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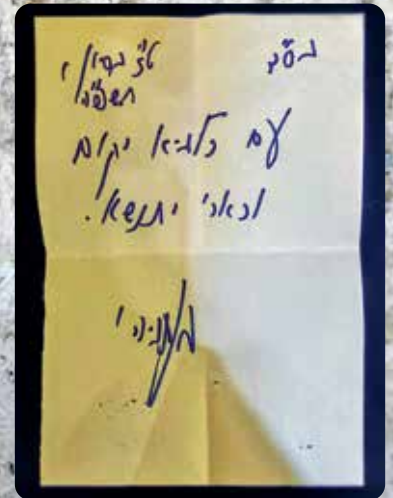
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finished?**

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friend of Israel?**

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World War III**



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Netanyahu: ISRAEL'S RISING LION

'I can think of no other incident in history where the future of the world depended on the courage of one man,' Netanyahu once said of Churchill. Now with the bold attack on Iran, Netanyahu takes his place alongside Britain's wartime leader as a great watchman.

IN A TELEVISED ADDRESS ON JUNE 13, ISRAELI PRIME MINISTER Benjamin Netanyahu announced: "Moments ago, Israel launched Operation Rising Lion, a targeted military operation to roll back the Iranian threat to Israel's very survival. For decades, the tyrants of Tehran have brazenly, openly called for Israel's destruction. They backed up their genocidal rhetoric with a program to develop nuclear weapons. In recent years, Iran has produced enough highly enriched uranium for nine atom bombs. In recent months, Iran has taken steps that it has never taken before, steps to weaponize this enriched uranium. And if not stopped, Iran could produce a weapon in a very short time. ...

"Eighty years ago, the Jewish people were the victims of a Holocaust perpetrated by the Nazi regime. Today, the Jewish state refuses to be the victim of a nuclear holocaust perpetrated by the Iranian regime."

I was stirred by Netanyahu's action and his bold, aggressive leadership. In many ways, HE is his nation's "rising lion."

What Israel did to neutralize Iran teaches all mankind powerful lessons about what it takes to overcome evil. And it is a specific reminder to those God has called to back His watchman work in this dangerous end time. To achieve what God wants us to, we all need the spirit of a rising lion.

Netanyahu the Watchman

Before World War II, Winston Churchill warned of the rise of Nazi Germany. For 30 years, Netanyahu has unceasingly blasted warnings about the threat of nuclear weapons in terrorists' hands. Both these men backed up warnings with actions. Both men rose like lions to attack the enemy.

I believe that just as God used the courage of Churchill to save Western civilization, God has used the fighting spirit of Netanyahu to hold off the atomic forces of evil.

In 1981, Netanyahu wrote *International Terrorism*. In 1986 he wrote another book: *Terrorism: How the West Can Win*. In 1995, he wrote *Fighting Terrorism*, warning of the rising threat of radical Islam. He also highlighted the dangers in the Oslo Accords and Israel's peace process with the Palestinians.

Israelis, seeing the truth in his warnings, voted him into office in 1996. As the threats against Israel grew—ranging

from Palestinian terrorism to a nuclear-armed Iran—the people elected Netanyahu time and again. In 2009, 2013, 2015, 2018 and 2022, he was the man they trusted most to safeguard their nation.

Netanyahu's trumpet blast of warning was about the future, not just of Israel but of the West itself. He knew it was also essential to make Americans aware of the threat. To eradicate Iran's nuclear ambition, Israel would need America's backing.

Yet America was moving to *empower* Iran. In 2009, America's new president, Barack Obama, pledged to fundamentally transform the United States and its relationship with the world.

In June 2009, Obama made this bombshell statement in Cairo: "No single nation should pick and choose which nations hold nuclear weapons." This statement would have been a jarring disappointment to Netanyahu.

At the time, I described that statement as "A SIGNAL TO THE WORLD THAT AMERICA THE SUPERPOWER IS DEAD! *That means America has no right to forcefully stop Iran's nuclear program, even though Iran is the number one terrorist-sponsoring nation in the world by far!* But if the United States does not stop Iran, currently only one other nation will: Israel. AND OBAMA ALSO IMPLIED THAT THE ISRAELIS HAD *BETTER NOT BOMB IRAN'S NUCLEAR FACILITIES—OR AMERICA WILL BE AGAINST THEM!*" (*"How President Obama's Cairo Speech Will Shake the Nations," theTrumpet.com/6263*).

Netanyahu found himself *alone*, sounding the alarm on Iran's nuclear program. He did this repeatedly in the halls of the United Nations, directly confronting Obama's lies about Iran's supposed moderation.

Still, he could not stop Obama's pursuit of a nuclear deal with Iran. Knowing that deal was deeply unpopular with the American people, he boldly addressed the deal in the most powerful possible forum: a joint session of U.S. Congress.

Invited by Speaker of the House John Boehner on Jan. 8, 2015, Netanyahu knew accepting the invitation was an affront to Obama. "It was a monumental decision," he writes in his 2022 memoir *Bibi*. "This would not just be another speech. I would be going into the lion's den in Washington to challenge a sitting American president. ... The nuclear deal was *Obama's* top priority. Blocking it was *my* top priority."

Netanyahu and his advisers crafted a speech that would warn the world and make Iran the top foreign-policy issue of the 2016 election—the election that would bring Donald Trump to power.

As Netanyahu arrived at the Capitol on March 3, 2015, Israel's ambassador to the U.S. Ron Dermer told him that he and Churchill were the only foreign leaders to speak before a joint session of Congress three times. Then Boehner pulled out a gift for the prime minister: a small bust of Winston S. Churchill. It sits in the prime minister's office to this day.

"Iran's regime is not merely a Jewish problem, any more than the Nazi regime was merely a Jewish problem," Netanyahu warned Congress. "The 6 million Jews murdered by the Nazis were but a fraction of the 60 million people killed in World War II. So, too, Iran's regime poses a grave threat, not only to Israel but also to the peace of the entire world."

I remember thinking THAT SPEECH WAS AN EPIC MOMENT IN HISTORY. Here was a true watchman, warning the people just like Churchill had before World War II.

I wasn't the only one to make that comparison. The late Charles Krauthammer wrote in the *Washington Post*, "Netanyahu offered a different path in his clear, bold and often moving address, Churchillian in its appeal to resist appeasement. This was not Churchill of the 1940s, but Churchill of the 1930s, the wilderness prophet. Which is why for all its sonorous strength, Netanyahu's speech had a terrible poignancy" (March 5, 2015).

Netanyahu also said, "The greatest threat to any living organism or nation is not to recognize danger in time. We have to not only recognize it, but recognize it *in time*." His warning came with a time frame. Obama's nuclear deal accelerated that time frame.

Netanyahu the Warrior

Winston Churchill did more than warn about Nazi Germany. He stirred up an offensive fighting spirit in Britain to confront it. "The offensive is three or four times as hard as passively enduring from day to day," Churchill once said. "It therefore requires all possible help in the early stages. Nothing is easier than to smother it in the cradle. Yet here, perhaps, lies safety."

Netanyahu embodies this fighting spirit. He has warned for decades that Iran is close to having a bomb. *A major reason they did not get one long ago was Netanyahu's lionlike fighting spirit.* Even before Operation Rising Lion, he repeatedly confronted Iran's nuclear program.

In 2005, before Netanyahu returned to office, the U.S. and Israel began working on Stuxnet, a computer virus to sabotage Iran's enrichment systems. Once back in office, Netanyahu used the virus to cause approximately 1,000 centrifuges at Natanz to spin so rapidly that they overheated and self-destructed. Other lesser-known, less-destructive malware campaigns followed.

Between 2010 and 2012, five Iranian scientists were assassinated, several after magnetic bombs attached to their vehicles exploded. Most suspect that Mossad was responsible. In 2020, the mastermind of the whole nuclear program, Mohsen Fakhrizadeh, was killed by a remote-control machine gun in an ambush near Tehran. These attacks took out key people at key times and dissuaded many others from working on the project.

There are also reports that Israel tampered with equipment shipped to Iran, sneaking faulty equipment into its nuclear supply chains.

Netanyahu has fought and won like no Israeli prime minister for quite some time. He has the will to fight, fight, fight for his nation.

The Shahran oil depot burns after an Israeli attack on June 15 in Tehran, Iran.

In 2018, also under Netanyahu's watch, Israeli agents infiltrated a secret warehouse in southern Tehran and stole 100,000 documents relating to Iran's nuclear ambitions. The truth Israel exposed helped persuade President Donald Trump to pull out of the Iran nuclear deal and helped slow Iran's push for a bomb. Since 2020, Iran's nuclear facilities have been hit by explosions, mysterious fires and drone attacks.

Netanyahu continued to demonstrate his lionlike offensive spirit after Hamas attacked on Oct. 7, 2023. Ever since, he has taken the battle to the terrorist states fighting to destroy Israel.

Hezbollah made the mistake of joining Hamas's fight, and Netanyahu was able to wipe it out. Under his leadership, Israel invaded Lebanon, destroyed most of Hezbollah's military infrastructure, killed its longtime leader Hassan Nasrallah, and embarrassed what had been considered the world's most formidable non-state army—all in a matter of months. "We took out Nasrallah and his replacement and the replacement of his replacement," Netanyahu bragged on Oct. 8, 2024.

The Israelis needed a strong leader who would really fight in that war, and Netanyahu delivered. He did nothing less than break Lebanon's ties with Iran.

What he did to Hezbollah, he has now done, to the best of his ability, to Iran's nuclear program, destroying much of its infrastructure, blowing up its missile launchers, and killing its top generals and nuclear scientists. Netanyahu has fought and won like no Israeli prime minister for quite some time. He has the will to *fight, fight, fight* for his nation.

That is the kind of leader you need in the fight for freedom! For the sake of his nation, I hope Netanyahu is around for a while.

The Lion of Judah

"When enemies vow to destroy you, believe them," Netanyahu said in that June 13 address. "When enemies build weapons of mass death, stop them. ... We have risen like lions to defend ourselves. Over 3,000 years ago, Moses gave the people of Israel a message that has steeled their resolve ever since: 'Be strong and courageous.'"

He then quoted Numbers 23:24, which describes the people of Israel: "Behold, the people shall rise up as a great lion, and lift up himself as a young lion: he shall not lie down until he eat



Missiles fired from Iran streak the skies over Jerusalem on June 14.



An Iranian missile destroyed this building in Ramat Gan, Israel.

of the prey, and drink the blood of the slain.” This prophecy was uttered before God gave Israel a military victory over the Midianites, but it is also an end-time prophecy about the Messiah’s return.

Read in the next chapter, Numbers 24:17-19, about a time when Jesus Christ will return to defeat Israel’s enemies and sit on the throne of David forever (Isaiah 9:7).

The Jews are descendants of the tribe of Judah. God has used this tribe in a special way.

A specific prophecy in the Bible’s first book describes the main characteristics of the tribes of Israel “in the last days” (Genesis 49:1). “Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies; thy father’s children shall bow down before thee. Judah is a lion’s whelp: from the prey, my son, thou art gone up: he stooped down, he couched as a lion, and as an old lion; who shall rouse him up?” (verses 8-9). These verses give great insight into the Jews in the Middle East. God uses the phases of a lion’s life to describe them. God talks about a whelp, or cub, then a lion, which would be best understood as a violent young lion, and then an old lion.

The emblem Judah was inspired to use for its standard was a powerful lion. Historically, and even in our time, the Jewish people have exhibited many lionlike qualities. They can be ferocious and bold like a lion! Israel’s attack on Iran displayed those lionlike qualities before the world.

Verse 8 refers in part to the many benefits that Judah’s warlike qualities brought to the nation. It says Judah would have its hands on the necks of its enemies. God warns at the end of verse 9 that all should be careful not to rouse the lion of Judah. If he is at rest, leave him alone or you will provoke his wrath. Historically, this rousing, warlike quality gave security to the nation.

From Numbers 2:3 we learn that in the wilderness, Judah was assigned to take the lead in all marches. This was an impressive position of honor. Judah led Israel into the Promised Land, a type of the Kingdom of God. Judah received the first lot in the Promised Land.

Caleb, a great-grandson of Judah and one of the original 12 spies, had skill and mighty strength as a warrior (Joshua 14:11). And of course, the greatest Jewish warrior of all time was King David. There is no doubt he fought like a lion.

In Revelation 5:5, Jesus Christ is called “the Lion of the tribe of Juda.” There is something in Judah’s lionlike qualities that God loves. Studying the Jews’ lionlike qualities also helps us to better see the qualities of the real Lion of Judah—Jesus Christ.

The People’s Watchman

Study Ezekiel 33:1-6. This passage prophesies of the modern nations of Israel (predominantly America and Britain) being in a time of war, and the people setting a man as a watchman to warn them of dangers. Winston Churchill fulfilled that prophecy before and during World War II. (Read how he did this in my free booklet *Winston S. Churchill: The Watchman*.)

Study that history, and you see what a fight Churchill had *among his own people*. He spoke out against a spirit of weakness, appeasement and delusion. It was only the shocks of Germany’s invasion of its neighbors that forced them to awaken and put Churchill into power. He found a way to overcome their weakness and rouse them to action.

The Lion of the tribe of Judah saved Britain in World War II. The Western world could have lost everything, but God protected them! God prepared Churchill in a special way to stand in Hitler’s path of destruction. If Britain had lost to Adolf Hitler, that madman would have conquered the world.

Practically speaking, how did Churchill accomplish this? Opposition was fierce for years, and the nation wouldn’t arm itself like he wanted it to. THE ONLY REAL TOOL WINSTON CHURCHILL HAD WAS “THE ROAR OF A LION.” He showed that a lion’s roar can work wonders! And he defiantly proclaimed that Britons would rather choke in their own blood than surrender to Hitler!

Look at the state of Israel today, and it is clear that Benjamin Netanyahu is fulfilling that role in the Jewish state. Yet he too faces terrible opposition both within Israel and abroad. He has had to stand up under withering attacks to keep warning and to defend his nation.

This man has saved his nation several times. He is an impressive example. He is one of the few leaders left in Israel with this lionlike quality. That is what it takes to be a watchman.

BENJAMIN NETANYAHU IS THE “RISING LION OF ISRAEL.” The world would be in a much more dangerous place without him!

It is a terrible *shame* that almost everyone hates him—even within his own country! His critics are BLIND to the TERRIFYING DANGERS that Iran poses to the world!

The modern nations of Israel today are degenerate. How much do they talk about being like a lion, standing up and fighting? Churchill roused Britain in World War II to never, never, never surrender! Where is that fighting spirit today? God has broken the pride of Israel’s power (Leviticus 26:19). Generally speaking, the nations of Israel have no boldness! They are not lionlike in standing up to other nations because they are not

Is Iran's Regime Finished?

The ayatollah's rule is deeply weakened. The nation is at a crossroads. Prophecy shows the endgame. **BY JOEL HILLIKER**



HE WAS HUDDLING underground in a bunker. Dozens of his top advisers, generals and weapons of mass destruction experts were dead. His surface-to-air missile batteries were missing in action, and his precious nuclear facilities were being bombarded.

His worst enemy had done all this—and wasn't done yet.

Aged, targeted, hiding, the supreme leader of the Islamic Republic of Iran started thinking about who would replace him. He may have wondered whether they, or even the Islamist regime itself, would survive.

This was Ayatollah Ali Khamenei in June. The preceding days had been disastrous for him and his regime—and triumphant for the State of Israel.

The major question hanging in the smoke-filled air then is the same one

that remains right now: What will happen next—not just to Khamenei, not just to Iran's nuclear weapons development, not even just to Iran's regime, but most importantly, to Iran's violent foreign policy?

Blow After Blow

Hamas's brutal attack on Oct. 7, 2023, lit a fire in the blood of the Jewish state. When Islamist terrorists, supported by Iran, poured from Gaza into quiet Israeli communities and stabbed, shot, tortured, raped, burned and mass-murdered some 1,200 people, Israel responded with ferocity. Israel Defense Forces pounded Gaza with air strikes and a ground invasion to break Hamas's power, destroying its arsenal and infrastructure, 17,000 of its fighters and many of its top leaders, including Yahya and Mohammed Sinwar.

When Hezbollah entered the fray, Israel executed its fiercest attacks on the

organization in two decades. It crippled Iran's primary regional proxy by demolishing its weapons and decimating its fighters and its leadership, including Hassan Nasrallah. The IDF also struck other Islamist terrorist targets in Lebanon, Syria and even Iran itself with spectacular success.

An additional blow to Iran came in December 2024, when a swift rebel offensive led by Hayat Tahrir al-Sham toppled Bashar Assad's regime in Syria, collapsing Iran's critical logistical corridor for arming Hezbollah and other groups. The cohesion and strategic depth of what had been Iran's "axis of resistance" through Syria, Lebanon and Gaza was shattered.

But these victories were also preparations for something bigger. Intelligence reported that Iran was on the brink of nuclear breakout. Israel responded by setting a decades-long war plan in motion.

On June 13, covert operators who had infiltrated positions on the ground deep inside Iran long beforehand began striking Iranian missile launch batteries with explosive drones. Meanwhile, more than 200 IDF warplanes roared in waves into Iranian airspace and struck a hundred targets. Nuclear facilities, armaments factories, airfields, radar stations, bunkers, bases, launchers and domestic security facilities were blasted into shards and smoke.

At the same time, specific Iranian commanders were targeted. The chief of staff of Iran's military, members of the general staff and the top commanders of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps were killed, including the head of the "Palestine Corps," linked to Hamas, and the leader of the entire IRGC. Israel killed Iran's nuclear negotiator and at least half a dozen top nuclear weapons scientists. These and other Iranian officials were killed *inside Iran* directly by Israel—which was supposed to be Iran's victim, not its conqueror. "Destruction of Israel" was the literal name of a countdown clock in Palestine Square in the Iranian capital city. Israeli strikes destroyed it too.

Iran managed a feeble retaliation, sending drones toward Israel and launching hundreds of missiles into Israeli airspace—aimed at civilians. Most of these were blown up by expensive interceptors. Some few soared past the defenses and hit populated areas, damaging residential and commercial buildings. Israelis were killed in their beds, in their safe rooms, in hospitals. Yet for all the terror Iran caused, the death toll in Israel was less than 30.

The speedy success of Israel's attack was breathtaking. And the fact that Hamas and Hezbollah had been neutralized beforehand altered the conflict completely. Iran's response would have been many times deadlier had those proxies remained near full strength. It was as though their neutering had been part of Israel's plan to attack Iran all along.

However, ultimate success in eliminating the Iranian nuclear threat hinged on help from the United States. Israel needed America's B-2 heavy bombers and bunker-buster bombs to reach Iran's underground nuclear facilities.

The morning of Sunday, June 22, the U.S. provided just that. B-2s dropped

30,000-pound munitions on the heavily fortified Fordow site and Natanz while cruise missiles from submarines targeted Natanz and Isfahan. Trump, in a televised speech from the White House, declared the strikes a complete success and warned that if Iran did not seek peace, "future attacks would be far greater and a lot easier."

The cumulative firepower directed against Iran was awesome. And amid it all, talk went beyond simply degrading Iran's nuclear capabilities and turned into fierce calls for the Israelis, the Americans or the Iranians to bring down the entire Islamist regime.

Benjamin Netanyahu openly advocated for this outcome, urging the Iranian people to throw off the oppression of the dictatorship and seize the moment for freedom. At one point, Israel had an opportunity to assassinate the supreme leader, but Trump vetoed

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the plan. Had he given Israel free rein, it seems Khamenei would be gone.

Exiled crown prince Reza Pahlavi called on Iran's military and security forces to join a national uprising. He issued a video to all Iranians, saying, "Come to the streets. End this regime. ... The regime's repressive apparatus is falling apart. Khamenei has hidden himself underground like a frightened mouse. He has lost control. ... The future is bright, and together, we will pass through this sharp curve in history."

For 46 years now, since the Islamic Revolution, Iran has been living in a fever-dream of repression, ideological extremism and violence. Is it about to wake up? Is the octogenarian's supreme leadership about to end? Is Iran about to return to the era of the shah—its pre-revolution, pro-Western glory days?

It is pleasant to imagine. But don't count on it.

Iran in Prophecy

Biblical prophecy says much about Iran's role in the end time. The *Trumpet's* editor in chief has pointed to these prophecies for over three decades. Gerald Flurry wrote the booklet *The King of the South* back in 1996—before Iran had any real power beyond the nation. Daniel 11:40-43, clarified and amplified by other prophetic passages, indicate that Iran will be a formidable power leading a confederation of nations. Its role as this end-time "king of the south" informs us of how we can expect recent dramatic events to unfold.

For years, the Islamic Republic has increasingly showed itself able to fill this prophesied role. The Islamofascist regime of Khamenei—with its fanatical ambition to spread its radicalism, its recruitment of proxies, its projection of power into other nations, its pursuit of weapons of mass destruction, its pushy belligerence—all fit the prophetic descriptions ideally.

Even Iran's loss of influence in Gaza, Lebanon and Syria was anticipated—not by experts but by prophets. Mr. Flurry has foretold for decades, based on specific Bible prophecies, that each of these would be stripped from Iran's control. Daniel 11 shows that Iran's alliances would shift to include Egypt, Libya and "Ethiopia" (likely comprising the nations bordering the Red Sea).

However, a crippled Iran with a fallen regime would be far less likely to carry out the work of this "king." A nation too weak to command respect from neighbors seeking to rally around a strong, ascendant power would not fulfill the prophecy. A regime lacking the weapons to *push* and provoke other nations into war would not. The return of a pre-revolutionary, pro-Western Iran certainly would not.

How, then, will a radical Iran emerge from its current tribulation with the power and aggression this prophecy describes?

Obliterated?

After President Trump ordered bombings on Iran, his political opponents and even many Republicans accused him of warmongering. In truth, his strike highlighted the opposite. He likes declaring victory—not making war.

Within *two days* of America dropping bombs, Trump unilaterally announced a ceasefire. He labeled the conflict the “12-day war” and claimed that Iran’s nuclear program was “totally and completely obliterated.” He ignored Iran’s retaliatory measures and offered the nation a bright future. President Trump was eager to put the whole nasty business behind him as quickly as possible.

But the Iran quandary isn’t going away. As enthralling as the notion may be that this regional powerhouse was neutralized by 12 days of mostly aerial attacks, it ignores history and defies logic.

First, how much of extremist Iran remains intact? What Israel and America did was not all-out war. Not the ruin of the regime or the assassination of Khamenei. Not the destruction of

Iranian conventional forces. Not even the obliteration of the nuclear program.

Even the three main nuclear enrichment sites may be more intact than initially thought. Despite Trump’s claims, the true extent of destruction to Iran’s nuclear capabilities is unclear. Iran’s state media reported no significant contamination or casualties. The International Atomic Energy Agency and Saudi Arabia reported no increase in radiation levels. No nuclear accidents were reported.

Israeli intelligence variously said Iran’s program was set back “several years” or “two years.” A preliminary report from the Defense Intelligence Agency, the Pentagon’s intelligence arm, concluded that U.S. strikes “only set Iran’s nuclear program back by a few months.” The White House strongly disputed the DIA’s

findings, calling them “flat-out wrong” and alleging leaks by disgruntled intelligence officials. Time will tell.

Iran also claimed it had evacuated key materials prior to the attack. Satellite imagery showed 16 trucks leaving Fordow on June 19, three days before America bombed it. These trucks likely took Iran’s 60 percent enriched uranium and scattered it throughout the country.

One place uranium may have gone to is Pickaxe Mountain, also known as Kūh-e Kolang Gaz Lā, about 90 miles south of Fordow. It is believed to be the location of another nuclear facility currently under construction. “After the devastating strikes, Iran’s potential back-up plan may lie in this ultra-secure facility that satellite imagery shows has been secretly expanded with new

TRUMPET INTERVIEW

DEALING WITH THE DEVIL

PHILADELPHIA *TRUMPET* executive editor Stephen Flurry interviewed author and journalist Melanie Phillips on the May 26 *Trumpet Daily*. They discussed President Donald Trump’s negotiations with terrorists, the situation in Israel, the impact of Judeo-Christian values on civilization. This exchange took place prior to hostilities between Israel and Iran and is even more relevant in the current situation.

STEPHEN FLURRY My father, Gerald Flurry, talked about Barack Obama’s nuclear deal with Iran being the worst foreign-policy disaster in America’s history. You have mentioned before that it wasn’t the fact that



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it was a bad deal, it was the fact there was a deal with Iran at all.

MELANIE PHILLIPS Yes, I think this has become quite troubling to myself and to several people who are very concerned about Iran and the threat it poses, not just to Israel but to America and to the free world. Because Donald Trump has been very clear. He has said several times now that Iran is not going to get the bomb and that if Iran doesn’t voluntarily agree to dismantle its

entire nuclear program, then America will do it for it, by force. That Donald Trump would prefer not to do that, but ultimately, he will do that. And that was very clear.

And people in Israel were very cheered by this because, as you said, we’ve all lived through the disastrous 2015 Obama-brokered nuclear deal with Iran, which lifted sanctions, enabled vast amounts of money to be funneled in to finance Iran’s power grab in the region, wage its terrorist war against Israel and the world,

and proceed to assemble what it needs to assemble, particularly in uranium enrichment, to get a bomb. And my understanding—and I know nothing other than what I’m reading in the public press—is that it is at the point of making a bomb.

It is no longer useful to talk about stopping uranium enrichment. It has enriched it, and it’s at the point now of working out how to fit warheads to missiles. So this is, to put it mildly, a few seconds before midnight.

Now, what Donald Trump said originally was fine, except that he does believe, in my view, that he can do deals that nobody else can do. He seems to believe that all conflicts in the world are potential deals which can be done if he is doing them. His problem, as I recall, with the 2015 Obama deal was that it wasn’t a *good* deal, that he could have done a *better* deal. Now, this to me is a terrible mistake, because I don’t doubt Donald Trump’s skills as a dealmaker, but there are some agendas which are simply nonnegotiable.

fortifications around what appears to be a uranium enrichment site,” the *Telegraph* reported. “[I]ts underground chambers extend even deeper—potentially beyond 100 meters beneath the surface compared with Fordow’s 60-to-90-meter depth.” Reuel Marc Gerecht, resident scholar at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies, told the *Telegraph* that the Pickaxe complex “is intended to give the clerical regime a nuclear weapons site that even the U.S. Air Force would have difficulty destroying with its largest conventional bombs.”

Dr. Becky Alexis-Martin, an expert in the development of nuclear weapons from the University of Bradford, warned that “if fissile uranium has not been destroyed or seized, then rebuilding may arise more rapidly than we expect.

... Iran could rebuild its nuclear weapons program far more rapidly, even if large enrichment plants have been successfully destroyed, by smaller, covert sites to complete the enrichment process. In this scenario, Iran could produce enough 90 percent weapons grade uranium for a nuclear weapon in a couple of months—and without further intervention—could possess a nuclear warhead by this time next year.”

In his speech, President Trump seemed to acknowledge that there were many more targets the U.S. could hit, but in his hasty ceasefire, those threats were overlooked.

Past military strikes on Iran have strengthened its determination to develop nuclear weapons, largely as a deterrent against future attacks. If its

nuclear program remains even partially intact, the regime’s urgency to finish weaponizing it will likely be even more urgent.

One thing is certain: Iran’s leaders have no intention of changing course.

Defiant

In a televised message on June 26, his first public remarks after the ceasefire, Khamenei did not express remorse or a change of heart. *He declared victory.* “The Zionist regime, with all its noise and claims, was nearly brought to its knees,” he said, claiming Israel had been “crushed” by Iranian strikes. He said America had “gained nothing,” that it had failed to achieve its goals and received “a harsh slap.”

Brazen. Delusional. And certainly not the words of a chastened man.

The people who run the regime are governed by a religious ideology, which holds that if they produce the apocalypse, they will bring to Earth the Shia messiah, the 12th imam. Now, if you have people who believe that it’s a religious duty to wage war on the West and to destroy Israel and the Jews, then there’s no negotiation. There’s no negotiation with that agenda. There’s no negotiation possible that is not seized by them as a surrender and as a kind of inspiration to ratchet up their aggression.

FLURRY: Some conservative commentators have made some stunning statements about the Jews. It is shocking to see even some in the MAGA movement turn against Israel. This probably explains why there is a rift between President Trump and Prime Minister Netanyahu. President Trump went on a trip to the Middle East and didn’t even visit Israel. What’s Israel’s take on the relationship right now between Trump and Netanyahu?

PHILLIPS: Israelis were immensely, to put it mildly, relieved by President Trump’s election, because they felt they dodged a bullet. ... It was bad enough under President Biden, but under Kamala Harris, it was perceived that the Democratic Party would be unleashed in its most extreme attitude of hostility to Israel. So everyone was very thrilled and relieved to see President Trump back in the White House.

And now they’re not sure. They believe, I think, that President Trump’s feelings towards Israel remain warm and supportive, and his attitude towards the Jewish people is extremely warm and supportive. I see no reason to doubt that whatsoever. ... He probably thinks Netanyahu is just dragging his feet, which is what he’s basically said, you know, *Why isn’t this war finished already?* And there are many reasons why the war isn’t finished already. Partly, it’s because America is putting pressure on Israel to drag its feet because of

the hostage negotiations, partly because the hostages are still there and because Israel is terrified of causing them to be killed. ...

In order to understand what the West has done to itself, one has to understand that the West is at war with the Jewish people and Judaism. For this reason—as I say in my book, and as I’ve written for decades—the West’s elites, its intelligentsia, the people who run the culture have basically taken a wrecking ball to Western civilization and the Western nation and its core values on the basis that the West is fundamentally bad because it was born in the original sins of colonialism and imperialism and racism and all that sort of stuff. And so, you have to basically demolish it and replace it [with] something better, which is universalism, brotherhood of man, transnational institutions.

I’ve been writing for years about the onslaught on the traditional family, the onslaught on education as the transmission of a culture, the onslaught on

the very idea of the nation, the elevation of universalist values through transnational institutions, and so on. And at the root of that onslaught on the West is the onslaught on its core values.

Its core values are largely implanted in the West by Christianity, the foundational creed of the West. The Greeks had quite a lot of input as well, but nevertheless, Christianity is the foundational creed of the West, and Christianity itself didn’t come from nowhere. Its parent is Judaism, and the values that everybody in the West holds dear or purports to hold dear—whether they are religious people, whether they are people of no faith—they are biblical values. And so the West’s onslaught on itself has been in effect an onslaught on biblical values. I’ve said in the book at great length that few people understand the immense importance of those values of the Hebrew Bible to the West, civilization and greatness. ■

Watch the full interview at
[Rumble.com/TrumpetDaily](https://www.rumble.com/TrumpetDaily).

President Trump dealt a blow to Iran's nuclear program and quickly negotiated a ceasefire. He is congratulating himself for preventing an Iranian bomb while avoiding a major war, with all the mass casualties, destruction and economic consequences that might bring. He is hoping this brief show of strength will somehow cause Iran's regime to abandon its Islamofascist goals, including its nuclear ambitions. All evidence, including the ayatollah's public defiance, exposes this as a false hope.

Trump has shown himself willing to use American force in short, sharp bursts. But it will take far more than that to reshape Iran's role in the Middle East and worldwide. And the president has no intention of embroiling the U.S. in a protracted effort to do that. He has been fiercely critical of America's failures in Afghanistan and Iraq, and he knows that Americans have no stomach for adding Iran to that list.

It is worth remembering how both those wars started: with shocking, awesome displays of American firepower that rapidly deposed oppressive and unpopular regimes. Just three weeks into the Iraq war in 2003, "Baghdad had fallen ... with much less resistance than most commentators had expected," Greg Priddy wrote in the *National Interest*. "... A significant percentage of Iraq's population was clearly glad to be rid of the Saddam regime. Less than a month later, President George W. Bush stood on an aircraft carrier deck before a banner reading 'Mission Accomplished.' Wars take time to play out, and it is seldomly clear early on how history will ultimately judge them. Now, we all know who won that war: Iran" (June 13).

If President Bush's declaration of victory after six weeks of warfare was premature, President Trump's claim to have ended the war and neutralized Iran after two days of bombing is far more so.

After he declared the ceasefire, Iran launched more missiles, and Israel retaliated with one last attack, one that Netanyahu called "the harshest blow since the start of the war—the worst in [Tehran's] history"—an action that doesn't exactly convey confidence that Iran was already "obliterated" and that the ceasefire was good for Israeli security. Reports suggest Netanyahu's description

was an exaggeration; nevertheless, President Trump was visibly furious, cursing in front of reporters and demanding that Israel cease hostilities immediately.

It was a troubling sign of how the situation will likely play out. *The ultimate effect of America's involvement is not one of augmenting Israel's firepower but of restraining it.* President Trump will likely compel Prime Minister Netanyahu to assert "mission accomplished" when the mission is *not* accomplished.

Trump's desire to burnish his reputation as a peacemaker has thrown the ayatollah's regime a lifeline.

What Prophecy Says

It is unclear exactly how this situation will play out. Often events take turns very different from what we expect. But biblical prophecy is clear about the outcome. As impressive as Israel's accomplishments have been, and as much as one may wish to see the demise of this violent, oppressive regime, *somehow* Iran is going to preserve its considerable power—as well as its extremist temperament and aspirations.

Watch what happens. In the end, the way America handles Iran will be a powerful lesson in the danger of failing to deal *completely* with evil.

Study the history of the Jewish state's and America's ancient forefathers in biblical Israel. They failed to obey God and eliminate the threats they faced in the Promised Land, and those threats led ultimately to their doom. You can read this tragic history in the book of Judges.

In our day, it may well end up being the fault of Donald Trump. When he took office in January, he prevented Israel from finishing the job against Hamas by initiating negotiations with them. (See Gerald Flurry's article "[President Trump Betrayed Israel](https://www.theTrumpet.com/30891)" at [theTrumpet.com/30891](https://www.theTrumpet.com/30891)). Now he is telling Israel not to kill Ayatollah Khamenei and has ordered it to cease fire. He continues to speak as though the solution to the Iran problem lies in negotiation.

It does not. Prophecy makes this clear. And prophecy—not negotiations or bombs—*can be trusted*.

Again, several details of "the king of the south" prophecy have already been fulfilled. As you can read in *The King of the South*, prophecy accurately told us



A satellite image from June 22 shows damage to the Fordow complex.

to expect Iran to lose its influence over Gaza. Israel's success over Hamas accomplished this. Prophecy foretold Lebanon slipping from Iran's orbit. Israel's neutering of Hezbollah paved the way for this to occur. Prophecy also said Iran would lose Syria. That was dramatically fulfilled when the Assad regime fell in December ("Syria's Fall—Another Key Prophecy Fulfilled," [theTrumpet.com/30673](https://www.theTrumpet.com/30673)).

Now prophecy tells us to expect Iran to build a *new* "axis of resistance" with Egypt, Libya and Ethiopia. This is no minor achievement. It will require strength, authority and strategic coherence from the Iranians.

True, the Israeli-American attack may have undermined Khamenei's leadership. He reportedly named three senior clerics as potential successors in the event that he is killed. The chances of his rule ending have risen—though President Trump doesn't seem particularly interested in forcing him from power.

Still, the notion that Khamenei's deposition or death will bring about a moderate, West-friendly government in Tehran—as though the regime represents a mere fringe ideology—is wishful thinking.

One could actually see Iran rising from its cratered state with strengthened credibility. Historian Victor Davis Hanson said in a video message, "If this war should end with the Iranian regime intact and the elements of its nuclear program recoverable, then, in some



A satellite image reveals 16 cargo trucks lined up along the main road approaching the underground tunnel entrance of the Fordow facility on June 19.

“The fall of half of Jerusalem triggers a violent and massive chain reaction that leads to Christ’s Second Coming,” Mr. Flurry continued. God will allow that violence—and will use it to help mankind turn from the way of life causing all suffering and to humble man to the point that he is willing to let God teach him the way to peace.

Lack of that knowledge, and an unwillingness to go to God to learn will cause a lot of death and destruction in the time ahead. *Trumpet* executive editor Stephen Flurry called it “**The Fatal Flaw in Trump’s Foreign Policy**” (May-June 2025, *theTrumpet.com/31304*). “President Trump is a courageous fighter against those who attack him openly, but he is very susceptible to manipulation and flattery,” he wrote. “This is a dangerous weakness.” His handling of Iran, while demonstrating a

certain courage and strength, also highlighted this dangerous weakness. This is leading to the most powerful demonstration in history of humanity’s need to look to God, not man, to solve its problems.

Prophecy shows that the recent offensive against Iran will fail to eliminate the threat. It also shows that this failure will serve as a potent example to *another* power on how to attack Iran and *succeed*.

We may see someone take power who seems more amenable to the West, someone willing to profess cooperation.

The King of the North

Daniel’s prophecy describes the Iran-led coalition provoking “the king of the north,” a multinational European empire.

In the end, the Iran that emerges will be more than capable of embroiling the world in a devastating war. Iran will attack Europe with a violent and bloody *push*. Much violence and death is yet to come from this radical nation.

Even now, Iran still has weapons in its arsenal. It could close the choke

points in the Strait of Hormuz and Bab el-Mandeb. It could mobilize Shiite militias in Iraq to attack U.S. bases, drawing America into another insurgency war. It still has foreign terrorist cells—many throughout the West—that it could activate. It may have a dirty bomb, or several bombs, in undisclosed locations.

Deploying any or all these options would raise the wrath of the world and bring it down on Iran’s head. But it is exactly this type of “push” that is emphasized in Daniel’s prophecy. This provocation could be an act of desperation, but it will certainly require power—and nuclear capacity could be involved. It *will* happen at some point precisely as Daniel foretells.

When the king of the north comes against Iran, it will not make the same mistake Israel and America did, deploying targeted strikes and strategic assassinations. No—“At the time of the end, the king of the south shall attack him, but the king of the north shall rush upon him LIKE A WHIRLWIND, with chariots and horsemen, and with many ships. And he shall come into countries and shall overflow and pass through. He shall come into the glorious land. And tens of thousands shall fall He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape. He shall become ruler of the treasures of gold and of silver, and all the precious things of Egypt, and the Libyans and the Cushites shall follow in his train” (Daniel 11:40-43; English Standard Version).

These verses describe unimaginably violent warfare that is just ahead of us. It will lead, in fact, to “a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time ...” (Daniel 12:1). This is a nuclear World War III!

God is warning us in advance! We must see His hand in these events as they unfold and use that as motivation to turn to Him. He is alive and active today. He is guiding world events to fulfill His prophecies, and soon He will intervene to effect regime change—not just in a single oppressed Middle Eastern nation—but *in every country on Earth*. He will replace the misguided, corrupt governments of this world with truly righteous rule.

Only then will the peace that America’s president yearns for truly be established. ■

ways, it will be all for naught. And people will make the necessary adjustments in the Middle East. And it won’t be necessarily, *Well, Iran is still very weak. They’ve lost all their terrorist surrogates. They have no air defenses. They’ve lost their media. ... It will be more like, [Wow], Iran survived everything that Israel and, by association, the United States threw at it. It’s indestructible*” (*Daily Signal*, June 18).

If the 86-year-old Khamenei does lose power, we can expect his successor to walk in his footsteps. In fact, it may require a fresh face to redirect and to advance Iran’s cause in the way prophecy outlines.

We may even see someone take power who seems more amenable to the West, someone willing to hold talks, to negotiate, to profess cooperation and to make ostensible concessions. This may provide a strategic window for him to construct that prophesied new coalition.

Prophecy also shows Iran will continue to attack Israel. Zechariah 14 describes the suffering Jerusalem will soon experience. It begins when “half of the city shall go forth into captivity.” This suggests violence, Mr. Flurry wrote. “The Palestinians, backed by Iran, will almost certainly do this violent deed” (“**Jerusalem Is About to Be Cut in Half**,” *theTrumpet.com/2136*).



Iran *IS* 'the King of the South'

How a passage of prophecy and its identification by Gerald Flurry have become more relevant than ever **BY MIHAÏLO S. ZEKIC**

IN THE JULY 1992 *PHILADELPHIA Trumpet*, editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote that he expected a power to emerge that would “rule THE RADICAL ISLAMISTS! Iran is a natural leader for many of them today. Iran also has a goal to lead this group.”

This was an unusual and bold statement. The “Islamic Republic of Iran” was one of the most radical terrorist regimes in the world, an absolute outcast with a weak economy and military that had come to power only in 1979 and barely survived a brutal eight-year with Iraq.

In December 1994, a few years after Iraq invaded Kuwait and when Saddam Hussein had survived the first Gulf War and was arguably at the height of his power, Mr. Flurry published “Is Iraq About to Fall to Iran?” In it he wrote: “The most powerful [Islamic] country in

the Middle East is *Iran*. Can you imagine the power they would have if they gained control of Iraq, the second-largest oil-producing country in the world?”

These forecasts were well ahead of their time. Mr. Flurry was able to make them not because of keen geopolitical analysis, but because of his understanding of the prophecies of the Bible.

Daniel 2 prophesied centuries ahead of time the main imperial powers that would dominate the world. (Request your free copy of *The Proof of the Bible*, by Herbert W. Armstrong.) But much of Daniel’s prophecy applies to a time after the ancient eras of Babylon, Persia, Greece and Rome.

Daniel 11:40, for example, is for *the time of the end*: “And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against

him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.”

The rest of Daniel 11 shows the context of the prophecy is geopolitical control of the Middle East, specifically the Holy Land. Verses 42-43 show the king of the north conquering countries, including Egypt, Libya and Ethiopia, implying these countries are not the king of the south but are allied with it. As Herbert W. Armstrong explained in *The Proof of the Bible* and elsewhere, biblical and secular history show the king of the north is a united European power. This indicates that the other “king” is located south of Europe.

Because of this, Mr. Flurry watched for a world power to develop south of Europe, commanding a large proxy empire in the Middle East and North Africa, having a fanatical desire to control the land of Israel, and wielding a “pushy,” provocative foreign policy against Europe.

Since the 1990s, Mr. Flurry has identified radical Islam, led by *the Islamic Republic of Iran*, as fulfilling the king of the south prophecy.

Since Mr. Flurry made those initial predictions, Iran has morphed from an isolated pariah state to a geopolitical power that no country has been willing to confront with strength—until now.

A Fulfilled Prophecy

Mr. Flurry first published his booklet *The King of the South* in 1996 and completed a major revision and expansion in early 2023. Yet within the last 2½ years, so much has happened that this booklet about a key end-time Bible prophecy required another update and expansion.

A prophecy in Psalm 83 states that in our day, “the Philistines” will break their alliance with Iran and join forces with Germany. (Read “*Why the Trumpet Watches an Alliance Between Arab Nations and Europe*” at theTrumpet.com/16032.) In the 2023 edition of *The King of the South*, Mr. Flurry wrote: “The Philistines—the Palestinians of Gaza and even those in the West Bank—will shift their alliance to Germany as well. Iran has led Hezbollah and the Palestinians in their terrorist activities for years. They all share some common enemies—especially

America and Israel. But in some religious and political aspects, their views differ. ... There may soon be some significant power shifts in Gaza.”

Mr. Flurry writes in this year’s edition of the booklet, “When we printed that version of this booklet, Hamas was still ruling Gaza as an Iranian puppet state. To most people, no signs were apparent of any imminent changes to Gaza’s status quo. But eight months later [after printing our 2023 update], Hamas launched its October 7, 2023, massacre against Israel. ...

“Right now Gaza’s immediate future is unclear. But whoever reconstructs the rubble that is the Gaza Strip, it is clear that the main obstacle to Gaza aligning with Germany—Hamas’s undisputed stranglehold on the territory—IS NOW HISTORY. Gaza is no longer a part of Iran’s proxy empire. You can be sure that, whatever unexpected developments affect Gaza, GERMANY, ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, WILL BECOME GAZA’S NEW MASTER.”

Another significant geopolitical shift in the region has occurred in Lebanon.

More Fulfillments

Mr. Flurry wrote in the 2023 version about another Iranian proxy, Hezbollah: “Geba, modern-day Lebanon, is home today to the Iranian terrorist puppet Hezbollah. We can expect it also to switch allegiance. ... Their alliance with Iran is about to be broken, and Germany will be the main cause.”

After October 7, Hezbollah joined Hamas in attacking Israel. Israel retaliated by destroying Hezbollah’s military infrastructure and decapitating its leadership, including Secretary General Hassan Nasrallah. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said weakening Hezbollah this drastically could enable Lebanon’s anti-Hezbollah factions to take back their country.

Mr. Flurry writes in the new 2025 edition, “In the time since, it seems this has largely happened: The Lebanese people have taken back much control from Hezbollah. After years of not having a president, Lebanon’s legislature backed the election of Joseph Aoun as president. Aoun is an anti-Hezbollah, Maronite Catholic who pledged to honor a ceasefire with Israel. They also nominated Nawaf Salam, an internationalist with strong connections to Europe, as

prime minister. A few days after Salam’s election, French President Emmanuel Macron made his first visit to Lebanon in over four years, announcing his support in establishing Lebanon’s ‘new era.’

“Iran’s Hezbollah puppet has lost its power in Lebanon! A Europe-aligned elite is filling the power vacuum, and one of Europe’s top leaders is helping

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the process. THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT WE HAVE BEEN FORECASTING FOR YEARS. Expect Europe to consolidate its influence in Lebanon even further.”

At the end of 2024, another dramatic prophecy was fulfilled—this time, in Syria. Mr. Flurry wrote in the *Trumpet*, in the early days of the Syrian civil war that began in 2011: “Right now, Syria is Iran’s most important regional ally. But that is about to change. ... Biblical prophecy reveals that, very soon, *Syria will no longer align with Iran*. It also shows that Germany will help cause this split.”

Compare that with this update: “Suddenly, in November 2024, Turkish-backed rebels started a lightning offensive against Assad’s forces. The regime’s military crumbled as the rebels captured city after city. By December 7, the rebels had advanced to Damascus. Assad resigned the following day and fled to Russia. ...

“Turkey’s support for the Syrian rebellion was strongly assisted by German armaments. Just before Turkey sparked this uprising, Germany resumed major arms exports to Turkey. ... One of the main weapons Turkey used to oust Assad was its famous drones. The Turkish company Bayraktar has been one of the world’s leading producers

of military-grade drones for years. Bayraktar’s drones were a major reason Ukraine was able to fight off Russia’s initial invasion in 2022. And these drones ARE MADE WITH GERMAN PARTS.”

Mr. Flurry summarized the end of the 14-year Syrian civil war this way: “It was Germany’s backing most of all that caused Syria’s collapse!”



Iranians chant slogans, wave national flags and hold portraits of Ayatollah Ali Khamenei and Ruhollah Khomeini as they celebrate a ceasefire between Iran and Israel in Tehran on June 24.

Events in the Middle East are progressing rapidly. Bible prophecy is being fulfilled at a lightning pace. You need the newly updated edition of *The King of the South* (due to go to press soon) to stay up to date on events in the Middle East and to understand what it means for you.

The prophecy in Daniel 11:40 continues into Daniel 12:1: “And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time ...” This “time of trouble” all starts with a “push” by the king of the south.

These are dangerous times. You cannot afford to be ignorant of Bible prophecies about the Middle East. You need to know the identity and the prophesied future of “the king of the south.” ■



Gerald Flurry has highlighted Iran’s influence and identity for years. Order your free copy of his booklet ***The King of the South*** to prove this prophecy from the Bible.



A PRELUDE TO THE Weapons of World War III

The Bible's prophetic descriptions of warfare are beginning to appear in today's headlines.

BY JOSUÉ MICHELS

WE HAVE ENTERED A NEW era of warfare, where the size of a nation, its population and even its military arsenals are overshadowed by the pace of technological innovation. Wars will increasingly be fought by machines—yet no conflict will be decided without devastating human cost.

Efforts to predict the military conflicts ahead can only scratch the surface of a swiftly changing battlefield. Yet Bible prophecy unveils the most vital and astonishing details of the wars of the future. Today, the realities of modern warfare align precisely with prophecy. If ever there was a time to heed God's prophetic warnings, it is now.

Ukraine's surprise strike against Russia on June 1 and Israel's crippling attack on Iran on June 13 offer a glimpse of the wars of the future.

Operation Spiderweb

Both Napoleon Bonaparte and Adolf Hitler, after conquering swaths of Europe, met defeat in the vast expanse of Russia. But on June 1, the seemingly insurmountable foe took an embarrassing blow from a nation seen as a military lightweight: Ukraine.

Only with the technological advances of the last five years was this made possible.

Under the code name Spiderweb, Ukraine executed a major drone strike that targeted several air bases deep in Russian territory. It involved 117 first-person-view drones hidden in wooden mobile cabins on trucks with remotely operated roofs. The drones were launched near airfields located all the way into Siberia and the Arctic, striking strategic aircraft designed to carry Russian nuclear bombs.

Hitler's Luftwaffe could only reach Moscow, and it caused limited damage there; but the Belaya Air Base in Irkutsk Oblast, one of the bases struck by Ukrainian drones, lies some 2,500 miles beyond Moscow.

With the aid of artificial intelligence, the drones targeted weapons pylons carrying cruise missiles, over-wing fuel tanks, among others, with the intent to inflict maximum damage, the *Kyiv Post* wrote on June 2. Ukraine claimed it damaged or destroyed 41 aircraft and degraded 34 percent of Russia's strategic cruise missile carriers, causing \$7 billion in damage. Never underestimate the latest military innovations.

In 2024, *Time* wrote: "War has always driven innovation, from the crossbow

to the Internet, and in the modern era private industry has made key contributions to breakthroughs like the atom bomb. But the collaboration between foreign tech companies and the Ukrainian armed forces, who say they have a software engineer deployed with each battalion, is driving a new kind of experimentation in military AI. The result is an acceleration of 'the most significant fundamental change in the character of war ever recorded in history,' Gen. Mark Milley, former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters in Washington last year" (Feb. 8, 2024).

A new kind of experimentation in military AI is upon us, and most of mankind is clueless about how destructive it will be. "We had better pay attention to what might be 'THE MOST SIGNIFICANT FUNDAMENTAL CHANGE IN THE CHARACTER OF WAR EVER RECORDED IN HISTORY!'" *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote in February 2024. "Technology advances are often hyped up, but I believe there are reasons that may not be the case here" ("**AI and the End of 'Mutually Assured Destruction,'**" *theTrumpet.com/29022*).

He cited Palantir CEO Alex Karp, who said AI could "allow David to beat a modern-day Goliath."

To some extent, that is what we witnessed in Ukraine's attack on Russia. Comparatively weaker Ukraine delivered a deadly blow to Russia, a military powerhouse. Drones crippled giant warplanes.

"But ultimately, this is not about Ukraine winning against Russia," Mr. Flurry wrote. "Ukraine has become a 'lab' to prepare for much larger wars!" (ibid).

Operation Rising Lion

In mid-June, the skies over the Middle East transformed into a war zone, as Israel attacked Iran and Iran retaliated.

In World War II's Battle of Britain, German bombers suffered a high rate of casualties. But between Israel and Iran, it was a war of machines: missiles and drones versus interceptors. Human casualties occurred only when defenses were breached. Israel's fatalities were limited because of its June 13 preemptive strike against Iran.

Early that morning, Israel attacked dozens of Iranian military sites with the aim, as Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu put it, "to thwart the Islamic regime's nuclear and ballistic missile threat."

Besides its 200 fighter jets, Israel reportedly used also used "explosive-carrying quadcopter drones, rockets and other sophisticated equipment located inside Iran for precision attacks on Iranian nuclear scientists, military leaders, anti-aircraft batteries and surface-to-surface missiles" (*Times of Israel*, June 15).

The operations relied on "ground-breaking thinking, bold planning and surgical operation of advanced technologies, special forces and agents operating in the heart of Iran while evading the eyes of local intelligence," a security official said.

Israel had smuggled the drones into Iran using trucks, shipping containers and even suitcases, the *Wall Street Journal* reported. In a master stroke, Israeli forces had established a secret drone base inside Iran.

Israel Defense Forces spokesman Brig.-Gen. Effie Defrin announced on June 16 that the Air Force had destroyed a third of Iran's ballistic missile launchers, 120 in total. Without this preemptive strike, Iran could have fired dozens more missiles each day, potentially overwhelming Israel's defense system and causing hundreds of deaths.

One can only imagine the destruction Iran could have achieved had it enriched enough uranium to mount nuclear warheads onto its missiles. If just one had penetrated Israel's air defenses, the casualties would have been in the hundreds of thousands.

Iran's onslaught would have been even more catastrophic had the regime managed to achieve what Israel did: After just four days of precision strikes targeting Iranian air defenses and missile systems, Israel declared air superiority over Tehran, leaving the Iranian capital exposed and vulnerable. Had Iran executed this move, Israeli cities would have been at the mercy of the Iranian

Imagine if Israel had Iran's destructive ambitions. After disabling Iran's air defenses, it would have sent a barrage of missiles deep into Iranian cities, killing thousands and plunging the nation into chaos. It would have used its fighter jets, submarines and ballistic missiles to drop nuclear bombs on Iran's capital and other cities. Within days, Iran would have been rubble, and Israel would have no fear of retaliation.

Military Innovation in Prophecy

"Future wars most certainly will include nuclear bombs and biological weapons," Mr. Flurry wrote. "These deadly weapons can be mounted on aircraft and drones



regime that has vowed to wipe them out. Israel would have ceased to exist.

With its close to 90 million people and a land area of 618,000 square miles, Iran appears to be the superior power, compared to Israel's 9 million people and 8,500 square miles. However, Iran has suffered for years under critical sanctions that limit its military innovations and cripple its economy, while Israel has access to the best Western systems and innovations of its own.

Israel is no doubt the superior military force. However, unlike Iran, it is not seeking mass casualties. If it were, the events in June would have been very different.

and sent all over the world. Imagine what they could do! COVID-19 was a *mild* biological weapon compared to something they might send in one of those drones. Some analysts are warning that artificial intelligence can be used to develop bioweapons that target only specific ethnicities. We know only a fraction of the weaponry being developed in secret. ...

"A prophecy in Revelation 9 describes the military equipment used in this warfare as *swarms of locusts*. Could these locusts be swarms of various aircraft coordinating their flight patterns through AI?" (*"The Unknown Future of Artificial Intelligence," theTrumpet.com/28925*)

Not until our day was it possible for military hardware to fly in coordinated swarms like locusts—yet the Bible prophesied of it almost 2,000 years ago!

Another prophecy of modern warfare is found in Habakkuk 1:8-10: “Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves; and their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far; they shall fly as the eagle that hasteth to eat. They shall come all for violence: their faces shall sup up as the east wind, and they shall gather the captivity as the sand. And they shall scoff at the kings, and the princes shall be a scorn unto them: they shall deride every strong hold; for they shall heap dust, and take it.”

What is “swifter than the leopards,” “more fierce than the evening wolves,” and flies “as the eagle that hasteth to eat”? Mr. Flurry explains: “This is an incredibly evil, destructive force—like evening wolves that eat anything they can find, *even the bones of their prey*. Do we really comprehend what a ravenous, deadly beast this is going to be? It will be far more destructive than the Nazis of World War II” (*Prophecy Again*).

For 80 years the world has avoided the horrors of a global nuclear war. “Why?” Mr. Flurry asked. “It was not love toward neighbor. It was fear of ‘mutually assured destruction’—the probability that a nuclear strike would meet with nuclear retaliation” (“*AI and the End of ‘Mutually Assured Destruction’*”).

Even without nuclear weapons, the fear of retaliation has stopped countless wars. When retaliation could mean the destruction of one’s own nation, the deterrence is all the greater.

But the Bible prophesies that this status quo will be nullified in the coming war.

Ezekiel 7:14 prophesies, “They have blown the trumpet, even to make all ready; but none goeth to the battle: for my wrath is upon all the multitude thereof.”

“In other words,” Mr. Flurry wrote, “the missiles, airplanes and drones will not fly! Since the 1990s, I have believed this could refer to the effects of a cyberattack. With recent advances in AI, such a crippling attack becomes much more likely” (*ibid*).

Another end-time prophecy adds vital detail. “O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation. I will send him against an

hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets” (Isaiah 10:5-6).

All these prophecies are about the same nation that God will use to correct a sinning people, the descendants of Israel, the house of Jacob (verses 20-21). *Israel* is a prophetic term for the United States and Britain primarily. Assyria refers to modern-day Germany (for proof, request a free copy of *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*). “America will be blindsided by German military technology. The Germans are moving fast, and in some ways they are already ahead of America. What we see in the news is only a fraction of what is going on behind the scenes, I am sure” (“*The Unknown Future of Artificial Intelligence*”).

German Weaponry Spotlighted

The top military leaders from 35 countries met in Dresden, Germany, at the invitation of German Army Chief of Staff Alfons Mais in the last week of August 2024. The “10th Commanders of European Land Forces Forum” held a weapons show spotlighting innovations from Germany’s armaments industry.

One of the highlights was Rheinmetall’s Skyranger air defense system, designed to eliminate the smallest of enemy drones within a 3-kilometer radius using its 30-mm revolver cannon and other air targets at a range of up to 9 kilometers with its four Stinger missiles.

“The Taliban had no air force when we were in Afghanistan,” Mais commented. “We are now seeing in the Ukraine conflict that the use of drones in particular has taken a massive leap—that drones are omnipresent on the battlefield. That’s why we all have to take a stand against the new threat from the air.”

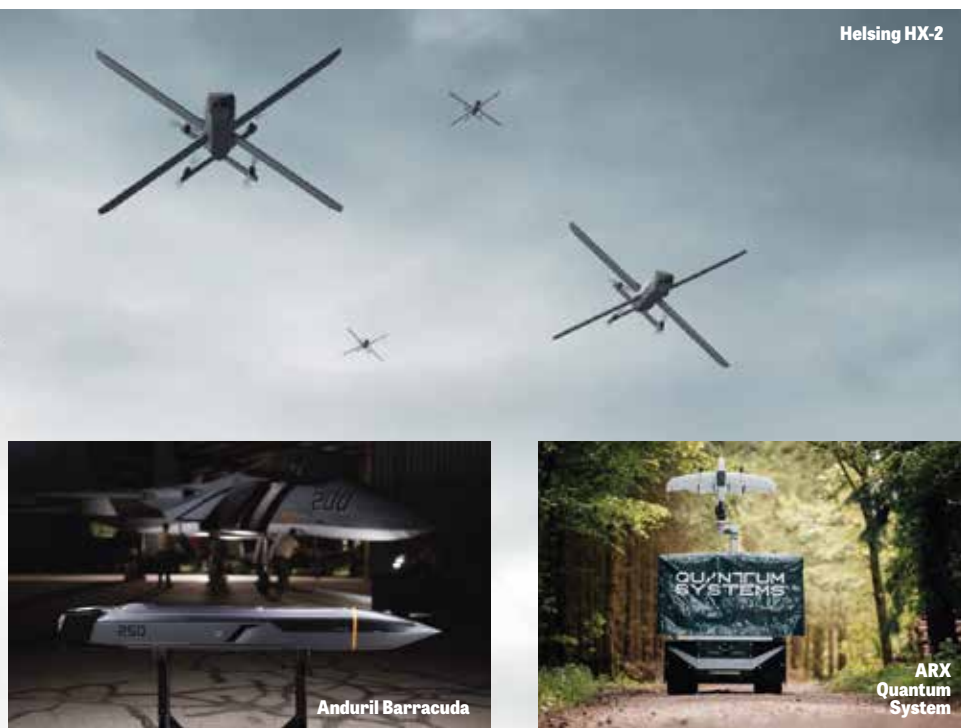
According to *Bild*, United States Gen. Darryl A. Williams (now retired) was most impressed by KNDS’ Remote Controlled Howitzer 155, which can hit its target with great accuracy from 54 kilometers, shooting up to nine rounds per minute while driving on bumpy terrain at over 18 miles per hour. “I’ve been in the U.S. artillery for 40 years. This is a game changer.” The commander of the U.S. Army Europe and Africa added in German: “Unbelievable. This is German engineering.”



Citing a classified document, *Spiegel* reported in 2024 that Germany and Norway want to jointly develop a “long-range supersonic sea-to-sea guided missile capable of enforcement and combat” that is to be deployed on German frigates from 2035. The cooperation has been sparked by Russia’s invasion of Ukraine and the alleged use of supersonic weapons. These weapons, which fly at multiple times the speed of sound, can slip past defense systems—which undermines the mutually assured destruction principle since they could neutralize an enemy’s ability to retaliate.

German engineering is world renowned. But in the decades since World War II, its military hardware has not been paraded with pride. This is now changing.

In late 2024, Helsing unveiled the HX-2, a precision strike drone with a 160-mile range. “Advanced on-board AI enables full electronic warfare and jamming resistance,” the company explained. “[M]ultiple HX-2s can assemble into swarms, controlled by single human operators.” The drone can be mass-produced at a fraction of the cost of conventional systems. And swarms of strike drones are said to have the potential to be more destructive than nuclear bombs and even harder to defend against.



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But Helsing is not satisfied with conquering the sky: One of the company's latest innovations deploys AI-driven drone swarms into the depth of the seas. Its SG-1 Fathom "redefines subsurface surveillance," the company writes. "Mass manufacturable, hundreds of SG-1s can be deployed at scale to monitor vast underwater areas. ... [T]he glider operates at depth and throughout the water column. It is resilient and energy efficient, enabling persistent operation for up to three months." These underwater drones are presently unarmed; the potential deadly blow is left to other military hardware. But that too could change.

In February, *Fortune* highlighted ARX Robotics, another Munich-based dual-use start-up. "Its technology helps convert traditional military equipment like trucks and tanks into unmanned, autonomous vehicles," *Fortune* noted. "This allows for safer reconnaissance, logistics and combat in high-risk areas like Ukraine's front line."

ARX also produces small robots and

supplies six European countries, including the German armed forces. The robots, tested and operated in Ukraine, are designed to assist soldiers in combat zones, transporting supplies or spying on the enemy. The company recently secured significant investment from the NATO Innovation Fund.

ARX works closely with another start-up near Munich: Quantum Systems, which manufactures reconnaissance drones. Quantum Systems also gained experience in Ukraine developing vertical take-off drones to spy on Russian troop locations.

To quickly mass-produce drones in the future, Germany is also getting help from outside. Germany's Rheinmetall and U.S. start-up Anduril Industries formed a strategic partnership on June 18 to accelerate drone and rocket motor production in Europe. Together they will develop European variants of Anduril's Barracuda (a low-cost, mass-produced drone) and Fury (a high-performance, multi-mission drone).

It is hard to overstate how the combination of the Ukraine war and AI developments is transforming the modern battlefield. Old weapons systems are being augmented, while entirely new technologies are emerging at unprecedented speed.

After Helsing announced the delivery of thousands of strike drones for Ukraine at the end of 2024, German Defense Minister Boris Pistorius told *Bild*, "We are in close dialogue with our Ukrainian partners and will be able to draw conclusions for the Bundeswehr on how this type of drone can be used effectively. This will also help us to develop our own drone capabilities."

Citing an anonymous European official, the *Washington Post* wrote on April 19: "The strategy also allows NATO countries to use Ukraine as a testing ground for developing weapons, such as drones, in which they don't have as much experience"

Germany's government has hired Helsing to make the Eurofighter capable of electronic warfare and to provide the AI infrastructure for the Future Combat Air System, which involves swarms of drones, fighter jets, cargo aircraft and satellites.

In June of last year, Airbus Defense and Space signed a framework cooperation agreement with Helsing to advance AI in a future Wingman system, an unmanned fighter-type aircraft designed to work in conjunction with manned fighter jets.

"The current conflicts on Europe's borders show how important air superiority is," said Mike Schoellhorn, CEO at Airbus Defence and Space. "Manned-Unmanned Teaming will play a central role in achieving air superiority: With an unmanned Wingman at their side, fighter pilots can operate outside the danger zone. They give the orders and always have the decision-making authority. Supported by AI, the Wingman then takes over the dangerous tasks, including target reconnaissance and destruction or electronic jamming and deception of enemy air defense systems."

Truly, we are getting an idea of what the biblically prophesied "swarms of locusts," made up of various aircraft, from the smallest to the largest, will look like.

When Ukraine was testing AI systems that enabled drones to recognize enemy

equipment, few paid attention. But when it pulled the trigger, the world took note. How much more could Germany do with this innovation? Winston Churchill warned, “Beware! Germany is a country fertile in military surprises.”

It is true that America’s military is responsible for impressive advancements and innovations. But biblical prophecy doesn’t warn of American surprise attacks provoking world war. It specifically foretells of America’s military being *neutralized* and *blindsided* by foreign blitzkrieg, specifically from a German-led military juggernaut.

The Unsuspecting Victim

After American Rheinmetall Vehicles delivered autonomous, unmanned ground vehicle Mission Master SP to the U.S. Marine Corps, it demonstrated its armed variant in Fort Clinton, Ohio, in February 2024. Rheinmetall boasted how the vehicle “provides Marines a variety of remote-operated capabilities including armed reconnaissance, sentry over watch, fire support, flank security, screening capability and more.”

“And more” could include opening the door for Germany to take revenge on its World War II foe in a spectacular way.

Ukraine and Israel smuggled drone parts into Russia and Iran, respectively, in secret operations to enable them to launch drones within the enemy nation. But Germany *already has* Trojan horses placed all over America.

American Rheinmetall is a subsidiary of German automotive and defense manufacturer Rheinmetall, which was instructed in a 1944 meeting of top Nazi leaders and other industrial executives to fuel the Nazi underground. Today it plays “a pivotal role in U.S. military modernization,” its website states. To expand this mission, it acquired Loc Performance Products at the end of 2024.

What might Rheinmetall do to help execute a surprise attack on its unsuspecting client?

Another example of the U.S. foolishly trusting Germany is the approval by Congress and regulatory agencies for Bayer AG’s 2018 acquisition of Monsanto. Bayer AG’s history traces back to IG Farben, the infamous chemical company that helped empower Hitler and manufactured the gas for the extermination camps.

What if a surprise attack doesn’t come from a battlefield enemy but from a supposed ally who plotted not for mere months but decades? What if that ally is the third-largest economy in the world and has a history of starting world wars?

Instead of 100 attack drones, take 100,000, or even a million, spread across an unsuspecting country. Imagine the attack coupled with a 1000 Rheinmetall Mission Master SP unmanned ground vehicle armed with a variety of weapons programmed to kill and destroy. Add drones from Bayer, spraying not the usual pesticides but deadly poisons.

Their first target may be military air bases, radar sites, power grids, cities and top leaders—while a simultaneous

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large-scale cyberassault cripples the nation’s defenses and causes autonomous military and civilian vehicles, drones and machinery to run amok.

Imagine the surprise attack followed by 100 heavy drones armed with compact nuclear warheads obliterating military installations in coordinated strikes. Meanwhile, swarms of underwater drones target submarines, warships, aircraft carriers and civilian boats.

Combine such an attack with what international law forbids: chemical and biological warfare. Imagine drones dispersing engineered viruses over crowded cities; others release colorless, odorless toxins into reservoirs, rivers and farmland. Fields of crops are rendered not only inedible but deadly poisonous. Water taps transform from sources of life into instruments of death.

The war to end all wars

One of the Bible’s strongest warnings revolves around Germany’s rise. Understand the startling dangers—and how they lead to a vision of immense hope—by reading Gerald Flurry’s booklet *Nahum—An End-Time Prophecy for Germany*.

Imagine not knowing if your next breath, drink or bite could be your last.

The ensuing chaos would make the nation an easy target for an advanced military using hypersonic missiles (which Germany and many other nations are also developing) and fighter jets firing precision strikes on anything the first onslaught missed. By the time the ground invasion comes, with autonomous tanks and augmented human soldiers, most of the defenses would have already capitulated, and the vast majority of citizens would be ready to wave the white flag.

Whatever horrifying possibilities you may imagine, they are rapidly turning into realities in modern warfare. Not only could AI enable the execution of such attacks, it could draw on lessons from thousands of years of warfare to work out the most devilish war plan in history.

Futuristic Warfare Prophesied

No one wants to imagine what all-out modern warfare would mean for mankind. Yet the Bible warns that God will allow this nightmare to take its course so we experience firsthand the consequences of our rebellion against Him.

Jesus Christ called the time just ahead of us “great tribulation” (Matthew 24:21). He said that unless He intervened, no one would survive (verse 22).

This is what it will take for God to get mankind’s attention. But note: “Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory” (verses 29-30).

All the instrumentalities of war will appear as child’s play at Christ’s return. With supernatural power, He will end the world’s warmaking forever. ■



ARE GERMANY AND ISRAEL TRULY FRIENDS?

Germany portrays itself as Israel's ally while hatred for Jews, hatred for the State of Israel, and hatred for the Israeli government are rising in Germany. This has remarkable resonance in Bible prophecy. **BY JOSUÉ MICHELS**



GERMANY'S CHANCELLOR IS grateful that Israel struck Iran's nuclear program. "This is the dirty work that Israel is doing for all of us," Friedrich Merz told ZDF on June 17. "This mullah regime has brought death and destruction to the world."

"I can only say that I have the utmost respect for the Israeli Army for having the courage to do this, and for the Israeli leadership for having the courage to do this," Merz stated. If Israel hadn't acted, "[w]e might have seen months and years of continued terror from this regime, and then possibly with a nuclear weapon in its hands."

When the United States joined in the attack on June 21, Merz added that "there is also no reason to criticize what America did."

Few have been so outspokenly supportive of Israel's actions. But Germany, because of its history in perpetrating the Holocaust in World War II, has been uniquely supportive of the Jewish state. Next to the United States, it is Israel's largest weapons supplier, accounting for roughly a third of Israel's arms imports.

Chancellor Merz recognizes a fact that few others admit: Events in the Middle East directly affect Europe. Iran-sponsored terrorism has killed dozens of Europeans and sent waves of refugees to European shores. Iran's threat to block the Strait of Hormuz endangers Europe's economy. Its desire to violently seize Jerusalem would be fatal, not only for the Jewish population but also for sacred Catholic sites.

Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry has long warned that a combination of the above factors will likely define the prophesied push of Daniel 11:40: "And

at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over."

For decades, Mr. Flurry has identified Iran as the prophesied king of the south and Germany, leading a European empire, as the prophesied king of the north. The Bible says explicitly that these two powers will clash, signaling the final chapter of the present evil world. Europe's success against Iran will likely further endear Germany to Israel. However, as the next few verses and numerous other prophecies show, soon after that clash, *Germany will betray Israel.*

This may seem unbelievable—but it shouldn't. The warning signs are all around us.

Lessons From the Holocaust?

In a January interview, *Der Spiegel* asked Israeli-American historian Omer Bartov, "Doesn't the Holocaust serve as a lesson in humanity for Israelis?"

The question implies that Israel is acting inhumanly in its war against terror. Consider what a grotesque question this is. Six million Jews were brutally killed in the Holocaust. And on Oct. 7, 2023, Jewish men were killed, women were raped, families were gunned down, and babies were beheaded in a Holocaust-like crime. Yet this prestigious German magazine looks at Israel's retaliation and wonders whether the Jews failed to learn from the *Holocaust* how to treat their enemies with more humanity!

Everyone knows, or should know, that *Hamas* is murdering unarmed Jews while hiding behind unarmed

Palestinians as human shields. The accusation against Israel is *insane*. Yet here was Bartov's shocking answer: "On the contrary, it serves as a lesson in inhumanity. To put it bluntly, the Holocaust serves Jewish Israelis to see themselves as beyond any moral and ethical boundaries that apply to other people. They live in a state that occupies, humiliates and oppresses millions of people, a state that is not prepared to think about a way out without more oppression and violence. People can only justify or ignore this by referring to the Holocaust: *After what was done to us, we can do what we want. And the non-Jews have no right to tell us how to behave because they stood idly by while we were murdered.* This puts Israel on a completely different moral level."

One would have thought the unhinged accusations against the Jewish people died with Adolf Hitler. But this same kind of reasoning is taking root again in Germany.

After the Nazi-like barbarity of October 7, many people worldwide started accusing *Jews* of being the new Nazis. And many descendants of the Nazis seem to agree!

In a Bertelsmann Stiftung survey published on May 9 in *Spiegel*, 42 percent of Germans agreed with the statement: "What the State of Israel is doing to the Palestinians today is, in principle, no different from what the Nazis did to the Jews in the Third Reich." In other words, 4 IN 10 GERMANS BELIEVE THE JEWS ARE THE MODERN-DAY NAZIS. Only 38 percent disagreed, while 20 percent were neutral.

In the same survey, 29 percent admitted that Israeli government policy has made them dislike Jews more, and 28 percent believe Jews contribute to

anti-Semitism. If you take that reasoning to the extreme, as some do, you would conclude that the Jews *deserved* the Holocaust!

Many also agreed with typical anti-Jewish statements. For example, 27 percent agree that Jews have too much influence in the world. Asked whether the world should move on from the history of Germany's Holocaust, only 32 percent said no; 45 percent said yes.

Since the Holocaust, German leaders have felt a moral obligation toward the Jews and the State of Israel. In a 2008 speech to Israel's parliament, Chancellor Angela Merkel went so far as to call Germany's guarantee for Israel's security a "reason of state." Yet the memory of the Nazi genocide of the Jews is fading as the last survivors die. In that poll, only 1 in 3 Germans believes the country has a special responsibility toward the Jewish people; 1 in 4 sees a special responsibility toward Israel.

Worse still, many believe that, because of the history of the Holocaust, Germany has a duty to *stop* Israel. *Spiegel's* May 17 cover story, "How the Gaza War Is Changing the German View of Israel," says, "But what does the crime of the Holocaust mean for Germany? Does the Federal Republic of Germany primarily have a responsibility for Israel, for the Jews of this world? Or is Germany also responsible for ensuring that genocide and misanthropy—no matter where, no matter by whom—are not repeated?" What a moral inversion: Israel is guilty of genocide against the Palestinians, and Germany is morally obligated to prevent it!

Germany's shame over its crimes in World War II is being replaced by a sense of moral superiority. With this kind of twisted reasoning, encouraged by a biased and even blatantly deceitful media, it is no wonder Jews are increasingly hated.

The Bertelsmann Stiftung poll found that only 36 percent of German citizens have a "very good or fairly good opinion" of Israel—10 points lower than in 2021. Those with a negative opinion of the Israeli government have jumped from 43 percent in 2021 to a solid majority of 59 percent.

In contrast, 60 percent of Israeli respondents have a "very good or fairly

good opinion" of Germany. The last German government was viewed less favorably: Only 42 percent of surveyed Israelis viewed it positively.

Many accuse Germany of blind love for Israel. In truth, it is Israel that seems blind.

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Jew-Hatred as Government Policy?

While Chancellor Merz has praised Israel's attack on Iran's nuclear program, he has criticized its war on Hamas in Gaza, suggesting that it violates international laws of warfare.

At the WDR EuropaForum in Berlin on May 26, Merz accused Israel of causing "suffering to the civilian population" in a way that "can no longer be justified by the fight against Hamas terrorism." He added, "The Israeli government must not do anything that even its best friends are no longer prepared to accept."

Merz failed to mention that Hamas seizes United Nations humanitarian aid, sells them to enrich its leadership and arm its terrorists, and kills civilians who attempt to claim aid directly from the UN. When Israel began to ensure that humanitarian aid bypassed Hamas gunmen and reached those who needed it, the German government was outraged.

Merz has acknowledged that Germany must be muted in its reproach and said that if not for "historical reasons," he would be even more critical.

Before visiting Israel in May, German Foreign Minister Johann Wadephul said, "The humanitarian situation in the Gaza Strip has now become unbearable." He insisted that "the best chance for Israelis and Palestinians to live in peace, security and dignity" was to empower the Palestinians with their own state. He didn't visit Israel to support its fight against the October 7 terrorists; he was working to change its policy. Eighty years after the Holocaust, Germany believes it can tell Israel how to fight its battles.

This is happening while Israeli hostages are still being held—alive or

dead—in Gaza, and while the memory is still fresh of these Palestinians, who allegedly deserve their own state, para-gliding into quiet communities, shooting families, torturing women, blasting cars with rocket-grenades, burning people alive, and murdering family members in front of each other, then eating their breakfast amid the corpses. In the name of "humanitarian aid" and a "two-state solution," Germany and other nations are condemning Israel for fighting murderers.

In no sense is Germany qualified to teach the world about repentance and morals. In fact, Bible prophecy reveals that before it truly learns this lesson, Germany will repeat its most grievous sin.

A Sinister Plan

"Today the Arabs live in roughly one half of Jerusalem. They just don't control it—yet," Mr. Flurry writes in *Zechariah—The Sign of Christ's Imminent Return*. "... God gave all Jerusalem to the Jews, and because of their sins He is going to give their country over to the enemy."

Momentum is growing for the Palestinians to seize half of Jerusalem. Zechariah 14:1-2 prophesy that they will do so violently. The so-called peace process will end in disaster for Israel.

The Prophet Hosea reveals that Israel will then turn to Germany for help: "When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah saw his wound, then went Ephraim to the Assyrian, and sent to king Jareb: yet could he not heal you, nor cure you of your wound" (Hosea 5:13). Mr. Flurry explains in his booklet *Jerusalem in Prophecy* that both Ephraim (the prophetic term for Britain) and Judah (called "Israel" today) go to Assyria (or Germany) for help. He then states: "Is the *peace pact* with the Arabs the Israeli *wound* that God refers to in Hosea 5:13? There would have been no peace pact if Judah would have trusted God instead of men."

Judah's wound is increasingly obvious—and so is its one-sided trust in Germany.

Jesus Christ prophesied that the world is going to see "Jerusalem compassed with armies" (Luke 21:20). Correlating this prophecy with Daniel 11 and other prophecies shows that these armies will enter Jerusalem *peaceably*. "He shall enter also into the

glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon” (Daniel 11:41). Mr. Flurry notes: “The powerful European Union army will then enter the glorious land, or Israel. The word enter in no way indicates the use of force.”

Not long after the EU is invited in, the betrayal will occur. The Bible reveals the evil these armies will inflict on the Jewish people will be unmatched in history.

The rising Jew hatred within Europe is the beginning of a monstrous plot inspired by Satan the devil, who is in his worst wrath (Revelation 12:9).

That hatred spreading in Germany and across the world is a grave and urgent warning—not only of the danger of another Holocaust but of global conditions leading to a nuclear world war. Throughout history, rising anti-Semitism has repeatedly portended serious crisis. The *Guardian*’s Jonathan Freedland wrote, “Jews have often functioned as a canary in the coal mine: When a society turns on its Jews, it is usually a sign of wider ill health” (March 30, 2018). The 1940s marked not only the most murderous attack on Jews but also the deadliest war in history.

“How often have we heard that ‘history repeats itself’?” Gerald Flurry asks in “The History That Is Prophecy,” Chapter 1 in *The Former Prophets*. “It does—time and time again. [I]f we live the same lifestyles our forefathers did, we will attain virtually the same results—good or bad. History becomes prophecy. ... *History prophesies the fate of nations*—whether they will thrive or collapse! This is ‘a law of history.’ ... It is not about luck or happenstance. It is *a law of history*. If we break that law, the law breaks us!”

If we refuse to learn from it, historic evils will intensify, and the consequences will be far more devastating.

We haven’t yet seen the last of the world’s genocidal madness, but the Bible promises that soon, we will. Just after prophesying Jerusalem’s fate, Jesus Christ said: “And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory” (Luke 21:27). The bloody path toward Christ’s return could be averted *if* the world would heed God’s warning message today. ■

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looking to God and they have no faith. Men like Netanyahu are rare.

God’s Watchman

Continue reading in Ezekiel 33. Beginning in verse 7 a significant change takes place—God says that *He* chooses a watchman to warn the people: “So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and WARN THEM FROM ME.”

This is an end-time prophecy: God has a warning for the modern-day nations of Israel, and HE HAS COMMANDED A MAN TO DELIVER IT!

This is an *intensification* of the events in verses 1-6. Prophecy shows that the threats facing our world will grow worse—and *no political leader* can solve them. Sadly, the nuclear apocalypse that Netanyahu is desperately trying to prevent WILL HAPPEN!

The world MUST BE WARNED. God is trying to prevent worldwide genocide. “Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, TURN YE FROM YOUR EVIL WAYS; FOR WHY WILL YE DIE, O HOUSE OF ISRAEL?” (verse 11).

The success that Israel has had with Operation Rising Lion is going to give way to the *end* of the watchman work of a man chosen by the people. Then there will be only ONE WATCHMAN MESSAGE LEFT—that of GOD’S WATCHMAN, before the worst suffering ever on Earth!

You Need the Lion

In Amos 3:4 God warns, “Will a lion roar in the forest, when he hath no prey? will a young lion cry out of his den, if he have taken nothing?” THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH IS ROARING! How? A faithful group of people are delivering God’s message. Today, He roars through these people! But if we lack the spirit of the Lion of the tribe of Judah, we cannot do that.

After World War II, one reporter said

to Churchill, “You were like the lion of Britain.” Churchill responded, “No, I wasn’t a lion. But occasionally, I did get to give the roar.”

That is what those doing God’s Work must do: WE HAVE TO GIVE THE ROAR!

That watchman and his supporters need much more lionlike boldness than even Benjamin Netanyahu has. Operation Rising Lion is just a taste of the lionlike aggression we need. God clearly says we must have the character, the strength and the boldness of the Lion of the tribe of Judah.

The people doing God’s work today must understand this deeply: Our *leader* is the LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH. He is strong. He is fearless. And THIS LION MUST LIVE WITHIN US!

This is what Judah’s standard of the lion teaches us. If we are to serve God and do His work, we must be empowered by the Lion of the tribe of Judah. He is the example we must follow (1 Peter 2:21). This is no average lion—this is the LION OF GOD, the Lion who created David and all of mankind! This Lion possesses REAL POWER!

We have to be like that lion to serve God and carry on His work! We must be as bold as a lion (Proverbs 28:1). The lion turns away from nothing; it never retreats (Proverbs 30:30).

We are out in the vanguard of mankind, leading the way to the Promised Land! We are going to lead the world with Christ throughout the Millennium and then lead with God the Father and Jesus Christ for all eternity!

To qualify for that role, we must be building that lionlike leadership today. You don’t naturally become a leader. You must pray, plan and work to build leadership. AND YOU MUST FOLLOW THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH.

Those who follow that Lion today are learning and preparing to help Jesus Christ lead and serve mankind. Let’s take advantage of EVERY OPPORTUNITY to prepare to be kings and priests under the Lion of the tribe of Judah! ■

Heed the warning!

No world leader or organization will be able to save this world.
God warns, and He also provides a way to escape. Heed the warning.
Request Gerald Flurry’s free book *Ezekiel—The End-Time Prophet*.



German soldiers march during the inauguration ceremony for the 45th Armored Brigade; Lithuanians cheer (inset).

Lithuania in Prophecy

What Nazi Germany did in this nation is happening again.

BY GERALD FLURRY

MANY PEOPLE KNOW NOTHING about Lithuania; they couldn't even identify it on a map. Almost no one is paying attention, but some crucial, consequential history is repeating itself before our eyes in this little East European country.

For the first time since World War II, Germany has established a permanent foreign military base—and it did so in Lithuania. German Chancellor Friedrich Merz attended the official inauguration ceremony on May 22. Merz and Germany's 45th Armored Brigade were warmly celebrated by Lithuanians. President Gitanas Nausėda said he welcomed the German forces “with an open heart and sincere gratitude.”

The Lithuanians love having German troops back in their country. To them it means protection from the Russian threat.

Chancellor Merz responded, “We will not disappoint Lithuania.” “Germany stands by its responsibility today, tomorrow—for as long as it takes,” he said.

As notable as this is for Lithuania, it is also a big moment for Germany.

A New Era for Germany

“Germany's decision to deploy a permanent force of 5,000 soldiers to Lithuania is EXTREMELY SIGNIFICANT, because it signals the next phase of a new geopolitical era,” wrote George Friedman,

founder of Geopolitical Futures (May 27; emphasis mine throughout).

Why significant? Because although Germany is Europe's largest economy and most powerful country, for decades it has been cautious about asserting itself militarily. You would expect as much, given its ignominious history in World War I and II. But that caution is now vanishing.

“Germany's decision to deploy troops in Europe—which has been welcomed by the [United States] as well as other European countries—violates its commitment to modest ambitions for European leadership,” Friedman wrote. “Put simply, the deployment to Lithuania could presage the reemergence of Germany as a geopolitical force” (ibid).

Germany is now a geopolitical force—AGAIN. Friedman says this is EXTREMELY SIGNIFICANT. We are in a new era where the power is once again coming from Germany! How many people recognize this?

“With Germany having thus created a concrete military commitment in Europe,” Friedman wrote, “the question now is whether the deployment is the first of many European actions or simply a solitary act.” Based on Bible prophecy, I can tell you THIS IS NO SOLITARY ACT! The German military is going to expand to many other nations in Europe.

“But even if Germany's was a solitary act, it is a critical shift in Europe,” he continued. “The country has been a pariah state, albeit to a decreasing extent



since World War II” It was a “pariah state” militarily because NATO and other powers have *kept* it that way. But this is no longer the case.

This past spring, Defense Minister Boris Pistorius said, “Germany is READY TO LEAD.”

We are dealing with a different Germany today than we have for several decades.

It is rising up and has already

become the strongest military power in Europe. When you look at what Bible prophecy says about this, it is not good news. In fact, it should cause great alarm!

Ten Kings

The Bible prophecies repeatedly that Europe will have 10 kings united within a single empire (e.g. Daniel 7:24; Revelation 17:12). Other prophecies, which we will look at, show that this European superstate will be ruled by Germany. Do we believe God? Do we even know God—or have we forsaken God? We have to examine ourselves.

You can expect Germany's 45th Armored Brigade to stay in Lithuania permanently. Germany has ambitions to colonize other countries, and prophecy shows it will succeed. Soon, believe it or not, it will be even stronger than America.

We have warned our readers for decades that this would happen. Knowing those biblical prophecies, the late Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in May 1953 that “10 powerful European nations will combine their forces.” In August 1978 he warned, “The Europeans are far more disturbed about their safety in relying on United States military power to protect them than Americans realize!” He saw even then that they don't look to America like they had years before—and that is 20 times truer today!

“Europeans want their own united military power!” Mr. Armstrong continued.

“They know that a political union of Europe would produce a third major world power, as strong as either the U.S. or the USSR—possibly stronger!”

In his May 1953 article, he wrote: “Germany is the economic and military heart of Europe. Without Germany such a federation of nations is impossible. Yet the other nations of Europe will not trust Germany or a German leader. Still, in spite of this, it is probable that none *but* a German can provide the dynamic, inspired leadership required to organize such a political military federation.”

In a 1980 radio broadcast, Mr. Armstrong said, “A human body cannot live without its heart. And the economic and the military body that is to rise up and to restore the Roman Empire—the thing that we least suspect here in the United States—it cannot rise up without its heart. And its heart is in Germany.”

Germany is Europe’s HEART! And it now has the power over all of Europe—certainly economically, even militarily. They are far stronger than most people realize.

Germany’s permanent military deployment to Lithuania means that it is going to rule this country as it did in World War II. This is the start of Germany doing the same thing again, only far worse.

History Prophesied to Repeat

When Chancellor Merz visited Lithuania, he said he was appreciative of the two nations’ friendship, “[E]specially in light of the suffering that National Socialist Germany imposed on Lithuania.”

Those few words recall a history that must be remembered. Lithuania experienced brutal occupation and the extermination of its Jewish population during that period.

In 1940, the Soviet Union annexed Lithuania under the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact and imposed Communist rule. The Catholic Church faced severe persecution as the Communists sought to eliminate religious influence,

closing churches, imprisoning clergy and promoting atheism.

The situation shifted dramatically during World War II. In June 1941, Nazi Germany invaded the Soviet Union, including Lithuania, as part of Operation Barbarossa. When the Nazis drove out the Soviet forces, many in Catholic regions initially viewed them as liberators from Soviet oppression.

However, the Nazis established a brutal regime under the Reichskommissariat Ostland. The German occupation brought severe repression, including the persecution and murder of Jews, with significant collaboration from local Lithuanians.

After Merz’s comment in Lithuania, German-Foreign-Policy.com wrote: “He failed to mention that large segments of the Lithuanian population had, in fact, collaborated with Nazi Germany and actively participated in the annihilation of Lithuania’s Jews, while the suffering was mainly inflicted on the Lithuanian Jews. To Merz and Pistorius, not a word about the Jewish victims was worth an utterance” (May 30).

They are celebrating being back there, BUT THEY WON’T MENTION WHAT THEY DID TO THE JEWS THERE. That history is despicable!

There were about 160,000 Jews in Lithuania before World War II, comprising about 7 percent of the population. The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum says, “The Jews of Lithuania

had their own distinct and highly developed Jewish culture, including a special dialect of the Yiddish language. Lithuanian Jewry played a profound role in many Jewish ideologies, including the Jewish workers’ movement, Zionism and rational religious thought.”

After the war began, Jewish refugees from German-occupied Poland flowed into Lithuania, raising that number to 250,000—10 percent of the population.

But then GERMANY CAME IN AND MURDERED THEM! Many Lithuanians joined the slaughter and “carried out violent riots against the Jews, both shortly before and immediately after the arrival of German forces” (ibid). Even elements of the Lithuanian Church collaborated with the Nazis, with some clergy supporting or participating in the killing.

The Holocaust in Lithuania was devastating, killing over 90 percent of the Jewish population.

CONSIDER THIS HISTORY WHEN YOU SEE LITHUANIA WELCOMING GERMANY BACK INTO THE COUNTRY!

Germans should be fiercely ASHAMED of the atrocities they committed. Now they are back in Lithuania and are celebrating it. They act like they know nothing about that history and avoid talking about it. But Bible prophecy says it is going to be like World War II again—but even more despicable, hateful and cruel! We are about to see violence of all sorts, much of it against the Jews once again.

People ignore history and prophecy, but we are saying something about it. This world had better heed.

Encouraging Germany to Rearm

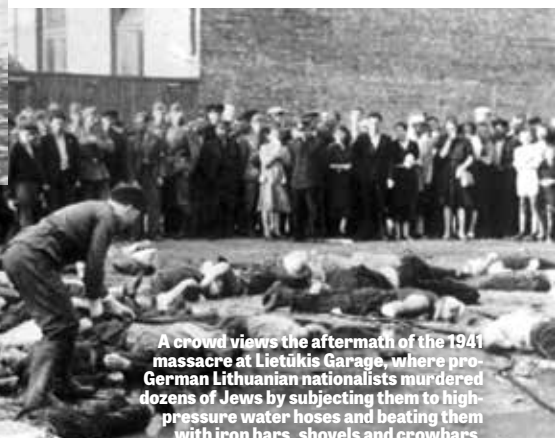
After World War II, the victorious Allies swore to keep Germany unarmed



A refugee family endures the jeers of uniformed Nazis.



A German soldier addresses Lithuanian Jews in 1941.



A crowd views the aftermath of the 1941 massacre at Lietūkis Garage, where pro-German Lithuanian nationalists murdered dozens of Jews by subjecting them to high-pressure water hoses and beating them with iron bars, shovels and crowbars.

forever. In February 1945, Winston Churchill and Franklin Roosevelt wrote: “It is our inflexible purpose to destroy German militarism and Nazism, and to ensure Germany will never again be able to disturb the peace of the world.”

Yes, Germany has ROUTINELY disturbed the peace of the world! And these statesmen determined to stop that forever. They solemnly stated it would be stopped.

What a failure that was! It didn’t happen that way at all. Mr. Armstrong explained how Germany’s Nazi leaders went underground, and how the industrialists planned—during the final months of World War II—to restore the nation to power after their defeat. That is exactly what has happened, and so much of it was and is with the help of America and the West.

And now, we are doing more than simply abandoning that promise of keeping Germany disarmed—we are encouraging the opposite!

U.S. President Donald Trump keeps pushing Germany to rearm. It is as if he knows nothing about Germany’s history. World War II ended only 80 years ago; that is rather recent history.

President Trump has been telling NATO nations that the U.S. will no longer underwrite their security and that they must boost their military spending dramatically. And NATO has agreed to do just that.

This has very concrete ramifications. NATO’s new goal is for member states to spend 3.5 percent of their gross domestic product on their military and 1.5 percent on military infrastructure. Germany is already planning to do that.

In 2015, Germany spent 1.1 percent of its GDP, or \$38.2 billion, on defense. Ten years later, it spent \$97.7 billion, making it the second-largest spender in the alliance after the U.S. In a new budget unveiled on June 24, Germany plans to boost its current military spending, to \$177 billion per year by 2029—well on the way to meeting NATO’s new minimum. If the EU as a whole met this 3.5 percent minimum, its military spending would jump from \$338 billion last year to \$679 billion.

Pistorius said in June that Germany needs another 50,000 to 60,000 troops to meet this commitment. They have already created a new brigade for the Lithuania deployment.

As these details were being hammered out in preparation for a NATO summit in June, the *Trumpet*’s Richard Palmer explained the main development: “NATO Just Agreed to Create a German Military Superpower” (*theTrumpet.com/31703*). “NATO is establishing German dominance over Europe,” he wrote. “That’s quite the turnaround for an alliance set up, in the famous words of its first secretary general, to ‘keep the Russians out, the Americans in, and the Germans down’” (June 12).

Those men knew that Germany had to be kept down or we would have another world war! They were right—and that is exactly where we are headed today.

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And Germany is going to start it, just as it did World War I and World War II, and many wars before that. The Germans are a great people, but they have caused more wars than any other people in the world. Their history has been a history of warfare!

How remarkable, then, that everyone is urging them to arm themselves: *Well, go on! We need you to be powerful and to help us in case Russia or China attacks us!*

To drum up more recruits, Germany is changing its relationship with its military. On June 15, Germany held its first-ever Veterans’ Day, honoring active and former Bundeswehr personnel since its founding in 1955. They are returning to celebrating their army!

Bible prophecy tells us this is going to make Germany the greatest power EVER.

God Is Full of Wrath

The book of Isaiah is primarily about the end time. Isaiah 10:5 quotes God making this extraordinary statement: “O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation.” “Assyrian” is the name in biblical prophecy for the

German people. God says He is going to use this people as the ROD OF HIS ANGER!

He continues, “I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets” (verse 6). “The people of my wrath” are the modern nations descended from ancient Israel—primarily the United States and Britain, as well as the Jewish state of Israel. (You can prove this in our book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*; request a free copy.)

God doesn’t like what He sees in these nations; He calls them *hypocritical*. They ACT religious and obedient to God, but THEY ARE NOT! God is full of WRATH against these nations. He has blessed them in so many ways, more than any other nation in the world, yet they have FORSAKEN God! He is going to correct them because of their sins and because they refuse to listen to Him.

Verse 7 says this about that German power: “Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so; but IT IS IN HIS HEART TO DESTROY AND CUT OFF NATIONS NOT A FEW.” This is the history of Germany! In peacetime, the Germans don’t consider themselves to be fierce and cruel, but in the heat of battle they inflict destruction far worse than anyone would expect. They have a *record* like no other people of CUTTING OFF NATIONS!

We don’t seem to understand that history, but we should. They understood it right after 60 million people died in World War II. That got their attention for a little while, but not long.

The world must be warned! Bible prophecy is being fulfilled in Lithuania today. Germany is about to start World War III!

We could prevent that if we would look to God and repent of our sins. That is what we must do: We *all* need to repent. We are all sinners, and we need God to help us! He could so easily stop this! We must bring God into our life. If you are ever going to solve any of your problems, you have to look to God and heed what He says.

If our nations do not repent—and time is almost up—the history from World War II will repeat itself in World War III. ■

The EU's First Dictator?



What is going on in Viktor Orbán's Hungary?
We spoke to one of his biggest critics to find out.

BY MIHAÏLO S. ZEKIC

HOW DOES A FREE SOCIETY DIE? With trials like COVID-19 lockdowns and disputed elections in hindsight, many are afraid to learn the answer to this question. But for the nation of Hungary, this is not a hypothetical question—the answer is playing out in real time.

Prime Minister Viktor Orbán admitted this in a 2014 speech: “[T]he new state that we are constructing in Hungary is an illiberal state, a non-liberal state. It does not reject the fundamental principles of liberalism such as freedom, and I could list a few more, but it does not make this ideology the central element of state organization, but instead includes a different, special, national approach.”

His statement caused many to worry about the “new state” he was constructing. More than 10 years on, Orbán is still at Hungary's helm, and we can see what he meant. In June, the *Trumpet* spoke to Csaba Lukács, founder and editor of the *Magyar Hang* newspaper, about what it is like for the opposition media in the country. The following are excerpts of our discussion, edited for flow and clarity:

How have conditions for the media changed since Orbán came to power in 2010?

Csaba Lukács

Ten or 15 years ago, if we sent a reporter to rural Hungary, it was really easy to reach interviewees, and they were happy to share their problems. Now, if we are going to the countryside and we want to interview a school principal or a medic, they would ask, “Do you have the permission of the Ministry of the Interior?” In Hungary, we don't have



anymore a Ministry of Culture or Ministry of Education or Ministry of Health. These departments are all under the Ministry of the Interior, and reporters need a permit from the minister. Even the local priests are questioned, “Do you have your permission from the bishop?” They are afraid they will be punished if they say something that does not fit the governmental propaganda. So it is almost impossible to get information.

We discussed the Orbán government's methods to pressure the media and society.

The governmental party made a new foundation. It's called Central European Media Foundation, and they bought out or captured more than 500 media outlets: TV stations, radio stations, web portals, print newspapers, daily countryside newspapers, all kinds of media, and they are spreading pure governmental propaganda. ...

We have been living in Hungary for more than 10 years in an emergency situation. They are extending that emergency situation year by year. They started with migration. Later on, it was a COVID emergency. Now it's a war emergency because we have a war in our neighboring country of Ukraine. So we are living in a constant emergency situation, which allows the government to rule without parliamentary permission. They can issue governmental decrees. There is no debate in Parliament They can restrict journalists' work as well.

The week we spoke, the government was debating a law that would have dramatically altered freedom of speech in the country.

Lukács There is one question which now is really urgent, and it could change

everything. One Monday evening in May, two minutes before midnight, a member of Parliament representing the ruling Fidesz party submitted a draft transparency bill to the Hungarian Parliament, and the proposal was quickly debated by the Parliament, and it was expected to be passed tomorrow [June 10]. The vote was unexpectedly postponed until autumn. Nobody knows why, but the threat exists. In that bill, every media organization and every cyberorganization and every company could be punished if they are spreading “pro-Ukrainian propaganda.” Every media company can be punished if they are “threatening Hungarian national sovereignty.” But it's not mentioned what that exactly means. ... That office will make a list of those organizations that are against national sovereignty. So they are deciding who are enemies and who are not. And those organizations on their list will not be allowed to receive any money from abroad, which means that all our YouTube advertising money will go If somebody wants to make a subscription from abroad, that would be totally illegal. If we are receiving even EU money, it would be illegal So if that bill is passed, that could be the end of independent media in Hungary. ...

The *Trumpet* has forecast for more than 35 years that Europe would become more dictatorial and turn into a 10-nation superpower. (Our free book *The Holy Roman Empire in Prophecy* elaborates.) In a July 2020 article, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote about Viktor Orbán: “It is almost certain that Hungary will be part of the coming 10-nation European superpower. ... EUROPEAN LEADERS ARE INCREASINGLY BEHAVING LIKE DICTATORS AND ASSUMING DICTATORIAL POWER. THE PEOPLE OF EUROPE ARE BEING CONDITIONED TO ACCEPT MORE TYRANNICAL LEADERSHIP.”

These statements came to life in our interview. Continue watching for Hungary and other European nations to favor authoritarianism over democracy, both within their borders and in Europe as a whole. ■

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‘Your Parents Don’t Want You—but Russia Does’

What do you call kidnapping tens of thousands of children and brainwashing them to become soldiers for the kidnapper? ‘Diabolical evil on the level of Joseph Stalin.’ **BY JEREMIAH JACQUES AND MIHAILO S. ZEKIC**

“YOUR PARENTS DIDN’T WANT you.” This is what 15-year-old Lisa was told by her guards after she and her classmates were taken from their school in Kherson, Ukraine, in September 2022 and relocated to the Druzhba camp in Russia-controlled Crimea.

Russia’s full-scale war on Ukraine had erupted seven months earlier. Druzhba was one of many camps where the Russians were holding Ukrainian children. Many of them were orphans, often because their parents had been killed by Russian troops. Others, like Lisa, still had family members who longed to be reunited with them. But they were often lied to by their captors: They were told that their parents were either dead, too poor and incompetent to get them back, or just uninterested in reclaiming them.

But Russia had a plan for them.

In a 2024 interview with Valasz Online, Lisa said she was held in Druzhba for two months with about a thousand other Ukrainian teenagers. From there she was transferred to a camp in Luchistyy, then to another in Henichesk. In these facilities, she was forbidden to speak Ukrainian and had to attend mandatory classes she called “Russian patriotic lessons.” These Ukrainian child captives were frequently made to sing the national anthem of their captors.

“My mother didn’t know where I had ended up,” Lisa said. But after eight months of separation and an arduous search aided by a Ukrainian humanitarian organization, her mother found her. “I ran to her and hugged her. Everyone was shocked that she had made it that far,” she said.

Lisa escaped from this Russian system. The outcome for her family was beautiful—but rare. The children she left behind “became pro-Russian,” she said, “especially if they had got there as orphans, even though they had been pro-Ukrainian. They had no choice. Only one point of view is allowed there.”

This horrifying reality is darkening the future of so many children.

But there are organizations, such as the one that helped Lisa’s mother rescue her, that are doing all they can to save children from this mass kidnapping and mass brainwashing effort. One of them is the Ukrainian Child Rights Network, whose chairwoman, Daria Kasyanova, spoke to the *Trumpet* in a May 14 interview.

‘Crimes Against Our Children’

Russia is carrying out “crimes against our children,” Kasyanova said, crimes against the most vulnerable, those often unable to fully grasp what’s happening, much less fight back.

The Ukrainian Child Rights Network tries to fight for them. It coordinates several groups that are working to bring Russian-kidnapped children back home and reunite them with their families or find them adoptive families.

Kasyanova said, “We would like that all Ukrainian children live in families, in the safety of families—not in institutions.”

As interminable as the war itself has been, the task of saving the numerous kidnap victims is sure to outlast it. Even if the war ended tomorrow, she said, the effort to repatriate stolen children would still take “years and years.”

And the war *won’t* end tomorrow.

Kasyanova fears that Ukraine—war-torn and brutalized—cannot save the children without “real actions” from “European governments and European people who understand the scope of this crime of Russia.”

Whether or not more outside help arrives, Kasyanova says the Ukrainian Child Rights Network remains “determined to continue to do everything possible ... to find these children and return these children back.”

Their goal is among the most noble a humanitarian organization could have. But it is proving extremely difficult because the Russians are determined to

continue the war, to escalate the war, to keep the children they have taken, and to take as many more as possible.

This Russian mass-kidnapping is wicked to the core. But it makes sense to the Russians.

Russia Needs More Russians

Russia's territory, the largest on Earth, is abundant in oil, natural gas, coal, timber, nickel, palladium and numerous other natural resources. But there is one resource Russia sorely lacks: people. In 2024, its official population was 146.1 million, down a stunning 17 million from its peak in the early 1990s. There are fewer than nine people per square kilometer.

The population crisis is partly because Russia's rates of drug and alcohol abuse are stratospheric, with tens of thousands of deaths per year. The nation also has one of the world's highest HIV rates, which kills tens of thousands more. Russians legally abort around 480 babies for every 1,000 live births, which is 2½ times higher than the United States' rate and considered by some the world's highest abortion rate. Tens of thousands of Russians have died every year since Russia launched its full-scale attack on Ukraine. Meanwhile, more than 100,000 affluent Russians emigrate to other countries each year.

Russia's birthrate last year was only 1.22 per woman—barely over half the 2.1 births per woman needed to keep a population stable. And the shrinkage is accelerating: Russia's national statistics agency reported 195,400 children born in January and February of this year, 3 percent lower than the equivalent period last year.

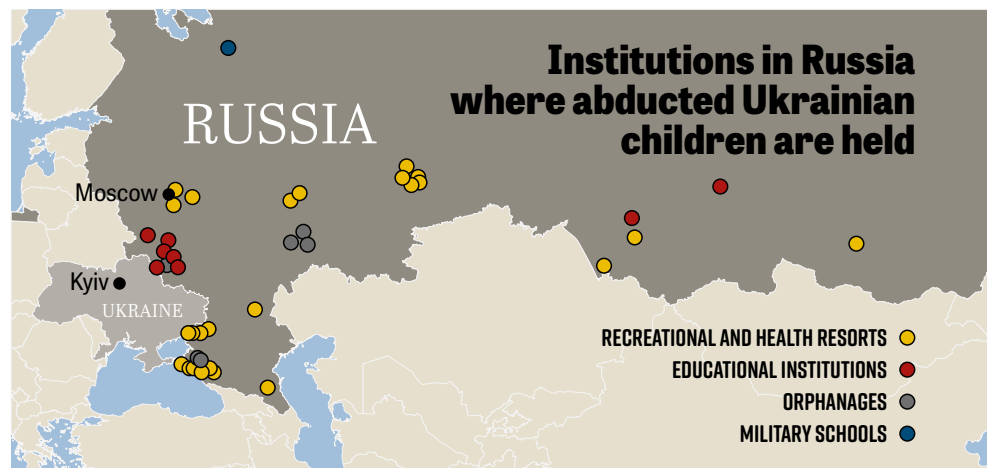
All this is assuming that Russia's official statistics are honest; serious analysts believe the government fluffs the data to make its demographic crisis look less severe.

President Vladimir Putin has publicly lamented his nation's demographic crisis on several occasions. He has urged his people to reverse it. He declared 2024 to be “the year of the family.” He specifically addressed Russia's potential mothers, saying, “Dear women, you certainly have the power to improve this world with your beauty, wisdom and generosity, but above all, thanks to the greatest gift that nature has endowed you with, the bearing of children.” Putin

has provided financial incentives for procreation and passed laws designed to curb voluntary childlessness.

None of this has slowed the decline. Deaths and emigration keep soaring, and babies keep vanishing into history.

This persistent demographic crisis is one of the reasons Putin invaded Ukraine, first seizing and annexing Crimea in 2014, then expanding his incursions into Ukraine in a full-scale attack in 2022. With the Crimea annexation, he added some 2.4 million people to Russia's population. With his ongoing invasion and mass kidnappings, he hopes to add millions more.



“The most successful population program that the Kremlin has had has been annexing neighboring territories,” economist Nicholas Eberstadt told the *Wall Street Journal* last year.

The Ukrainian government recognizes 19,546 “reports of unlawful deportations and forced transfers of children” from Ukraine's eastern regions. But the true number of stolen children is far higher.

“The true number of deported children is near-impossible to verify,” the Institute for the Study of War think tank stated in March, “but the implications remain the same: Russia has stolen tens—potentially hundreds—of thousands of Ukrainian children with the explicit intent of eradicating their Ukrainian identities and turning them into Russians.”

Russian troops invade an area, destroying targets and causing collateral damage, and dispersing, wounding or killing Ukrainian troops and inhabitants. There in the smoking ruins of what once were homes, farms, apartments, stores,

stations and schools, the Russians find—or seek out—the children. They take them—surely oftentimes drag them—to their vehicles, and all that they have known, including their brothers, sisters and parents, disappear into the distance.

Miles in vehicles and trains later, and stranger upon stranger later, the child arrives at Druzhba or one of the numerous children's camps the Russians operate. Portugal's Hala Systems used satellite imagery and both Ukrainian and Russian sources to compile maps of 136 schools, hotels, hospitals and summer camps in Russia, occupied Ukraine and Belarus that are operating

as mass-kidnapping camps. Some are deep in Russia, closer to Central Asia than Eastern Europe. One facility is in the city of Novosibirsk in central Siberia.

The aim of these various reeducation centers is to keep Ukrainian children from being found and rescued—and to begin erasing the children's Ukrainian identity and assimilating them into Russian culture.

“We were allowed outside for just 5 to 10 minutes, always under the watchful eye of a guard,” Artem, a rescued Ukrainian teenager, recounted. “Every time I spoke in Ukrainian, they told me to switch to Russian, but I kept speaking Ukrainian. ... [W]e were forced to wear Russian uniforms when high-ranking soldiers visited. Each morning, they handed us the lyrics of the Russian anthem and made us sing it.”

From the camps, the children are placed into a Russian foster family or, as is more common with older children, an institution run by the government. Many

are fast-tracked into military service. An investigation by Russian-language news organizations Verstka and iStories published in April 2024 found that many of the older kidnapped children are now wards of the Russian state and attending a cadet school in the nation's Saratov region. There they are trained for war.

The early war training is not just for teenagers. "We have seen some children as young as 8 that are being sent into very structured military patriotic programs," said Ashley Jordana, director of law, policy and human rights at Hala Systems.

This is perverse beyond words. But it is a crucial part of Putin's planning for future military conquests.

Future Wars Need Soldiers

Ukraine is not the only nation Putin wishes to conquer. Early in his reign he called the Soviet Union's collapse the 20th century's "greatest geopolitical catastrophe." Ever since, he has actively worked to reverse that "catastrophe" by retaking the former Soviet nations of Georgia, Moldova, Belarus and Ukraine.

He has more to accomplish in those countries, and he also has his eye on the Baltic nations, the Caucasus, Central Asia and parts of Poland and Romania. Putin and his comrades in the Kremlin believe they need control over these neighboring territories to make Russia great and to withstand—and make—strategic threats. And they understand they will not be able to win the future wars over those far-flung lands with an army of a few hundred thousand 80-year-old soldiers.

This is why they take Ukrainian children.

If Russia prevails in this horrendous war, many Ukrainians—possibly millions—are likely to be "Russified," trained and welded into the Russian war machine. They will then take their turn, perpetuating this same cycle, conquering

more people from other countries so Putin's forces continue growing, so that still more countries can be attacked.

This is Putin's grotesque plan.

If this sounds like a dark fiction, just look a little closer at some of the Russian troops doing the bombing, shelling, shooting, killing and kidnapping. Many are Chechen men. When they were children, their nation was independent and rabidly anti-Russia. But Russia waged two brutal wars against them in the 1990s and 2000s. Those wars killed more than 100,000 Chechen people and ended with Chechnya becoming part of the Russian Federation. Now, these Chechen children are adults. Many are soldiers fighting alongside the Russian forces their fathers fought against. They have been absorbed, assimilated and Russified, and are helping Russia do

to Ukraine what was done to their nation a generation ago. And if Putin's plans succeed, children from eastern Ukraine will grow up to fight against those from western Ukraine and other nations he targets.

Back in 2004, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry sounded the alarm about Putin's dictatorial ambitions. He highlighted Putin's links to his infamous predecessor in the Kremlin, Joseph Stalin. In 2008, Mr. Flurry again likened some aspects of Putin's leadership to those of Stalin. Then in his 2017 booklet *The Prophesied 'Prince of Russia,'* his comparisons are incisive: "Putin has a long pattern

of diabolical evil on the level of Joseph Stalin. An abundance of fruits prove that. ... No leader in Russia has equaled Putin's diabolical evil since Joseph Stalin."

To many, comparing Putin to Stalin back in 2004 and 2008 would have seemed alarmist. Even in 2017, it may have sounded extreme. Stalin is by most estimates the second-biggest mass murderer in history (after China's Mao Zedong), responsible for an estimated

20 million deaths. Millions of those resulted from a man-made famine engineered in the 1930s called the "Holodomor." He did it to stop people who wanted freedom from Russia. Those people were Ukrainians.

In 2025, it is hard to look at what Putin is doing in Ukraine—prolonged invasion, mass kidnappings, brainwashing of children—and not think of Stalin. Perhaps it is fitting then that the International Criminal Court in 2023, on the merits of erasing an ethnic identity, recognized Putin's mass kidnapping as genocide.

'Prince' of Russia Was Prophesied

Vladimir Putin is reshaping the global landscape and turning life into a waking nightmare for millions. This takes on deep significance when studied through the lens of Bible prophecy.

In the September 2014 *Trumpet*, Mr. Flurry wrote: "We need to watch Vladimir Putin closely. He is the 'prince of Rosh' that God inspired Ezekiel to write about 2,500 years ago!"

Mr. Flurry's article dissects Bible passages about an alliance of Asian nations that will amass in the near future a combined army of 200 million soldiers (Revelation 9:16; 16:12). He calls particular attention to Ezekiel 38:2, which says this gargantuan army will be led by a figure called "the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal" (New King James Version).

Meshech and *Tubal* are archaic names for the modern Russian cities of Moscow and Tobolsk. *Rosh* is a variant of *Rus*, an ancient name for Russia. These identities are affirmed by several reference books, including the *Benson Commentary on the Old and New Testaments* and the *Jamieson, Fausset and Brown Commentary*.

The book of Ezekiel paints a grim picture of the future military exploits executed by this Asian powerhouse, led by the "prince of Rosh." Putting these prophecies alongside Putin's track record of belligerence and evil, Mr. Flurry wrote in his 2014 article: "I strongly believe Vladimir Putin is going to lead the 200 million-man army. Just look at the power he already has. Can you think of any other Russian politician who could become so powerful and have the will to lead Russia into the crisis of crises? I see nobody else on the horizon who could do that."

UKRAINIAN CHILDREN PAGE 30 ►

Six stages of reconditioning

- 1 Separated from family/orphaned
- 2 Sent to a camp/orphanage
- 3 Issued Russian documents
- 4 Transferred deeper into Russia
- 5 Sent to state institute, foster family or cadet school
- 6 Indoctrination—identity erased (name changed, Ukrainian language banned)



A protester holds a Mexican flag as burning cars line the street Los Angeles, California, on June 8.

The L.A. Riots Are a Foreign Invasion

The appearance of Mexican flags amid the violence is a dangerous harbinger. **BY STEPHEN FLURRY AND ANDREW MILLER**

AFTER IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS Enforcement agents raided several sites in Los Angeles, California, for illegal immigrants, professional anarchists plunged parts of the city into chaos. Rioters looted stores, torched cars, and committed coordinated violence against law enforcement officers. In one particularly vicious attack, police were trapped under an overpass as protesters above struck them with rocks. Elsewhere, protesters waved Mexican flags, Palestinian flags and Soviet flags—and demanded to stay in the United States.

To restore law and order, President Donald Trump sent 2,000 National Guard troops on June 7 to help local law enforcement. Two days later, he sent another 2,000, as well as 700 marines to protect federal property. Appallingly, President Trump had to send this help over the objections of California Governor Gavin Newsom, who accused him of trying to “manufacture a crisis.”

Former Vice President Kamala Harris, another Californian, also sided with the protesters, accusing Trump’s administration of a “cruel, calculated agenda to spread panic and division.” Meanwhile, a reporter at the Los Angeles affiliate of ABC News said that President Trump was about to “turn what is just a bunch of people having fun watching cars burn into a massive confrontation and altercation between officers and demonstrators.”

You read that right! A reporter accused the president of the United

States of spoiling people’s “fun watching cars burn.” That is truly deranged thinking: watching a group of anarchists burn police cars while waving Mexican flags and concluding that the problem is National Guard troops trying to protect people’s lives and property.

The leftists siding with the rioters against the Trump administration are exposing themselves for who they are. They are not just the enemies of an enforcement action or a policy or a president or a party. *They are the enemies of Western civilization.*

These people are trying to tear down America—violently, if necessary—to replace it with a socialist state. This quest has turned the radical left into a fifth column for violent Latin American invasion!

Domestic Insurgency

MSNBC host Rachel Maddow claimed that the L.A. riots were part of the “joyful and sustainable opposition” to President Trump’s deportation agenda. Yet whatever “joy” anarchists take in burning police cars, it would be a mistake to characterize the riots as a “spontaneous protest” against President Trump.

More than 77 million Americans voted for President Trump in the last election, and opinion polls consistently indicate that his efforts to secure America’s southern border are popular. Those protesting the deportations are not loyal Americans but rather insurrectionists who want to dismantle the American republic.

In fact, an investigative report by @DataRepublican shows that the riots are well funded and well organized. The primary organizer of the protests is the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights, a Los Angeles County organization that received tens of millions of dollars in government grants from the Biden administration. Also, many protest signs can be traced back to the Party for Socialism and Liberation, a faction that believes the free market must be violently overthrown to establish socialism.

Neville Singham, an American billionaire living in China and working with the Chinese Communist Party, has helped fund anti-Israel protests at Columbia University and has close ties to the Party for Socialism and Liberation. House Republicans have already launched an investigation into potential Chinese Communist Party involvement in the Party for Socialism and Liberation’s attempts to stop President Trump from deporting illegal aliens from America.

Regardless of what Congress officially reports, however, there is already an abundance of evidence that the people committing violence in L.A. are not interested in giving illegal aliens a chance to assimilate into American culture. Their real goal is to use illegal aliens as a weapon to destroy American culture and replace it with an authoritarian socialist system.

“This is an orchestrated Communist assault on America, to destroy America’s borders, to create confusion in America, to overwhelm the system politically,” Trevor Loudon told the *Epoch Times* in 2019. “You can see what 15, 16, 20, 25 million new Democratic voters are going to do to this country. You will lose Texas; you’ll lose Florida; you will lose Georgia, Arizona and North Carolina. There will never be, ever, another Republican or conservative president in our lifetimes. You will have a one-party state in America. And that is the plan” (May 29, 2019).

This should concern anyone who believes in principles like the rule of law, separation of powers, equal protection and civil liberties. Mass immigration is a tried-and-true strategy that past authoritarians have used to achieve their goals. There are few better ways to fundamentally transform a nation than to encourage mass immigration from a

region where people think the way you want your people to think.

Foreign Invasion

Many news commentators are puzzling over why people who do not want to be deported from America are waving Mexican flags. If they want to stay in America, shouldn't they be waving American flags?

Things begin to make more sense when you realize that the people waving Mexican flags do not view themselves as immigrants to America. They view themselves as invaders from Mexico. Their real goal is conquest.



On June 9, Mexican Senate President Gerardo Fernández Noroña voiced support for the illegal aliens President Trump is trying to deport. “We’ll build the wall and pay for it,” he said, recalling a demand Trump had made years ago. “But we’ll do it according to the 1830 map of Mexico. ... Mexicans were settled in these territories before the U.S. The Mexicans living there are in what has always been their homeland.”

In other words, Fernández is claiming that President Trump cannot deport illegal aliens from California because California is rightfully part of Mexico.

The Mexican-American War ended 177 years ago. But this view is common in Mexico. Fernández is not a fringe politician; he is a top leader and potential future Mexican president. The fact that he is encouraging illegal aliens in the U.S. to stand up against President Trump shows that the L.A. riots are indeed part of an asymmetrical invasion—a Mexican Reconquista.

The U.S. entered World War I after it discovered a German plot to help

Mexico conquer the southwestern U.S. It appears the Mexican government has not given up this ambition. Fernández has maps of the territory he believes should belong to the illegal aliens that the Biden administration allowed into America.

In a *Federalist* editorial titled “Mexico Is Complicit in the L.A. Riots,” John Daniel Davidson wrote, “The first thing to understand about MORENA [a major left-wing political party] and the Mexican political establishment is that it’s essentially a criminal enterprise that has, over the past decade, merged with the country’s major cartels. Mexico essentially lost the drug war that began in 2006, and since at least 2013 the state has been so thoroughly infiltrated by the cartels, particularly Sinaloa, that today it’s difficult to tell where one stops and the other begins.”

The Mexican government wants to recover lost territory while the drug cartels want to make money smuggling people and drugs into the U.S., so the MORENA party and the Sinaloa cartel have allied against America. MORENA turns a blind eye to Sinaloa smuggling activities because it knows that such activities ultimately strengthen Mexico’s claim on Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas and other states.

Prophesied Destruction

In his seminal book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, the late Herbert W. Armstrong showed how the Anglo-Saxon peoples are descended from the ancient Israelite tribes of Manasseh and Ephraim. This means that the Bible’s prophecies about Manasseh and Ephraim—recorded and preserved for the end time—actually apply today to the U.S. and British Commonwealth, respectively.

“Ephraim allows himself to be mixed up with foreigners; Ephraim has become a cake unturned as it was baked. Foreigners eat away his strength, unknown to him; grey hairs are on him here and there, unknown to him. Israel’s pride shall confront and convict them; yet they will not come back to the Eternal their God, nor

seek him, in spite of it all. Ephraim is like a silly, senseless dove, crying to Egypt, flying to Assyria; but as they fly, I fling my net on them, and bring them down like a bird” (Hosea 7:8-12; Moffatt translation).

The Prophet Hosea often refers to the northern 10 tribes of Israel, which split away from the kingdom of Judah, as “Ephraim,” the most prominent tribe, and as “Samaria,” the capital. Yet his prophecies were spoken to Ephraim and Manasseh jointly when both tribes were ruled by King Jeroboam II. This is a prophecy for America and Britain.

These nations are mixing themselves with aliens who have no intention of adopting their laws or culture. Instead, these aliens want to claim land for the nations they came from.

“It is time for the American people to wake up!” wrote *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry in “**Communism in America Today**.” “Or is it already too late? The Prophet Hosea says that we allow ourselves ‘to be mixed up with foreigners. ... Foreigners eat away his strength unknown to him’ (Hosea 7:8-9; Moffatt translation). Foreigners are eating away America’s strength, yet we don’t even realize it because we have forsaken God. It is amazing how few people will really talk about what is happening. Our people are sick in their reasoning and are faint of heart (Isaiah 1:5)” (theTrumpet.com/go/communism).

The Trump administration is actively searching for ways to secure America’s border. Yet like senseless doves, the corporate media are siding with the invaders. Bible prophecy indicates that after a short reprieve during the Trump resurgence, insurrections like the L.A. riots will get much, much worse. A flood of unvetted foreigners pouring across the borders will intensify until America is brought down like a bird in a net.

As you see this prophecy coming to pass, remember the great God who made the prophecy—and recognize this as a curse on a nation for turning its back on Him. ■

America’s greatness was prophesied, and so was its downfall. Request Herbert W. Armstrong’s *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* to prove this for yourself.



WHY DID BRITAIN BECOME one of the most powerful and wealthy empires in history? One reason is that it possessed an extensive chain of overseas bases and passageways.

This enabled its navy to dominate the seas and therefore its forces and interests to dominate the coasts and much of the world. These bases gave the British nation “naval mastery,” historian Paul Kennedy wrote, and made it “extremely difficult for other lesser states to undertake maritime operations or trade without at least its tacit consent.”

This is more than history. These sea passages have never been more important. We live in an era “of extreme interdependence,” writes Rose George in her book *Ninety Percent of Everything*. “Hardly any nation is now self-sufficient.” The title of the book comes from the fact that 90 percent of the world’s trade travels on the seas and oceans.

But why was Britain able to acquire these sea gates?

The full answer to that question is a story of daring deeds, great leaders, economic forces, natural resources, technological development and much more. But there is a short answer: Britain owned them because God promised to give them to it.

A Promise of Greatness

Nearly 4,000 years ago, God promised the patriarch Abraham spiritual salvation for the whole world through Jesus Christ, who would be born of his line. He also promised Abraham’s descendants national greatness. This separate, physical promise included this detail: The national descendants of Abraham would “possess the gate of his enemies” and “the gate of those which hate them” (Genesis 22:16-18; 24:60).

“A gate is a narrow passage of entrance or exit,” Herbert W. Armstrong explained in his book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. “When speaking nationally, a ‘gate’ would be such a pass as the Panama Canal, the Suez Canal, the Strait of Gibraltar. ... We must look for a people forming more than one nation—yet all one people, children of



Throwing Away the Keys

Britain surrenders two of its last sea gates. **BY RICHARD PALMER**

Abraham—either now or in history who possess the sea gateways of the world, or we must deny the Word of God.”

Mr. Armstrong proved that Britain and America are those national descendants of Abraham. One of those proofs is that these two brother nations gained control of every major “gate” on Earth!

He also made a clear, bold prediction: Britain and America would lose control of those sea gates. “[W]e have lost most of them, most recently, the Panama Canal—and it appears that soon Gibraltar, too, will be lost,” he wrote.

On what evidence? In Deuteronomy 28:52, God warned these descendants of Israel that, rather than possess the gates of their enemies, their enemies “shall besiege thee in all thy gates.”

This prophecy has come to pass. Britain has given up its bases controlling the world’s sea gates, handed over the currency of world power, and compromised its security and the security of the whole world. Why would it behave so foolishly?

This is nothing less than a *national curse* for its disobedience to God!

Two of Britain’s most significant remaining sea gates are Gibraltar and

the Chagos Islands. And it has recently effectively signed them both away.

Surrender

The Strait of Gibraltar is the only western passage out of the Mediterranean Sea. The U.S. Navy regularly “sails” its nuclear submarines through the 10-mile-wide strait. One ship passes through this strait every four minutes. By way of comparison, the Suez Canal sees one ship every 20 minutes (when trade is not interrupted by Houthi terrorists), and the Panama Canal, one ship every 40 minutes. Without Gibraltar, access to the entire southern coast of Europe, northern Africa and, by extension, the western coasts of the Middle East is limited or, in the most drastic scenarios, impossible.

The United Kingdom, the European Union and the government of Gibraltar announced an agreement on June 11 that establishes a new post-Brexit relationship. Gibraltar will effectively join the EU’s Schengen Area. It will remain British territory, but British citizens flying there from the British Isles will now have to show their passport to do so, and Spain’s border guards now have authority to deny them entry. This arrangement also allows 15,000



Spanish workers who cross the border into Gibraltar daily to continue to do so.

If a Spanish border guard can keep British people out, is it really still British territory? And how much longer will this passageway remain British at all?

For the Chagos Islands, the surrender is even more complete.

The Diego Garcia military base, shared by the UK and the U.S., is one of the most important in the world. “The strategic location of this base is of the utmost significance to Britain,” the UK government states. “It enables rapid deployment across the Middle East, East Africa and South Asia and helps combat some of the most challenging threats we face, including from terrorism and hostile states.” The base allows Britain



and the U.S. to project air power into the Middle East without relying on the largesse of local powers.

Yet on May 22, British Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer agreed to hand the Chagos Islands, where the base is located, to Mauritius and to rent it back for 99 years—at a cost estimated to exceed \$40 billion.

Mauritius never owned the Chagos Islands. It has no historic claim to them. This would be like the U.S. giving Hawaii to the Philippines on the basis that the two island groups exist in the same ocean.

Why hand them over and pay for the privilege? A judge appointed by the Chinese Communist Party to the International Court of Justice issued a non-binding judgment saying Britain should give up the islands. When Britain signed up to the court, it explicitly exempted disputes with Commonwealth countries like Mauritius from its jurisdiction. Yet Starmer complied.

It just so happens that Mauritius is in China's pocket. China has built up its infrastructure and is its biggest exporter, sending it \$1 billion worth of goods. It is the only African nation China has signed a formal free-trade agreement with.

Could Mauritius allow China to open a base next door?

The deal requires Britain to notify Mauritius in advance of any attack it conducts from the base. Will the Mauritians pass that information on to China, which could then pass it on to a potential target?

Silly Dove

This daft deal is perfectly described in a prophecy about modern Britain found in the book of Hosea. It says that Ephraim—a reference to Britain, as Mr. Armstrong proved—“is like a silly dove, without sense” (Hosea 7:11; New King James Version).

“Ephraim, or Britain, has a ‘silly dove’ foreign policy!” wrote *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry in July 2000. “No silly dove nation can endure in a world full of hawks and tigers! This is a strong warning to a once mighty nation.”

Matthew Henry's commentary says the dove analogy is used because the bird is “easily enticed by the bait into the net and has no heart, no understanding, to discern her danger, as many other fowls do.” Is there a better example of a “silly dove” foreign policy than the Chagos deal?

These shameful surrenders are themselves proof of Britain's and America's prophetic identity. Mr. Armstrong explained, “As the ‘pride of our power’ continues to be broken, as the British continue to lose their foreign sea gates and possessions around the Earth, as America signs away ownership of the Panama Canal—control over this vital sea gate—as our gold supply drains away from this nation, weather upsets increase, this focal prophecy alone represents giant proof as to where the modern ‘remnant’ of the peoples of Israel resides today!” (op cit).

These precise, specific fulfilled prophecies point to God's intervention in world events. He can, and does, bless and curse nations. He wants all nations to experience abundant blessings, and He has a plan to turn all nations to Him. Mr. Armstrong's free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* does more than forecast—it explains *why*. It shows God's plan for Britain, the U.S. and the world.

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Ezekiel's description of “the prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal” has important meaning. “The use of all three names shows that this is an individual ruler of all the peoples of Russia, from the west to the east,” Mr. Flurry writes in *The Prophesied ‘Prince of Russia.’* “The reference to the cities of Moscow and Tobolsk helps us see how vast Russian territory is in these latter days. This giant swath of land indicates the prince will probably conquer more nations of the former Soviet Union.”

Mr. Flurry wrote this in 2017, years before the invasion of Ukraine. We are seeing this prediction being fulfilled in eastern Ukraine *right now*. Yet though Putin hasn't taken all of Ukraine's territory, he is working to take Ukraine's people. This includes kidnapping thousands of children and brainwashing them to love their wicked kidnapper. This is, as Mr. Flurry put it, “diabolical evil on the level of Joseph Stalin.”

Scriptures show that Putin's army will soon be many times larger than any ever assembled in mankind's bloodstained history. Most of the soldiers will come from countries that band together with Russia under Putin's rule, such as China. But Putin's campaigns to conquer countries such as Ukraine and steal their children will also help the force achieve its staggering prophesied size.

Some terribly dark years are coming for Russia, Ukraine and the whole world. But in *The Prophesied ‘Prince of Russia,’* Mr. Flurry emphasizes that the approaching era of war, darkness and suffering will not last long, and it will be followed by a serene future.

“Vladimir Putin is a sign, literally a sign that Jesus Christ is about to return! This is one of the most inspiring messages in the Bible,” he writes. “What we are seeing in Russia ultimately leads to the transition from man ruling man to God ruling man! ... A great transition is about to occur.”

The same Bible that forewarned us of the vast evil that Putin's Russia is committing and will increasingly commit also tells us that after the unprecedented violence, there will be unprecedented peace. There will be overflowing peace for the children and people of all ages in Ukraine, Russia and nations of all the world.

Why Pray?



You can have a two-way conversation with God!

P RAYER IS MEANT TO GIVE YOU A *PERSONAL, DIRECT LINE OF communication to the Creator of the universe*. You can make requests of the Almighty God and have Him direct some of His unlimited power to fulfill them, be they for peace, prosperity, protection, wisdom, healing or myriad other blessings for you, your family, friends, enemies, nation or the world.

Are *your* prayers being answered? If not, *why* not?

Is God listening? A growing number of people believe the answer is *no*. In a secular world, many *mock* the idea of prayer.

If these prayers are *not* being heard, why even pray? Yet if they are being heard, then why do we still see so much suffering, trouble and strife around us?

The Bible has much to say about prayer. Our free book *How to Pray* is written according to the foundational belief that *what the Bible says is true*—that it can be trusted and ought to be followed.

Scripture gives a great deal of instruction on how to pray. It explains *to whom* we should pray, what our *attitude* should be when we pray, what we should pray about, and many other details. It gives many spectacular examples of answered prayer and many *promises* from God to answer prayer.

If you apply yourself and *implement* what this book teaches, you will gain access to Almighty God! He will listen to *you*.

The Hebrew word for *prayer* used most often in the Old Testament means intercession, or supplication. The *literal* meaning is to prostrate oneself or bow down. In the New Testament, the Greek terms translated *prayer* mean to supplicate, worship or make prayer.

Supplication is an earnest request or humble entreaty. To *supplicate* means to ask for earnestly and humbly. To *entreat*

means to make a request in an earnest or urgent manner. Prayer can also refer to intercession or a plea. Prayer, then, is intercession or earnest, intense supplication to God.

Prayer is *our* part in a *two-way conversation with God*. God talks to us through His written Word, the Holy Bible, and we can talk to Him through prayer.

“When you study the Bible, God is talking to you. When you pray, you are talking to Him. You get to really know God in this manner, just as you become better acquainted with people by conversation,” Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in *The Incredible Human Potential*.

Real prayer is communication with Almighty God through our Savior, Jesus Christ. It is us talking to our heavenly Father in an attitude of humility, contrition, awe, reverence and deep respect. It is backed by the power and authority of Jesus Christ.

During Jesus’s ministry on Earth, His disciples asked Him, “Teach us to pray.” How did Christ respond? “And he said unto them, *When ye pray, say ...*” (Luke 11:2; also Matthew 6:5). He didn’t say, “*If you pray.*” God *expects* to hear from us. Matthew 6:11 makes plain that we should pray daily and ask God to supply our needs.

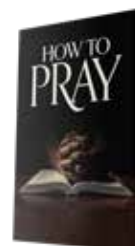
Notice Luke 18:1: “And he [Jesus Christ] spake a parable unto them to this end, *that men ought always to pray, and not to faint.*” And in Luke 21:36, Christ said, “Watch ye therefore, and pray always ...”

The God who sits at the controls of the universe is a *living*, active God. The Bible reveals that He controls all power, energies and forces. Revelation 4 gives a spectacular description of God in His heavenly throne room. He sits on a magnificent throne overlooking a dazzling glassy sea that gleams like crystal. Surrounding Him on lesser thrones are 24 impressive spirit beings wearing crowns of gold who serve within God’s government. Around His throne are four more spirit beings of even greater office, power and brilliance. And at His right hand is the living Jesus Christ. Out from God’s throne proceed flashes of lightning, rumblings and peals of thunder—and *angelic messengers* going to and from Earth.

Do you know this God? Do you *pray* to this God? You should! Learning to do so will not only bring more blessings, spiritual focus and power into your life, it will open up a wonderful relationship with the most merciful, loving, all-wise Being in the universe! ■

Effective prayer is not natural

But thankfully, it can be taught. This column is an excerpt from our free book *How to Pray*. This book shows you from the Bible all the tools necessary to truly connect to God as you never have before.



EUROPE

A trio of political crises reveal a fault line running across Europe: One side is pro-European Union, generally liberal, concerned about climate change and “woke.” The other side is the upstarts, sometimes rightly and sometimes wrongly described as “far right.” It generally opposes abortion, migration, “green” government initiatives and sexual deviancy.

Former boxer, historian and independent **Karol Nawrocki** won Poland's presidential election for the latter on June 2, by less than 2 percent of the vote, the narrowest margin in Polish history. The same week, the government of the **Netherlands** collapsed.

The leader of the fringe right, **Geert Wilders**, resigned after his demands for a greater crackdown on asylum seekers were not met and the two main parties let their divisions bring down their coalition government. A new election is expected in October, but it will probably put the nation back in this same position, unable to form a functioning government.

Portugal is in the same rut: On May 18, it held its third election in as many years.

Meanwhile, the parliament of **France** has become completely nonfunctional as the nation drifts toward a pension crisis, almost evenly divided between the far left, the center and far right.

Which way will Europe go? At the moment, nowhere. The

different camps are too evenly divided. In Poland, one party dominates parliament and determines the prime minister; the other controls the presidency and vetoes anything significant from the other side.

With European democracy grinding itself into a halt, the path is cleared for a strongman to seize power. Adolf Hitler took over Germany only after the economy had crashed and voters could not agree on a clear majority. Napoleon took over after bitter divisions between factions plunged the nation into crisis. Editor in chief Gerald Flurry has warned of this outcome since the first year of the *Trumpet*, and every year since. In the December 1991 issue, he wrote, “If a real crisis develops, will the Germans call for a new führer? Your Bible says that is going to



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MIDDLE EAST

In May, United States President **Donald Trump** met with new Syrian President **Ahmed al-Sharaa**. Trump announced that he wanted to remove all sanctions on **Syria**. One of the previous conditions for normalization was for Sharaa to expel the foreign fighters he had recruited to topple **Bashar Assad** last year. But on June 2, the U.S. dropped this condition. U.S. Special Envoy to Syria Thomas Barrack told Reuters that “there is an understanding” that the U.S. would allow these groups into Syria's government as long as there is “transparency” with the process.

Syrian officials told Reuters that **3,500 foreign fighters**

happen!” (“**Biggest World News Happening in Germany!**”).

According to data released by the Japanese government on May 27, **Germany** overtook **Japan** to become the world's largest creditor nation. Japan had surpassed Germany in 1991, but the Germans now hold \$4 trillion in net external assets. Being the world's largest *kreditweltmeister* means German businesses and individuals own shares in foreign companies, invest in factories and other projects abroad, and loan money to foreign governments and businesses more than anyone.

Few realize it, but this business dominance is no accident. In our November-December 2006 issue, the *Trumpet* warned in “**Germany's Corporate Blitzkrieg**” that: “Peaceably, through corporate mergers and acquisitions, German corporations are

reaching out beyond the borders of Germany to gain control of strategic industry. Even Germany's most notorious World War II companies, which were severely disassembled and banned from future arms production by the Allies, have emerged as European and global leaders.

“[T]his time Germany will not have to first fight to control Europe. Europe will find itself under Germany's economic control”

Proverbs 22:7 establishes that “the borrower is servant to the lender.” By this method of calculation, the greatest lender on Earth is Germany. ■

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would compose the new 84th Division of the Syrian army, mainly Syrians and Uyghurs from China and neighboring countries.

Sharaa leads **Hayat Tahrir al-Sham**, an offshoot of the al Qaeda terrorist group that fought Assad with the aim of turning Syria into an Islamist theocracy. The reason Sharaa's government has so many non-Syrians under its command is that they came to Syria to implement this radical religious vision. Sharaa may have switched titles

from “emir” to “president” and changed his clothing from military fatigues to a suit and tie, but the U.S. tolerating a branch of the same organization that committed the 9/11 terrorist attacks is naive at best.

The *Trumpet* expects a coalition of Middle Eastern peoples to form for the purpose “that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance” (Psalm 83:4). Verse 6 mentions the Hagarenes, an ancient name for the inhabitants of Syria, so the U.S. rapprochement with Syria will end badly. For more, request your updated copy of *The King of the South*.

On June 10, Israeli President **Isaac Herzog** publicly called for a day of fasting and prayer to ask God for help in retrieving Israel's hostages still held by Hamas. Speaking to newly confirmed



Donald Trump meets with Syrian President Ahmed al-Sharaa.

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rabbinical judges, Herzog said: “I propose that you do everything in your power, first and foremost, to declare a general day of fasting and prayer for our brothers and sisters held by murderers.”

The Bible records many examples of God miraculously giving help to those that beseech Him in fasting and prayer. But requests like these must also include faith and obedience (e.g. James 1:6-7; 1 John 3:22). Israel’s head of state calling for a day of humility before God is a step in the right direction. But it is the Israeli people’s actions that will determine what happens next. ■

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ASIA

China is supplying vital military materials and equipment to at least 20 of Russia’s military production sites, Kyiv Insider reported on June 2, based on information disclosed by Ukraine’s Foreign Intelligence Service. The report sheds further light on China’s vital support of Russia in its war against **Ukraine**. More than aiding Russia through trade and evasion of Western sanctions, China is directly supplying the Russian war machine with crucial military materials that Russia could not

source elsewhere. The Bible prophesies of an alliance between Russia and China, and shows that they and their partners will form an army of 200 million men and bring stunning destruction upon the world. Because of these prophecies, when China first began supporting Russia’s war on Ukraine, Gerald Flurry wrote in the *Trumpet*’s May-June 2022 issue: “When nuclear-armed powers show such solidarity in wartime, what does this mean for the world? I tell you, it is woe to the world!” (“**Asia Still Stands With Putin**”).

Japan’s Prime Minister **Shigeru Ishiba** and South Korea’s President **Lee Jae Myung** pledged during a June 9 call to lay aside decades of animosity between their nations and build a close relationship. Both nations are treaty allies of the United States and have relied on American security for decades. But as America declines, **North Korea** grows more belligerent and closer to Russia, and China’s aggression intensifies, the two see an urgent need for deeper ties. “The importance of Korea-Japan relations is increasing in today’s strategic environment,” Lee said. Japan and South Korea currently aim to ally so they can better stand up to Asia’s revisionist powers—namely China, Russia and North Korea. But Bible prophecy shows that as America declines and as those revisionist powers band together, efforts by other Asian countries to counter the Asian axis will not last long. Expect Japan and South Korea to eventually be absorbed into the Russia-China axis.

The people of **Taiwan** no longer count on **America** to help defend them from an attack by

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MILITARY	8TH LARGEST	5TH MOST POWERFUL
POPULATION	11TH LARGEST	28TH LARGEST
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China, the *Economist* wrote on June 11. Taiwan’s leaders have long calculated that if they can

survive a Chinese invasion for a month, then U.S. forces would have time to arrive and oust China. But after seeing U.S. President Donald Trump refuse to fulfill America’s legal obligation to defend Ukraine and his criticism of Ukraine as a nation naively trying to resist conquest by a larger neighbor, the Taiwanese fear that the same thinking applies to

them. As a result, the Taiwanese are now preparing for a lonelier and much longer war. The public efforts include stockpiling food, medicine and fuel, and carrying out regular warfare workshops and drills to help train the population. Gerald Flurry has long warned that “our freedom-loving friends” in Taiwan will be conquered by China—because of American weakness. He bases his forecast on Leviticus 26, in which God warns the Americans, the British and the other modern descendants of Israel that if they refuse to turn to Him, then He will “break the pride of your power” (verse 19). For more information, request **Russia and China in Prophecy** ■

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ANGLO-AMERICA

Prime Minister **Mark Carney** is changing the special relationship between the **United States and Canada**.

Carney invited **King Charles III**, the Sovereign of the **United Kingdom**, Canada, and 13 other kingdoms, to visit Canada and give the speech from the throne that will outline his government's agenda for the new session of Canada's parliament. The speech Carney's government wrote and the King read on May 26 focused on legitimizing Carney's radical economic policies.

"Canada is facing challenges that are unprecedented in our lifetimes," King Charles said. "Fundamental change is always unsettling. Yet this moment is also an incredible opportunity. An opportunity for renewal. ... [B]y staying true to Canadian values, Canada can build new alliances and a new economy that serves all Canadians."

Carney announced his intent to reduce Canada's reliance on the U.S. military and to invite in European forces. On May 27, Carney said that by July 1, Canada Day, **he hoped Canada will sign on to ReArm Europe**, a

European Commission plan to increase defense spending in the face of Russian aggression. Carney is eager to make the European Union one of the "new alliances"—to the detriment of the traditional U.S. alliance.

Isaiah 9:21 says, "Manasseh shall devour Ephraim, and Ephraim Manasseh; Together they shall be against Judah" (New King James Version). Since the U.S. and the British Commonwealth descend from Manasseh and Ephraim, respectively, this is about a time when the brother nations of the U.S., Canada and Israel oppose each other.

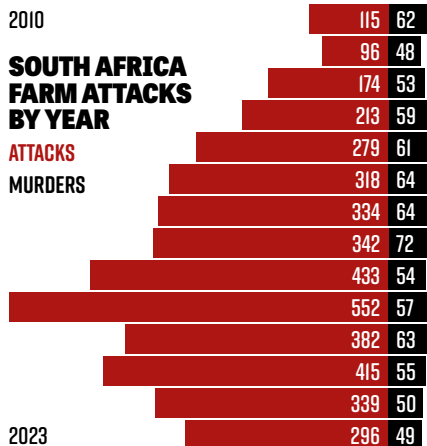
On May 21, the ongoing racial murders of white farmers became a focus of world attention when **U.S. President Donald Trump played a video at the White House in front of South Africa's President Cyril**

Ramaphosa showing South African politician **Julius Malema** calling for a violent revolution and singing, "Kill the Boer, the farmer." Ramaphosa said that Malema was not espousing official government policy, but the fact remains that at least 2,295 farmers have been murdered since

1990, the great majority of whom were white. The same spirit that motivates Malema's songs is motivating brutal, torturous, racially motivated violence. In the U.S., it is motivating hypocrisy in many who advocate and even riot in favor of immigration and asylum—but not for white South Africans.

A prophecy in Ezekiel 7:23-24 describes imminent racially motivated violence on a large scale: "Make a chain: for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence. Wherefore I will bring the worst of the heathen, and they shall possess their houses" The "worst of the heathen" refers to the type of non-Israelites who murder men, women and children. This prophecy says that so many bloody crimes will occur that they will be like links in a chain. ■

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In a War Zone, FLASHES OF HOPE

The shining light of the *Celtic Throne* tour in Israel was eclipsed by war. Our work is unfinished.

SIRENS WAILED. TRAILS OF FIRE STREAKED ACROSS THE night sky. Other pinpricks of light meandered toward them, flashed and became clouds, then smears in the sky, slowly descending and dissipating. I should have been in a safe room. Instead I was mesmerized watching ballistic missiles from Iran, Israeli interceptors, and flaming shrapnel raining down above Jerusalem. The few missiles that evaded the Iron Dome that night finished their deadly flights in the streets of Tel Aviv, Ramat Gan and Rishon LeZion. Iran was exacting revenge on the people of Israel for strikes against its nuclear facilities earlier that day.

Just the night before, I had stood on stage at the International Convention Center in Haifa, singing “Vision on the Horizon.” Our troupe was performing *Celtic Throne*, an Irish dance show, sponsored by the same organization that publishes the *Trumpet*. My wife and three children, along with several dozen other dancers, musicians and crew, had performed more than 60 shows across America over the past five years, and this summer was our first tour overseas, starting with Israel. After performing twice in Tel Aviv and once in Haifa, suddenly the tour in this country was over.

Being in Israel *before* the Iran conflict had been surreal, instructive and moving. Israelis were *already* at war. Their hearts are with the 49 hostages, living and dead, still captive to Hamas terrorists since Oct. 7, 2023. Everywhere—on buildings, bridges, fences, T-shirts—are yellow ribbons and signs with their pictures and pleas to “Bring them home now!” A mother of two small children told me how traumatizing the previous 611 days had been. Her children’s favorite game, sadly, is to make air siren noises to try to get Mommy and Daddy to hide. Our troupe marveled at the Israelis’ resilience and sober optimism.

We performed for 5,000 people over those three shows. We were unsure how we would be received. The answer, it turned out, was: with untrammelled enthusiasm. The Israelis were so grateful that a dance troupe from America would come, especially under the shadow of danger and despite a world that opposes the victims of October 7 more than the perpetrators. In fighting Hamas, they have demonstrated impressive will to defy those irrational critics and stand alone. But they still deeply

appreciate a hand of friendship. Audiences that, we were told, “never stand” gave us raucous standing ovations. Reviews brimmed with praise and poetry.

Celtic Throne actually evokes a complex mix of emotions. This show celebrates family, filling the stage with siblings and cousins (and one dad/uncle: me) who genuinely love each other. Seeing children, teens and young adults executing intricate dance steps in kaleidoscopic formations movingly testifies of discipline, hard work and joy in accomplishment. Set to a stirring orchestral score, the spectacle depicts hope and vision, good conquering evil. The experience is more poignant for its contrast with our hopeless world, which is hostile to family, filled with unhappy youths, unjust in its condemnations, and murderous in its warfare. Many Israelis

thanked us for providing much-needed refreshment amid turmoil and tragedy, for sharing our joy and hope.

Our scheduled shows in Beersheba and Jerusalem were preempted by the Iran conflict. We somberly watched footage of lethal missiles striking civilian buildings in Tel Aviv and Haifa, whose streets we had just walked days before. With the airports closed, our priority became finding a way out of Israel so we could continue our tour in Britain.

The lessons we had learned in the conflict zone were amplified by the lessons of our exodus. As one option after another failed, we prayed and fasted for deliverance. Then a series of miracles cleared our path. It began with reversing the steps of ancient Israel, traveling from the Promised Land to Egypt—and then a modern-day parting of the Red Sea to draw us back out, dealing with hotheaded and even crooked workers and officials. (Reporters Without Borders ranks Egypt in the bottom 6 percent of all nations on its corruption index.) Biblical injunctions to leave spiritual Egypt and sin, and promises to deliver by way of miracles as with the Israelites anciently, had fresh resonance.

Over a journey of some 45 hours, our 56-member cast and crew, carrying more than 150 bags with costumes and equipment, traveled 9,250 miles, crossing dozens of checkpoints, some in Saudi Arabia and Turkey, before we all arrived in the English Midlands. The voyage was instructive, unpredictable, exhausting, exhilarating, unifying and faith-building. The hostilities we escaped are only a tiny foretaste of the warfare about to engulf this world. The protection we beseeched God for and that He provided, dramatic as it felt, was nowhere near as dramatic as what He promises to provide for His people in the time ahead (e.g. Revelation 12:14-16).

Reflecting on that experience, I think of the Israelis still in the war zone, still fighting for survival. The flash of joy we provided feels so ephemeral, so inadequate. The warmth of their hospitality and enthusiasm showed that they are hungry for hope. And God wants to give it to them, and not just through a show. Isaiah foretold a most inspiring message God will proclaim to the Jews in these final days of man, telling His prophet: “[S]ay unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God!” (Isaiah 40:9).

The two canceled *Celtic Throne* shows—one in Jerusalem, the city God has chosen (2 Chronicles 6:6)—symbolize a much larger job unfinished ... for now. We yearn to return. ■

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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 7:00, 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 KPAX-DT 8:30, Sun; KTMF
9:30, 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-BUZZR 6:30, Sun
Plattsburgh WPTZ-DT 9:30, Sun;
WVMA-CD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Rochester WBGT-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; WFLF-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; WFLF-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;
WFLF-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
Winston WMYV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
NORTH DAKOTA
Bismarck KXMD 8:30, Sun
Dickinson KXMD/KXMC-DT2 8:30, Sun
Fargo KCPM-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KXJB
8:30, Sun
Minot KXMD/KXMC-DT2 8:30, Sun
Valley City KXJB 8:30, Sun
OHIO
Akron W27DG-D-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun;
WTVX 8:30, Sun; WTVX-LD-RETRO TV
8:30, Sun
Chillicothe WWHO-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Cincinnati WKRC-NEST 7:00, Sun;
WOTH-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WSTR-TV-
COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Cleveland W27DG-D-RETRO TV 8:30,
Sun; WEKA-LD-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WIVM/
WTVX 8:30, Sun; WTVX-LD-RETRO TV 8:30,
Sun; WJW-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WUAB
7:30, Sun
Columbus WOGB-BUZZR 6:30, Sun;
WSYX-NEST 7:00, Sun; WWHO-COMET
TV 8:00, Sun
Dayton WKEF 10:00, Sun; WKEF-NEST
7:00, Sun; WRGT-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
New Philadelphia WIVD-LD-RETRO
TV 8:30, Sun
Staubenville WBWO 9:30, Sun
Toledo WNNW-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Youngstown EYTV 11:30, Sun
Zanesville WBVZ 9:30, Sun

OKLAHOMA
Ada KTEN-DT 8:30, Sun
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Oklahoma City KBZC-LD-BUZZR 5:30, Sun;
KOCC-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KOKH-NEST
6:00, Sun; KWRW-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun
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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;
KNP-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-TV 9:30, Sun; WPNT-COMET
TV 8:00, Sun; WPNT-NEST 7:00, Sun;
WPTG-CD 6:30, Sun; WPTG-CD-RETRO
TV 8:30, Sun
Scranton WSWB-COMET TV 8:00, Sun;
WSWB-NEST 7:00, Sun
State College WANT/WWCP 8:30, Sun;
WHVL-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WJAC-TV-
COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Wilkes-Barre WSWB-COMET TV 8:00,
Sun; WSWB-NEST 7:00, Sun
RHODE ISLAND
Providence WJAR-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
SOUTH CAROLINA
Anderson WLOS-NEST 7:00, Sun;
WYCW 9:00, Sun
Charleston 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
Rock Hill WMYT-TV-BUZZR 6:30, Sun
Spartanburg WASV-LP-RETRO TV 8:30,
Sun; WLOS-NEST 7:00, Sun; WNGS-LD-
FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WNGS-LD-RETRO
TV 8:30, Sun; WSPA 12:00 p.m., Sun;
WYCW 9:00, Sun
SOUTH DAKOTA
Rapid City KLCO-DT 8:30, Sun; KRPC-
LP-FAMILY TV 8:30, Sun; KRPC-LP-RETRO
TV 9:30, Sun
Sioux Falls-Mitchell KRPC-LP-RETRO
TV 7:30, Sun; KSFY-DT 8:30, Sun
TENNESSEE
Chattanooga WDNN-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 WLFGBUZZR
6:30, Sun
Knoxville WKNX 1:30 p.m., Sun; WKXT-

LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WKXT-LD-
RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Memphis KPMF-BUZZR 5:30, Sun;
WHBQ 5:30, Sun
Nashville WJNK-BUZZR 5:30, Sun;
WNAB-NEST 6:00, Sun; WWHL-LD-RETRO
TV 7:30, Sun; WUXP-TV-COMET TV 7:00,
Sun; WWHL-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun
Spring City WOOT-LD-RETRO TV
8:30, Sun
TEXAS
Abilene KTXS-DT 8:30, Sun; KVII-TV-
COMET TV 7:00, Sun
Amarillo KCIT 9:30 p.m., Sun; KLKW-
BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KVII-DT/KVII-DT
8:30, Sun
Austin KGBS-CD-NEST 6:00, Sun;
KTBC-BUZZR 5:30, Sun
Beaumont KA0B-LD-RETRO TV 7:30,
Sun; KBTU-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KBTU-
TV-NEST 6:00, Sun
Brownsville KCWT/KNVO-DT 8:30,
Sun; KGBT-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun
Corpus Christi K33QP-D-RETRO TV7:30,
Sun; KIII ABC 9:30, Sun; KRIS-DT 8:30, Sun
Dallas KDAF 7:00, Sun; KDPI-BUZZR
5:30, Sun; KFWD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun;
KTDX-NEST 6:00, Sun; KTDX-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;
KVQT-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun
Laredo KLDO-TV-NEST 6:00, Sun; KYLX
8:30, Sun
Longview KDKJ-BUZZR 5:30, Sun;
KLNM-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; KLNM-LD-
RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KYTX-DT 8:30, Sun
Lubbock KLCW-DT 8:30, Sun; KYML-
BUZZR 5:30, Sun
Lufkin KLNM-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun;
KLNM-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun;
Midland KWAB-DT/KWES-DT 8:30, Sun;
KWES 10:00 Sunday
Nacogdoches KLNM-LD-FAMILY TV
6:30, Sun; KLNM-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun;
Odessa KWAB-DT/KWES-DT 8:30, Sun;
KWES 10:00 Sunday; KWWT 5:30, Sun
Port Arthur KA0B-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
San Angelo KTXE 8:30, Sun
San Antonio KABB 6:30, Sun; KMYS-
NEST 6:00, Sun; KOBs-BUZZR 5:30, Sun;
KRTX-LP-FAMILY TV6:30, Sun; KRTX-LP-
RETRO TV 7:30, Sun
Sherman KTEN-DT 8:30, Sun
Sweetwater KTXS-DT 8:30, Sun
Tyler KDKJ-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KLNM-
LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; KLNM-LD-
RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KTRF 11:30, Sun;
KYTX-DT 8:30, Sun
Victoria KVCT-DT3/KWVB 9:30, Sun
Waco K20KJ-D-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun;
KZCZ-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KZCZ-LD-COMET
TV 7:00, Sun; KWKT 6:30, Sun
Weslaco KCWT/KNVO-DT 8:30, Sun
Wichita Falls KAUZ-DT 8:30, Sun; KFDF
6:00, Sun
U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS
Charlotte Amalie WVXF 6:30, Sun
UTAH
Salt Lake City KBTU-BUZZR 4:30, Sun;
KJZZ-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; KMTI-LD-
RETRO TV 9:30, Sun; KUTO-LD-FAMILY
TV 8:30, Sun

Paiute-Richfield KSVL-LD-RETRO TV
9:30, Sun
VERMONT
Burlington WFFF 10:00, Sun; WPTZ-DT
9:30
VIRGINIA
Abingdon-Meadowview WLFGBUZZR
6:30, Sun
Bristol WCYB-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Charlottesville WVIR-DT 9:30, Sun
Dryden-Big Stone Gap-Norton WLFGB-
BUZZR 6:30, Sun
Grundy-Vansant WLFGBUZZR 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; KVVK-CD-COMET TV
5:00, Sun; KVVK-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;
KVVK-CD-NEST 7:00, Sun
Richland KEPR-DT 9:30, Sun; KORX-
NEST 7:00, Sun; KUNW-CD-NEST 7:00,
Sun; KVVK-CD-NEST 7:00, Sun
Seattle KCPQ 7:00, Sun; KUNS-NEST
7:00, Sun; KYMU-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Spokane KREM 6:00, Sun
Tacoma KUNS-NEST 7:00, Sun; KYMU-
LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Yakima KEPR-DT 9:30, Sun; KORX-NEST
7:00, Sun; KUNW-CD-COMET TV 5:00,
Sun; KUNW-CD-NEST 7:00, Sun; KVVK-
CD-NEST 7:00, Sun
WEST VIRGINIA
Beckley WVVA-DT 9:30, Sun
Bluefield WVVA-DT 9:30, Sun
Charleston WTPZ-BUZZR 6:30, Sun;
WVAH-NEST 7:00, Sun; WVAH-TV-
COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Fairmont WVUX-LD 6:30, Sun
Huntington WVAH-NEST 7:00, Sun
Oak Hill WVVA-DT 9:30, Sun
Parkersburg WCWP/WOVA-LD2
9:30, Sun
Wheeling WBWO 9:30, Sun
WISCONSIN
Appleton WCWF-NEST 6:00, Sun
Eau Claire WXOW-DT/WQOW-DT
8:30, Sun
Green Bay WCWF 10:00, Sun; WCWF-
COMET TV 7:00, Sun; WCWF-NEST
6:00, Sun
La Crosse WXOW-DT/WQOW-DT
8:30, Sun
Madison WKOW 5:30, Sun; WMSN-TV-
COMET TV 7:00, Sun
Milwaukee WTS-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun;
WTS-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun;
WTSJ-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; WVTU 10:30, Sun;
WVTU-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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GETTV Nationwide 6:30, Sun

ROAR 8:30 ET/PT, Sun

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

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

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

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CHCH 11:30 ET, Sun

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Prince George CKPG 9:00, Sun

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

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

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

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Winnipeg CIIT Joy TV 11:00, Sun

ONTARIO YES TV 7:30, Sun

Toronto WUTV 10:30, Sun

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

QUEBEC

Montreal WVN 10:30, Sun

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

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Nationwide MaTV 9:00, Sun

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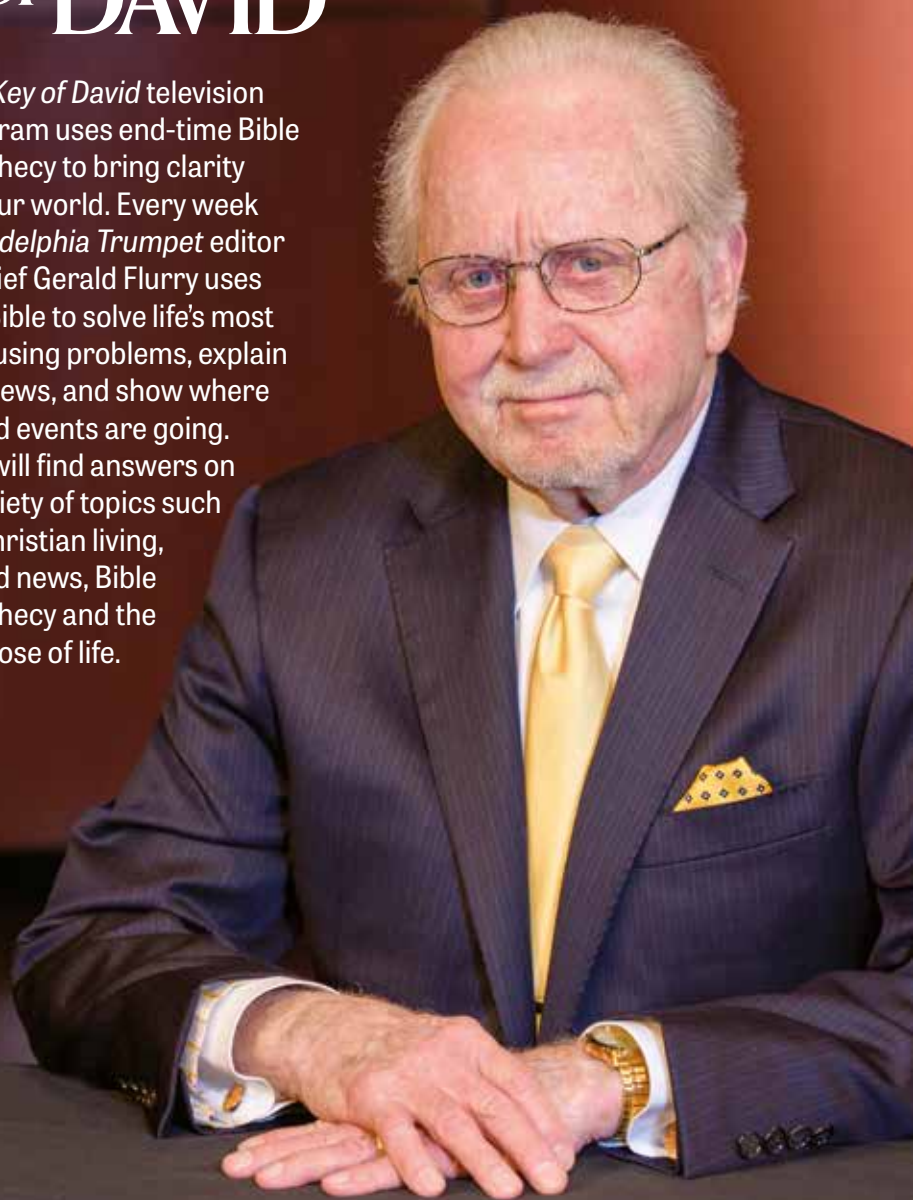
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