “Imperial politics rather than the religion of the Roman Catholic Church have been its critical characteristic.”

Bible prophecy describes a great end-time church that holds significant

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

Pope Leo XIV may be from Chicago, but he is now the absolute monarch of a European nation: Vatican City.

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

Many prophecies reveal what this church will do in the time ahead. Revelation 18:3 says, “For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her

fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.” Notice, these merchants do business in all nations. This means that beyond exercising extraordinary power over a group of European nations, the economic influence of this great false church encircles the globe, from Asia to the Americas.

In Isaiah 47, God calls this church the “daughter of the Chaldeans” and the “lady of kingdoms.”

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

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

Pope Leo is not actually a pro-American pontiff. He is working to force America into the economic system of the Holy Roman Empire.

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

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

God takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked. He asks, “[W]hy will ye die, O house of Israel?” (Ezekiel 33:11). Great calamities like natural disasters, disease pandemics and *economic siege* by *foreign powers* are a wake-up call from God, alerting people to the desperate need to repent of their many sins. ■

Beware the beast

Few understand the biblical beasts. Do you? Understanding the power, influence and timing of these beasts is a matter of life and death. Request Herbert W. Armstrong's free booklet *Who or What Is the Prophetic Beast?* and don't be caught off guard.



WHEN CANADIANS voted on April 28, the shadow of Donald Trump—both real and imagined—dominated their minds. They wanted someone to protect them from that existential threat.

Back when Prime Minister Justin Trudeau resigned on January 6, the Liberal Party was planning its political funeral. Trudeau's humiliating, scandal-plagued resignation, record-low opinion polls and double-digit deficits in voter intention gave Canadians a once-in-a-generation opportunity to rebuke a Liberal Party that had brought historic trouble to the nation.

The Liberals elected Mark Carney, a former banker and first-time politician, as their leader—and then relied heavily on the government's and media's Trump-is-Hitler narrative. President Trump's comments about annexing Canada didn't help. Canadian voters reacted, and in the end, it wasn't the Conservative candidate but Carney who gave the victory speech. Although it is a minority government, the Liberals have a rare fourth term, and Carney is looking to take Canada in a new direction.

Most Canadians know little about their new prime minister, his policies or their ramifications.

In domestic policy, Carney has promised to continue Trudeau's "post-national" trajectory of deficit spending, censorship, open immigration, racial factionalism and sexual perversions. But Carney is attempting a fundamental change in Canadian foreign policy.

No longer will the United States be Canada's closest ally. Carney plans to make Canada a close ally of Europe and the Old World. While this plan received applause on the campaign trail, few consider the grave consequences of tying Canada's destiny to that of Europe.

Bible prophecy warns that out of Europe will rise one final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire: a church-state superpower that will revive the violent

Is Canada Being Taken Over by Europe?

Elections have consequences, and Canada has chosen a dangerous path.

BY ABRAHAM BLONDEAU



legacies of Charlemagne, Napoleon and Hitler, and will oppose the United States and Britain. *Is that the future Canadians want to embrace?*

The *Trumpet*, and the *Plain Truth* before us, have warned for more than 80 years about the danger Europe poses to the world. The Bible's warnings are explicit, vivid and urgent. Time is short, world powers are realigning, and the foreshocks of tectonic clashes can be felt. It would be dangerously foolish to ignore this warning!

Will Canada end up helping Europe attack the U.S. and Britain as described in Bible prophecy?

The Catholic Connection

Carney writes in his book *Value(s)* that the late Pope Francis's socialist economic worldview inspired and led his own thinking. According to *Politico*: "The prime minister credited Pope Francis with the inspiration for his book. In 2014, the pope joined Carney and a range of policymakers at the Vatican to discuss the future of the market system" (May 16). Carney, a practicing Catholic, said that Pope Francis "defined the moral responsibilities of leadership" in the world today. The new prime minister

clearly looks to the Vatican for direction.

Carney attended Pope Leo XIV's inaugural mass. He was one of the few world leaders who knelt during the blessing of the Eucharist, and he and his family briefly met with the pope afterward.

Carney and other Catholic world leaders are looking to the new pope for inspiration. One fellow Liberal member of Parliament who also attended the mass compared it to the annual opening of Parliament by the British monarch. Pope Leo's mass was "kind of like our version of 'the speech from the throne' as members of Parliament."

Like other Catholics, these M.P.s regard the pope's throne as sovereign above Parliament and the King. All leaders' policies are guided by their faith, but the Cath-

olic Church has played an outsized role in world history and geopolitics, and according to Bible prophecy, it is about to do so again.

The Bible calls the Catholic Church the "mistress ... that selleth nations" (Nahum 3:4), a church that enters into relationships with world governments, influencing their policies and politics. Revelation 17 describes a woman riding a beast, symbolizing a Church controlling a powerful, war-making empire. (Request your free copy of *The Holy Roman Empire in Prophecy*.) While most Catholic followers are surely sincere in their faith, it is a fact of history that the leaders of the Catholic Church are political creatures as much as they are theological.

While the Vatican's influence has predominantly been in Europe, it has also exerted profound influence in Canada—because the birth of Canada was a compromise between the British and French peoples.

Battle Between Two Thrones

In his masterful work *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, the late Herbert W. Armstrong traced the ancestors of Canada and the British peoples back to

the ancient Israelite tribe of Ephraim. The promises God gave Abraham and his descendants in the first book of the Bible have formed the foundation of human civilization itself all the way through to our day. Among them was God's promise to Jacob, whom He renamed Israel, that "a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee" (Genesis 35:11). Britain ruled the largest empire in world history. It is that "company of nations" God promised to the descendants of Ephraim!

Canada was born in battle between the English and French, between Protestants and Catholics. It was also a battle between brothers: the French people are descendants of Reuben, Ephraim's oldest brother, who lost the birthright promises.

On Sept. 13, 1759, the British won the battle on the Plains of Abraham, at the citadel of Quebec, concluding the struggle for mastery of North America. This victory fulfilled these vital prophecies. The century-old French-Catholic colony of New France came under the authority of the British throne.

Mr. Armstrong explained that the throne in Britain was actually the throne of King David, which God promised would remain until Jesus Christ returns. Mr. Armstrong continued: "Canada, Australia, South Africa were given dominion status—made free and independent nations, ruling themselves independent of England—a *company*, or commonwealth, of nations joined together, not by legal government, *but solely by the throne of David!*"

The throne of David joined Canada to Britain and to an inspiring worldview, national purpose and national unity. Yet it is this biblical identity that has been the source of conflict between the English-Protestant majority and the French-Catholic minority in Quebec.

Quebec was founded by Jacques Cartier and Samuel de Champlain in the 1500s as New France under the authority of the *papal throne*. Relations with the throne of France were often strained, and the Catholic Church played the central role in establishing and nurturing the new colony. Most of the major settlements were established by the Jesuits, who imparted a martyr-like zeal to the inhabitants. To this day, the central unifying force in most communities in Quebec is the local Catholic church.

Consider the scene of the 1640 founding of Montreal ("Mount Royal") as recounted in the book *Bold Ventures*: "They knelt to hear the prophetic words of their priest, Father Vimont: 'You are a grain of mustard seed that shall rise and

grow till its branches overflow the earth. You are few, but your work is the work of God. His smile is upon you, and your children shall fill the land.'" Those words are in fact a *counterfeit* of the promises God made to Ephraim, realized by the

Australia: Under the Same Management



AUSTRALIA'S CENTER-LEFT LABOR PARTY WON A landslide victory in the nation's election on May 3. Though most polls predicted a close race or even a hung Parliament, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese's party comfortably defeated the conservative Liberal-National Coalition led by Peter Dutton. Labor's victory mirrored growing anti-conservative sentiments in Canada—but diverged significantly from Britain's recent dramatic shift right in local council elections. Even as other European and Asian powers fuse into new alliances, these three historic allies are becoming more politically alienated.

Labor had been in "all sorts of trouble" at the end of 2024, Labor Treasurer Jim Chalmers told ABC. The party and Albanese personally were polling historically low. As it turned out, those projections were upended. The party's dramatic comeback made "a win for the ages."

Seventy-six seats are needed to hold a majority in Australia's Parliament. Labor improved on the narrow 77-seat majority it had won in the 2022 general election, securing 94 seats as of May 21, the most seats in the party's history. The Liberal-National Coalition lost 15 seats, reducing its hold to 43. Not only were the conservatives thoroughly defeated, but Dutton himself lost his own seat to Ali France, a Labor member of Parliament—a rare occurrence for an opposition leader. And Albanese became Australia's first prime minister in two decades to win a second consecutive three-year term.

Why such a dramatic reversal of public opinion in such a short time?

Liberal Party spokesman James Paterson attributed this shift largely to "the Trump factor." He says anti-Trump sentiments hurt the Coalition's campaign. Dutton had campaigned on controversial immigration policies, public sector cuts and improving government efficiency—reflecting President Donald Trump's policies in the United States. Voters viewed Dutton and his party as an extension of the perceived threat of Trump's tariffs and his MAGA politics.

Australian voters were already facing serious concerns about the cost of living and challenges in health care and housing, so they wanted to avoid additional financial burdens. Evidently, the majority of Australians see Labor as the party that will deliver them from these economic issues and stand up to President Trump.

On the other side of the world, British and Canadian voters faced many of the same pressing concerns. However, while Australians and Canadians strengthened their anti-conservative stance, Britons shifted pro-conservative. The same week as Australia's general election, British voters in local elections gave an overwhelming victory to Nigel Farage's Reform UK party.

Despite their common imperial history, language, legal system and government under the British monarchy, Canada, Britain and Australia all experienced remarkably divergent results in their recent elections. Even as domineering powers rise on the world scene, especially in Europe and Asia, these historic brothers are moving apart.

WILLOW POWELL

British under the throne of David—not the French under the throne of the pope!

Developments in Canada are a collision of two brothers, two cultures, two religions and, most importantly, two thrones.

Canadian history has been a battleground between the papal throne and the throne of David. At every turn, Catholic-led Quebec, both provincially and federally, has sought to attack and destroy the throne of David in Canada,

prior to Pierre Trudeau's death in 2000, he did achieve a far more important change to Canada's Constitution.

Trudeau had particular contempt for the throne of David and English law. His greatest ambition was to repatriate the Constitution from Great Britain and remake it in his image. The 1982 Charter of Rights and Freedoms was a coup d'état against the British throne, supplanting English laws rooted in the

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the tie that binds Canada together. Quebec has special ties directly to the pope in Rome through its Ultramontane ecclesiastical government, distinguishing it from any other Catholic community in North America.

While confederation in 1867 was the product of many noble ideas, it included this troubled marriage between Catholic Quebec and English Canada. This compromise has allowed Catholic Quebec to gain outsized influence over the federal government. Especially since World War II, it has dominated federal policy, guiding the nation away from the throne of David and toward the papal throne.

The major turning point came with the leadership of Pierre Trudeau. The elder Trudeau was raised and educated by radical Jesuits and was highly impacted by Catholic social doctrine, which mixed Catholicism with communism. Many recognize that Trudeau led a Communist infiltration to transform Canada. Fewer understand that he was supported in this by the Catholic Church and Europe. Trudeau effectively intertwined the Catholic vote with Canadian liberalism.

Trudeau's goal was always to pivot Canada away from America and toward Europe. His introduction of the metric system is a good example. Trudeau's close friend was German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who led Germany in cementing its control of the European Economic Community. Most of Trudeau's formative years in education were spent in Europe. While this European foreign policy pivot didn't happen

Ten Commandments for a French-style civil law rooted in the Roman Empire.

Trudeau could never have achieved this without the help of the Catholic Church. In the 1980s, the process of repatriation was at a standstill. Citizens and leaders in the provinces and even some Liberal M.P.s saw the Charter of Rights as a vehicle for radical social policies like abortion and same-sex

“marriage.” British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Queen Elizabeth II would assent to the law only if it passed as an act by Canada's House of Commons with a majority vote. Most Liberal M.P.s were Catholic and opposed abortion.

This is when the Catholic Church intervened. Using its millenniums-old skill of mixing religion with politics, a three-way deal was reached. If the Conservative premier of Ontario increased Catholic School funding, then the cardinal of Toronto would tell Catholic M.P.s to vote for the charter regardless of their reservations.

On April 17, 1982, Queen Elizabeth II signed the Charter of Rights and Freedoms into law to much fanfare in Ottawa. This famous moment in Canadian history is really a portrait of treachery! The Catholic Church compelled the throne of David to surrender Canada to Communist infiltration and thereby increased its power over the government.

“At the time, no one mentioned this strange paradox,” wrote Frederic Bastien in *The Battle of London*. “Canada was dusting off its old traditions for a ritual whose purpose was to sacrifice those selfsame traditions in order to build a

The Day British Politics Changed?

LOCAL ELECTIONS ON MAY 1 COULD MARK A turning point for Britain. For perhaps the first time ever, Nigel Farage is looking like a future prime minister after his Reform UK party swept to victory. He picked up one more seat in Britain's Parliament in a by-election after the previous Labour member of Parliament was forced to stand down. The

6-vote margin of victory is the narrowest ever for a by-election in British history.

Of the 23 county councils up for grabs, Reform won 10. The Liberal Democrats won three, and Conservative and Labour—typically the two main parties—won zero. Durham Council was the first ever controlled by Labour, which held it for over 100 years—until this election, when Reform won. If these results were replicated in a general election, Reform would have a comfortable majority in Parliament.

Farage has shown that Reform is a real contender. Now he must show they can govern. He has promised to set up a version of the Department of Government Efficiency in the United Kingdom to cut costs in the local governments he now controls. He has pledged to cancel wasteful environmental programs and has told “diversity” and environmental staff they can expect to lose their jobs.

“There has been no mood like it—this furious euphoria, this rage for hope—since the Brexit vote,” wrote Allison Pearson. “Friday morning was keenly



new country, one that Trudeau wanted to see fundamentally restructured Despite royal protocol and the presence of the Queen, there was no doubt that this fateful day would change Canada forever.”

Immediately after signing the charter, the Queen gave a speech. During the ceremony, black clouds descended over the crowd and a hailstorm began, lasting for the rest of the Queen’s address. Even Pierre Trudeau wondered if they had offended God!

The great omnipotent God—who blessed this nation, largely through the throne of David—views Canada’s relationship with the mistress of nations as treachery! In the over 40 years since that moment, Canada has reaped miserable consequences.

In many ways, Justin Trudeau continued his father’s agenda. While the domestic transformation was well in hand, he pivoted the foreign-policy revolution toward China. But late in his tenure, the threat from Donald Trump seems to have redirected his focus. In the last frantic weeks of his premiership, Trudeau was in Europe—setting the stage for Carney to begin a monumental

foreign-policy shift generations in the making.

The French Connection

“The old relationship we had with the United States, based on deepening integration of our economies and tight security and military cooperation, is over.” Prime Minister Mark Carney made this historic statement on March 27. This is the most consequential shift in Canadian foreign relations since the last world war. Canada’s future role in world geopolitics is being realigned.

Carney’s first foreign trip was not to Washington, D.C., as every Canadian prime minister has done since World War II, but to *France*. French President Emmanuel Macron had sent Carney an invitation before he was even sworn in. A prime minister’s first trip abroad signals his foreign-policy priority. Carney was signaling that France will be Canada’s main future partner.



Canadian Prime Minister Carney (left) visits French President Macron on March 17.

“Canada must strengthen ties with France and other allies in the face of geopolitical and economic crises, Prime Minister Mark Carney said Monday in France,” the Canadian Press reported on March 17. In remarks before his meeting with Macron, “Carney stressed both countries’ shared values of sovereignty, solidarity and sustainability. ‘Those are values that we hold dear, and unite us,’ he said, noting that the French language defines the identity and culture in each country.”

Defining *both Canada and France* by French values, culture and identity is a radical statement!

Carney, invoking Quebec’s Catholic heritage, believes Canada has more in common with the Holy Roman Empire than with the United States. The dangerous implication is that Canada will align with the values of the rising Catholic European superpower over those of the British Commonwealth.

Practically, closer economic cooperation with Europe began in 2014 when Prime Minister Stephen Harper signed a free-trade deal with the European Union. When this event occurred, Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg wrote in *Project Syndicate*: “[T]wo often underestimated trans-Atlantic actors—the European Union and Canada—have embarked on an important and timely initiative. [This] highlights the growing importance of the EU-Canada

anticipated by Farage supporters as children long for Christmas Day. The present to be torn from its wrapping would be nothing less than this: We get our country back” (May 2).

That analysis may be premature. The current government doesn’t have to hold an election until August 2029—though they could choose to have one earlier. In the meantime, Keir Starmer’s Labour government is moving quickly in the opposite direction. On May 19 he announced a new deal with the European Union that gives it jurisdiction over British food regulations and energy policy, paves the way for a new migrant deal for young Europeans, and sacrifices British fishing waters until 2038. He is giving away the strategic Chagos Islands to Mauritius—a nation that has never owned them—and paying them billions.

He did change his tune on migration though, promising to toughen visa rules and stop the boats of illegal migrants. But with politicians from all parties talking tough on migration for more than a decade while doing nothing about it, don’t expect voters to be impressed until they see actual results.

But for all this, May 1 was the day that Reform stopped being a minority protest party and became a real contender. Starmer’s actions since then only add fuel to Reform’s fire.

In his article “**Britain’s and Judah’s Governments Fall—America Next?**” (theTrumpet.com/25966), Mr. Flurry described the way Bible prophecy forecast a resurgence in the United States. “Could the same thing happen in the UK?” he asked. It was a question, not a prediction, and the answer still isn’t completely clear. A reprieve in America may be enough to allow God’s message to go out around the world. But today’s news shows that a major shift in Britain is possible. Could we soon see a Prime Minister Farage, a British DOGE and a more Trumpian UK?

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relationship.” Guttenberg saw Canada as an important strategic ally to counter Europe’s reliance on Russian energy and Russia’s aggression in the Arctic.

The return of Donald Trump moved Guttenberg to state in a January 8 speech in Linz, Austria: “As a European group, as NATO, together with the Canadians, we can position ourselves much more strongly against the bully Trump.” Canada may be a key *military ally* of Europe to counter Trump.

These statements are important to note because *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry has pointed to Guttenberg as possibly playing a central role in the resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire. From these comments, it appears Canada could become a partner with Europe in weakening the U.S.

Carney has put the wheels in motion for Canada to be part of Europe’s aggressive rearmament. The *Toronto Star* reported, “In an effort to pivot away from Canada’s overreliance on the U.S., Prime Minister Mark Carney is looking to Europe to build new security alliances and a new defense industrial strategy that could see European-designed fighter jets built in this country” (March 20).

Carney is the perfect man for this realignment because he is a European technocrat with close relationships with many European leaders. His victory signals an important opportunity for the enemies of the U.S.

The Bible prophesies in Isaiah 23 that a “mart of nations” will launch an aggressive, successful trade war against America. This conglomerate will include Germany, Europe and China. Will it include Canada? Will Canada become a proxy of the Holy Roman Empire?

Carney’s victory makes Canada a dagger aimed at the heart of the American superpower.

Canada and Cuba: Nuclear Pincers?

Canada and Cuba have some interesting connections. Both were conquered by Britain in the Seven Years’ War. (Cuba returned to Spain at the end of the war; Canada stayed with Britain.) Both have strong connections to the Catholic Church, both have Communist governments, and they are close allies. Pierre Trudeau and Fidel Castro were close friends—so much so that there is

a persistent rumor that Justin Trudeau is actually Castro’s son.

More importantly, both countries were involved in the successful assassinations of American presidents. Montreal, Quebec, was where the assassination of Abraham Lincoln was planned and financed. Cuba was involved in the assassination of President John Kennedy. Both have been bases of operations for America’s enemies. Will it happen again in the future?

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In his booklet *Great Again*, Mr. Flurry warns that Cuba’s Catholic and Communist connections make it a strategic asset of the Holy Roman Empire. “Modern Cuba is a Communist nation, but it has only been Communist for about six decades—less than a lifetime. It has been a Catholic country for almost 500 years! ... Cuba has a recent history with Russia in designing a nuclear attack against America. Couldn’t Cuba join with another world power to complete that design?” The Cuban Missile Crisis demonstrated how great a threat Cuba

could be if a hostile power were able to stage offensive weapons there.

Mr. Flurry then warns, “We need to watch this carefully, because Bible prophecy shows clearly that America, Britain and the Jewish nation are in grave danger and will be double-crossed by a reconstituted German-led Holy Roman Empire. How will this happen? I think Cuba could be a significant part of the strategy.”

These same trends are occurring in Canada now. We would be foolish to ignore these warning signs of its closer integration with the Vatican and Europe. Canada’s vast resources, long border, modern air bases within miles of the U.S. border, control of fresh water, Atlantic and Pacific ports, and control of the St. Lawrence and Great Lakes could give the Holy Roman Empire a decisive strategic advantage over America.

Are Cuba and Canada part of a pincer movement planned by the Holy Roman Empire to overthrow America? This would be a sickening, monstrous betrayal.

Bible prophecy warned that our nations would commit adultery with the Catholic Church and be a lover of Germany, with terrible consequences. “The nations of Israel certainly ought to understand this nasty old lady,” writes Mr. Flurry in his booklet *Nahum—An End-Time Prophecy for Germany*. “But America, Britain and Judah are going to become her ‘lovers.’ We have a foreign policy that loves the Holy Roman Empire. It is going to be our biggest foreign-policy debacle ever! ... And Israel is going to pay the ultimate price for being so treacherous to God.”

Elections have consequences. After generations of compromise and forgetting God, Canada is on the verge of joining a terrible betrayal. Blinded by hatred for Donald Trump, Canadians don’t realize the ramifications of electing a Liberal government that has dangerous designs.

These are heavy tidings, but they need not come to pass. God stands ready to intervene on our behalf, as He has in countless other moments in our history, if we will humble ourselves and repent of our treachery and rebellion. Time is short, but hope is not. The national change required to realize this hope begins with you. ■



Carney’s Canada? Not for long.

Canadians have spoken and have elected Mark Carney, but God has a plan for Canada—and it involves a different government. Request Herbert W. Armstrong’s free book ***The United States and Britain in Prophecy*** to learn more.

How Trump Is Transforming the World

He doesn't realize it, but he is driving forward a host of crucial prophetic trends.

BY JOEL HILLIKER AND RICHARD PALMER

"I WISH I COULD WORK FOR AN ADMINISTRATION that could move that quickly." This is what one Biden administration veteran admitted to Axios during United States President Donald Trump's recent norm-shattering trip to the Middle East.

Love him or hate him, the president certainly is moving quickly. Even his enemies are impressed with his boldness.

One former Biden-era senior State Department official said Trump "has the ability to do things politically that previous presidents did not, because he has complete unquestioned authority over the Republican caucus."

Rob Malley, who handled Iran talks under Presidents Obama and Biden, said, "It's hard not to be simultaneously terrified at the thought of the damage he can cause with such power, and awed by his willingness to brazenly shatter so many harmful taboos."

Call him the "disrupter in chief."

In mere months, President Trump has aggressively pushed peace talks to end the Russia-Ukraine war, the Israel-Hamas war and the India-Pakistan conflict. He has tried to coax Iran to the table, negotiated a truce with the Houthis while excluding Israel, and lifted sanctions on Syria. He has altered international economics by imposing tariffs, escalating a trade war with China, and punishing even allies like Canada, Mexico and the European Union. He withdrew America from the World Health Organization, the UN Human Rights Council and the Paris Agreement; stopped funding the UN Relief and Works Agency; and reduced America's presence in NATO. All the while, he is floating controversial ideas like taking over Gaza and annexing Canada and Greenland. He is provoking dramatic shifts in foreign elections, prompting nations to boost

military spending, straining alliances, driving enemies into each others' arms, and reshaping geopolitical dynamics.

Some of these moves were positive and necessary. Some are having their intended effect. President Trump is working to rebuild America's strength and stature and to cement his own legacy as a peacemaker. But he does not realize that his decisions have far-reaching, unforeseen ripple effects. In fact, they are propelling major end-time biblical prophecies toward their fulfillment! World events the *Trumpet* and our predecessor, the *Plain Truth*, have warned about for decades based on biblical prophecy are accelerating faster than ever.

This is a spectacular example of the law of unintended consequences.

Among the ways that President Trump is transforming the world, here is the most consequential: He is unwittingly encouraging the rise of no fewer than FIVE PROPHESED POWER BLOCS. And the truly remarkable thing is how these foreign alliances are prophesied to *hasten America's demise*.



ONE A European Military Power

ONE OF the Trump administration's first international priorities was to rebuke Europe. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth and Vice President JD Vance toured EU capitals, exhorting nations to raise their military spending to 5 percent of their gross domestic product—up from the 2 percent goal Trump had pushed during his first term. He was serving notice that the U.S. will no longer pay for Europe's defense.

Germany got the message. Before he was even inaugurated as chancellor, Friedrich Merz managed to change the nation's constitution to lift all restrictions on borrowing money for military spending. He opened discussions with France on sharing nuclear weapons. In his first speech after winning the election in February, he said, "My absolute priority will be to strengthen Europe as quickly as possible so that, step by step, we can really achieve independence from the U.S.A." He used his inaugural speech to the legislature to promise "all the financial resources that the Bundeswehr needs to become the strongest conventional army in Europe."

Merz also promised stronger leadership for all of Europe. "Europe is looking to Germany today," he said. "Europe expects something from us. The new German government accepts this responsibility."

Add to this President Trump's trade war. On April 2, he announced tariffs on Europe and virtually the rest of the world. The EU again responded by banding together, holding frantic high-level meetings to strengthen European unity and present a united front against the U.S.

EU leaders know they are currently at a disadvantage in trade talks. While the U.S. can sit down with Chinese government representatives and talk tariffs, taxes, regulations, exchange rates and industrial policy, this process

is far messier with the EU, since these responsibilities are splintered between EU officials and national governments. President Trump's tariffs focused European attention on the pressing need for a single government, led by *one man*, orchestrating the whole show.

Europe rearming, Europe uniting, the rise of a strongman—these are some of the *Trumpet's* most prominent and consistent forecasts.

Back in January, *Trumpet* publisher Gerald Flurry wrote, "[P]ay close attention to events in Germany. This nation's future is weak if something doesn't change. But Bible prophecy forewarns us that Germany is about to shock the world with its power. To accomplish this, it needs a strong leader—something it sorely lacks right now." He drew attention to Germany's coalition government collapsing the day after America's presidential election. "Donald Trump's victory is certain to create more urgency in Germany to resolve its political crisis," he wrote, pointing to a *New York Times* headline: "Missing in Europe: A Strong Leader for a New Trump Era."

"I believe recent events in Germany will, in one way or another, open the door for this strongman," Mr. Flurry explained. "This is a prophecy we really must pay attention to."

President Trump's second term has highlighted Europe's weakness and its crying need for robust leadership. Watch for that void to be filled—soon.



TWO An Asian Alliance

LAST SUMMER, Japan sailed a destroyer into Chinese waters, and China responded by sending fighter jets into Japanese airspace—a first in its history.

These two nations have decades of bad blood. Japan killed 15 million Chinese in World War II, many of them in brutal massacres. Japanese leaders still deny

their war crimes, their textbooks glorify those who carried them out, and they have refused China's requests for an official apology from Japan's emperor. Both nations claim the Senkaku Islands. China



claims Taiwan; Japan opposes this and wants it to remain independent. Japan has often spoken out against China's human rights abuses and persecution of the Uyghurs, leading to diplomatic spats, trade sanctions and military threats.

South Korea has problems with both nations. It too was brutalized by Japan during World War II and has received little apology. It too has argued with China over maritime rights as Chinese ships have turned South Korean ships away from what Korea regards as its territorial waters. It shares Japan's concerns about Chinese ambitions in Taiwan and about its human rights abuses.

Getting these three countries to work together, strengthen trade and diplomacy, and make symbolic gestures of friendship is a major feat. Yet that is what is happening—thanks to Donald Trump.

Responding to President Trump's tariffs, Japan, China and South Korea have been working on their own free-trade agreement. They are also enhancing the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership trade agreement that they share with each other along with Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, the Philippines and many others. Their three trade ministers met on March 30, just days after their foreign ministers met for the first time since 2023.

Trump's tariffs are cutting these Asian nations off from American consumers, and they are looking for ways to get on without their biggest customer. The *Telegraph's* Ambrose Evans-Pritchard called it "one of the most striking economic defeats suffered by America that I have witnessed in more than 40 years covering international affairs" (April 1).

“For all intents and purposes, the U.S. is now a rogue nation when it comes to trade,” said the University of Sussex’s Michael Gasiorek. “I don’t think there is a global trade war going on. The U.S. is fighting a trade war with everybody, but the others are keen to cooperate even more” (ibid).

Russia and China are already as close as any two major powers in history. Now, thanks to Trump, the whole of Asia is beginning to coalesce around that nucleus. Even old adversaries are uniting.

As you watch this unfold, you are watching the formation of an alliance prophesied in detail in your Bible!

“Scripture prophesies two great military powers to arise in the last days,” Herbert W. Armstrong wrote back in 1934—“one the revival of the Roman Empire by a federation of 10 nations in the territory of the ancient Roman Empire; the other ... Russia, with her allies” (*Plain Truth*, June-July 1934).

The Bible describes this alliance as “the kings of the east” (Revelation 16:12). Other passages like Ezekiel 38 spell out exactly who will be involved. These passages discuss Russia and China in biblical language. The names “Gomer” and “Tarshish” refer to Japan and the peoples of Southeast Asia. Based on these prophecies, the April 1968 *Plain Truth* wrote: “Despite its many national, religious and political differences, Asia will ultimately be welded together into a common power bloc. It will ultimately send its military muscle into the Middle East at the return of Jesus Christ. This prophecy is recorded in Revelation 16:12 and 16. Japan will play a vital role in this battle.”

Our free booklet *Russia and China in Prophecy* details what the Bible says of these Eastern “kings.” President Trump’s second term is rapidly accelerating the rise of this second major power bloc.

THREE A Mart of Nations

TRUMP’S TARIFFS aren’t just uniting Asia—they are bringing the world together. The EU responded by immediately pledging to work more closely with Latin America, South Africa and others. Chinese leader Xi Jinping met with the heads of Mercedes, BMW, Qualcomm and other corporations. He lifted sanctions on members of the European Parliament, which he had punished for speaking out against Chinese human rights abuses.

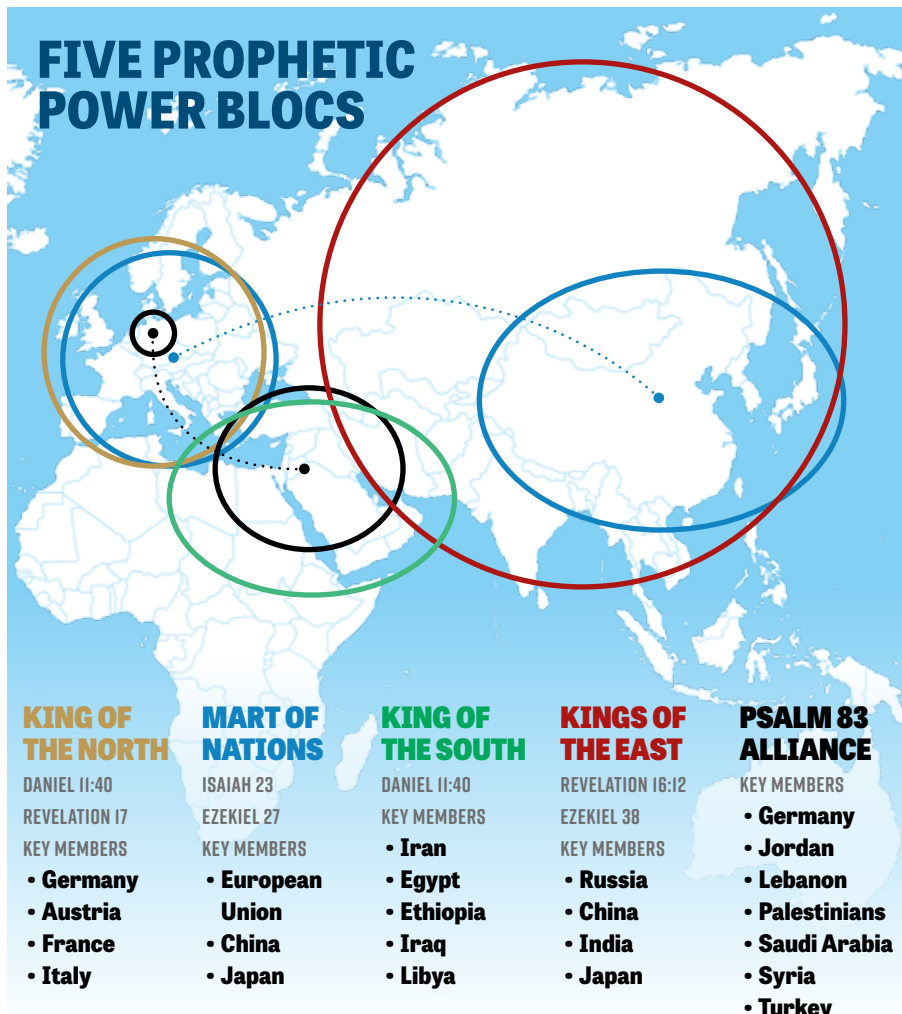


Xi also met with Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez, urging Europe to join forces with China to defend world trade.

End-time prophecy describes a European alliance led by a German strongman. This “king of the north” and the Asian “kings of the east” are rival powers destined to war against one another. Before these two blocs come to bitter blows, the Bible prophesies that they will work together to bring down America.

Isaiah 23 is a critical chapter prophesying that these blocs form a “mart of nations”—an economic alliance that encompasses distant powers trading across “seas” and “great waters.” This “mart” includes Tyre, a prophetic name for the commercial empire rising in Europe; Revelation 18 also describes the extravagant trade and immense wealth this European power will generate. This “mart” also includes Chittim, a reference to China, and Tarshish, a reference to Japan. Thanks to Europe’s economic and cultural links to Latin America, this continent will also feed into the power of this enormous economic bloc.

Consider the scope of this confederation: Europe, Latin America, China, Japan and the other kings of the east, all commercially interconnected—and blockading America!



Deuteronomy 28:52 prophesies that if America does not turn to God, it will be “besieged,” starved of world trade. That is exactly what this “mart” will inflict on the U.S. Of this prophecy, Mr. Flurry wrote, “If Europe finds a way to take advantage of key resources and strategic holdings of China, Russia and Japan—even for a short period—then it would have more than enough power to besiege the Anglo-Saxon nations” (*Trumpet*, July 2016).

This alliance is forming before your eyes. The very powers described in this prophecy are united on the issue of trade, and trade makes superpowers. This trend has dramatically accelerated since Trump returned to office.

FOUR The Psalm 83 Alliance

PRESIDENT TRUMP is also single-handedly rewriting America’s Mideast policy. His trip in May to Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates—and not Israel—prompted praise from some corners, concern from others, and real fear from Israelis.

The revolutionary nature of his intentions was clear in his first speech in Riyadh. Trump praised Arab leaders for the material advances visible in their capital cities, and he criticized “the so-called nation-builders, neocons or liberal nonprofits” for their failures. Thus he rejected decades of futile Middle East policy—and promptly began laying out a new policy that is destined to prove even worse.

On his trip, President Trump signed the “largest defense cooperation deal in U.S. history” with Saudi Arabia, amounting to nearly \$150 billion. Specifics are unknown but are said to include state-of-the-art military hardware for air force and space, air and missile defense and maritime security. The deal not only locks in a supply of some of the world’s most advanced military hardware, but it also legitimizes the Arab monarchy, which is trying to shake off its image as a breeding ground for terrorism.

Trump is showing himself more than willing to overlook those terrorist

associations—not just with the Saudis but also with Qatar, with the murderers of Hamas, with the Houthis in Yemen, even with the Islamists of Iran. Treat him with enough deference, offer him enough economic incentives, gifts and promises, and he is convinced the radicalism is past and that all is well.

Trump has prioritized economic deals over traditional diplomacy. He is leveraging Gulf wealth to boost U.S. interests, treating these nations as business partners and buddies. The Saudis promised to invest some \$600 billion in America. Trump encouraged them to join the Abraham Accords and to mediate in conflicts like Russia-Ukraine, elevating their global role. He also made an economic agreement in Qatar worth \$1.2 trillion.

On the same whirlwind trip, Trump also stunned the world by announcing he would lift all U.S. sanctions on Syria. To the delight of the Saudi crown prince and the Turkish president, he said he wants to support Syria’s economic recovery and stabilize the region, “to give them a chance at greatness”—even if it means overlooking the new government’s ties to terrorism. “It’s their time to shine,” he said. “We’re taking [the sanctions] all off. Good luck, Syria; show us something very special.”

Trump then met personally with Syrian President Ahmed al-Sharaa. Five months ago, the U.S. had a \$10 million bounty on this man’s head due to his fighting with al Qaeda against American forces in Iraq. But since he led the rebel group Hayat Tahrir al-Sham in ousting the dictator Bashar Assad last December, Sharaa has been wearing a suit and saying nice things. Many suspect his moderate rhetoric is just a tactic to gain legitimacy, not a genuine departure from his decades-long record of extremism, but Trump brushed these concerns aside.

There is much to be concerned about with the Trump administration cozying up to these Muslim states. Potential conflicts of interest abound, with Qatar gifting a luxury jet to the president (article, page 25), and Trump’s family company building a new luxury golf resort in Qatar.

Syria’s president, a former al Qaeda and Islamic State figure, offered to permit a Trump Tower in Damascus. Meanwhile, there is concern that AI deals with Arab Gulf states could inadvertently enable China to access sensitive American technologies, potentially compromising U.S. national security.

Most importantly, such dealing places enormous trust in the hearts of unstable and dangerous men. There truly is no bright line between the butchers of Hamas and the Gulf princes; they are merely different expressions of a culture hostile to the West, cunningly feigning friendship to serve its ends.

These moves are extraordinary when viewed in light of Bible prophecy.

We expect Europe, particularly Germany, to move into Syria. Assad’s fall created a perfect opening. Germany immediately began working with the new government despite all the concerns about extremism. It has wanted to help Syria rebuild, but America’s sanctions made this difficult. Trump lifting those clears the path for major German investment and a diplomatic beachhead in the Middle East.

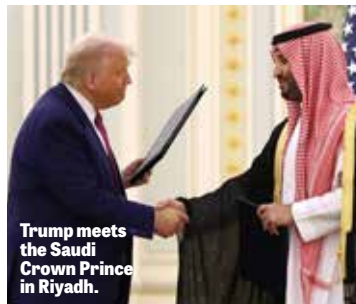
The prophecy in Psalm 83 describes an alliance of several Arab states, including Syria and Saudi Arabia, with Germany and Turkey. The change in Syria is emblematic of the whole nature of the alliance. This is a confederation marked

not only by *enmity* toward Israel, but also *deceit*. Its nations feign friendship with the very peoples they despise while planning to attack.

Trump’s moves in the Middle East, particularly his overtures to Syria, advance

this prophecy astonishingly. *Turkey* was directly responsible for Sharaa’s success in deposing Assad. *Saudi Arabia* backs Turkey’s man and facilitated the meet-and-greet with Trump. *Syria*—until recently a bosom ally of Iran—is ingratiating itself with other Arab states and even the West. They are all working together in ways unthinkable just months ago. And *Germany* is eager to join the party.

Prophecy warns that the extremists



and terrorist-sponsoring sheikhs President Trump is glad-handing are going to prove to be treacherous friends indeed.

FIVE The King of the South

One of the most stunning initiatives President Trump has pushed during his second term is his effort to strike a nuclear deal with Iran. He is the one who, rightly, killed the nuclear agreement President Barack Obama made. But something has changed in his second term. He now seems intent on creating another deal that could be even worse.

Mr. Flurry has identified Iran, the leader of Shiite Islam and the world's top state sponsor of terrorism, as the "king of the south" prophesied in Daniel 11:40. Prophecy shows that this bloc will include Iraq, Egypt, Libya, Ethiopia and other nations. (Request your free copy of Mr. Flurry's booklet *The King of the South*.) This alliance is the counterweight in the Middle East to the Psalm 83 alliance and will likely split roughly along Shiite-Sunni lines. For years we have tracked Iran's efforts to infiltrate and dominate these nations, as well as to acquire nuclear weapons to exert and to project its power.

Over the past 25 years, Iran's radical regime was weakened and vulnerable to collapse more than once—and American leadership threw it a lifeline. Obama did so by supporting the mullahs during the Arab Spring rather than siding with Iran's oppressed, disaffected and unruly populace. Then he did it with a nuclear deal that unlocked millions in cash and a path to an unrestricted nuclear weapons program. Now President Trump is doing it by offering to remove sanctions and to begin treating Iran as a business partner.

President Trump has alternated between brash threats against Iran and honeyed promises. In a Fox News interview at the end of his Middle East trip, he said, "Iran wants to trade with us, OK? If you can believe that, I'm OK with that.

I'm using trade to settle scores and to make peace. But I've told Iran, we make a deal." He announced that Iran and the U.S. "sort of" have a nuclear agreement. "Iran has sort of agreed to the term," he said, adding: "We're not going to be making any nuclear dust in Iran." But Iran has repeatedly rebuffed these offers and has said it will only accept a nuclear deal *better* than what Obama gave.

The notion that the head of the Islamist terrorist snake will abandon its long-held radical ambitions is hopelessly naïve. But that is what is driving Trump's approach.

This makes America's one true ally in the Middle East, Israel, extremely vulnerable. Iran has repeatedly stated its genocidal ambitions to wipe Israel off the map. The Israelis have an existential need to keep Iran in check.

As the Trump administration goes hunting for peace deals, it is increasingly showing impatience with Israel's resistance.

It unilaterally made a deal with Hamas to get an American hostage released with no regard for Israel's hostages, and it has pressured Israel to end its war against Hamas. It unilaterally agreed to halt attacks on the Houthis in exchange for security guarantees in the Red Sea, despite the Houthis' continued missile strikes on Israel. And then someone in the Trump administration leaked information to CNN that Israel was planning to attack Iran without America's blessing. It is an ominous sign of how unhappy they are with Israel and how they are pressuring Israel to leave Iran alone. As Trump is rewriting the rules in the Middle East and shifting the region's balance of power, Israel isn't at the discussion table.

Israel had hoped that the transition from Joe Biden to Donald Trump would bring much more support and security. It looks instead like its most formidable enemy, Iran, is somehow going to emerge even stronger. Despite all hopes to the contrary, Trump's moves appear to be hastening the rise of the prophesied king of the south.

Great Again

In *Great Again*, Mr. Flurry shows that President Trump's time in office was

prophesied. Based on these prophecies, he writes: "The Bible has a lot to say about the state of America today. It explains the inspiring reason *why* this nation was so great, and why it has been so richly blessed.

"The Bible also prophesies that these blessings will be removed in our day—replaced by terrible curses—because of the sins of the people. Yes, as a consequence of deep and multiplying materialism, selfishness, lust, immorality and idolatry among the American people, those prophesied curses are descending rapidly!

"America's problems are spiritual—and solving them requires spiritual solutions, starting with repentance! But Americans are too entrenched in their sin to do that. So the national curses are going to get far worse before the situation ever gets better.

"When you understand this spiritual dimension, it becomes far easier to understand why President Obama did the things he did, and why the damage he caused will not be reversed by putting a different man into his office."

That is the reality now. Mr. Trump has confronted some of Mr. Obama's evil, but he has not led the nation to repentance. So God is allowing American power to be compromised, and hostile foreign powers to rise, militarize, cooperate and affiliate. He allows for the rise of an Islamic confederation that is destined to catalyze a world war. He continues to prepare a United States of Europe that will punish the U.S.—and an Asian alliance that will end up confronting that empire.

It is truly stunning how President Trump's actions are driving all of these end-time prophetic trends forward—trends that, for all Mr. Trump's strength and fervor for America, will contribute to our catastrophic fall.

But that is not the end of the story. As Mr. Flurry also writes in *Great Again*, "[T]he Bible also explains God's ultimate *purpose* for allowing these curses to descend on the U.S. Whenever God punishes, He does so to turn people back to Himself. Scripture prophesies that the curses America is experiencing today are actually a prelude to national revitalization and restoration!

"America *will*, in fact, one day soon become GREAT AGAIN!"



In Qatar's Pocket



A tiny Gulf state is buying American power. **BY MIHAILO S. ZEKIC**

IT IS SMALLER THAN CONNECTICUT, with fewer inhabitants than Mongolia. Most of its diminutive territory is barren desert. It has one of the smallest militaries in the region. Yet in some ways, it has conquered a superpower.

This is the little Arab nation of Qatar. It has conquered not by guns but by gold. Thanks to its reserves of liquefied natural gas and crude oil, Qatar has the world's 12th-largest gross domestic product per capita, and thanks to its authoritarian government, it wields the world's ninth-largest sovereign wealth fund. That government, an absolute monarchy, has used its outsized wealth to influence politics around the world—including those who help shape the policies of United States President Donald Trump.

Background

Qatar occupies a small promontory of the Arabian Peninsula jutting northward into the Persian Gulf. It is the world's third-largest exporter of natural gas, behind only the U.S. and Russia. This gives its leader, Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad al-Thani, a lot of money to burn. Doha, its capital, has hosted the World Cup and other world-class events and is

filled with architectural marvels imitating Venice and other European cities.

But drilling rigs, shiny buildings and major sporting events are not Qatar's main fields of investment.

Qatar is also one of the world's biggest sponsors of Islamic terrorism, including Hamas. As analyst Didier Billion told France24, Qatar's "financial support of \$30 million per month is proven and public. These payments are justified to pay civil servants in Gaza, and we know perfectly well that the latter are members of Hamas. Doha's money is therefore the equivalent of direct support for this organization which has held the Palestinian enclave with an iron fist for many years."

Qatar not only sponsors Hamas financially, it also provides it with diplomatic cover. In fact, Khaled Mashal and Ismail Haniyeh, leaders of Hamas in Gaza, lived in Qatar rather than Gaza! Doha was literally the capital of Hamas. This was true before Hamas monsters perpetrated the terrorist massacre of Oct. 7, 2023—and it is true to this day.

Qatar also sponsored al Qaeda for decades, even bankrolling Osama bin Laden in the 1990s. It hosted an office of the Afghan Taliban for more than 10

years. Yusuf al-Qaradawi, the spiritual leader of the Muslim Brotherhood, lives in Qatar. Just as most Shiite Islamist terrorists rely on Iran, many of the world's most notorious Sunni Islamist terrorists rely on Qatar.

One would think that the United States would have imposed massive sanctions on such a country. Not so. It ignores Qatar's sponsorship of terror and goes out of its way to *actively protect Qatar*.

Inroads to D.C.

For years, Qatar has hosted and financed Al Udeid Air Base, one of the U.S.'s most important military bases in the region. In 2022, President Joe Biden designated Qatar a "major non-NATO ally." This gives the nation special privileges, such as the ability to purchase uranium ammunition and discounted military equipment, opportunities for joint research projects, and more. The Walsh School of Foreign Services, which educates many top U.S. diplomats, has one of its two international campuses in Doha.

Why such close U.S. military and diplomatic links to a country that sponsors the terrorism U.S. forces and diplomacy are supposed to fight? The U.S. government has never given a clear answer.

So follow the money.

Qatar has a track record of sending large bribes to Western government officials to influence policy. In 2022, Vice President of European Parliament Eva Kailli was arrested in connection with bribery by Qatar; she has yet to be convicted. Two aides to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu are under investigation for accepting Qatari bribes. The U.S. has even indicted several people in connection with Qatar bribing FIFA in order to host the 2022 World Cup.

Where else does Qatari cash go? American universities. According to government records, Qatar has spent *over \$6.3 billion* on American colleges and universities since 1986. This makes Qatar by far the largest foreign funder of American higher education. China, the largest economy in the world, spent \$5.6 billion. Which institutions are getting millions from Doha? They include Harvard, Yale, Cornell, Stanford and other top schools. What are the terms of these arrangements? They are often hidden from the public.

“What does a country this tiny want with so much influence?” Jonathan Schanzer, a former terrorism finance analyst at the U.S. Department of Treasury, asked in the *Washington Free Beacon*. He said it is to “ensure the acceptability of terrorist groups like Hamas and the Taliban. It would also like the West to turn a blind eye to the regime’s funding, safe haven or normalization of other extremist groups”

Qatar’s relationship with President Trump is more complex. When his first term began in 2017, Qatar was in a quagmire. Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and other Arab nations opposed Qatar’s terror program. They blockaded Qatar’s airspace, ports and land border. The Trump administration aligned with the Saudis and Emirates.

Sheikh Tamim’s solution, as with everything else, was to throw money at the problem. He hired American lobbyists to influence the White House.

It is a known fact that Qatar started a massive lobbying campaign to reach Mr. Trump’s inner circle. In 2017, it almost quadrupled its known lobbying expenditure to \$16.3 million. By 2018, it was directly employing 23 lobbying firms. Two prominent New York lobbyists recruited by Qatar told the *Wall Street Journal* that Qatar had them researching 250 “Trump influencers.”

The influence campaign appeared to have worked. In April 2018, President Trump welcomed Sheikh Tamim to Washington, where he called his visitor “a valued partner and longtime friend.” That year, a congressional bill that would have officially labeled Qatar a state sponsor of terrorism—which it most certainly is—stalled. In 2021, the Trump administration brokered an end to Saudi Arabia’s blockade of Qatar.

How much influence has Qatar built since then? How much influence does it have in Washington, D.C., *right now*?

October 7

For years, the two major sponsors of Hamas have been Iran and Qatar. Iran is openly working to destroy Israel through Hamas, Hezbollah and other proxies. Their “Death to Israel” and “Death to America” chants are basically statements of Iranian foreign policy.

Qatar, conversely, has cultivated an

image as a moderate state open to dialogue with every side. It is one of the few countries Israel has permitted to openly send money to Hamas in Gaza. Therefore, Qatar is arguably an even more important sponsor of Hamas than Iran is.

Without the millions of dollars Qatar has provided Hamas every month, the mass torture, rape and butchery of Israeli families on Oct. 7, 2023, probably would never have happened. Without political and diplomatic support from the Qataris, the blight on humanity that is Hamas probably would have been eradicated long ago.

“All Qatar had to do was to summon the Hamas leaders in Doha and give them an ultimatum to release all the hostages immediately or face deportation from the Gulf state,” Khaled Abu Toameh wrote for the Gatestone Institute. “It is hard to see how the Hamas leaders would have been able to say no to their major political and financial patrons and backers. There was a lot the Biden administration could have done to pressure Qatar. ... The Biden administration, however, chose to ignore Qatar’s role in supporting Islamist terrorism. The Qataris were never under the slightest pressure.”

These facts are not in dispute. Even after one of the most horrific street-by-street, home-by-home, bedroom by bedroom butchering of innocent civilians, Qatar *did not punish Hamas*.

And the U.S. did not punish Qatar!

Influence in the Inner Circle

Qatar’s influence and preferential treatment is a point of fact. And for all the positive things being done by President Trump, Qatari influence inside his administration is also a point of fact.

Steve Witkoff is the most prominent example of a conflict of interest. A real estate mogul and longtime associate of the Trump family, he had no diplomatic experience before President Trump named him special envoy to the Middle East. But he did have experience working with Qatar.

In fact, the Qataris bailed him out of a failing business. When one of his co-owners of the Park Lane Hotel in New York was indicted and fled to China, Witkoff was left in financial

trouble—until the Qatar Investment Authority bought out him and his other partners for \$623 million.

Before pressuring Israel in January to accept the ceasefire deal that benefited Hamas, Witkoff was in Qatar preparing the deal. Right before the ceasefire was approved, Witkoff said in a Fox News interview that Qatar was “really doing God’s work.”

Pam Bondi is the U.S. attorney general. She did more than accept gifts from Qatar. She worked as a Qatari lobbyist, earning \$115,000 a month. Her nomination documents for Senate confirmation did not mention this. She has largely avoided answering questions about it. Once, when asked how she felt about receiving money from a country that also funds Hamas, she said, “I am very proud of the work that I did. It was a short time, and I wish that it had been longer, for Qatar.”

On her first day, Bondi disbanded the FBI’s Foreign Influence Task Force and narrowed enforcement of the Foreign Agents Registration Act—exempting lobbyists paid by a foreign government.

Mike Huckabee is President Trump’s ambassador to Israel. In 2017, a Qatari lobbyist paid Huckabee \$50,000 as an honorarium for a visit to the country. Huckabee later described Qatar as “surprisingly beautiful, modern and hospitable.”

Susie Wiles is President Trump’s chief of staff. In 2022-2023 she was a co-chair of the Washington, D.C., and Florida offices of the lobbying firm Mercury Public Affairs. One of the firm’s clients was the Embassy of Qatar.

Kash Patel is President Trump’s FBI director. The Embassy of Qatar paid him for “consulting services” up until November 2024. Neither the sums paid nor the exact services are publicly known, and Patel is tight-lipped about it. Analyst Mitchell Bard speculated in Jewish News Syndicate that Patel may have violated the Foreign Agents Registration Act.



Lee Zeldin is the administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, a cabinet-level position. His financial disclosure forms acknowledge that he received “compensation exceeding \$5,000” from Sheikh Sultan bin Jassim, a member of the Qatari royal family. Zeldin has not explained what he did to receive this compensation.



Lindsey Graham is a four-term U.S. senator and an unofficial foreign policy adviser to President Trump. Qatar has spent hundreds of millions of dollars in his state, South Carolina, including a \$11.7 billion aircraft order from Boeing in 2016. Two months after Hamas’s October 7 terror attack, Senator Graham went to Qatar and gave a lecture at the Doha Forum, saying, “I want to thank you for what you’ve done for my country. You get some criticism. Hamas is here. But I know why they’re here. They’re here so they can be talked to. You do things for the world that sometimes are not so popular. But I just want you to know that I appreciate what you do.”

Remember, this is *Qatar*, a nondemocratic, absolute monarchy that has sponsored and protected al Qaeda, the Taliban, the Muslim Brotherhood and others, and is actively protecting Hamas!

Qatar has abysmal work conditions for foreign laborers, which have allegedly included slave labor and thousands of deaths. In 2019, in response to media coverage of these conditions by journalists and human rights groups, one Qatari royal made a \$50 million investment in Newsmax, a popular pro-Trump media company. In 2024, current and former employees told the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists that “before and after the investment, senior newsroom leaders urged Newsmax staff to soften coverage of Qatar.” “We were not allowed to criticize Qatar,” one employee said. “We were told very clearly from the top down, ‘No touching this.’”

These examples of Qatari influence in the president’s circle are extremely concerning. Bondi was President Trump’s personal lawyer and is now the most powerful attorney in the nation. Wiles was the co-chair of President Trump’s

2024 campaign and now largely controls who has access to him. Witkoff has been one of Trump’s closest associates for decades and now speaks for him in the Middle East, as well as in Russia and elsewhere. Some of the president’s closest confidants have been *bankrolled by the same organization that has bankrolled and protected al Qaeda, the Muslim Brotherhood and Hamas!*

Has this impacted America’s foreign policy?

Saving Hamas

For most of the war with Hamas, Netanyahu had to battle pressure from President Biden to limit his ground invasion of Gaza, to forego an invasion against Hezbollah in Lebanon, and to declare a ceasefire that would let Hamas survive and remain in control of Gaza.

It looked like Netanyahu was holding out for a Trump victory in the 2024 U.S. presidential election. The first Trump administration recognized Jerusalem as Israel’s capital, recognized Israel’s sovereignty over the Golan Heights, negotiated the Abraham Accords between Israel and four Arab states, and showed other favor toward its one and only democratic ally in the Middle East. Netanyahu was likely relieved when the 2024 vote brought Donald Trump back to the presidency.

Yet even before he was even inaugurated, Mr. Trump sent Witkoff to pressure Netanyahu to accept Biden’s ceasefire. Witkoff flew to Doha first to coordinate with the Qataris. Then he made an impromptu visit to Jerusalem on the Sabbath, even though Mr. Netanyahu asked to postpone the meeting until after the Sabbath concluded at sunset. Witkoff pressured Israel to stop destroying Hamas in Gaza and to release more than 1,000 Palestinian prisoners, including terrorists guilty of horrific murders. Israel announced its acceptance of the deal on January 16. (Request your free copy of *January 16—God’s Miracle Day*, by Gerald Flurry.)

“Israel had made tremendous progress eliminating the threat from Hamas,” *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote in our March issue. “But WITH THIS DEAL, ABOUT EVERYTHING ISRAEL ACHIEVED IN ITS WAR WAS QUICKLY REVERSED! Israel was so close to victory—and now, suddenly, it has lost. It

had nearly destroyed Hamas’s terrorists, and now, instead, it has emboldened them. ... The reality is, with this deal, PRESIDENT TRUMP BETRAYED ISRAEL.”

In November 2024, the Biden administration finally pressured Qatar to eject Hamas’s leadership. By this point, it was too little, too late: The damage to Israel had been done, much of Hamas’s leadership was already assassinated, and Biden’s term in office was about up. Hamas maintained an office in Doha but relocated its “capital” to Istanbul, Turkey. Yet a few weeks later, aides for President-elect Trump informed Qatar that *Hamas could move back to Doha*.

The Future

The links between Qatar and Hamas are unmistakable. Qatar sponsored the organization well before, leading up to, during and after its demonic October 7 massacre. It is unlikely to drop that support, especially when the U.S. isn’t even applying any pressure on it to do so. With so many high-level Trump administration officials connected to Qatari cash, it appears that Doha will keep its hotline with Washington.

Based on Bible prophecy, Mr. Flurry has made accurate forecasts regarding Mr. Trump’s political career. He prophesied Mr. Trump would regain the White House and in doing so expose the radical-leftists trying to destroy him and the United States. And he said Trump’s return would herald blessings for the American people.

These forecasts are based on a prophecy in 2 Kings 14:26-28, which refers to an Israelite king, Jeroboam II, whom God sent to relieve Israel from “bitter affliction” and forces trying to “blot out the name of Israel from under heaven.” “Israel,” in this case, is a prophetic reference to the United States. Mr. Flurry has written much on Donald Trump fulfilling this prophecy about Jeroboam. (To learn more, request your free copy of *America Under Attack*.)

“Jeroboam was ‘a mighty man of valour’ and ‘industrious’ (1 Kings 11:28),” Mr. Flurry writes in *Great Again*. “But he ended up being a disaster for Israel, turning the people away from God by institutionalizing false religion (1 Kings 12). ...

“The modern-day Jeroboam commits the same sin that Jeroboam did anciently. There is a *reason* God uses *Jeroboam* as

the last warning to the nations of Israel. The original Jeroboam committed a great sin, and the modern-day Jeroboam is committing the identical sin again.”

As *Great Again* explains, the main sin is spiritual and relates to specific domestic choices. But the point is that this is the Bible’s general verdict on the effect of Jeroboam.

In the months President Trump has been in office, he has done much good for America. He has ended the radical left’s stranglehold on American politics. He has largely secured the border, exposed corruption, and is confronting America’s spending crisis. But his administration is compromising with evil.

God cannot continue blessing a man who lets Sheikh Tamim and other terrorizers and destroyers of Israel whisper foreign policy in his ear.

Blessings

“Anyone who sincerely admires this country wants to see America made great again,” Mr. Flurry writes in *Great Again*. “The Bible has a lot to say about the state of America today. It explains the inspiring reason *why* this nation was so great in the first place. And why it has been so richly blessed.”

But Mr. Flurry continues, “The Bible also prophesies that these blessings would be removed in our day. America’s problems are spiritual—and solving them requires spiritual solutions.”

Until American leaders—and Americans—acknowledge this fact, any resurgence in America will be temporary. No man, President Trump included, can solve America’s problems without acknowledging this reality and turning to God. His administration’s foreign policy in cozying up to Qatar is a case in point. But even as national curses afflict America, God has a plan to make the nation great again. All prophecy, even the one about a sinful Jeroboam, plays into that. Americans have vital lessons to learn first before this happens. But once they do, God promises to take America—and the State of Israel—and the world—to heights they could never have dreamed of. ■

Who is Jeroboam? What is his sin? To learn the answers from Bible prophecy, request your free copy of *Great Again*.

Don’t Accept Gifts From Terrorists

President Trump is making a deadly mistake. **BY GERALD FLURRY**

HOW WOULD YOU RESPOND IF you were given a magnificent jet—a Boeing 747 worth \$400 million? What if it was given to you by *terrorists*?

United States President Donald Trump has accepted a luxury aircraft to serve as Air Force One—from the leaders of Qatar. The plane is so lavish some nickname it a “flying palace.” The president thinks it’s a wonderful gift and sees nothing wrong with accepting it.

Do you think the Qatari leaders offered President Trump that jet because they love him? They are *flattering* him.

Avoid Murderers and Liars

The Qataris are connected to many high-placed officials in Trump’s administration (“In Qatar’s Pocket,” page 22). They are also LONGTIME, WELL-KNOWN SPONSORS OF TERRORISM. They funded al Qaeda for years. They support the Muslim Brotherhood. They bankroll

Hamas, the butchers of Israel on Oct. 7, 2023. They are in league with murderers and rapists! And they send billions of dollars to American universities to turn students into disciples of Hamas.

The Qataris are not offering Trump a plane because they love him. They *hate* him and everything he stands for. These Muslims want everybody to serve their god *their way*—and they use force to achieve that! They want to *take over* America and *kill* nonbelievers!

WHY is President Trump cozying up to them? It seems he is now negotiating with *anyone*. In many ways, he is *caving in*.

God’s law has this wisdom for those in leadership: “Thou shalt not wrest judgment; thou shalt not respect persons, NEITHER TAKE A GIFT: FOR A GIFT DOTH BLIND THE EYES OF THE WISE, and pervert the words of the righteous” (Deuteronomy 16:19). Wouldn’t you say the president’s eyes are being *BLINDED* by this gift?

The U.S. Constitution prohibits federal officeholders from accepting “any present, emolument, office or title” from foreign governments without congressional consent. The Constitution’s authors knew the Bible. *Many* of our nation’s laws prevent the president, congressmen, judges and other federal employees from accepting gifts. But because Qatar is giving this jet to the *government*, it circumvents this restriction. When this godly wisdom is ignored, judgment becomes perverted, and it creates serious problems!

Herbert W. Armstrong was an unofficial “ambassador for world peace.” He did a great work in the Middle East and met with many Israeli prime ministers



and other Jewish leaders. He also had close relationships with certain Muslim leaders like President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and King Hussein of Jordan, and he worked to facilitate some kind of peace between those sides. (Request our free booklet *A Warm Friend of Israel* about Mr. Armstrong's work.)

In September 1982, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat invited Mr. Armstrong to a meeting. Mr. Armstrong wrote in a letter to his supporters, "I refused to see him or to allow one of my aides to see him in my stead." He called Arafat a "terrorist leader" and would have nothing to do with him! He said he would *never, ever* sit down and talk with a terrorist. He told the world that, and strongly!

That is the only sound policy when dealing with terrorists!

God warns, "Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away" (Proverbs 4:14-15). King David wrote, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. ... He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight" (Psalm 1:1; Psalm 101:7).

These terrorists are also *liars* who will flatter and say whatever is expedient to accomplish their aims. Proverbs 17:4 warns, "A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips" We must not have anything to do with such people!

Jesus Christ warned of people following the devil, who "was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it" (John 8:44). When people follow Satan, he draws them into murder and deceit. Is it wise to try to negotiate with the devil?

Shunning Israel

It gets worse: On his trip to the Middle East in May, President Trump visited

Qatar, as well as Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. But he purposely *skipped* visiting Israel and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Netanyahu knows what the Qataris are all about. He is trying to get President Trump to see that, but it has not worked. Trump (and his Middle East envoy, Steve Witkoff) continues to cozy up to these evil people, and at the same time *ignore* Netanyahu and the Jewish state, America's only real partner in the Middle East! What is *wrong* with him? The Israelis are the *victims* of terrorists—yet *they*, not the terrorists, are pushed aside! That is *madness*!

This is *evil*. And once you open yourself up to evil, it leads to worse and worse things. Bible prophecy shows *specifically* what is coming.

Psalm 83 prophesies of an alliance of Middle Eastern nations that will work with Europe to attack, destroy and kill. And their victims will be the peoples of Israel: They will be trying to *blot out the name of Israel*!

Some of the very nations President Trump and his envoys have visited are nations this prophecy warns will wreak such destruction.

Cooperating with terrorists and comingling with evil will also have another consequence: bringing a very evil leader into contact with President Trump.

An Evil Spiritual Adviser

Satan is very real. He *wants* President Trump to cooperate with terrorists. And he wants him to listen to someone he is directly guiding into other types of evil.

Amos 7:7-9 prophesies about an end-time type of King Jeroboam II of ancient Israel. President Trump fulfills this modern role. Prophecy says God will send the sword against his house!

Verse 10 shows that this modern "king" has a spiritual adviser. I have written before about how this "Amaziah" is an evil, destructive man who fights against God's prophet and God's

message (see my article "*Is America's Supreme Court in Bible Prophecy?*" at theTrumpet.com/17949). Yet this priest serves Jeroboam. How disturbing that America's leader will be advised by such a man!

God saved America from Obama's sabotage and destruction "*by the hand of Jeroboam*" (2 Kings 14:26-27). God has saved America from very evil forces, temporarily, through Donald Trump. When an assassin fired at him, God *saved Donald Trump*, literally! Yet these prophecies say the president will be advised by a destroyer, an evil man possessed by Satan the devil.

How could this happen? How will such a man get into leading President Trump spiritually? Where does Amaziah come from? In Amos 7, he just suddenly appears; it doesn't say how he gets there.

I will tell you how he gets there: He gets there because these people are cooperating with and caving in to *terrorists*! That kind of activity gives Satan an open door.

Trump's acceptance of that jet is moving in this direction. The Qataris are giving an airplane to a man they know is *vulnerable* and is caving in. When you do things like this, Satan will not let you get away with it! There is no *direct* connection between the Qataris and this modern-day Amaziah, but the devil is behind them both. Trump has opened the door, and he is inviting satanic influence—that is what this is about.

In the end, a Satan-possessed man will get right in there with Jeroboam. Satan will insinuate himself right into the midst of that administration.

That is tragic and sad. But President Trump is *asking* for it. The decisions he is making are *building* toward this relationship with evil Amaziah!

Someone must warn the president about the horrifying consequences of such decisions. Someone needs to tell him the TRUTH! ■

Crumbling character

Negotiating with terrorists was once off the cards in American politics, now it is President Trump's ace. This is what happens when a nation fails its character test. Learn more about this in our free booklet *Character in Crisis*.





“**B**E FRUITFUL AND MULTIPLY.” This is one of the Bible’s rare commands that men and women around the world have historically not struggled to follow.

After it was issued to the first couple in the Garden of Eden, those two multiplied into several, then those several into dozens, those dozens into hundreds, those hundreds into thousands, those thousands into millions, and finally those millions multiplied into billions. That doesn’t mean the line always ran unswervingly upward: The Great Flood, the Mongol conquest, the bubonic plague and the Spanish Flu all shrank the global population, by a lot or a little. But on the other side of calamity, survivors never took long to regroup, pair up and begin multiplying once again.

From the time of Adam and Eve to the present, it is estimated that more than 55 billion babies have breathed the breath of life.

The population growth happened in large part because people lived, for hundreds of generations, in agrarian societies. Within these societies, they generally married young, had few birth control options, and stayed married until death. Children were seen as natural and inevitable. They were also often viewed as vital financial assets. “Children were free labor that were de facto chained to their parents’ economic needs,” geopolitical strategist Peter Zeihan writes in *The End of the World Is Just Beginning*.

Each woman typically had at least five babies, and often 10 or more. And no calculator is needed to see that when

two are becoming seven or 12 or more, for generation after generation, the numbers multiply quickly, even if child mortality rates are high.

Moving From Farms to Factories

Procreation may have remained a popular pastime indefinitely. But starting in the late 1700s, nations began transitioning away from those agrarian societies to industrial ones. People hung up their overalls and put on boiler suits. They left the sprawling farms their families had worked for generations and moved to quarter-acre plots or apartments now paid their wages. With this move, many of the economic reasons for having children simply vanished.

Children weren’t just less of a financial asset—they became a significant expense to bring into the world and raise. At the same time, sweeping cultural changes began taking root: secularism was on the rise, birth control became more reliable, eventually abortion became more accessible, there was greater focus on personal fulfillment or “self-actualization,” and new ideological movements motivated women to prioritize careers over children.

These were *major* societal changes.

And so, just as couples had many children back when it was economically beneficial, once those benefits were overtaken by costs, and as other societal changes took hold, people started having fewer sons and daughters—or none at all. The late Herbert W. Armstrong discussed this in his 1985 book *Mystery of the Ages*.

“Family life is being broken down though the family is a basic building block of any stable civilization,” he wrote. “More and more, children are not wanted.”

In the four decades since he wrote those words, the situation has only grown more dire.

For a developed nation’s population to remain constant, it needs an average fertility rate of 2.1 children per woman—two to replace the mother and father, and a fractional cushion to offset unspeakable personal tragedy.

In the United States today, the average woman has 1.7 children—well below what is needed to keep the population from decreasing and far below what is required to *multiply*. Were it not for immigration, America’s population would be declining every year.

And American couples are actually more prolific than those of most other industrial and post-industrial nations. Modern Australian, British and Dutch women bear only 1.6 children each. For Canadians and Germans, it’s around 1.5 children. Greek, Hungarian, Portuguese and Russian women have an average of 1.4 babies each. Japanese and Italians bear just 1.3. And the average Chinese woman births only 1.2. At the bottom of the list (unless you count Vatican City’s goose egg) is South Korea, with an abysmal 0.75 children per woman.

A fertility rate of 0.75 means each successive generation is one third as numerous as their parents’ generation. At current rates, every 100 South Koreans currently of childbearing age will produce only 14 grandchildren.

In several countries, the drop-off happened at tremendous speed. Singapore had a birthrate of about 6 children per woman as recently as 1960. By 1985, it was down to 1.6; today it’s 1.

Unlike the United States, many of these fallow nations do not have substantial numbers of immigrants coming in each year. As a result, their populations aren’t just shrinking—they’re in free fall.

Japan, for example, suffered a population loss of 890,000 people in 2024. This marked the nation’s 18th consecutive year of decline. Japan has already shrunk by nearly 5 million since its peak, equivalent to 20 times the number of lives it lost in the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. If current rates continue, in

just *one more generation*, Japan will shrink by another 20 million people.

The Great Graying

Not only are many developed countries getting rapidly smaller, but they're just as quickly getting older. This is largely because the shift to industrialization brought with it more wealth for more people, which translates to better health care, sanitation and nutrition, and thus longer lifespans.

A century ago, less than 1 percent of Japan's population was 75 years old and older: The average person only lived to age 40. But lifespans began to dramatically expand at that time, and the trend has continued into the present. During the same 12 months of 2024 when Japan lost a total of 890,000 people, their number of individuals age 75 and older *grew* by 700,000, reaching 20,777,000. This age group now makes up a jaw-dropping 17 percent of Japan's 123.7 million people. (In comparison, less than 7 percent of Americans today are 75 or older, and for the world's youngest nation, Niger, only half of 1 percent is past this milestone.)

For the first few generations after a given nation industrializes, extended lifespans actually offset declining birth rates. People reproduce less, but since they live longer, total population figures remain relatively stable. But within a couple of generations, lifespan gains max out, then the inevitable population decline kicks in.

With 123 of the world's 195 nations now below that 2.1 replacement level of fertility, this demographic shift is quietly reshaping the planet. Workforces are thinning, social welfare and health-care systems are straining, schools and shops are shuttering, and entire towns and even cities are fading into ghost towns. The only group swelling in number is the ranks of pensioners and other retirees.

A few sobering facts drive home just how extreme—and unprecedented—these shifts have become: In 2023, more than 155 South Korean elementary schools reported zero new student enrollments. Around 200 child-care centers in the nation have been turned into elder-care facilities. In Japan, dozens of medical centers built for pregnant women have been repurposed as nursing homes. In countries like China,

Japan and South Korea, adult diapers now outsell baby diapers.

These Asian nations are demographic “canaries in the coal mine,” offering a glimpse of what awaits Western countries if current trends persist.

The shrinking and graying of nations is clearly abnormal in the context of human history. But what may not be as obvious is that it is utterly unsustainable.

'Humanity Is Dying'

When asked during a Fox News interview in March what most keeps him up at night, Elon Musk answered: “The birth-rate is very low in almost every country. And unless that changes, civilization will disappear. ... Nothing seems to be turning that around. Humanity is dying.” In doing his personal part to slow the crisis, Musk has sired 14 known children.

U.S. Vice President JD Vance agrees that tumbling birthrates are a “catastrophic problem.”

Zeihan, too, says the threat is cataclysmic, and emphasizes that it is more urgent than most realize. “In the 2020s, birthrates are no longer simply dropping,” he writes, “they have been so low for so long that even the countries with the younger age structures are now running low of young *adults*—the demographic that *produces the children*. As the already smaller 20-something and 30-something cadres age into their 30s and 40s, birthrates will not simply continue their long decline, they will collapse.”

“For countries as varied as China, Russia, Japan, Germany, Italy, South Korea, Ukraine, Canada, Malaysia, Taiwan, Romania, the Netherlands, Belgium and Austria, the question isn't when these countries will age into demographic obsolescence,” he continues. “*All* will see their worker cadres pass into mass retirement in the 2020s. *None* have sufficient young people to even pretend to regenerate their populations. *All* suffer from terminal demographics. The real questions are how and how soon do their societies crack apart? And do they deflate in silence or lash out against the dying of the light.”

Some governments are waking up to the looming danger of their demographic crises and are scrambling to reverse course with pro-natalist measures.

In 2016, the Chinese government

ended the nation's myopic one-child policy, first allowing families to have two children, then three. When few couples took them up on the woefully belated offer, the government sweetened the deal with subsidies, tax breaks, child-care support and extended maternity and paternity leave. In an even more unusual move, several Chinese universities have launched courses such as “The Psychology of Love” and “The Sociology of Marriage and Intimate Relationships.” These aim to teach the one-child generation how to date and to convince them of the benefits of marriage and procreation.

Similarly, the Japanese government has started giving citizens substantial “baby bonuses” to help cover the costs of childbirth and essential postnatal items such as strollers, diapers and car seats. This year, the government implemented a four-day workweek for state employees to foster work-life balance. Tokyo is encouraging the private sector to follow suit.

South Korea has generously expanded both maternity and paternity leave and gives parents child-care subsidies, housing support and other financial incentives. Families with two or more children are also gifted a “Multi-Child Happiness Card,” which unlocks steep discounts at theaters, amusement parks and other attractions.

In the Republic of Georgia, the Orthodox patriarch made an unusual pledge: If an Orthodox married couple had three or more children, he would baptize the third-born and up personally. As a result, this revered figure has become the godfather to over 48,000 children.

Meanwhile, Hungary gives newlyweds interest-free loans as long as they vow to try reproducing soon. If their efforts bear fruit, a portion of the loan is forgiven. The nation also exempts mothers of three or more from paying personal income tax *for life*. And for mothers of four or more, generous subsidies are given to buy seven-seater minivans. On the roads of Hungary, these vehicles are viewed as rolling symbols of fertility pride.

Perhaps the most unusual measure is in Russia, which enshrined September 12 as a new holiday called the “Day of Conception.” Couples are encouraged to stay home from work on this unique day to focus on procreation. It's no coincidence that the occasion falls exactly 9 months

before “Russia Day” on June 12. Women who deliver a new citizen for the motherland on Russia Day win televisions, washing machines and other prizes.

Russia is also fighting against its population decline with a new law outlawing “child-free propaganda,” such as television depictions of seemingly happy childless couples. And in a much darker measure, Russia’s troops are literally stealing tens of thousands of children from its war zones in Ukraine and bringing them into Russia to be raised thinking they are Russian. Analyst Jake Broe said in 2023, “This land grab in Ukraine was always also a people grab.”

Some of these measures are slowing the decline in certain nations, including South Korea where the fertility rate actually climbed last year from 0.72 to 0.75.

But overall, these efforts are tragically insufficient—far too little, far too late. None of these measures are enough to stop these nations from shrinking and start multiplying again. As Musk bluntly put it, “Humanity is dying.” It’s happening in virtually every industrialized and post-industrial country on the globe. And the implications are profound.

The ‘God of This World’ Hates Family

A major part of the reason why “humanity is dying” is because the being in charge of the world right now *hates* children and family. 2 Corinthians 4:3-4 show that the god of this world is Satan.

The devil is in control right now, and he is angry. The Bible makes clear that he was never given the power to reproduce himself as humans can. And he was never offered the future mankind has been offered. Because of this, he *hates* people of every age, sex, race and nation. And he has done all he can to pervert and destroy humanity, and he has deceived the whole world (Revelation 12:9).

This simple fact explains so much about the modern world. Satan’s leadership explains why mankind can’t avoid war. It explains why our leaders are corrupt and our nations are divided against each other. It explains why child abuse, spouse abuse, substance abuse, depression, hopelessness and suicide are ubiquitous. And it helps explain why so many today choose not to have children.

That is not to say that reproduction always comes from righteousness. After

all, the command to “be fruitful and multiply” was given *in the context of marriage*. It was a command issued to a husband and wife to have children exclusively with each other and to raise them together. Yet a great deal of the multiplying since then has occurred outside of marriage, often in irresponsible and even criminal ways.

Nevertheless, when entire societies begin shrinking back from such a natural and foundational part of life—and such a cornerstone of societal stability—as having children, something is profoundly wrong. If we didn’t understand that the “god of this world” is rabidly anti-family, the trend would defy logic.

‘A Gift From the Lord’

As a newlywed, I remember my wife and I experiencing some of the trepidation that discourages many from expanding their households: worries about costs, fears about time management, concerns about the future of an unstable world, questions about our parenting abilities, comfort with the status quo, and the list went on. Eventually, though, we heeded good counsel and pushed those worries aside. Our family grew to three and then, just this year, to four.

It is beyond the scope of this article to try convincing the voluntarily child-free that procreation is worth the trouble and cost, and that parenthood doesn’t shrink you but grows you. And really no one can truly convey to another the marvel of meeting and melding with your mini-me, or describe the new love that expands the boundaries of your heart. But they are, as the Bible states in Psalm 127, “a gift of the Lord.”

The Bible also makes clear that a time is on the horizon when Earth will undergo a total revolution and be brought under perfect godly leadership. This will include a dramatic reversal of the demographic collapse plaguing so many nations today. Once again, people will heed the command to “be fruitful and multiply,” and they will flourish.

Ezekiel 36:10-11 show God at this future time telling the nation of “Israel”—here meaning mainly the U.S. and Britain: “I will multiply men upon you ... and the cities shall be inhabited, and the wastes shall be builded. ... and they shall increase and bring fruit.” Isaiah 27:6 affirms that these people “shall blossom and bud, and

fill the face of the world with fruit.” Other nations such as Egypt and Assyria—here meaning Germany—will also become thriving countries during this future epoch of peace (Isaiah 19:23-25).

But the multiplying and reproducing don’t stop there. The Bible also makes plain that the various nations and families have an ultimate future that is utterly transcendent: TO BE BORN INTO GOD’S FAMILY. This includes not only those tens of billions who have already lived and died, from the time of the trend-setting Edenic couple to the present, but also those who have yet to be born.

This is the majestic and breathtaking future that was never offered to the “god of this world” and a major part of what makes him so psychotically anti-human, anti-child and anti-family.

In *Mystery of the Ages*, after Mr. Armstrong discussed Ezekiel 37, Romans 8, 1 Corinthians 15, Hebrews 1, Revelation 21 and several other Bible passages, he wrote: “Put together all these scriptures ..., and you begin to grasp the incredible human potential. Our potential is to be born into the God Family, receiving total power! ...

“What are we going to do then? These scriptures indicate we shall impart life to billions and billions of dead planets, as life has been imparted to this earth. We shall create, as God directs and instructs. We shall rule through all eternity! ... It will be an eternal life of accomplishment, constantly looking forward in super-joyous anticipation to new creative projects, and still looking back also on accomplishments with happiness and joy over what shall have been already accomplished.”

Countless people today are gripped by doubt, confusion and myopia. As a result, many of the nations they comprise are shrinking, aging and self-destructing. But what Mr. Armstrong described is the family and the future that awaits us, our children and the future children we may bear. This is truth that can dispel doubt, correct confusion and myopia, and fill us with hope for the future. It can inspire us to share that future more broadly. ■

To understand the profound importance of family and the future that awaits the family of man, request *Mystery of the Ages*.

beasts and the enemies of Allah. He has also praised suicide bombers and said their souls 'tell us to follow in their path.' Francis didn't condemn him" (ibid). The pope—whom so many millions viewed as a peaceful, religious man—condemned none of this when he was right there among these people so full of hate. He considered them "dear brothers" and increased their stature! How could a

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man with normal human affection cozy up to people whose greatest passion is to wipe the Jews off the map?

The pope also invited Abbas to visit the Vatican to sign a joint treaty. There he welcomed the terrorist leader as "an angel of peace."

The next time the pope's views about Israel were starkly displayed to the world came after Hamas's horrific attack on Israel on Oct. 7, 2023.

October 7

After the Hamas massacre, Pope Francis expressed sorrow over "what is happening in Israel," but didn't condemn Hamas. Days later, he briefly acknowledged Israel's right to defend itself, then shifted focus to the "total siege facing Palestinians in Gaza, where there have also been many innocent victims." Vatican News said he "invited both parties to restraint." He later spoke with U.S. President Joe Biden and Iran's president, pledging aid for Gaza and support for Palestinian statehood.

There is something terribly wrong with how the pope responded to those horrific murders! He expressed little sympathy for "what is happening in Israel"—mass murder, the mass rape of women, the execution of parents and children in front of each other, the decapitation of civilians and even of babies! The pope did worse than try to make the blood-soaked terrorists and the Israeli people equally

guilty: He insinuated that the Israelis were much more guilty!

In his final book, Pope Francis wrote, "According to some experts, what is happening in Gaza has the characteristics of a genocide. It should be carefully investigated to determine whether it fits into the technical definition formulated by jurists and international bodies." That is a diabolic lie! In fighting Hamas, Israel is working harder than any other modern nation to avoid civilian casualties.

Why would the pope speak in such a vile manner? One of the most recent clues came the month before the massacres. In September 2023, the Vatican's foreign minister stated that Jerusalem, which is controlled by the Israelis, should be subjected to an internationally guaranteed statute to ensure "the equal rights and duties of the faithful of the three monotheistic religions." But Israel already gives equal rights to Christians, Jews and Muslims—even allowing Muslims to control the Temple Mount and deny Jews access to most of it. This is not about guaranteeing religious rights to various religions: It's about taking control over Jerusalem for the Catholic Church!

This is one of the latest indications of the Vatican's—and Europe's—intent to project power into the Holy Land and right into Jerusalem.

Last December, just months before he died, the pope unveiled a nativity scene with "baby Jesus" in a manger lined with a Palestinian kaffiyeh—a symbol of support for the Palestinians and particularly for Hamas since October 7.

What Is the Vatican?

Here is something Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in an October 1951 *Plain Truth* article, "The Pope Plans to Move the Vatican." I hope you will read it closely because it is profound.

Under the subhead "The Great Unrecognized Dictatorship," he wrote, "How many have realized these staggering facts: The oldest political dictatorship on Earth is the Vatican! The Roman Catholic Church is far more than a religion. It is also politically a *world power*. ... And how many people know that the real objective of the Catholic political power is precisely the same as the goals of communism and fascism—to gain dominance, control and rule over the whole world! ...

Of course it is generally known that most nations send ambassadors to the Vatican, and papal ambassadors are established in most world capitals. But it has not been generally grasped that this Roman system is much more than a church—it is a state, called in the *Encyclopedia Britannica* an ecclesiastical world empire—it is a political dictatorship—it is a world power whose influence in many respects outweighs that of any nation on Earth!"

The Vatican is a dictatorship. It is literally a *state*, with political interests, foreign policy, sovereign independence, recognition under international law, official relations, diplomatic immunity, administrative departments, ambassadors, a central bank, a capital, a very centralized government—and a man who dictates.

How many people really understand that? How many *Catholics* understand that? The Vatican governs 1.4 billion Catholics worldwide, and it influences millions of other people, as well as national governments.

"I am not here saying anything about, or against, Catholic people, either in the United States or elsewhere," Mr. Armstrong continued. "Nor am I here saying anything about the Catholic religion, save that it is pagan, cloaking the original Chaldean mysteries in the garb of Christianity, falsely so labeled, and deceiving its own adherents, who are quite often sincere and devout, with its sense-appealing pomp, ceremony, mysticism and superstition.

"But what I am here concerned with is Catholic *political power*—the papacy as a world power, a dictatorship, bent on conquering and ruling the world!"

Remember History

Francis's papacy was dangerous for the whole world. Yet few recognize this. Why? Because of people's ignorance. If people had the perceptiveness of Caroline Glick, for example—or if they truly remembered history—there is no way the pope could get away with promoting Palestinian propaganda!

Look back in history. In the Middle Ages the Catholic Church killed about 50 million people in the Inquisition. That is the extreme to which it will go to increase its power. And it will do everything it can to blot out that history.

Look at the horrors the Vatican-guided “Holy” Roman Empire has committed throughout the ages. The Bible literally gives a picture of it. God is the greatest and most masterful user of symbols; He depicts the Holy Roman Empire very appropriately as a *beast*—a great monster like you’ve never seen before! A political-military beast guided by a political-religious beast. That Holy Roman Empire is about to burst onto the world scene, led by Germany and the Vatican.

This beast is *ridden* and *guided* by a woman “[w]ith 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” (Revelation 17:2). God uses these symbols to describe an entity that has intoxicating power over peoples around the world because it has had illicit relations with the political leaders of many nations. In the Bible, God uses a woman to represent *a church*. This woman is very powerful. “[A]nd I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH” (verses 3-5).

The Bible is not silent about such a great and unique political power. Daniel 7:8 records a vision God gave that describes the history of the Roman Empire and how it became the “Holy” Roman Empire: “I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things.” This little horn—a great false church—plucked up the Heruli, the Vandals and the Ostrogoths from ruling Rome. Then it proceeded to dominate multiple resurrections of the Roman Empire over a span of *centuries*—all the way down to today!

God prophesied that this church-state combine would rise *seven times*: “And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come;

and when he cometh, he must continue a short space” (Revelation 17:10). When the meaning of that verse was revealed to Mr. Armstrong around World War II, five resurrections had come and gone; the sixth was on the scene. Now, the last is upon us!

Since A.D. 554 this empire, through its secular agents, has *routinely* killed people who don’t submit to its power, shedding more blood than any other church could even begin to do! Why? Not because of its doctrines or its people—but because it had political dictators who were out to control the world! And it has never repented of that evil. And according to prophecy, the seventh and final resurrection of that empire will be the very worst! Even as it talks about peace, that Holy Roman Empire is rising again!

This is about a political dictator who wants to rule the world.

Another Church

Revelation 6:9-11 also foretell a time coming soon when this beast will persecute and kill God’s own people. This dictator will *kill* people who refuse to follow him and who follow God instead.

This beastly power is at work, and it is going to guide the destruction of the Jewish nation, which gives it such honor today. And it will destroy the rest of the modern descendants of Israel, particularly the United States and Britain.

Why would God let this evil empire do this? God says He actually puts it in their minds—*because of Israel’s abominations* (Revelation 17:17). God says the modern nations of Israel (the English-speaking nations, primarily), which had a history with Him, are committing such abominations that they must be punished! And He will use this beastly power to do just that.

Ezekiel 16 uses the symbol of a prostitute to represent our sin-drenched nations. Our nations are so full of sin that God sends this destroying machine of church and state to wreak the worst suffering

and destruction ever on the modern nations of Israel.

God gives us one more symbol though—one of hope. “And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars” (Revelation 12:1). Who is *this*? This is not a world-political-power church. This is God’s *true* Church. He says His people are clothed with the sun and have the moon as their footstool and a crown of 12 stars. That means they have all the power of God, the Creator of the universe, behind them. He gives *this* Church unstoppable power—if it obeys Him and exposes what Satan is doing. God’s true Church declares God’s warning about the abject evils our nations are committing that are bringing them down. It also declares His warning about the Holy Roman Empire that is going to leave us in its bloody trail.

Verse 3 reveals “another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.” Satan is the head of every single one of the resurrections of the Holy Roman Empire, which worshiped him.

Verse 5 says that Christ is “to rule *all nations* with a rod of iron.” God is going to rule the *world*! That is where these epic and catastrophic events are leading!

“Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time” (verse 12). This is terrible news: Satan has been cast down to Earth and is stirring up abominations and horrible sins inside the modern nations of Israel and around the world. He is stirring up his political-religious dictator. He is stirring up his beast power.

But he only has a *short time*—because Jesus Christ is coming to conquer that dictator and that beast and all of mankind and the devil, and He will rule all nations with a rod of iron! ■

Prophesied pope?

Pope Francis won’t be the last controversial pope. Your Bible says another world-changing pope is soon to appear. Learn about this coming influential leader in our free booklet **Germany and the Holy Roman Empire**.



EUROPE

The **Ukraine** war continues to bring Europe and **Russia** into conflict:

- Dutch military intelligence reported on April 22 that Russian hackers attacked a Dutch public facility last year in the first known Russian cyberattack on the **Netherlands**.
- Satellite imagery aired by Swedish broadcaster SVT on May 10 showed increased Russian troop deployments to its border with **Finland**.
- **Poland's** prime minister, **Donald Tusk**, announced on May 11 that the Russian secret service was responsible for a fire that destroyed Warsaw's largest shopping center last year.
- A Russian fighter jet violated **Estonia's** airspace on May 13 as it provided cover for a sanctioned Russian oil tanker.
- Three pro-Russia Ukrainians were arrested in **Germany** on May 14 on suspicion of conspiring with Moscow to send packages containing explosives to Ukraine.

These are the latest demonstrations of Russian aggression and testing of NATO resolve.

"The fear you see in Europe because of events in Crimea is going to cause 10 leaders in Europe to unite in a sudden and dramatic way—and in precise accordance with the Bible's description of that European empire!" *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote in 2014 ("The **Crimean Crisis Is Reshaping Europe!**"). That fear is prompting Europe to rapidly rearm and unify.

Elections in Portugal and Romania reflect a major change sweeping Europe. Politics as usual is stuck. Disgruntled voters are weary, sick of standard

parties, souring even on democracy itself. They are experimenting with new solutions. On May 18, **Portugal** held its third election in three years and got another inconclusive result. The center-right Democratic Alliance won, led by Prime Minister **Luis Montenegro**, but once again he has no clear path to forming a majority coalition. The real surprise was the success of the fringe-right **Chega** party, founded just six years ago.

Chega won 58 seats after initial counting—the same number as the mainstream Socialist party.

Romania avoided a similar paralysis only because it has a different election system. Also on May 18, it held round two of its elections with only the top two



candidates running. It happens that neither candidate is from a mainstream political party. Back in November, a far-right candidate won, but Romania's court system annulled the election and blocked the victor from running again. This time, another far-right leader, **George Simion**, made it to the final vote, but he was beaten by **Nicosur Dan**, a centrist with no party affiliation. Clearly, Romanians are fed up with their usual political parties. Most of Europe is struggling with this same trend.

The Bible prophesies that soon Europe will be governed not by elected leaders but by authoritarian "kings," led by one overall strongman. That is where this political shift is leading. Read our Trends article "**Why the Trumpet Watches the Rise of a German Strongman**."

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TOPSHOT A man wears the Israeli flag as Metropolitan Police officers secure the area outside the Capital Jewish Museum in Washington, D.C., where a shooting left two Jewish Embassy staffers dead.

MIDDLE EAST

The *Financial Times* reported on April 17 that a Chinese corporation, Chang Guang Satellite Technology Co., has been supplying the **Houthis in Yemen** with satellite imagery used to attack ships in the Red Sea. U.S. State Department Spokeswoman Tammy Bruce confirmed that the company "is directly supporting Iran-backed Houthi terrorist attacks on our interests."

Since 2023, the Iran-backed Shiite Houthi militia has been attacking and threatening commercial and military ships in the southern Red Sea in solidarity with **Hamas** terrorist attacks on **Israel**. In 2024, China and Russia reportedly made a

ASIA

China's general secretary, **Xi Jinping**, visited **Russia's** president, **Vladimir Putin**,

in Moscow May 7-10 to memorialize the 80th anniversary of victory in World War II. The military parade was the largest Putin has staged since the start of his full-scale war on Ukraine in 2022, and included more than 10,000 troops, tanks, drones and even nuclear weapons. Amid the elaborate ceremonies, the two leaders signed a series of bilateral military and economic agreements. During Russia's attack on Ukraine, Xi has doubled down on his commitment to a "no limits" partnership with Putin.

Under these two strongmen, **the Russo-Chinese relationship continues to strengthen** through frequent joint military exercises, increased Chinese imports of Russian energy, diplomatic support and Chinese weapons and dual-use technologies directly aiding Russia's war effort. To explore where this "no limits" partnership is heading, read **Russia and China in Prophecy**.

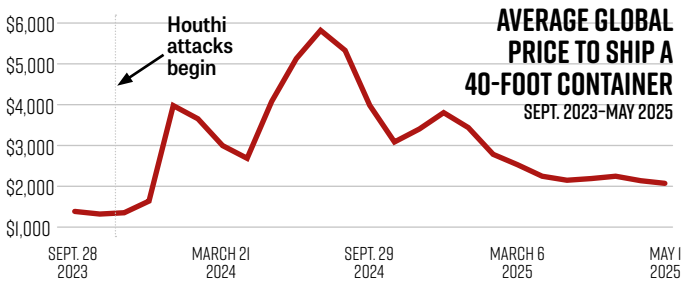
India launched missile strikes on nine sites in **Pakistan** and disputed areas on May 7. It was a response to an April 22 attack in which terrorists who are allegedly Pakistani murdered 27 civilians, mainly Hindus, in Kashmir. Pakistan's government denied involvement in the terrorism and retaliated against the strikes. Heavy artillery fire was

exchanged across the India-Pakistan border for several days, and Pakistan claimed it downed a number of Indian warplanes and at least one drone. **A ceasefire was announced on May 10**, but both sides accused the other of violations in the following days. The world continues watching with unease over the prospect of conflict reigniting between these two nuclear-armed archrivals.

China now boasts a new arsenal of guided hypersonic missiles that could "take out 10 aircraft carriers in the first 20 minutes" in a conflict with America, U.S. Defense Secretary **Pete Hegseth** said on May 3. The missile in question is the YJ-21, specifically designed to target aircraft carriers, the flagships of U.S. military power. The YJ-21 flies faster than five times the speed of sound, bypasses sophisticated defenses, and strikes targets up to 620 miles away. "If we get into a war with China, we should expect to lose some carriers," said U.S. Navy Capt. **Thomas Shugart** (Ret.). The YJ-21 is only the latest sign of China's rapidly improving military advancements. It also has cutting-edge ballistic and cruise missiles, fifth-generation stealth fighter jets, nuclear submarines, aircraft carriers, a range of anti-satellite weapons, the world's largest navy by ship count and a quickly growing arsenal of hundreds of nuclear weapons.

Prophecy shows that China will use its growing firepower in disturbing ways. Gerald Flurry wrote in the August 2020 *Trumpet*, "The Chinese Communist Party ... is bent on asserting more and more control not just over the people of China, but over the territory and people in the nation's periphery" ("**Where Is the China-America Clash Leading?**").

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deal: The Houthis would avoid targeting their ships in exchange for international diplomatic protection. Now it appears that China is actively facilitating the Houthi shooting spree.

Isaiah 23 prophesies of a "mart of nations" (verse 3), or a worldwide economic bloc, that will shut America, Britain and the State of Israel out of world trade. Verse 1 mentions "Chittim," the ancestral people of modern China, as a major part of this bloc. China boldly helping terrorists attack U.S. cargo vessels and warships indicates that it knows the importance of maritime trade corridors and is willing to use them against America. Read Chapter 7 of **Isaiah's End-Time Vision**.

On April 23, **Jordan** outlawed **the Muslim Brotherhood organization**. Jordanian authorities had foiled a terror plot a week earlier and connected it to the group. The Muslim Brotherhood is an Islamic extremist group founded in Egypt in the 1920s. It is a designated terrorist organization by **Bahrain, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Syria** and the **United Arab Emirates**.

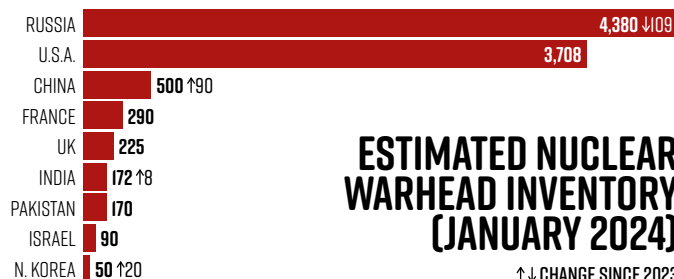
The *Trumpet* has consistently forecast that radical Islam would establish an empire across the Middle East. Daniel 11:40 describes this coming Islamist bloc as "the king of the south." Gerald Flurry has forecast that Iran will lead this bloc. From

verses 42-43, **we expect Egypt, Libya and Ethiopia to fall into Iran's camp**. However, verse 41 describes an area that stays out of radical Islam's orbit: The geographical descriptions correspond to modern Jordan. Jordan's apparently successful crackdown on the Muslim Brotherhood supports this prophecy. Request **Jordan and God's Church in Prophecy**.

Israel's government announced on May 4 that **its forces will conquer the entirety of Gaza and take control for an unspecified duration**. An Israeli official informed *Israel Hayom* that Prime Minister **Benjamin Netanyahu** wants to conclude the war by October. To this point, Israel has not publicly committed to any "day after" plan for Gaza. Whatever plan Israel implements will reverberate throughout the Middle East at large. To learn more, read "**Gaza the Day After**."



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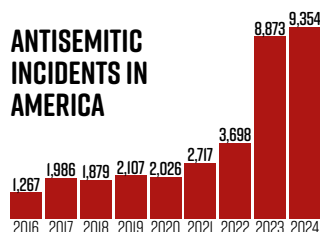
Federal and state judges across the United States continue to delay and thwart executive orders signed by United States President **Donald Trump**, issuing more than 148 rulings against his administration. On April 24, U.S. District Judge **Colleen Kollar-Kotelly**, a Bill Clinton appointee, blocked Trump's executive order for proof-of-citizenship when voting. The same day, U.S. District Court Judge **Landya McCafferty** blocked the Trump administration from ending diversity, equity and inclusion programs in K-12 schools. On May 6, district judges **Alvin Hellerstein** and **Charlotte Sweeney** blocked the Trump administration's use of the Alien Enemies Act to deport criminals.

These injunctions empower liberals to steal elections, sexually indoctrinate children, and flood the nation with illegal immigrants. The Prophet Micah foretold that unjust courts would become a nation-destroying problem (Micah 3:1), and America is currently suffering such a corrupt system of justice.

Since the court system continues to block the

deportation of illegal immigrants, President Trump signed an executive order on May 9 offering financial incentives for illegals to self-deport. This program, dubbed "Project Homecoming," offers an "exit bonus" of \$1,000 for migrants who agree to leave the U.S. willingly. This program may convince many illegal immigrants to self-deport, but the fact that the U.S. is pleading with illegal immigrants to leave shows how weak the rule of law has become.

ANTISEMITIC INCIDENTS IN AMERICA



In April, the Trump administration froze more than \$2 billion in grants to **Harvard University** after the school refused to implement the administration's measures to combat anti-Semitism on campus. A deep hatred of Western civilization has been animating a new brand of anti-Semitism on university campuses for decades, but overt Jew hatred has become particularly prevalent at Harvard since the Hamas massacre on Oct. 7, 2023, and the start

of the Israel-Hamas war. The Trump administration is trying to combat this anti-Semitism by freezing federal funding. But in the meantime, his foreign policy has weakened the State of Israel. Isaiah 9:21 prophesies that in the end time, Ephraim and Manasseh (Britain and America) will be against Judah (the Jews).

On May 1, in a speech commemorating the National Day of Prayer in the White House Rose Garden, President Trump spoke about religion, saying, "We're bringing it back quickly and strongly—because for America to be a great nation, we must always be 'one nation under God.'" During the ceremony, he signed an executive order establishing a Religious Liberty Commission of church clergy, legal experts and Trump allies to identify any "threat to domestic religious liberty." This order follows his creation of a **White House Faith Office** in February for the purpose of upholding religious liberty and preventing legal discrimination.

The Bible prophesies that an end-time type of the Israelite King Jeroboam II would be supported by "the king's chapel," meaning a religious movement (Amos 7:13). Read "**How Genuine Is America's Religious Resurgence?**"

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This past issue is so wonderful. I'm finding it's not an easy read, and I keep going over it again and again to digest the truth. It's a very heavy issue for me. I've never had to do that with any other issue before.

Donna Terrebrood MISSOURI

Thank you for sending me the *Trumpet* for so many years. I am very excited to read, especially, all this very interesting and accurate comments/criticism about our new President Trump.

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I was a long-time subscriber of the *Plain Truth* and *Tomorrow's World* magazines. I still have most of the books, like *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, and it was great to find the complete books again.

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A declaration of dependence

AMERICA IS A TEST. IT HAS BEEN FROM THE BEGINNING. We have our theory, and we are conducting our experiment: Can government of the people, by the people and for the people long endure?

About 249 years ago, we declared the results of the *previous* experiment. That effort had produced the greatest empire in world history—and it was tyrannical and unjust. With this result freshly in mind and the summaries of previous such experiments near at hand, we instituted new government, laying its foundation and organizing its powers in such form as to us seemed most likely to effect our safety and happiness, most likely to produce a more perfect union, justice, tranquility, defense, welfare, and the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity.

“Seemed,” “to us” and “most likely” acknowledge the inescapable probability of failure, but we proceeded. The experiment would have aborted immediately—yet it received repeated injections of miracles clearly calculated to prolong its endurance. To the miracles of North American geography and resources was added the inexplicable nexus of great men of intellect and character existing in the same place at the same time with the same cause. To these were added the battle miracles at Trenton, Princeton, Saratoga, Yorktown, New Orleans, Gettysburg, Midway, Normandy; miracles of population; miracles of economics, industry and invention; miracles affecting the armaments of the enemy and the aim of the assassin.

That this nation and its current president endure is due entirely to such miracles. The preceding leaders had intentionally choked almost out of existence its miraculous history and its unprecedented power and wealth. The experiment almost ended in infamy. Yet the deception, persecution, prosecution, oppression, extortion, arrest and attempted murder was overpowered, again, by miracles, and this man returned to power.

Immediately he took action: at the border, in schools, in the military, in the economy, vis-à-vis China, Russia, Europe, Israel, Iran, Syria and beyond. His rhetoric is putting issues thought “untouchable” into play. He has wielded power as to him seems most likely to effect our safety and happiness.

The presidency has been infused with vigor and force—but the miracles are dissipating. Ugly underlying realities are coming into view, not only to agents viewing top secret documents but to

anyone watching the president talk about receiving a 747 as a gift. The nation devoted to human freedom is making deals with regimes devoted to human subjugation. Deals designed to enrich Americans are empowering anti-American forces. The city on a hill is not only marred from attacks by terrorists but polluted by tolerance for and cooperation with terrorists.

All the advantages of time, knowledge, location, climate, agriculture, science, protection and miracles have led us to this time and place. It's time to recognize the truth.

Americans should acknowledge what our experiment has become, what we have become. As another of our presidents said in 1863: “We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven. We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has

ever grown. *But we have forgotten God.* We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own.”

Upon the millenniums of experiments in human government, we have added our own. We have sought life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, and found that even government of the people, by the people and for the people, aided by unbroken mercy and miracles, is destructive of these ends. Even in the most advantageous and miraculous possible instance, we the people have utterly failed to establish a government *for the people*.

The outcome of the experiment, and of all experiments in human governance, proves a truth we must accept: Human beings *lack the capacity* to govern human beings.

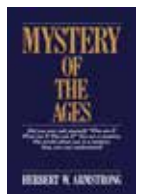
The first experiment in human governance occurred when our first parents took that prerogative out of their Creator's hands and chose self-government, in such form as to them seemed most likely to effect their safety and happiness. They observed, hypothesized and experimented. That started the course of human events, and not even the best days of the best experiment in human government reversed that error.

Only the Creator, nature's God, divine Providence, the Supreme Judge of the world, can govern human beings. *Only God can rule us.*

Those who adopt such a declaration of dependence hold these truths to be self-evident that we are, and of right ought to be, the subjects of our Creator, the children of our Father, the dependents of His miraculous providence. We acknowledge the laws of nature and of nature's God and the truth that *repentance toward God* is the only way for a nation to endure, the only way to achieve a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.

We see the final results of the American experiment, the Eden experiment, and every cohort in between. We can see what America's founders aspired to see but could not: The last best hope of mankind is the Kingdom of God. Fondly do we hope. Fervently do we pray.

Request your free copy of *Mystery of the Ages*, by Herbert W. Armstrong.



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Hannibal WGEM-DT 8:30, Sun; KHQA-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun
Jefferson City KOMU-DT 8:30, Sun; KRCG-COMET TV 7:00, Sun
Joplin KFJX 7:00, Sun; KFJX-DT2 8:30, Sun; KJLN-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; KJLN-LD-RETRO TV7:30, Sun; KPJO-LD-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KSXF 8:30, Sun
Kansas City KCMN-LD-NEST 6:00, Sun; KCTV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KCWE 8:30, Sun
Kirksville KTVO-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KYOU-DT2 8:30, Sun
St. Louis KPLR 7:00, Sun
Pittsburg KJLN-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; KJLN-LD-RETRO TV7:30, Sun
Springfield KRBK 9:00, Sun; KSFZ-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; KSFZ-LD-RETRO TV7:30, Sun; KXMP-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; KXMP-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun
St. Joseph KNPG-LD 8:30, Sun
St. Louis KDNL-NEST 6:00, Sun; KUMO-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KPLR-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KSDK 5:00, Sun; WBGU-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; WPXS-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun
MONTANA
Billings KSVI 10:00, Sun; KTVQ-DT 6:30, 8:30, Sun; KQHD-LD-RETRO TV 9:30, Sun
Bozeman K04QX-D-RETRO TV 9:30, Sun; KBZK-DT/KXLF-DT 8:30, Sun
Butte K04QX-D-RETRO TV 9:30, Sun; KBZK-DT/KXLF-DT 8:30, Sun
Glendive KWZB 8:30, Sun
Great Falls KRTV-DT 8:30, Sun
Helena KTVH-DT 8:30, Sun
Missoula KPAK-DT 8:30, Sun
NEBRASKA
Hastings KWBL/KCWH-LD 8:30, Sun
Kearney KWBL/KCWH-LD 8:30, Sun
Lincoln KWBL/KCWH-LD 8:30, Sun
Omaha KPTM-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KXVO-NEST 6:00, Sun; WOWT 6:00, Sun
North Platte KITI-LD2/KWPL 8:30, Sun
Scottsbluff KGWN-DT 8:30, Sun
NEVADA
Las Vegas KGNG-BUZZR 3:30, Sun; KVCW-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KVGA-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; KVCW-NEST 7:00, Sun; KVGA-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Reno KCNL-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; KNSN-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KNSN-NEST 7:00, Sun; KOLQ3/KREN-DT 9:30, Sun; KRMF-LD-FAMILY TV7:30, Sun
NEW MEXICO
Albuquerque KCHF-RETRO TV 9:30, Sun; KOB 4:30, Sun; KRTN-LD 4:30, Sun; KYNM-CD-FAMILY TV 8:30, Sun; NRQE 5:30, Sun
Santa Fe KCHF-RETRO TV 9:30, Sun; KOB/KOBF 6:30, Sun
NEW YORK
Albany WCWN-NEST 7:00, Sun; WNGX-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WRGB-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WYBN-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WYBN-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Binghamton WBNG-DT 9:30, Sun
Buffalo WBXZ-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WBXZ-LD 6:30, Sun; WBXZ-LP-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WNYO, 12:00 p.m., Sun; WNYO-NEST 7:00, Sun; WNYO 9:00 p.m. Sun; WNYO-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WUTV 10:30, Sun
Elmira-Corning WENY-DT 9:30, Sun
New York City WLNY-NEST 7:00, Sun; WPIX 11:30, Sun; WWOR, 8:00, Sun; WWOR-TV-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Pittsburgh WPTZ-DT 9:30, Sun; WVMA-CD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Rochester WBGD-CD 6:30, Sun; WUHF-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Schenectady WCWN-NEST 7:00, Sun; WNGX-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WRGB-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WYBN-LD-RETRO

TV 8:30, Sun
Syracuse WONO-CD 6:30, Sun; WSTM-TV-COMET TV 8:00; WSYR 9:00, Sun
Troy WCWN-NEST 7:00, Sun; WNGX-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WYBN-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Utica WKTV-DT 9:30, Sun
Watertown WWTI-DT 9:30, Sun
NORTH CAROLINA
Anderson WASV-LP-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WNGS-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun
Asheville WASV-LP-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WLOS-NEST 7:00, Sun; WNGS-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WYCW 9:00, Sun
Bowling Green WBKO 12:30, Fri
Charlotte WAXN 3:00, Sun; WAXN 10:00, Sun; WCCB 5:00/10:30, Sun; WHKY-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WMYT-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WVEB-LD-NEST 7:00, Sun
Durham WDRH-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WLFL-NEST 7:00, Sun; WNCB-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WRDC-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WTVB 6:30, Sun
Fayetteville WDRH-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WLFL-NEST 7:00, Sun; WTVB 6:30, Sun
Greensboro WMYV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WXLV-NEST 7:00, Sun
Greenville WCTI-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WJGC-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WJGC-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WNCT-DT 9:30, Sun; WYDO-NEST 7:00, Sun
Hickory WHKY-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
High Point WMYV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WXLV-NEST 7:00, Sun
New Bern WJGC-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WJGC-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WCTI-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WNCT-DT 9:30, Sun; WYDO-NEST 7:00, Sun
Raleigh WDRH-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WLFL-NEST 7:00, Sun; WRDC 10:30, Sun; WRDC-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WNCB-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WTVB 6:30, Sun
Salem WMYV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Washington WJGC-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WJGC-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WNCT-DT 9:30, Sun; WYDO-NEST 7:00, Sun
Winston-Salem WXLV-NEST 7:00, Sun
Wilmington WECT 6:00, Sun; WSFX-TV 6:30, Sun
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Bismarck KXMD 8:30, Sun
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Valley City KXJB 8:30, Sun
OHIO
Akron W27DG-D-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WIVX 8:30, Sun; WIVX-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Chillicothe WWHO-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Cincinnati WKRC-NEST 7:00, Sun; WOTH-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WSTR-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
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Toledo WNWO-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Youngstown EYTV 11:30, Sun
Zanesville WBVZ 9:30, Sun
OKLAHOMA

Ada KTEN-DT 8:30, Sun
Lawton KAUZ-DT 8:30, Sun
Oklahoma City KBZC-LD-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KOCB-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KOKH-NEST 6:00, Sun; KWWR-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun
Tulsa KMYT-TV 5:30, Sun; KQCW 9:30, Sun; KTUL-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KTUO-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KUOC-LD-BUZZR 5:30, Sun
OREGON
Bend KTVZ-DT 9:30, Sun
Eugene K44JP-D-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; KMTR-COMET TV 5:00, Sun
Medford-Klamath Falls KTVL-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KTVL-DT 9:30, Sun
Portland KATU-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KUNP-NEST 7:00, Sun
Yakima-Pasco-Richland-Kennewick K20MJ-D-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
PENNSYLVANIA
Altoona WHVL-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WJAC-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Erie WSEE-DT/WICU-DT 9:30, Sun
Johnstown WHVL-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WJAC-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Philadelphia WDPN-TV-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WPSG-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WPSG-NEST 7:00, Sun; WTXF-TV-BUZZR 6:30, Sun
Pittsburgh WOSC-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WPKD 9:30, Sun; WPNT-COMET TV 9:30, Sun; WPNT-NEST 7:00, Sun; WPTG-CD 6:30, Sun; WPTG-CD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Scranton WSWB-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WSWB-NEST 7:00, Sun
State College WANT/WWCP 8:30, Sun; WHVL-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WJAC-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Wilkes-Barre WSWB-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WSWB-NEST 7:00, Sun
RHODE ISLAND
Providence WJAR-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
SOUTH CAROLINA
Anderson WLOS-NEST 7:00, Sun; WYCW 9:00, Sun
Charleston ECIV 8:30, Sun; WCBT-DT 9:30, Sun; WCIV-NEST 7:00, Sun; WLOW-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Columbia WACH-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Florence WPDE-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WTNG-CD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WWMB-DT 9:30, Sun; WWMB-NEST 7:00, Sun
Greenville WASV-LP-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WLOS-NEST 7:00, Sun; WNGS-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WNGS-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WYCW 9:00, Sun; XXXX-BUZZR 6:30, Sun
Hardeeville WTGS-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Myrtle Beach WPDE-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WTNG-CD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WWMB-DT 9:30, Sun; WWMB-NEST 7:00, Sun
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Spartanburg WASV-LP-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WLOS-NEST 7:00, Sun; WNGS-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WNGS-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WSPA 12:00 p.m., Sun; WYCW 9:00, Sun
SOUTH DAKOTA
Rapid City KLCO-DT 8:30, Sun; KRPC-LP-FAMILY TV 8:30, Sun; KRPC-LP-RETRO TV 9:30, Sun
Sioux Falls-Mitchell KRPC-LP-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KSFY-DT 8:30, Sun
TENNESSEE
Chattanooga WDNB-CD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WOOT-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WOOT-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Jackson WNBj 8:30, Sun
Kingsport-Johnson City WLFG-BUZZR 6:30, Sun
Knoxville WKXN 1:30 p.m., Sun; WKXT-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WKXT-LD-

RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Memphis KPMF-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; WHBQ 5:30, Sun
Nashville WJNK-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; WYBN-NEST 6:00, Sun; WWHL-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; WUXP-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; WWHL-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun
Spring City WOOT-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
TEXAS
Abilene KTXS-DT 8:30, Sun; KVII-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun
Amarillo KLKW-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KVII-DT/KVIH-DT 8:30, Sun
Austin KGBS-CD-NEST 6:00, Sun; KTBC-BUZZR 5:30, Sun
Beaumont KAOB-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KBTU-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KBTU-TV-NEST 6:00, Sun; KFDM-DT 8:30, Sun
Brownsville KCWT/KNVO-DT 8:30, Sun; KGBT-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun
Corpus Christi K33QP-D-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KIII ABC 9:30, Sun; KRIS-DT 8:30, Sun
Dallas KDAF 7:00, Sun; KDFI-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KFWD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KTXD-NEST 6:00, Sun; KTXD-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun
El Paso KFOX-NEST 9:00, Sun; KFOX-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KTSN 7:00, Sun
Fort Worth KDFI-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KDFW 5:00, Sun; KFWD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KTXD-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; WFAA 5:30, Sun
Harlingen KCWT/KNVO-DT 8:30, Sun; KGBT-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KTFV-CD-NEST 6:00, Sun
Houston KIAH-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KTXH-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KVQT-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun
Laredo KLDQ-TV-NEST 6:00, Sun; KYLX 8:30, Sun
Longview KDKJ-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KLLN-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; KLLN-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KYTX-DT 8:30, Sun
Lubbock KLCW-DT 8:30, Sun; KYML-BUZZR 5:30, Sun
Lufkin KLLN-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; KLLN-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun
Midland KWAB-DT/KWES-DT 8:30, Sun; KWES 10:00 Sunday
Nacogdoches KLLN-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; KLLN-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun
Odessa KWAB-DT/KWES-DT 8:30, Sun; KWES 10:00 Sunday; KWWT 5:30, Sun
Port Arthur KAOB-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KBTU-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KBTU-TV-NEST 6:00, Sun; KFDM, 2:05, Sat/8:30, Sun
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Wichita Falls KAUZ-DT 8:30, Sun; KFDX 6:00, Sun
U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS
CHARLOTTE AMALIE WVXF 6:30, Sun
UTAH
Salt Lake City KBTU-BUZZR 4:30, Sun; KJZZ-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; KMTI-LD-RETRO TV 9:30, Sun; KUTO-LD-FAMILY TV 8:30, Sun

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

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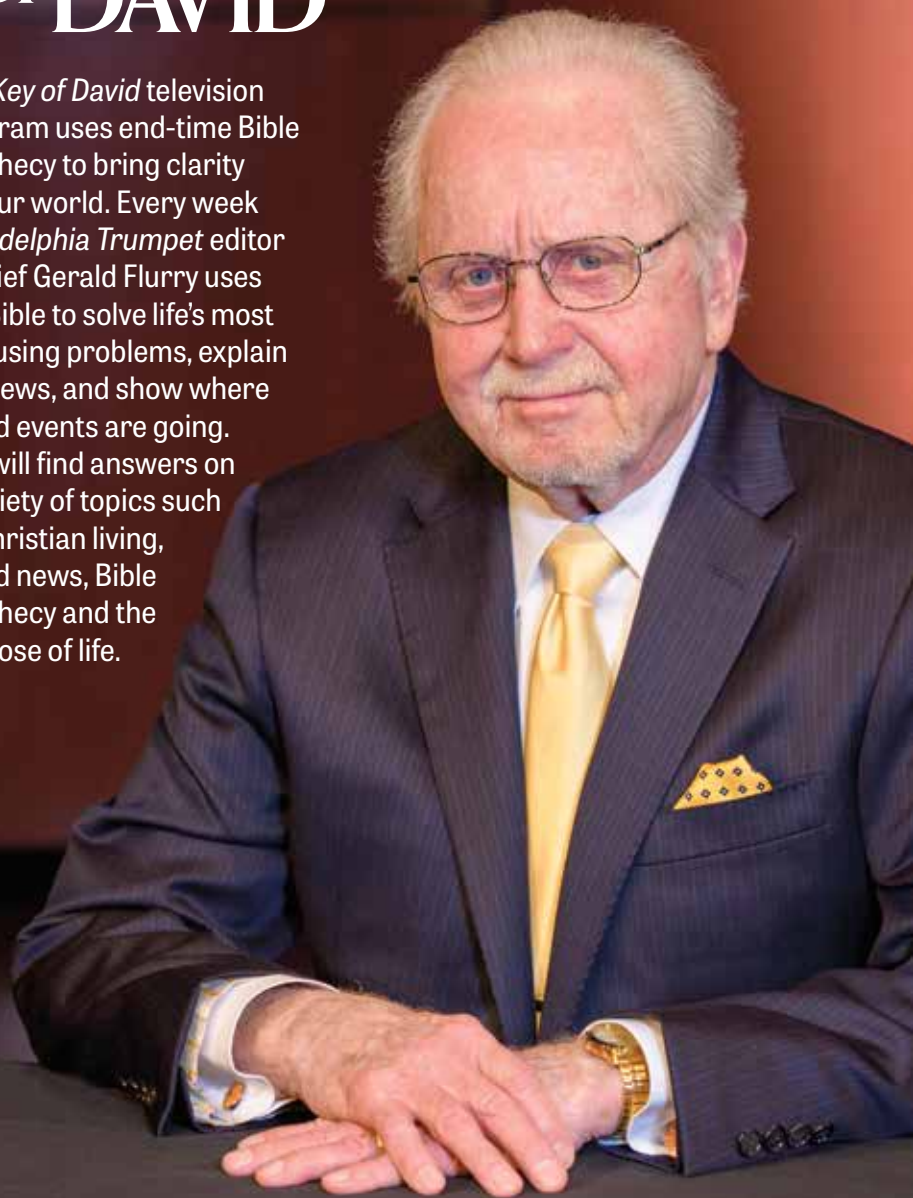
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