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in the age of Trump

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Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, Rep. Adam Schiff and Rep. Jerry Nadler are leading the charge in the impeachment of President Donald Trump.

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BARACK OBAMA

America Has Been ‘Fundamentally Transformed’

One man, foretold in your Bible, has wounded the nation from within.

AMERICA’S GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN EMBROILED IN A shameful impeachment charade for months now. The Democrats are demonstrating that there is virtually *no limit* to what they are willing to do to attack the president and undermine the last election—and the next one. Meanwhile, revelations continue to emerge about their abuse of the intelligence agencies to spy on Americans, even the president himself.

People need to understand what a dangerous threat this is to the very foundation of this nation!



What is happening in the Democratic Party is an extension of and intensification of a process started by the previous president.

When Barack Obama promised to “fundamentally change America” during his 2008 presidential run, few people knew what he really meant. Now that he is out of office, it is becoming clearer all the time that the change he was talking about was something far more dangerous than many people assumed.

He meant *changing America from a constitutional republic*. And what we are witnessing in the country today shows that, to an alarming degree, he succeeded!

In an address to Democratic donors this past November, Mr. Obama said that if Democrats want to be elected, they need to conceal their radical views. “This is still a country that is less revolutionary than it is interested in improvement,” he said. “Even as we push the envelope and we are bold in our vision, we also have to be rooted in reality. *The average American doesn’t think we have to completely tear down the system and remake it*” (emphasis mine throughout).

The average American doesn’t think that, but **HE DOES**, and these donors do! And he wasn’t telling them to abandon that goal—only to be **MORE UNDERHANDED ABOUT IT!**

Mr. Obama is contemptuously and openly discussing what he meant by *fundamentally transforming America*. Now that he is out of office, he tells us what his real goal was and still is—“to completely tear down the system and remake it”!

In the past, such revolutions usually caused millions of people to spill their blood.

If you think my view is unreal, consider this: Never have we seen a more **BITTERLY** divided America, and this man who fundamentally transformed America *caused* much of this division. He almost destroyed America’s constitutional republic. Never have we seen such hatred between American people.

All this ought to terrify every American. Many revolutions end in a civil war filled with suffering and death.

In America’s civil war, neither side will win. Bible prophecy thunders a deadly message that an enemy nation will conquer

us. We must wake up and repent for God to save us this time.

America’s current president, Donald Trump, is fighting back against that radicalism, and having some success. Perhaps the most important is the way he is exposing the crimes and evils of the radical left! Because of the progress he is making, many people believe that the danger is past and the nation is heading in a new direction. But sadly, this will not change the country’s direction. The only thing that would do that is **REPENTANCE BEFORE GOD**—and that is not happening.

The resurgence in America today is causing some people to grow complacent. That is a grave mistake. This temporary revival is just God giving people one last chance to repent! And that includes religious people. (This is explained in my booklet *Great Again*. All of our literature is free.)

ALL THIS IS PROPHESED IN YOUR BIBLE. But to understand it, you have to study it. If you do, then events in America will begin to make sense. Even more, you will be able to see where they are leading—**AND HOW SHORT OUR TIME REALLY IS!**

Communist Threat

After World War II, attention in America shifted away from the threat of Nazism and toward communism. Herbert W. Armstrong, looking at the prophecies of the Bible, was warning that Germany would rise up to dominate the world again. This is clearly prophesied (request our free book *The Holy Roman Empire in Prophecy*). But he also recognized that a genuine threat was emerging from Russia that could do considerable damage to the United States. This too is consistent with the Bible’s forecasts.

In 1956, Mr. Armstrong wrote about how Russia was waging a new kind of war against America, “a psychological warfare of propaganda, infiltration, subversion, demoralization. It is a warfare that has attacked our minds, our moral and spiritual values, rather than our bodies and our earthly possessions.”

Mr. Armstrong explained how this warfare works: “It’s a kind of warfare we don’t understand or know how to cope with. It uses every diabolical means to *weaken us from within*, sapping our strength, perverting our morals, sabotaging our educational system, wrecking our social structure, destroying our spiritual and religious life, weakening our industrial and economic power, demoralizing our armed forces, and finally, after such infiltration, overthrowing our government by force and violence!”

Think seriously about that statement. In a sense, this plan has been coming to pass in America!

When Barack Obama was a boy, his grandfather introduced him to Frank Marshall Davis, a card-carrying Communist Party member. Since young Barack lacked a father at home, his grandfather thought Davis would be a good role model. Davis was a rabid supporter of Joseph Stalin and his kind of communism.

How strong a supporter was Davis of Stalin's Soviet Union? Here is an excerpt of a poem Davis wrote called "To the Red Army," calling on the Soviets to rise up and show the West the real power of communism: "*Smash on victory-eating Red warriors! Drive on, oh mighty people's juggernaut! ... Show the marveling multitudes, Americans, British, all your allied brothers, How strong you are, How great you are, How your young tree of new unity, Planted 25 years ago, Bears today the golden fruit of victory!*" Obama had a close relationship with this radical Stalinist!

Barack Obama was also an admirer of Saul Alinsky, the infamous *Rules for Radicals* author. Yet a lot of Obama's beliefs were unknown before he was elected because the mainstream media didn't vet him. The press has a lot to answer for in the way they abetted this man and his ambitions!

Dr. John C. Drew, a political scientist who knew Obama at Occidental College, recounted how his girlfriend introduced the 19-year-old Barack to him as a fellow Communist in 1980. In a radio interview with Dr. Paul Kengor on *The Glen Meakem Show*, Drew said that back then Obama was predicting a violent people's revolution in America. But Drew explained to him that such revolutions are only successful in Third World countries, so it would be better to try to transform America into a Communist state one step at a time.



Students from University of California-Berkeley march in protest.

Communism Is Conquering Academia

“MARXISM IS DEAD EVERYWHERE except American universities.” That was the wry joke some told after the Soviet Union fell in 1991, at the end of a century in which 100 million people were killed in the name of communism. But 29 years later, communism has spread from the fringes of academia into mainstream education. Millions of former and current college students now support radical candidates and radical demands for America's future.

In 2006, about 3 percent of American professors said they were Marxists, according to a national survey conducted by Neil Gross of Harvard University and Solon Simmons of George

number was 18 percent—nearly 1 in 5.

The number of professors who admit to being more socialist than conservative has risen from 43 percent in 1970 to around 60 percent today, according to the American Institute for Economic Research. And the number of professors who admit to being “far left” has more than doubled, rising from 5 percent to 12 percent. Beyond these, however, many more professors follow the advice of leading socialist thinkers by masquerading as moderates.

Whether professors admit it or not, Marxist-Leninism is now the dominant model of history and society being taught in American universities. Under labels

This is exactly what President Obama worked to do during his eight years in office.

Mr. Armstrong warned in 1962, “[T]he ‘Communist Party’ is merely a TRICK term to pull the wool over our eyes and deceive us—a means of getting a fifth column into our midst—of getting the enemy's government into our very midst, leading us to accept it as a part of our government. ITS ONLY OBJECT IS TO DESTROY OUR GOVERNMENT.”

That is valuable insight! Communists mentored Barack Obama, and today he is telling Democrats that they have to be MORE DECEPTIVE if they really want to TEAR DOWN THE SYSTEM AND REMAKE IT.

Listen to the Democrats today. There is a lot of revolutionary talk. That party has been infiltrated and taken over by many of the ideas that the Communists promoted decades ago—ideas that are transforming the nation! It has become a political party far more destructive to America than the Communist Party!

Attempted Coup

A Czech Communist named Jan Kozák wrote a 1950s tract titled “And Not a Shot Is Fired” that explains how to hijack a nation through parliamentary maneuvers. The strategy requires pressure for radical change from two directions simultaneously: from the upper levels of government and from provocateurs in the streets.

The Obama administration used a similar strategy to fundamentally transform America. As president, Barack Obama appointed far-left judges and “deep state” bureaucrats to some of the highest offices in the land. At the same time, he supported radical firebrands from organizations like Black Lives Matter. The goal is to create chaos in the streets, and then have socialist leaders step in to “solve” the problem.

Mason University. Within the social sciences—a field partially fathered by Karl Marx—that

like “post-colonialism,” “anti-neoliberalism” and “social justice,” professors are teaching that the American narrative about individual liberty and limited government is a mask for the power of wealthy, white, European males. They tout alternative histories like Howard Zinn's Marxist-inspired textbook *A People's History of the United States*. This is why millennials are increasingly embracing socialism over capitalism.

How did communism become so strong in American academia?

During the Cold War, a Soviet Union spy named Yuri Bezmenov defected and escaped to Canada. He revealed that the KGB spy agency considered subverting nations so important that it allocated *most* of its resources to the project. “Only about 15 percent of time, money and manpower is spent on espionage as such,” he explained in an interview with G. Edward Griffin in 1985. “The other 85 percent is a

John Brennan was one of the most radical deep state bureaucrats in the Obama administration. While still a student at Fordham University in 1976, Brennan voted for Communist Party USA presidential candidate Gus Hall. Shockingly, Brennan was recruited into the Central Intelligence Agency just four years later!

Brennan rose through the ranks of the CIA until he became acting director of the National Counterterrorism Center under President George W. Bush. He retired in 2005, but then Obama asked him to become his Homeland Security Adviser in 2009. Four years later, he was promoted to CIA director.

Why did President Obama want a Communist running the CIA for him? Well, shortly after Brennan took that job, his department began illegally spying on the Senate Intelligence Committee. When he was caught, he lied outright and absolutely denied it, but he was finally forced to admit it.

Then, during the 2016 presidential election, Brennan was instrumental in drafting and publishing an Intelligence Community Assessment suggesting illicit ties between Russia and the Trump campaign. This assessment relied heavily on a 35-page dossier compiled by British former MI-6 intelligence agent Christopher Steele and paid for by Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign. The dossier accused Donald Trump of escapades with Russian prostitutes, among other things. *Not one bit* of the dossier was verified, yet U.S. law enforcement agencies used it to obtain approval to spy on Trump campaign staff member Carter Page.

This opened the door for spying on everyone surrounding Donald Trump. Conservative journalist Andrew McCarthy covers this history in his book *Ball of Collusion: The Plot to Rig an Election and Destroy a Presidency*. He explains that the *real* collusion in the 2016 election was not between the Trump



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campaign and Russia. It was between the Clinton campaign and Obama's deep state. Had Hillary Clinton been elected, the destructive trends that unfolded during the Obama presidency would have continued unchecked and surely would have intensified. MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE IT WOULD HAVE MEANT AN END TO OUR CONSTITUTIONAL REPUBLIC!

“THE MAIN PURPOSE OF COUNTERINTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS IS TO KEEP THE PRESIDENT INFORMED,” McCarthy writes. That is BASIC TRUTH. Yet these agents are somehow convinced that their job is to overturn America's last election and destroy the president! They are focusing all their attention on hunting for crimes so they can bring him down and overthrow the government! That is a COUNTERINTELLIGENCE INVASION—and it has unfolded right before our eyes.

AND IT ALL REVOLVES AROUND FORMER PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA! That must be our FOCUS.

slow process, which we call either ideological subversion or ‘active measures.’”

This “ideological subversion,” Bezmenov said, is a long process involving four stages: demoralization, destabilization, crisis and normalization. The first stage, demoralization, is now a familiar concept. Many who recognize America's obvious demoralization in the 20th century think it occurred accidentally, naturally or even fortunately. But former KGB agents, said Bezmenov, recognize it as an intentional attack designed to “change the perception of reality of every American” and destroy the country.

“It takes about 15 to 20 years to demoralize a nation,” Bezmenov wrote in his book, *Love Letter to America*. “Why that many (or few)? Simple: This is the minimum number of years needed to ‘educate’ one generation of students in a target country (America, for example) and expose them to the ideology of the subverter.”

Bezmenov warned—again, in 1985—that KGB agents and their socialist sympathizers would use abstract art, perverted music, pornographic images, homosexual activism, accusations of racism, pacifist foreign policy and socialist economics to demoralize America. Whether you believe him or not, *does this sound familiar?*

The obvious objective of socialists is to destroy America's morals, traditions, institutions and laws, and to conquer it with socialist ideology, policies and enforcement. It is now obvious to many that socialists recognized the importance of American education when many conservatives did not.

According to a former staff director of a Senate investigations subcommittee, in the years between 1935 and 1953, the Communist Party “enlisted the support of at least 3,500 professors—many of them as dues-paying members, many

others as fellow travelers, some as out-and-out espionage agents, some as adherents of the party line in varying degrees, and some as the unwitting dupes of subversion” (J.B. Matthews, “Communism and the Colleges,” *American Mercury*, May 1953).

The Communist ideology introduced to America has spread throughout the university system and is beginning to dominate high schools and even elementary schools. This fact is more significant than you might realize. Bezmenov warned that the end goal was to “change the perception of reality of every American to such an extent that despite the abundance of information, no one is able to come to sensible conclusions in the interest of defending themselves, their families, their community and their country.” You could argue that this goal has been reached.

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McCarthy writes that “NO ADMINISTRATION IN AMERICAN HISTORY WAS MORE PRACTICED IN THE DARK ARTS OF POLITICIZING INTELLIGENCE THAN PRESIDENT OBAMA’S.” That is an insightful statement!

The National Security Administration touts itself as being “the world leader in cryptology—the art and science of making and breaking codes.” It uses this expertise, it says, to safeguard U.S. secrets and outmaneuver enemies, “while at the same time protecting the privacy rights of the American people” (nsa.gov). The truth is that this agency was doing THE OPPOSITE of protecting Americans’ privacy rights: It was SPYING ON AMERICANS, and trying to invalidate the will of 63 million American voters!

I have written before about the meeting President Obama held on Jan. 5, 2017—15 days before Mr. Trump’s inauguration—with the NSA director, the CIA director (Brennan), the FBI director (James Comey), and the director of National Intelligence. “The officials in this meeting would need to figure out how the investigation of Carter Page and the Trump campaign could continue despite the fact that its central focus, Trump, was about to be sworn in as president,” McCarthy writes. Their effort had nothing to do with Page, who was never charged with a crime—it was all meant to *take down Trump*.

Together with Brennan and a group of top spies, Obama sought to overturn the results of the 2016 election, overthrow the Trump administration, and establish something much more than a new socialist government in the United States!

To truly understand how dangerous this was, you have to go back before John Brennan’s intelligence assessment, before the warrant to spy on Carter Page, and before the salacious dossier compiled by Christopher Steele. You have to go all the way back to a prophecy in the book of Daniel.

Antiochus

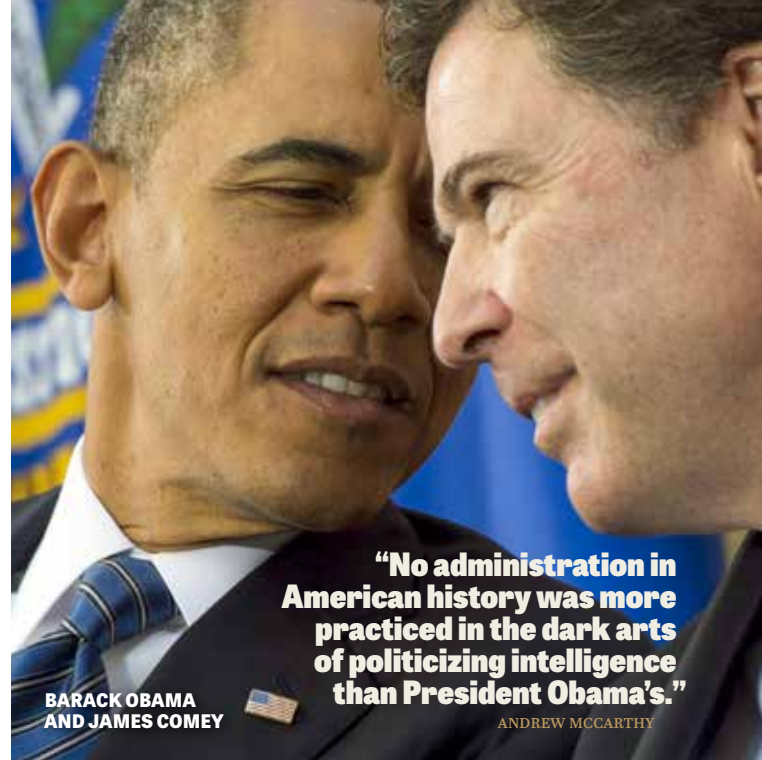
The biblical book of Daniel is prophecy specifically for the end time (Daniel 12:4, 9). God has revealed the meaning of this book in our day!

Daniel 8:9 prophesies of “a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the pleasant land.” Most Bible commentaries agree that this is talking about the 175 B.C. Seleucid King Antiochus Epiphanes. Antiochus was never meant to be king. He gained control of the Seleucid Empire by PRETENDING TO BE SOMEONE HE WAS NOT. Daniel 11:21 says he obtained rule through lies and flatteries before attacking the people of ancient Judah, slaughtering them, and desecrating the temple in Jerusalem with an idol bearing his likeness.

Daniel wrote his book during the sixth century B.C., some 3½ centuries before Antiochus came along. But that ancient fulfillment of this prophecy was only a *type* or *forerunner* of what is happening today. This is a prophecy for “the time of the end” (Daniel 8:17, 19).

In fact, there are THREE end-time leaders prophesied to come in the deceptive, destructive spirit of Antiochus. All three Antiochuses are Satan-possessed at certain times. They seek to **BLOT OUT THE NAME OF ISRAEL**, physically and spiritually! Two of these men are easy to spot in Daniel’s prophecy.

One end-time Antiochus “cast down the truth to the ground” within God’s Church (verse 12). A companion prophecy in 2 Thessalonians 2:3 calls him the “man of sin” and “son of



perdition”—THE SAME LABEL CHRIST GAVE TO JUDAS ISCARIOT (John 17:12). This man leads a massive “falling away” from God’s truth in the very Church of God! It is not a minor betrayal. It is A MONSTROUS BETRAYAL—LIKE JUDAS BETRAYING CHRIST! “Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot ...” (Luke 22:3). That is exactly what happened to the *end-time* son of perdition. An entire Church era was betrayed and led astray. (This is all explained in my book *Malachi’s Message*.)

Another Antiochus is prophesied to rise to power within a modern-day revival in Europe of the Holy Roman Empire. The political leader of this empire has a *mind change* (Habakkuk 1:11). (Both of these Antiochus figures are explained in my free booklets *Daniel: Unsealed at Last!* and *Habakkuk*.)

The *third* individual fitting this prophetic type has been hidden until now. Yet this *hidden* end-time Antiochus has caused horrendous damage to America!

Here is a description in Daniel that applies directly to the European Antiochus, but in principle it tells you a great deal about this leader in America as well: “And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and *understanding dark sentences*, shall stand up. And his power shall be mighty, but **NOT BY HIS OWN POWER**: and he shall destroy wonderfully [or mightily], and shall prosper, and practise, and **SHALL DESTROY THE MIGHTY AND THE HOLY PEOPLE**” (Daniel 8:23-24). This refers to the repentant lukewarm Laodiceans—God’s own Church.

We live in a time “when the transgressors are come to the full”! Lawlessness and sin are rife in America, even celebrated! **AND HERE IS A LEADER WHO UNDERSTANDS “DARK SENTENCES” AND IS EMPOWERED “NOT BY HIS OWN POWER,” BUT BY THE DEVIL, TO CAST TRUTH TO THE GROUND.** As McCarthy writes, “[N]o administration in American history was more practiced in the dark arts of politicizing intelligence than President Obama’s.” That understanding comes from evil spirits! Our Daniel booklet will prove that to you.

Satan hates everything God is about. He harbors terrible hatred for Israel—spiritual Israel (God’s Church) and physical Israel (modern-day nations descended from ancient Israel, particularly America, Britain and the Jewish state in the Middle East; you can prove this with our free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*). And he uses Antiochus-type men to undermine and destroy Israel—even to blot it out entirely if he can!

“And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes [Jesus Christ Himself]; but he shall be broken without hand” (verse 25). This verse concludes with the best news we could hear! It is talking about the Antiochus who will lead the Holy Roman Empire rising now in Europe. “Broken without hand” means this evil man will be destroyed by *spiritual* power! Christ Himself will break that dictator and evil empire when He returns! This too establishes the time frame of the prophecy.

But notice: Antiochus has a policy of CRAFT. He *deceives people*, appearing to come in peace before he destroys them! He is like Satan, who appears as an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14). He is deceitful and duplicitous, skilled at presenting himself as something he is not. He is the father of liars and was a murderer from the beginning (John 8:44). When he is involved, things lead to *murder* if we don’t wake up and understand what is happening!

God helps us understand who these Satan-inspired men are and what they are doing today.

To really see the *hidden* Antiochus, you have to study the part of the Old Testament called the former prophets—Joshua, Judges, Samuel and Kings. These books were written by prophets and contain a lot of prophecy for today. This study will bring your Bible *alive*—perhaps more than anything ever has.

A Hidden Antiochus

Anciently, when Israel rebelled against God and turned away from His law, God punished them. The Bible says “the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he delivered them into the hand of Hazael king of Syria, and into the hand of Benhadad the son of Hazael, all *their* days” (2 Kings 13:3).

Yet God did not allow Hazael and Benhadad to crush Israel completely. Verse 5 says “the Lord gave Israel a saviour, so that they went out from under the hand of the Syrians,” and 2 Kings 14:26-27 reveal who this savior was: “For the Lord saw the affliction of Israel, that it was very bitter: for there was not any shut up, nor any left, nor any helper for Israel. And THE LORD SAID NOT THAT HE WOULD BLOT OUT THE NAME OF ISRAEL FROM UNDER HEAVEN: BUT HE SAVED THEM BY THE HAND OF JEROBOAM the son of Joash.”

Just what is *the prophetic name of Israel*? First, it is spiritual Israel, or God’s true Church in this end time. Second, it is the nations of Israel. In this end time, the emphasis is on three nations of Israel: America, Britain (and the British peoples) and the Jewish nation (biblical Judah, the scepter nation).

God gave these three nations awesome opportunities to serve Him. But they have forsaken God. So God is going to punish them. All of this is explained in our book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, by Herbert W. Armstrong.

There are three Antiochuses, and each one of them explains a stage in the satanic attack to blot out the name of Israel:

one, Daniel 8:11-12; two, verse 24; and three, 2 Kings 14:26-27.

Satan’s goal is to “blot out the name of Israel from under heaven.” *That means from all over the entire Earth!*

The political Antiochus of 2 Kings has the same goal and the same fruits as the two in Daniel chapter 8. All three of these Antiochuses do the same evil work.

The *fruits prove* that as each stage unfolds. The first two cast truth to the ground: God’s truth and the U.S. constitutional truth (explained in my booklet *America Under Attack*). The last Antiochus does that and kills God’s repentant lukewarm Christians. It also will have many extermination camps, as Adolf Hitler did in World War II. He also was Satan-possessed.

God protects the saints who obey Him and proclaim His warning message.

This world worships the devil (2 Corinthians 4:4). But it is not even close to the way any Antiochus worships Satan. Each one is a special tool in the hands of the most evil spirit in the universe!

That is why the radical left is far worse than communism and Marxism! Adolf Hitler proved that. He too was Satan-possessed.

It is time for the nations of Israel to wake up to what is happening to their nations. We are facing catastrophe. Only God can save us from the worst physical crisis ever to strike this planet!

These verses in 2 Kings 14 show that anciently, the enemies of Israel wanted to *destroy Israel*. A man tried to blot out the very NAME of *Israel*, but God stopped him, and He did it *through Jeroboam II*.

It is important to understand the prophetic principle of duality. *History is repeating itself today*.

The book of Amos is for this end time. Amos 7 prophesies about a modern type of Jeroboam saving Israel in this end time—*temporarily*.

God won’t let anybody blot out the name of Israel—His plan for all mankind. (This is all explained in my booklet *Great Again*.) But you can see that this modern Jeroboam is not going to save Israel for very long (Amos 7). He and his followers have a great sin themselves. They must repent, or three nations of Israel are going to fall together.

Satan has been attacking the American superpower—and, as he so often does, he has been doing this *through an Antiochus-type*—from the inside. The spirit of Antiochus, of trying to “blot out the name of Israel,” is strong in the radical left and in what has become of the Democratic Party!

The spirit of trying to “blot out the name of Israel” is strong in the left and the Democratic Party.

Look at all that the Obama administration did to undermine American interests and empower America’s enemies! Think of the way they supported the popular Islamist uprising against Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak that ousted him from power. Think of the way they then *IGNORED* the popular uprising in Iran—then negotiated a grotesque nuclear deal with Iranian leaders that flushed them with cash and provided cover for ongoing nuclear activity! Think of the way they handled Benghazi, when a jihadist mob attacked America’s embassy on the

anniversary of 9/11. Obama officials shamefully told our soldiers to *stand down*—to let it happen—and those terrorists killed an ambassador and three other Americans! Then the administration tried to *EXCUSE* the attack by dishonestly blaming a video made by someone in America! Libya's leader, Muammar Qadhafi, had been an ally, providing the U.S. with important intelligence. He even gave up his weapons of mass destruction. But the Obama administration wanted him gone, and they *laughed* when he was brutally dethroned and abused by a radical mob. That country has been a hotbed of jihadist chaos ever since!

These are not the actions of a man promoting America. These are actions aimed at *blotting out the name of Israel!*

The radical left and its anti-American, Marxist ideas have virtually *TAKEN CONTROL* of America's Democrat Party. Democrats have taken to heart Barack Obama's pledge to "fundamentally transform America." And look at the ways they want to transform it: They want to tear down America's history, America's Constitution, America's moral standards, America's freedoms. They want to redistribute the nation's prosperity, revolutionize its economy, and revise its form of government!

Led by an Antiochus, their goal to "fundamentally transform America" is just a politically correct way of saying they want to blot out the name of Israel!

These officials have relied on the media to spread this information, and the mainstream media have been shamefully complicit! *They too* want to do all they can to overthrow the government!

This has been their goal from the moment Donald Trump got elected! *THAT IS TREASON!*

'Coup Has Started'

Mark Zaid, the attorney for the Ukrainian whistleblower, tweeted on Jan. 30, 2017, just days after President Donald Trump was inaugurated: "#coup has started. First of many steps. #rebellion. #impeachment will follow ultimately. #lawyers." Later that day he tweeted, "#coup has started. As one falls, two more will take their place. #rebellion #impeachment." In other words, if someone like James Comey gets fired, two more will rise up from the deep state to carry on the mission. And that is exactly what has happened!

A *coup* is a violent or illegal seizure of power. That is precisely what they have been working to do!

In December, the Justice Department watchdog reprimanded the FBI for relying on the Steele dossier to obtain its FISA warrant. In a 476-page report, the inspector general "identified at least 17 significant errors or omissions in the Carter Page FISA applications." In reality, those were not 17 errors—*THEY WERE 17 TREASONOUS CRIMES!* The whole process was aimed at staging a *COUP!*

These people believe the end justifies *ANY* means! They will *lie*, *defame*, *slander*—*anything they have to do to GET RID OF TRUMP!*

DO WE WANT A CONSTITUTIONAL REPUBLIC? The Democratic leftists *DO NOT!* All these activities that are being exposed show that in many ways *THEY HAVE ALREADY CHANGED THIS NATION FROM A CONSTITUTIONAL REPUBLIC TO A NATION GOVERNED BY SOMETHING EVEN WORSE THAN COMMUNIST PHILOSOPHY!*

You can only understand why they have had such success if you recognize the evil spiritual *power* at work—that demonic "host" of Daniel 8:12. Satan *HATES* Israel and all that God is doing, and he is inspiring somebody to try to blot out the very *name* of Israel!

The Holy Roman Empire Antiochus does his evil deeds "not by his own power" (Daniel 8:24), but by Satan's power! Satan and his demons have been cast down to this Earth and confined to this Earth in their worst wrath because they know their time is short!

Look at history, and you see the way Communists work: They tear things down until the chaos is so bad that they get control and then can *KILL* the opposition. They have *always* done that! And the United States has a lot of Communists.

You have to view their attacks on the Second Amendment in this context. They want to take away people's guns, because America's founders equipped the people to resist tyranny if necessary. They *spilled blood* to give Americans that freedom! Many lost their lives to create this constitutional republic and guarantee our freedoms. But there are always those trying to take those freedoms away, if we allow it.

They almost got away with a satanic coup! If Hillary Clinton had been elected, *they would have*. But God temporarily stopped this movement by raising up an end-time King Jeroboam II to lead a brief American resurgence. (You can read about this in my article "Saving America From the Radical Left—Temporarily" at theTrumpet.com/17092.)

Despite *ALL* the attacks on Donald Trump, first as a candidate and then as president, he seems to continue to come out stronger. Just look at the difference between the Benghazi debacle and the way that President Trump handled an attack on America's embassy in Iraq. He quickly ordered that attack put down, and then killed the top Iranian general! That sent the American left into a frenzy—but it shut Iran down quickly! It was the first bold move America has undertaken against Iran in *DECADES*, and I'm sure it will raise America's stature for some time.

Why are things going so well for Donald Trump? For one reason: because God is *USING* him to temporarily save the American superpower! God has plenty of power to control such events. God can easily change and redirect circumstances as He sees fit, and Satan is powerless to stop Him!

However, we must stay close to God. If we fail to do so, God will not protect us from Satan's worst wrath.

Sadly, this resurgence will not have the lasting effect that many people hope. As I said, only *NATIONAL REPENTANCE* would do that. But it is revealing in stunning detail just how corrupt the left is and how damaging their efforts have been! And in some ways it is driving them to even greater desperation and more extreme radicalism.

In fact, the radical left has become so emboldened by almost a decade of victories under the Obama administration that many of today's Democrats are no longer willing to accept Obama's deceptive strategy. If their efforts to stop President Trump don't succeed, they want a socialist revolution in the streets!

Civil War

Regarding the Communist goal to overthrow the government, Mr. Armstrong wrote: "Of course, if it could do this peaceably at the polls, it would—but it knows it can't, so it does stand for the *VIOLENT OVERTHROW* of the United States government" (*Plain Truth*, February 1962). In the decades that passed since Mr. Armstrong wrote these words, the nation degenerated so far that radicals *WERE* ABLE TO WIN AT THE POLLS! They won



What Is Your Child Learning in Public School?

Educators know if they can shape the next generation, they can reshape society. **BY JOEL HILLIKER**

P EOPLE ARE BEGINNING TO wake up to what has happened to American education. But they are waking up a couple generations too late.

For most of American history, schoolchildren learned reading, writing and arithmetic. They studied history, especially their own history, for several hours every week. They obeyed their teachers, and their teacher graded them based on their performance. They were rewarded for good behavior, punished for bad behavior, and taught the difference based on a tradition that traced back to the Bible. They were taught

that opportunity included accountability. They pledged allegiance to the flag.

For a schoolchild of the 1950s and before, reading this description of American school life would be about as surprising as a paragraph about the sky being blue and the grass being green. But in 2020, it sounds like a description of another world.

School entrances had no metal detectors; school hallways had no drug-sniffing dogs; students did not hit teachers; teachers did not get romantically

involved with students. Textbooks did not teach prepubescent children about “alternative” sexual behaviors. Boys competed against other boys. Girls competed against other girls. Boys used one bathroom; girls used another.

In recent generations, American education has drastically changed. At first, it seemed it had just weakened. Academic

performance declined, quality of instruction declined, behavior declined, the overall quality of high school graduates declined. Americans reacted with a collective shrug of the shoulders, a shaking of the head, and a *That's a shame*.

And it was. More than they knew. Now the decline has become a dive—a dive that is being *propelled* downward, not just by gravity but by an ideological agenda.

The Agenda

Jump from the 1950 classroom to the 2020 classroom: Students whose clothes smell like marijuana, knives and guns in backpacks, sex under the bleachers, scorn from students, bruises on teachers, pride for debauchery, hatred for standards, and so much more. Forget about knowing multiplication tables, who James Madison was, or how supply and demand work.

Much of this comes from unrestrained human nature. But even there, you have to ask, what happened to the restraints? And weren't some of those restraints *good*? The authority of the traditional American school is being replaced by a new authority—with restraints of its own.

Passé are virtues like patriotism, responsibility, honesty, courtesy, obedience, chastity and reverence. The new virtues are environmental consciousness, multiculturalism, opposition to patriarchy and white privilege, anti-colonialism, forced economic equality and transgender advocacy.

'How Important Is It to Be Right?'

Does your child go to school in Seattle? If so, he or she is under the authority of a school system that has partially implemented a new rubric for K-12 teachers that stuffs as many references to advocacy, agency, appropriation, disenfranchisement, empowerment, exploitation, feelings, identity, liberation, oppression, origins, power, resistance, validation and “people of color” as possible into three pages. What subject does this “ethnic studies framework” govern?

Math.

This policy compels instructors to teach that “math has been and continues to be used to oppress and marginalize people and communities of color” and that “technology and/or science have been and continue to be

used to oppress and marginalize people and communities of color.” Students will “identify the inherent inequities of the standardized testing system used to oppress and marginalize people and communities of color.” They will learn “the ways in which individuals and groups define mathematical knowledge so as to see ‘Western’ mathematics as the only legitimate expression of mathematical identity and intelligence,” and how white people use this “to disenfranchise people and communities of color.”



Apparently standardized tests violate civil rights and illegally discriminate against students who are disabled, low-income, multilingual or “of color.”

You might think your child is going to math class to learn fractions, long division, sines, cosines and tangents, but instead he or she will be asking, “How important is it to be right? What is right? Says who?” “Who gets to say if an answer is right?” “Where does power and oppression show up in our math experiences?” “Who holds power in a mathematical classroom?” “Can I recognize and name oppressive mathematical practices in my experience?” “Can I advocate against oppressive mathematical practices?”

In New York City, the nation's largest school system of 1,800 schools, Mayor Bill de Blasio's task force is calling for students to no longer be evaluated by their attendance, character and knowledge as revealed in auditions, attendance records, interviews and standardized tests. It is attempting to phase out gifted-and-talented programs. In Los Angeles, the Compton Unified School District and others are *suing* the University of California because it requires applicants to take standardized tests (the SAT or ACT). The plaintiffs say this violates their civil rights and illegally discriminates against students who are disabled, low-income, multilingual or “of color.”

These are just a few examples of the radicalization of public-school curricula in America and many other nations. Educators are teaching the next generation leftist views that depict the West, especially America, as oppressive, hate-filled and genocidal. They are exalting wealth redistribution and socialism while condemning free markets. They are encouraging students to become environmental activists. They are teaching radical views about sexuality, normalizing transgenderism, gender fluidity and sexual experimentation.

These educators realize something that too many others have taken for granted: The minds of children are worth fighting for. Leftists are using education to shape the next generation into tomorrow's activists and radicals. They recognize that implanting these politicized social concepts into young minds will **RESHAPE SOCIETY**.

Teach Children to Hate Thanksgiving

While the Seattle example has only been partially implemented, “Deep Equity” is a curriculum already being used in school districts across the country—even Middle America locales like West Des Moines, Iowa, and Chandler, Arizona. A California for-profit education company called Corwin developed this curriculum, which teaches that America exists as a hierarchy of oppressions. Students are learning to categorize white people into “white identity orientations.” “Fundamentalist white identity” consists of denial, ignorance and supremacy; “integrationist white identity” consists of awareness/curiosity, guilt and paternalism/compliance; and “transformationist white identity” consists in part of “systemic power shift.” They are learning that if you are a good white person, you will follow the steps of the “White Allies Action Agenda,” which include “acknowledge the reality of white racial privilege” and “use your privilege to work for racial and social justice.”

Corwin-educated students are instructed to “explicitly reject and resist any attempts by anyone in our school district or in the larger community”—such as parents—who reject its racial doctrine.

Meanwhile, last November was “Native American Heritage Month” at Portland Public Schools, Oregon's largest

school district. Students were taught to attack Thanksgiving Day and read from *A Young People's History of the United States*, a book that characterizes all natives as generous and saintly and all settlers from Europe as greedy and violent. Christopher Columbus, for example, was “hungry for money,” so “as soon as he arrived in the islands, he seized some Arawaks by force so that he could get information from them” to answer “Where is the gold?” This was “the start of the history of the Europeans in the Americas. It was a history of conquest, slavery and death.” This book aims to tell “the story of the discovery of America from the point of view of the Arawaks” and the story of the Constitution “from the point of view of the slaves,” and so on.

Eighth graders read, “The tragedy of Columbus and the Arawaks happened over and over again. Spanish conquerors Herman Cortés and Francisco Pizarro destroyed the Aztecs of Mexico and the Incas of South America. When English settlers reached Virginia and Massachusetts, they did the same thing to the Indians they met.”

One resource the school district recommends for celebrating Native



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American Heritage Month is a video produced by *Teen Vogue* in which the director has arranged six angry-looking Native American teenage girls behind a table with a traditional Thanksgiving meal. They inform student viewers, “The true story behind Thanksgiving was, after every killing of a whole village, these European settlers celebrated it, and called it Thanksgiving.” It says those who keep Thanksgiving “are actually celebrating the deaths of many people, and many tribes that were lost.” They end by saying, “Happy Thanksgiving, America,”

and flipping over the Thanksgiving table.

Thousands of young students went to their family’s Thanksgiving dinner this year after being instructed that it is a celebration of genocide. I’m sure the people behind this curriculum would be quite pleased if those young teens ended up lecturing their parents about genocide, war crimes and cultural appropriation. They might not be too disappointed if the kids flipped the table.

How pernicious. Of all the holidays celebrated in America, this is the one that focuses on a positive virtue, on an important aspect of healthy thinking: *thanksgiving*—being grateful for your blessings. What a vivid illustration of the toxicity of the leftist agenda that it is being twisted into an excuse to hate your country and to view your God-given blessings as evidence of racist oppression.

Teach Children Activism

American schoolchildren are also learning “climate literacy.” According to a 2016 Portland Public Schools resolution, all schools must “develop and implement curriculum that addresses climate change and climate justice” and must “abandon the use of any adopted text material that is found to express doubt about the severity of the climate crisis or its root in human activities.” It teaches children that entire economies must be redefined, that the fossil-fuel era must end, and that they must be activists and leaders for social justice and environmental justice.

What is “social justice”? Facing the Future, an education group, defines it as “the movement towards eliminating oppression and ultimately achieving equality in the distribution of goods and wealth among all groups in a society.”

If you think this is just about economics or even race, you are wrong. Activists, agents of the government, and businesses for profit are teaching young American students “activism,” “collectivism,” “equality in the distribution of goods and wealth” and “resistance.” This is how you teach a generation socialism and communism.

In many ways, the trend in education leans pro-socialist, anti-free market. Educators are eliminating competition, awarding trophies for participation rather than winning, and rejecting letter grades in favor of performance reviews.

Curricula are replacing hard sciences and mathematics with social studies.

Little wonder that a 2018 Gallup poll showed that a *majority* of 18-to-29-year-olds have a positive view of socialism versus capitalism: 55 percent to 45 percent.

The love for socialism is matched by—and depends entirely on—historical illiteracy. History is taught less and less, and when it is, it is of the “Thanksgiving



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celebrates genocide” type, demonizing Western civilization.

A November 6 *Telegraph* article referred to a recent poll of 16-to-24-year-olds in the UK conducted by Survation. “It found that 28 percent had never heard of Stalin, almost half had never heard of Lenin, and an astonishing 70 percent had never heard of Mao Tse Tung, whose regime was responsible for more deaths through murder and famine than any other in the 20th century.”

Such ignorance is a tragedy. Those invaluable lessons of history were written at staggering cost, and we are casting them aside. An uneducated generation is now rushing to repeat history’s bloodiest errors.

Teaching at Home Vs. at School

A group in Kentucky called the Nehemiah Institute conducts an annual test of high school students to identify their beliefs regarding politics, economics, education, religion and social issues—and whether they agree with the Bible. This test determines which of four categories students’ worldviews fit: biblical theism, moderate Christian, secular humanism or socialism. The test in 2015 showed that, in the words of Dayspring Christian Academy, “90 percent of students from Christian homes

attending public schools score in a range that indicates that their views are firmly grounded in basic tenets of secularism.”

In other words, the teaching at schools is more powerful than the teaching at home.

How critical is the education of our children! These leftist educators are taking it seriously. Proverbs 22:6 states, “Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.” This is what God tells parents: We have a duty to train them, while young, in the way they should go to prepare them for success in life. These educators are applying this principle *for perverse ends*. They know that if they can implant radical concepts into young minds, they will retain them for life and thus refashion society.

If we are to train our children in the way they should go, *we must know that way*. Far too many parents do not, and are thus allowing educators to move in and fill young minds with error.

Over and again in the Bible, God tells us to REMEMBER: Remember history, remember your heritage, remember the truth, remember the old ways. And a crucial means of doing that, He emphasizes, is for parents to teach their children, and grandparents to teach their grandchildren.

God told Moses to instruct people, “Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, *and that they may teach their children*” (Deuteronomy 4:10; see also chapter 6:1-7). He emphasized that fathers are to teach their sons well enough that they know how to be fathers, so they can teach their sons.

God created us to live for 30 to 40 years after our childbearing years. He wants three or four generations to be alive at one time. He wants children to have grandparents and even great-grandparents—because He wants *continuity*. He wants the past to live.

What happens if we fail? Then that way will be forgotten! That knowledge will die out. In fact, IT WILL PERISH IN A SINGLE GENERATION.

In our book *Child Rearing With Vision* (request your free copy) is a section titled “Parents Are Teachers,” which states, “A child must be taught how to live. When

God created the human family, He intended that parents be the child’s first teachers. ... Be prepared to educate your child from the moment he or she is born. Don’t wait for a schoolteacher to educate your child. You should view all schoolteachers as your assistants, not as your child’s primary educators.”

Deuteronomy 11 is an extraordinary passage, where Moses speaks directly to the remnant of the generation who experienced firsthand deliverance from Egyptian slavery. He tells them that the only way their children will remember that history is if they teach it, and says that cherishing and preserving that history was *necessary for national survival!*

It is almost painful to read, knowing what later happened to the nation of Israel. The period of the judges and of the kings that followed were marked by



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recurring spiritual failure—in large part because parents failed to fulfill their responsibility as educators.

Obedience to this command welds individual families into a single nation under God. It ensures national stability. Had Israel’s parents diligently followed this command, the nation would have maintained a significant hedge against departing from God’s way.

The importance of spiritual education to national survival isn’t a deep spiritual concept; it is common sense. At one time, Americans seemed to understand it.

One of America’s founders, Benjamin Rush, signer of the Declaration of Independence, wrote a publication, *A Defense of the Use of the Bible as a Schoolbook*, which stated, “Before I state my arguments in favor of teaching children to read by means of the Bible, I shall assume

the ... following propositions: 1) That Christianity is the only true and perfect religion, and that in proportion as mankind adopt its principles and obey its precepts, they will be wise and happy. 2) That a better knowledge of this religion is to be acquired by reading the Bible than in any other way. 3) That the Bible contains more knowledge necessary to man in his present state than any other book in the world.” This was common thinking at the time of America’s founding.

Samuel Adams, considered the father of the American Revolution, said, “Let divines and philosophers, statesmen and patriots, unite their endeavors to renovate the age, by impressing the minds of men with the importance of educating their little boys and girls—of inculcating in the minds of youth the fear and love of the deity and universal philanthropy; and in subordination to these great principles, the love of their country—of instructing them in the art of self-government, without which they never can act a wise part in the government of societies, great or small; in short, of leading them in the study and practice of the exalted virtues of the Christian system ...”

The founding generation was grounded in biblical principles, and they expected these to be the bedrock of education.

Sex Indoctrination

Clearly, much has changed. Schools have banished Bible education in favor of entirely humanist, secular thinking. They have expelled moral instruction and evicted God altogether.

Sadly, it isn’t just *political* indoctrination that educators are forcing on our children.

An NBC affiliate in Austin, Texas, reported on Oct. 28, 2019, “Austin Independent School District’s board unanimously approved a controversial new sex-education curriculum. The curriculum spans grades three through eight. Under the new curriculum, for the first time, the district will teach students about gender identity and sexual orientation. The lessons will also help kids identify an adult they can trust; plus talk to them about options if they get pregnant, and seventh graders would learn how to use a condom.”

I have a son in seventh grade—12 years



Keep Moving Through the Decades

From boosting your mood to lengthening your life, find out how exercise benefits you as you age. **BY JORG MARDIAN**

THE LAW OF INERTIA DICTATES THAT A body in motion stays in motion. This is also true of your human body: Continue to exercise as you age, and you will preserve your strength and vitality.

For thousands of years, human beings have had to move in our work, our transportation, our leisure, even to fetch water. But recent generations have designed our society to take our bodies out of motion: We sit at home, sit at school, sit at work, sit on vacation, sit for meals, sit as we commute. For most of us, daily life requires very little movement. A body at rest tends to stay at rest. And when bodies, young and old, that were designed to move do not move, they are sapped of their strength.

Childhood

The CDC recommends 60 minutes per day of moderate to vigorous activity for children. Unfortunately, movement has largely been replaced with sitting in front of screens. The American Academy of Pediatrics says only 5.2 percent of U.S. children meet daily recommendations for exercise, so if you have children who are active compared to other

Less than a quarter of Americans now meet minimum exercise recommendations. In less than two generations, exercise has dropped by 32 percent. The National Institutes of Health report that chronic diseases are connected to a lack of physical activity. Keeping active will not only raise your quality of life, but statistics show it will lower your risk of major illness by 50 percent and reduce your risk of early death by roughly 30 percent.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend at least 150 minutes of strength training and cardiovascular activity per week. Use the following advice to stay motivated and active through the decades.

children, they may need to become even more active for the best physical and mental health.

Very young children should be allowed plenty of free play with emphasis on fun, exploration and experimentation. As children get older, organized sports like soccer and swimming can help establish a healthy activity level.

Your 20s

When you are in your 20s, you should have high energy and a low body mass. You are able to work out strenuously and push yourself hard. Avoid injury, but know that strength is your friend. Focus on a combination of cardiovascular exercise and weight training, five times weekly. Challenge your cardiovascular system and all major muscle groups for a good foundation of health for later in life.

Your 30s

Family and career demands are intensifying, and you often have to work harder to fit healthy bodily movement into your schedule. A *Muscle, Ligaments and Tendons Journal* study found that muscle, bone mass and strength begin a steady decline of between 16 to 40 percent in the ensuing decades. Reduced amounts of your natural human growth hormone mean reduced metabolism and increased weight and body fat.

If you're pressed for time, less can be more. Introduce circuit training into your routine, which combines resistance and cardio elements to keep fat-burning in high gear. Short, intense circuits with presses, pulls, squats or deadlifts build muscle, while cardiovascular fitness is maintained with high-intensity interval training.

Your 40s

In this decade, your hormones change further and metabolism slows more. Not long ago, doctors told people to slow down their exercising once they reached this age, thinking it would stress the heart.

Knowledge on this subject has changed, but it is true that recovery is harder and progress is slower than it was in your 20s and 30s. When exercising in your 40s: 1) stretch every session; 2) split total training sessions evenly between strength and cardio; and 3) listen to your body and reduce very hard sessions as needed.

Cross-training, combining anaerobic (functional strength and resistance movements) with aerobic (cardio) elements provides constant variation and higher intensity. Move hard now, or you will have to put in double the effort in the next decade to maintain the same level of health (Wholelifechallenge.com).



Royal Family Divides Britain

Prince Harry's dramatic announcement has brought culture wars into the heart of the royal family. **BY RICHARD PALMER**

HARRY THE DUKE OF SUSSEX AND HIS wife, Meghan, announced on January 8 that they would be stepping down as senior members of Britain's royal family. Their announcement has sparked a public crisis within the royal family.

Harry's announcement laid out what he wanted to do: Give up the money he receives from taxpayers, step back from his role as a "senior royal," and be free to work for whatever businesses or charities he wants.

The trouble is, the money he offered to give up is estimated to be only around 5 percent of his income. He wanted to keep the income his father gives him from his family's large estates in the United Kingdom. He wanted to keep the free home he lives in on the grounds of Windsor Castle, which taxpayers just spent \$3.2 million renovating.

In other words, he wanted the perks of being royalty, but not the responsibility.

The Queen wasn't willing to let him have any of that. Ten days later, she announced that Harry and Meghan would lose their "His/Her Royal Highness" status. No longer "Prince Harry,"

he would be known as "Harry, duke of Sussex." He would pay back the \$3.2 million used to renovate his house. He would lose all his military posts, including his position as captain general of the Royal Marines. He would no longer represent the Queen in any official capacity. Prince Charles said he would continue to fund Harry, but only in the short term, perhaps for around a year.

The verdict is clear. He's free to go off and do his own thing and make money if he wants. But he cannot do so as a member of the royal family.

Hurt to the Royal Family

The duke of Sussex's decision is said to have caused great distress to the Queen personally. "It is no secret behind palace gates that she has been left devastated by their bombshell statement," wrote the *Daily Telegraph* (January 18).

The duke made his announcement before ironing out the details with the Queen and Prince Charles. He is said to have defied a direct request from the Queen not to go solo on this. Her husband, the duke of Edinburgh, is said to have been

left "deeply hurt" by the "lack of respect" shown by Prince Harry and his wife.

The announcement comes at a hard time for the Queen. Her husband was forced to step back from public duties last year because of ill health. He was taken into the hospital over the Christmas period. As Benedict Spence wrote in the *Daily Telegraph*, the duke's decision to retire from royal life "now, at a time when the family, and the monarch, needed the younger members to put aside personal animus, is in many ways unforgivable."

Many have likened Harry's move to an "abdication" or a royal divorce. And it could have a similar fallout.

While the Queen moved quickly to settle the biggest issues, much remains undecided. Who will pay for Prince Harry's security, for example, now that he's living overseas? Will he be able to use "Sussex Royal"—the brand he and his wife trademarked before he quit the family?

More troubling, there is the risk that this could turn into a public and angry divorce battle.

The *Telegraph* reported that Buckingham Palace fears that if Harry does not

get what he wants, “He and his wife could go public with damaging accusations.”

“I have some idea of what might be aired in a full, no-holds-barred, sit-down interview, and I don’t think it would be pretty,” wrote Tom Bradby in the *Sunday Times* (January 12).

Such a no-holds-barred interview may not come right away. Harry respects his grandmother, the Queen, and seems ready to go quietly, even if he doesn’t get his own way. But his relationship with his father is much more strained. The specter of a public royal split will haunt Prince Charles’s future.

The royal family has a privileged position with a lot of money and support from taxpayers. At this point, that is uncontroversial. But a big reason why it is uncontroversial is that the Queen uses that privilege and support in service and duty. She has admirably lived up to her pledge on her 21st birthday: “I declare before you all that my whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong.”

The Queen hasn’t used her wealth and power to get wealthier or to travel the world to rub shoulders with celebrities. But if Prince Harry uses his royal position for himself and not to serve others, more will question whether Britain should even have a royal family.

Talk of duty and service were largely missing from the Sussexes’ statement. “The job of every royal family member is to support the Queen, to play second, third or fourth fiddle,” wrote Fraser Nelson in the *Telegraph*. It’s not a role Harry is happy to play anymore.

Some of Harry’s former colleagues in the Army are angry. James Glancy, a former captain in the elite Special Boat Service, said, “If Harry goes down this route of semi-privatizing his role, I wouldn’t raise a toast to him, as he wouldn’t have my respect.” He said that others in the Army were “very upset, if not disgusted by the disrespect to the Queen by not discussing this.” This view from the Army may have played a role in the decision to strip Harry of his military positions.

Culture Wars

Prince Harry and his wife are good friends with important figures on the radical left in America. The *Daily Mail*

reported on January 10 that the Sussexes got advice on their break with the royal family from former United States President Barack Obama and his wife. The *Mail* wrote that the Sussexes want to “mimic the way they had managed to build a successful, but dignified, life for themselves after the White House.”

“In fact, it is fair to say that their star has soared since leaving the White House, particularly Michelle’s, and this is something Meghan admires very, very much,” the *Mail* quotes an aide as saying.

President Obama played a huge role in shifting America to the left (article, page 1). His presidency accentuated major divisions in American society.

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And apparently he and his wife played a significant role in dividing Harry from the rest of the royal family.

Nor is Mr. Obama the Sussex’s only connection. Their head of communications, Sara Latham, was a senior adviser on Hillary Clinton’s 2016 presidential campaign. Mrs. Clinton herself visited the two of them at their home near Windsor Castle on November 12. Later that month, the Sussexes left for Canada for a six-week holiday to consider their future.

The left in America, along with its associated film stars and celebrities, have loudly supported Harry and Meghan’s decision. During her November trip to the UK, Mrs. Clinton said that Meghan’s critics in the press were “bad guys.” Meghan, she said, must “[k]eep going, do what you think is right.”

The *Daily Mail* reports that Harry is now so invested in America’s political struggles that he wants to move to the U.S.—but will keep out as long as Donald Trump is president. During the 2016 election campaign, Meghan called Mr. Trump “divisive” and “misogynistic.” She said she would move to Canada if he won.

Diplomatic protocol has prevented Harry from being too vocal with his opposition to Mr. Trump. Now no longer a royal, he may get more involved in America’s political divisions.

Racism in the Royal Family

Others in the radical left have gone

much further than merely praising the Sussexes’ decision. On January 9, the *New York Times* published an opinion piece titled “Black Britons Know Why Meghan Markle Wants Out.”

By dramatically stepping down, the two were sticking “two fingers up at the racism of the British establishment,” the article states—the implication being that the *Times* is calling the Queen racist.

The article triggered an avalanche. “Experts” in race and gender studies flooded the airways to explain that Harry and Meghan’s decision was a reaction to society’s racism. *Good Morning Britain*, *This Morning*, *Newsnight*, *Question Time* and many more programs

hosted discussions on the nation’s sins against the part-black duchess of Sussex.

This seems a real turning point for race relations in Britain. Never had the idea that Britain is fundamentally, institutionally racist received so much airtime.

On these programs, when a TV host asks for evidence of racism, he is immediately shot down. If a black person states there is racism, you must take his or her word for it. If you ask for proof, you’re questioning the life experiences of a black person and are therefore racist.

But there is little evidence of any racism. Scour the headlines from Meghan’s wedding to Prince Harry, and you’ll find little but excitement for the new royal bride. The coverage only turned negative as a reaction to Meghan’s own behavior. No one enjoys being lectured on environmental responsibility by a couple that zooms around the world on private jets. But the radical left has decided they can divine the motive behind any criticism of Meghan—and that motive can only be racism.

Meghan herself has never made this accusation, but she has played the victim—and not just the victim of the press. Several months ago, a reporter asked Meghan how she was doing. She said that it has been a struggle, but she also told the reporter, “Thanks for asking, as not many people have.” This public accusation that the royal family doesn’t really care about her shocked many.

Friends and aides of the Sussexes have accused the royal family of having it in for them from the start. But the evidence is hard to see. “People had bent over backwards for them,” said one palace aide. “They were given the wedding they wanted, the house they wanted, the office they wanted, the staff they wanted, and had the backing of the family. What more did they want?”

But evidence is no defense against a left-wing movement that wants to defend Meghan by painting Britain and its royal family as racist.

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There has been a public backlash against all these claims, so it is too soon to know where this is leading. But if Meghan’s “abdication crisis” sows seeds of racial division that take root, this could cause huge damage to the country for a long time to come.

Division or Unity

The monarchy was once a force for unity in Britain, an institution that most, regardless of their politics, could get behind. The monarchy, in a real and literal sense, brought the country together. It wasn’t a battle that forged the United Kingdom; it was the king of Scotland inheriting the throne of England that eventually led to the two unifying.

Now the throne has become a force for division. The same culture wars that have fractured our universities, our politics and our media have arrived in the heart of the monarchy.

It is perhaps this that the Queen fears most about an independent Harry. Right now, you have a Brexit-voting, Conservative-supporting country. What if Prince Harry campaigns even more stridently for the other side, taking the stage behind Barack Obama and giving a “woke,” left-wing view. A country that has just shaken off a “deep state” attempt to block Brexit could be faced by a member of the royal family pushing that same agenda. How much division would that create?

The cover article for our September 2017 *Trumpet* magazine was “The Fall of the British Royal Family.” In it,

Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry asked, “What is wrong with Britain and the royal family? This issue is far more important than people generally realize.”

That article lamented the decline of the royal family. Many of the royals have had troubled family lives. The family and the country have drifted from biblical morality. Many of the young royals, including Harry, have gotten behind causes that are anti-Bible.

The royal family, Mr. Flurry explained, is in “rapid decline.” “God is already changing the way He deals with the

royal family, which explains why 2017 has been so tragic so far,” he wrote.

2019 was a disastrous year for the royal family. On January 17, Prince Philip was involved in a car crash near the royal family’s Sandringham Estate. A few weeks later he was photographed driving without his seatbelt. In the wake of the negative press, he voluntarily surrendered his driver’s license.

On September 24, the Supreme Court set itself up as more powerful than the Queen. The Queen had suspended Parliament for five weeks on the advice of her prime minister. The Supreme Court ruled that the advice was unlawful and nullified the Queen’s actions—effectively setting itself up above the Queen.

On November 18, Prince Andrew gave a disastrous interview about his friendship with the disgraced and now-dead Jeffrey Epstein. He was accused of showing no remorse or sympathy for the victims. He was forced to step down from royal duties, and could even face legal action, as some girls accuse him of participating in some of Epstein’s activities. The prince is said to be the Queen’s favorite son. Now his reputation has been destroyed, perhaps permanently.

“The negative headlines and happenings this year were a sharp departure from the usual news of royal marriages, births and fashion that have become standard over the past decade or so,” wrote NBC World News (Dec. 24, 2019).

Yet the change God has made in the way He deals with the royal family has happened for an incredibly positive reason. He has plans for a royal family that brings blessings, not curses, to those it rules. A royal family done God’s way brings unity.

God has a plan for a throne that unifies people, Mr. Flurry explained in his *Key of David* episode “The New Throne of David.” “It is going to unify the entire world,” he said. He explained that this throne is “a monumental hope for this world ... [T]his truth can galvanize your life and fill you with joy and hope, as nothing else can! And I’m not just saying that. This is not a fantasy. You can do that, and it will work in your life” (June 20, 2018).

It is a throne completely devoted to service, and one that does its duty perfectly.

Britain’s royal family, far from bringing hope to the nation, is bringing more troubles and division. That throne has been hit with a series of crises that are bringing it rapidly into disrepute, exactly as Mr. Flurry forecast nearly three years ago.

That the royal family should be hit by so many serious, once-in-a-generation-or-more crises just months after Mr. Flurry published an article about its “rapid decline” should cause us to look more deeply into what is happening here.

And it is worth looking. The latest news is not pretty. But behind it, God has a plan full of hope. This subject contains the solutions, not just for Britain’s problems, but for the whole world’s. It explains why the royal family is suffering from increasing troubles. It also reveals how God has very practical plans, right now, for a throne that brings hope and unity to the whole world. ■

What’s the point of royalty?

Prince Harry and his wife seem to think not much and would rather earn more money. The Bible shows that thinking to be wrong. To learn the wonderful purpose of royalty, request Gerald Flurry’s free book *The New Throne of David*.





AFTER SULEIMANI

Iran's terrorist mastermind is dead. What's next for the Middle East?

BY BRENT NAGTEGAAL

JERUSALEM

ON JANUARY 17, UNITED STATES President Donald Trump gave a moment-by-moment account of the event that starkly interrupted decades of American weakness toward Iran.

"They're together, sir," he said military officers told him in the White House Situation Room. "'Sir, they have 2 minutes and 11 seconds.' No emotion. 'Two minutes and 11 seconds to live, sir. They're in the car. They're in an armored vehicle. Sir, they have approximately one minute to live, sir. Thirty seconds. Ten, nine, eight'"

"Then, all of a sudden, boom. 'They're gone, sir. Cutting off.'"

This had transpired on January 3, after the president authorized the killing of Iranian arch-terrorist Qassem Suleimani. As head of Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Quds Force—a designated Foreign Terrorist

Organization—Suleimani had orchestrated much of the chaos in the Middle East over the past 20 years, including the deaths of hundreds of Americans in Iraq and elsewhere. In 2019, Iran and its proxies downed an expensive American drone, attacked or impounded oil tankers inside international waters, launched drones and cruise missiles at the most important oil facility in the world in Saudi Arabia, and fired numerous missiles at American bases in Iraq, all without any retribution from the Trump administration.

On Dec. 27, 2019, Kataib Hezbollah, an Iranian proxy inside Iraq, fired more missiles at a U.S. base in Iraq. But this time, they killed an American citizen. This crossed President Trump's red line. Two days later, American jets hit five Kataib Hezbollah targets inside Iraq and Syria, killing 25 members of the militia. Iran responded by orchestrating a mass protest at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad,

torching some of the outbuildings. President Trump immediately ordered in 100 marines to reinforce the compound. He posted online that this would not be a repeat of the Benghazi fiasco in 2012 when American soldiers were told to stand down as terrorists stormed an American diplomatic compound in Libya, killing Ambassador Christopher Stevens and three other Americans.

In his characteristic style, the president posted online that Iran "will pay a very BIG PRICE! This is not a warning, it is a threat. Happy New Year!"

Three days later, Mr. Trump took Iran completely off guard and conducted a drone air strike against Suleimani, who was returning to Baghdad to orchestrate another Iranian response. The strike killed him, an Iraqi militia leader, the commander of Kataib Hezbollah and six others.

According to Foundation for Defense of Democracies vice president Jonathan Schanzer, "Suleimani's killing was, without a question, the most consequential act of Trump's presidency. After decades of the U.S. letting the Islamic Republic get away with murder, the Trump administration made it clear that America would no longer allow the regime to hide behind its militias." As Schanzer related, U.S. policy had been to treat militias such as Hezbollah in Lebanon, the Houthis in Yemen, Hamas in Gaza, and various Shiite forces in Iraq as separate entities, even though they have sworn allegiance to Iran.

In reality, Suleimani led all of them. For two decades, he had orchestrated their attacks against America, against Israel, and inside Syria, where a nine-year civil war has resulted in almost half a million deaths.

Despite having the opportunity, the two previous American administrations refused to attack Iranians, let alone Suleimani. The Bush administration feared Iranian retaliation, and the Obama administration actually allied with Suleimani against the Islamic State, allowing his militias to virtually take over Iraq in the process. President Trump brought clarity to the situation and struck the chief operator of Iran's killing machine.

Now that Suleimani is gone, what can we expect in the Middle East in the future? Here are five trends to watch for, based on Bible prophecy:

1 | IRAN WILL BE TEMPORARILY CHASTENED

Iran will be far more careful in how it chooses to attack American interests in the future. In response to Suleimani's death, Iran fired more than a dozen missiles from Iranian territory into an American base in Iraq. This was a *symbolic* attack using precision-guided munitions that did not hit the American side of the base, killed no Americans, was possibly preceded by a warning, and was publicly followed by an Iranian official saying that Iran's retaliation was now complete. The Iranian regime told its people that this was a mighty blow to the Americans, but the rest of the world recognized it as a weak response



2 | THE UNITED STATES WILL EXIT IRAQ

In the hours following Iran's retaliatory strike, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei gave a thunderous speech broadcast throughout Iran stating that "the people of Iran slapped America in the face," but he also said, "This kind of [Iranian] attack is not enough. The U.S. must be uprooted from the region because they brought destruction to this region."

Earlier that week, Iraqi military joint operations received a letter from the U.S. Combined Joint Task Force announcing that America was removing its forces from Iraq. Iraqi Prime Minister Adel Abdul Mahdi said he also received a copy. The U.S. government claimed that the unsigned letter was a draft that should have never been sent. But the draft's existence and its being leaked show that the U.S. is seriously considering a pullout.

Furthermore, many of President Trump's most vocal supporters believe the best time to leave is now. Journalist Lee Smith wrote in the *New York Post* on January 7 that Suleimani's killing "was a strategic victory for President Trump

intended to deescalate the situation and avoid further American punishment.

The nature of the Iranian strike was an acknowledgment that President Trump's action temporarily restored U.S. deterrence against Iranian attacks. That doesn't mean Iran won't still engage in skirmishes against U.S. interests, but it does mean that it realizes it can no longer act with impunity.

Watch for Iran to hold back on its attacks against the U.S., but only temporarily. Iran has already announced that it is giving an extra \$200 million from its sovereign wealth fund to the Quds Force. Suleimani is dead, but the Iranian regime and Iranian terrorism live on, as does Iran's quest for dominance. ■

and an opportunity to roll it into a political masterstroke, as well—the immediate and complete withdrawal of U.S. troops from Iraq." He acknowledged that Iran has more influence in Iraq than the U.S. does, but if the U.S. leaves, Sunni Iraqis will better withstand Shiite Iran. That is unlikely, but such a rationale could be applied to use Suleimani's death to "get out of the Iraqi quagmire on a high note."

Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry has forecast a full Iranian takeover of Iraq. Since 1992, he has pinpointed Iran as the fulfillment of this Bible prophecy: "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" (Daniel 11:40).

In his booklet *The King of the South* (free upon request), Mr. Flurry shows how Iraq is prophesied to join this "king of the south," or radical Islam, led by Iran. Thus he has forecast for decades that Iraq will eventually fall to Iran. A December 1994 article asked, "Is Iraq About to Fall to Iran?" That headline was repeated in 2003, when the U.S. ousted Iraq's Saddam Hussein from power.

Removing U.S. forces will not presage a new era of Iraqi nationalism to defy the Iranian regime. Rather, granting Khamenei his wish will have the opposite effect: Iraq will be swallowed up by Iran. ■



3 | EUROPE WILL ENTER THE MIDDLE EAST

President Trump campaigned on America no longer fighting "stupid wars" in far-flung places. He wants to remove American forces from the Middle East, but he does not want to hand over the region to Iran. In announcing Suleimani's death, the president made some statements with massive strategic implications.

On January 8, President Trump said: "Today, I am going to ask NATO to become much more involved in the Middle East process. Over the last three years, under my leadership, our economy is stronger than ever before and America has achieved energy independence. These historic accomplishments changed our strategic priorities. These are accomplishments that nobody thought were possible. And options in the Middle East became available. We are now the number one producer of oil and natural gas anywhere in the world. We are independent, and we do not need Middle East oil."

Most of the nations in NATO are European. Germany, France and Britain have a combined force of around 6,000 military personnel scattered through Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, Lebanon and the Persian Gulf. But European nations have been reluctant to fight in the Middle East without logistical support and leadership from the U.S. The United States, which left enormous amounts of equipment behind during the Obama administration's 2011 withdrawal, could hand over its bases and infrastructure



4 | IRAN WILL LOSE ITS GRIP ON SYRIA

The United States Dec. 29, 2019, air strike targeted Iran’s proxy Kataib Hezbollah in Iraq, which was notable and widely reported, but also in neighboring Syria, which went largely unreported.

The fact that Kataib Hezbollah members could be killed in both countries shows that Iran is using this vast territory as a single battle space. Over the last decade, Iran has dominated affairs from Lebanon through Syria and into Iraq. The chief architect of this strategy of control was Qassem Suleimani, who bolstered Bashar Assad’s Syrian regime using tens of thousands of Shiite mercenaries from Afghanistan, Lebanon, Iraq, Pakistan and Iran and personally met with President Vladimir Putin in Russia to obtain support. According to the Associated Press, when Syria’s largest city, Aleppo, was fully recaptured in 2016, the man who visited the city in triumph was not Assad, but Suleimani.

Suleimani is gone, but the Syrian war rages on, with Turkey becoming increasingly involved. An opportunistic



Turkish troops in a send-off ceremony before going to Syria

Turkey may take advantage of Suleimani’s absence, and Iran’s fair-weather friend Putin may decide to use the moment to push for a more independent policy in Syria, one in which it no longer allies with Iran.

We at the *Trumpet* have forecast for decades that Iran’s power would diminish significantly inside Syria. An end-time prophecy found in Psalm 83 describes a number of Arab nations that ally, not with the Iranian “king of the south,” but with “Assyria,” biblically prophetic language for a German-led Europe. This prophecy reveals that Iran will lose control of Syria. With the mastermind of Iran’s Syria policy dead, watch for Iran’s grip on the nation to weaken. ■

to European nations this time, giving Europe an incredible opportunity to take leadership over its own fate in the Middle East.

Germany has already indicated it could fill the void in Iraq. On January 10, Germany-Foreign-Policy.com quoted the chairman of the CDU-CSU Parliamentary Group for Foreign Policy, Roderich Kiesewetter, as saying that he could imagine the U.S. withdrawing at the same time that “we Europeans are gaining [greater] weight in the region within the framework of a trans-Atlantic burden-sharing.”

Based on Bible prophecy, expect Europe to become more involved in the Middle East, taking over from the U.S. as the main force countering Iran’s aggressive, terroristic foreign policy. Daniel 11:40 prophesies a clash between the king of the south and “the king of the north.” In *The King of the South*, Mr. Flurry writes regarding this verse: “The stage is being set for an Islamic group of nations to be led by Iran as the prophesied king of the south, which will push at the king of the north, the European Union. ... The blatantly bold and aggressive foreign policy of Iran must lead to war. It will either conquer or be conquered. Bible prophecy makes it clear that Iran will be conquered—but not at the hand of America and Britain. ... A new superpower is rising in the European Union.”

As the United States withdraws, watch for a resurgent Europe to slowly fill the void in the Middle East, which will create the volatility that culminates in the Daniel 11:40 clash. ■



From left: Iranian President Rouhani, Supreme Leader Khamenei and new Quds Force Commander Qaani

5 | IRAN WILL FOCUS ON NORTH AFRICA AND THE RED SEA

Just hours after Suleimani’s assassination, Brig. Gen. Ismail Qaani was installed as the new commander of Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Quds Force. When Qaani served as *deputy* commander, much of his role involved distribution of funds and military shipments to Iran’s proxies across the region. While the charismatic, Arabic-speaking Suleimani focused on Syria and Lebanon, Qaani focused on Afghanistan and Africa.

Qaani traveled to Africa regularly, often with top Iranian politicians, including a November 2009 trip with

then President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. According to a 2012 biography by the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, Qaani considered the Arab Spring “as continuity of ‘the path of Iran’s Islamic revolution.’”

Qaani’s background could indicate a shift in Iran’s strategy.

Daniel 11 indicates that Iran and its radical Islamist allies will “push” at Germany and Europe and provoke full-scale war. Verses 42-43 show that when Europe finally confronts Iran, it will war with the king of the south, not just in Iran but in Egypt, Libya and Ethiopia, indicating that they and perhaps other Islamic North African nations will have allied with Iran.

Iran already has extensive influence in North Africa. It has a firmly established position in Yemen via its Houthi proxy. Iran-backed radical Islamist groups now run rampant in Libya. The Muslim Brotherhood is strong in Egypt. Iran’s tentacles stretch as far south as Kenya. This is Qaani’s area of expertise. ■


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THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE 2010s


Events that fulfilled Bible prophecy and shaped what will happen in 2020 and beyond. You can learn more about these at theTrumpet.com/21733.



13
European mainstream parties failed in 2017, 2018 and 2019 in Austria, Belgium, Spain, Sweden, and even Germany, losing support to extreme parties, preparing the way for nondemocratic “kings” to take power. REVELATION 17




4
Iran conquered Iraq. On Dec. 31, 2019, Iraqis supported by Iran burned parts of the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, a fitting conclusion to a decade that began with the U.S. military withdrawal in 2011 and ended with Iran-supported militias filling the power vacuum. DANIEL 11




15
Japan militarized in part by reinterpreting its Constitution, which will result in these modern-day descendants of Magog and Gomer becoming part of the prophesied “kings of the east.” EZEKIEL 38



8
The takeover of transgenderism and other sexual sins popularized in the 2010s is not only prophesied in the Bible, but identified as a main cause of deadly moral, national and physical destruction. ISAIAH 3:9




7
The Iran nuclear deal was implemented on Jan. 16, 2016, by President Barack Obama and other world leaders. Mr. Flurry described it as “the worst foreign-policy blunder in American history,” which made the prophesied “king of the south,” led by Iran, “now nearly capable of triggering World War III.” DANIEL 11




Paris Agreement, politicians, celebrities and other liberals blamed environmental disasters on pollution (and climate change “deniers”) rather than sins and God’s curses. LEVITICUS 26; AMOS 4



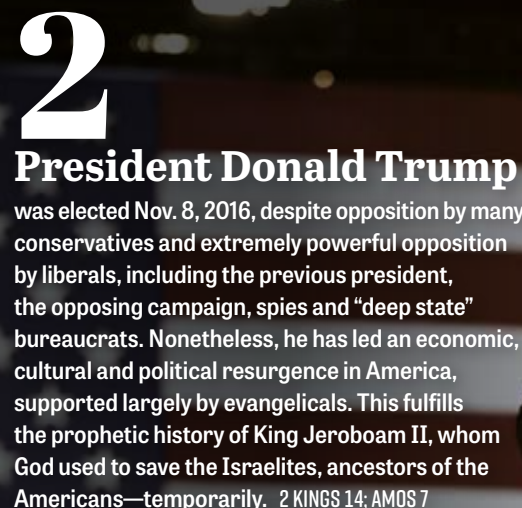
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Germany built alliances with Arab nations using weapons exports
PSALM 83



14
Climate change theory became orthodoxy as the 2016



19
America spent its strength in vain in Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Pakistan and Syria
LEVITICUS 26



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President Donald Trump was elected Nov. 8, 2016, despite opposition by many conservatives and extremely powerful opposition by liberals, including the previous president, the opposing campaign, spies and “deep state” bureaucrats. Nonetheless, he has led an economic, cultural and political resurgence in America, supported largely by evangelicals. This fulfills the prophetic history of King Jeroboam II, whom God used to save the Israelites, ancestors of the Americans—temporarily. 2 KINGS 14; AMOS 7



12
The Arab Spring overthrew dictators in the Middle East and North Africa in 2010 and 2011, preparing the way for nations like Egypt, Ethiopia, Libya and Yemen to join the “king of the south” radical Islamic power bloc. DANIEL 11:40-45



5
Vladimir Putin invaded Ukraine in 2014, annexing the Crimean Peninsula, and continuing combat in eastern Ukraine up to the present. The initial invasion came just months after *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry identified Putin as “the prince of Rosh” prophesied in the Bible. EZEKIEL 38:2; REVELATION 9:16

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Russia allied with China as the prophesied “kings of the east” agreed on the Crimean invasion of 2014, conducted major joint military drills, and opened a major gas pipeline in 2019.

REVELATION 16:12

11

An anti-U.S. financial system began with Belt-and-Road infrastructure, the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank, beginnings of trade war and certain abandonments of U.S. international financial systems, starting the prophesied “mart of nations” trade bloc. ISAIAH 23

10

President Obama “fundamentally transformed” America during his 2008–2016 administration, as his campaign indicated. He helped destroy marriage, exacerbated divisions, insulted allies and empowered enemies—a modern fulfillment of Antiochus Epiphanes.

DANIEL 8:12

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Britain rejected Europe

in the Brexit referendum of June 23, 2016, stunning the world. British Conservatives promising to finally “get Brexit done” later won in a landslide in late 2019. Beginning in the 1930s, Herbert W. Armstrong consistently forecast the formation of a European superpower, based on Bible prophecy. He wrote in 1956, “Probably Germany will lead and dominate the coming United States of Europe, but Britain will be no part of it.” ISAIAH 10; HOSEA 5

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A new pope turned the world against America and Israel ISAIAH 47

20 Demonic influence intensified and became popularized

REVELATION 12

6

Germany dominated Europe’s economy

by leveraging its strong economy against the debt crisis in Greece in 2010 on through crises in Cyprus, Ireland, Italy, Portugal and Spain, to gain full financial and political control over the European Union. ISAIAH 10; REVELATION 17

1

The new throne of David

was established in 2017. The only hope Bible prophecy gives for the human condition is Jesus Christ replacing all human governments with the Kingdom of God, ruling from “the throne of his father David.” King David’s throne ruled over the kingdom of Judah, then Ireland, then Scotland then England. In 2017, it ceased to exist in England, and God established a new throne of David inside His Church. LUKE 1:32-33; EZEKIEL 21:27



18 China took over the South China Sea
DEUTERONOMY 28

UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PRESIDENT Emmanuel Macron, France has turned against America and Britain. Instead of siding with its former allies, France is now courting its World War I and II enemy Germany.

In light of Bible prophecy, this turn of events is very alarming! In fact, it will lead into a horrifying crisis. But at the same time, this news can fill you with great hope if you understand God's promises.

Last year, the whole world witnessed France's bitter clash with America. In an interview with the *Economist* in November, President Macron said, "The [United States] is turning its back on us. What we are currently experiencing is the brain death of NATO [North Atlantic Treaty Organization]."

The U.S. hasn't led NATO perfectly, but it HAS paid for Europe's security for decades! Meanwhile, European member states—including France—haven't spent the minimum requirements on their militaries as required by NATO rules. But instead of calling on Europe to contribute more to NATO, MACRON IS STIRRING A REBELLION AGAINST THE U.S.

Why such harsh words? Why is Macron so negative toward the U.S. when France has benefited so much from that relationship? If not for America's part in two world wars, France would be part of Germany today!

U.S. President Donald Trump responded by saying, "Nobody needs NATO more than France, if you just look back over the last long period of time. Nobody needs NATO more than France—and frankly, the one that benefits really the least is the United States. We benefit the least. We're helping Europe."

Mr. Trump is exactly right: FRANCE HAS BENEFITED MOST FROM NATO. But there is a profound reason *why* Macron is opposing America the way he is.

The real catalyst for this changed approach by France is GERMANY. Germany is the only one who benefits from Macron's statements. This is not a question about Europe's security, primarily. THIS IS ABOUT A CHANGING WORLD ORDER. It is a question of *accepting* or *opposing* AMERICAN DOMINANCE.

It is also a question of whether France is willing to surrender to Germany's rule.

Macron is not arguing over minor conflicts of interest; HE IS REJECTING U.S.



France Is Resurrecting the Holy Roman Empire

France defies America and Britain, allies with the Catholic Church, and empowers a German-led European superpower.

BY GERALD FLURRY

Emmanuel Macron receives the Charlemagne Prize.

OBJECTIVES. He believes Europe and the U.S. have opposing military goals.

NATO's first secretary general, Lord Hastings Ismay, described the alliance's goals: "Keep the Russians out, the Americans in, and the Germans down." If you consider how greatly France suffered at German hands in World War II, you would think this would be in Macron's interest. During World War II, Russia and Germany made an alliance that enabled Germany to conquer almost all of Europe! After the war, the Allies wanted to ensure that Germany would not be able to rearm again. They agreed that Germany should never be allowed to ignite another war. NATO was created to secure the Continent from the Russian threat without letting Germany rearm.

Macron opposes these goals. He believes the time of U.S.-Europe cooperation against Russia is over. "We are in a Europe where we left the arms issue

under the control of treaties that predated the end of the Cold War between the United States and Russia," he told the *Economist*. "Is that a Europe that thinks about its destiny and builds?"

France wants Europe to step out of the shadow of America's military umbrella. It wants a Europe that is independent of the U.S. and that no longer sees Russia as the main enemy.

But without NATO, the postwar order is in acute danger! New military alliances are bound to form and dramatically shift the balance of power. This is especially dangerous considering that the world is now armed with nuclear bombs. A break of the relative peace since World War II would lead to the END OF HUMANITY if God would allow it!

Macron is risking all this, and you need to understand *why*.

France's betrayal of America and Britain should be a strong warning to

this world. Macron is not just calling for a reevaluation of relations—he is calling for a European army, which will undoubtedly be led by Germany! By letting Germany rearm after the war, America and Britain were taking a calculated risk—as their leaders and even Germany’s leader said at the time. I PROPHECY THAT UNLESS AMERICA AND BRITAIN REPENT NOW, THEY ARE GOING TO REGRET THAT DECISION A MILLION TIMES OVER! So says your Bible.

Anchored to Germany

A clear trend is taking place: PRESIDENT MACRON DEMANDS WHAT GERMANY WANTS. I don’t believe Macron would ever say what he said unless Germany approved of it. He acts as a sort of puppet to Germany!

In a speech in October 1995, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher warned, “You have not anchored Germany to Europe,” which was the original plan, “you have anchored Europe to a newly dominant, unified Germany. In the end, my friends, you will find it will not work!” Mrs. Thatcher’s strong stance against Germany helped get her ousted from office, and to this day she is criticized for it. But it is the truth!

That is a big reason a majority of British voters chose to leave the European Union in 2016: They *know* Europe is anchored to Germany. As CNBC headlined in February 2019, “Brexit Is a Revolt Against a German-Run European Superstate.”

If France would support Britain’s opposition to German dominance, Germany’s control of Europe would be greatly diminished! But Macron does exactly the opposite.

From the beginning of his term, Macron has been calling on all Europe to get behind Brussels. In September 2017, Macron said critics are “forgetting that Brussels is us, always, at every moment! ... It is up to Europe to make [proposals], up to us to support them, here and now.” This demand is the opposite of what millions of Brits voted for. But it is just what Germany wants! To see why, you need to understand WHO CONTROLS BRUSSELS.

The EU’s economic strength hinges on Germany. Germany is the largest net contributor to the EU. With around 83 million citizens and a GDP of nearly \$4 trillion, Germany is the EU’s most populous country and its largest economy. For

those reasons, Germany sends the most members to the European Parliament.

Germany leverages this into tremendous power. The government’s finances are healthy; it is actually paying off its debt. If a European country needs bailing out, Germany is the only one that can offer substantial help. But that help requires MEETING GERMANY’S CONDITIONS.

Germany’s clout means that many of Brussels’ top jobs are filled by Germans. The European Commission President—Brussels’ most powerful position—is German. In the European Parliament, the largest, most powerful party is led by a German. The Parliament’s secretary general is a German. So is the secretary

Macron is announcing this coming European army. But Germany will make it happen.

general in the EU’s version of its foreign ministry. Other EU countries commonly complain that there are too many Germans in Brussels’ top jobs.

An EU-led military would bring this German dominance into the military sphere. Geopolitical Futures founder George Friedman wrote: “Collaborating on defense budgets, with each nation contributing based on economic size, would mean that Germany would be both the leading economic and military power in Europe.”

The EU’s whole system is designed to create a superstate dependent on and dominated by Germany. And Britain leaving the EU gives Germany even more power. Britain’s opposition is a major reason Brussels hasn’t been more powerful.

By calling on all Europe to support Brussels, Macron is essentially demanding surrender to Germany! The more united Europe is, the harder it will be for Britain to escape Germany’s claws. MACRON IS BETRAYING BRITAIN AND SURRENDERING TO GERMANY!

Imagine if a German chancellor gave a speech like Mr. Macron did, demanding that all Europe support Brussels’ dictates. Germany wouldn’t *dare* make such a proposal right now! But it is definitely in Germany’s interest—and Macron is the one pushing for it!

On a trip in November 2018, Macron told Germany’s parliament, “If you do not understand the words from France, remember that FRANCE LOVES YOU” (emphasis mine throughout). He said this *just after* he called for a “true European army” to protect Europe “with respect to China, Russia and EVEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA”!

AMERICA AND BRITAIN VIRTUALLY SAVED FRANCE IN TWO WORLD WARS FROM BEING ABSORBED BY GERMANY. Yet today, France despises Britain and America, and loves Germany! This is an astonishing turn of events!

Macron is announcing this coming European army. But Germany will be the one that makes it happen, whether the rest of Europe likes it or not, and a lot of them are *not* going to like it! The Bible reveals in Revelation 17 and other passages that the European Union will be pared down to 10 nations or 10 kings.

The late Herbert W. Armstrong foretold this for over 50 years. He based his warning on the sure word of Bible prophecy. We continue to trumpet this warning. God is warning and warning because He does not want mankind to go through this suffering. But our nations, if they don’t repent, will be severely punished.

France and the Holy Roman Empire

While Macron is seeking closer alliance with Germany, he is also allying with Europe’s oldest institution: the Roman Catholic Church. Macron is thus leading France into a dangerous church-state union that has plagued the Continent for centuries: the Holy Roman Empire.

In the name of religion, millions have fought and died on the European continent. For rejecting Catholicism, many have been tortured and killed by the state but *at the behest of the church!*

Because of this history, France’s government is very sensitive when it comes to religion. It was therefore seen as a great provocation when Macron addressed the bishops of France in April 2018 and said, “[W]e doubtless share the same vague feeling that the link between the church and the state has been damaged, and we both believe it is important to repair it.”

THIS LINK HAS BEEN DAMAGED BECAUSE OF THE WARS AND BLOOD IT CAUSED OVER THE COURSE OF CENTURIES! *Why does Macron want to repair it now?*

The United Kingdom's *Catholic Herald* gives some insight as to the answer. In "Why Is Macron Courting the Church?" the paper noted that Macron "actively encouraged French Catholics to participate in French life *as Catholics*," probably partly as a "strategy for addressing France's greatest challenge: how to integrate a growing and, in some areas, increasingly militant Muslim population" (April 19, 2018; emphasis in original).

In response to a growing Islamic population actively working to influence European politics, Macron wants to REVIVE EUROPE'S CHRISTIAN ROOTS. That means the Holy Roman Empire.

"Could Macron's speech to Catholics be the start of efforts to rethink *laïcité* [secularity] in ways that would effectively 'tame' Islam in France?" the article asked. "At this stage, it's too early to tell. But pursuing this goal mirrors Macron's self-image as someone intent on renovating France by confronting problems that no French politician since [Charles] de Gaulle has successfully addressed."

But Macron has greater ambitions than just pushing back against political Islam.

"Indeed, it is because I refuse to be indifferent," Macron told the bishops, "that I am aware to what extent the history that the state and the church have shared for so long is now peppered with misunderstandings and reciprocal mistrust. ... But today, in this period of great social fragility, when even the fabric of the nation is at risk of falling apart, I believe it is my responsibility not to let Catholics' trust for politics and politicians erode away."

Macron has a very positive view of the Holy Roman Empire. He believes in times of crisis, this empire needs to be revived.

In an article addressed to Europe's citizens and published in various newspapers on March 5, 2019, Mr. Macron wrote that the future of Europe needs to be discussed with "citizens' panels and ... academics, business and labor representatives, and RELIGIOUS AND SPIRITUAL LEADERS."

Politics and religion are again merging in Europe! Macron wants to unite Europe through the Catholic faith, to oppose

Islam, and at the same time to break from mostly Protestant America and Britain.

But Macron knows he can only revive the Holy Roman Empire with the support of not only the Roman Catholic Church but also Germany.

This is exactly what the Bible prophecies will happen!

The Seventh Resurrection

The Bible speaks of seven resurrections of the Holy Roman Empire. History has already seen six. There is yet one more to come (for proof, request our free book *The Holy Roman Empire in Prophecy*).

Revelation 17 is a prophecy for the "last days," the time we are living in right now. With Daniel 2, it reveals that this last resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire will be ruled by 10 kings. Revelation



Pope Francis welcomes Emmanuel Macron to the Vatican.

17:12-13 read: "And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast."

This prophecy shows that the European Union, currently at 28 nations, will be pared down to 10 kings. Britain has already withdrawn from the EU. Others will follow or be kicked out.

Verse 13 shows that these 10 kings will all have ONE MIND—and it will be revolving around the German mind and the Holy Roman Empire mind. These kings will "give their power and strength unto the beast." This is a prophecy that these nations will be anchored to Germany! France of all countries is the first to admit it! Macron's demand for France to ally with Germany and the Roman Catholic Church is fulfilling this prophecy to a tee!

This chapter also uses the symbol of a woman (verses 1-2) to illustrate that

this empire is in union with the Catholic Church. Even some of the older Bible commentators recognized this.

This resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire is going to wreak havoc! About a hundred prophecies in your Bible tell you this! But you don't hear much about it at all in this world, except from this magazine. We have been prophesying for many years. God has given a warning because He doesn't want people to suffer. He also warns so they can learn how catastrophic it can be to reject that warning.

Verse 14 explains how this empire will end: "These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful." This is all prophesied to happen *just before* the Second Coming! This beast will be destroyed when Jesus Christ returns to save mankind!

Holy Roman Empire Vs. Israel

The Holy Roman Empire is the arch-enemy of Israel, God's chosen nation. As Herbert W. Armstrong explained in *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, Israel is more than just the little Jewish nation in the Middle East that is called Israel today. That nation is biblical *Judah*, only one tribe of Israel.

Some people claim that we can't identify the other tribes of Israel today. But consider what Genesis 49:1-2 say: "And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you *in the last days*. Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and hearken unto Israel your father."

Jacob's name was changed to *Israel* when he became converted. Now, everybody ought to "hearken" to this message, and it is for "the last days." IT WASN'T FOR ANCIENT ISRAEL. It is prophesied to happen IN THE LAST DAYS to the 12 tribes of Israel, which have become *modern nations*! Rejecting this clear fact means rejecting the authority of the Bible!

If God gives a prophecy, you can be sure He reveals it to His very elect to understand. Otherwise, what is the purpose of prophesying it?

When God prophesies what would happen to the various tribes of Israel just prior to Christ's return, we need to know

where they are today. In Matthew 10:6 Christ told His disciples to “go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” The disciples knew where they were, and we can know their identity today. If you don’t know who these tribes are today, request our free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. It explains it in detail.

The Holy Roman Empire has worked for centuries to hide this truth from mankind. That is one reason the Catholic Church sought to control education for so many centuries. But God has made sure this truth would be known in our day. We can know who these nations are.

Notice Genesis 49:22: “Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall.” These are the birthright promises. It began with Britain—the mightiest empire ever. Starting from the British Isles, the colonies of the descendants of Joseph—from his grandsons Ephraim and Manasseh, upon whom he placed the name *Israel* (Genesis 48:13-16)—spread around the Earth. Ephraim and Manasseh were one nation until they split, and Manasseh became the United States, the greatest single nation ever. Its “branches run over the wall” also, by its worldwide influence.

Why have Britain and America been so wealthy for so long? Because the birthright promises God gave to Israel were passed on to Ephraim and Manasseh. God isn’t picking favorites here. But He *is* blessing obedience—in this case, *Abraham’s* obedience.

Genesis 49:23-24 read, “The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him; But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:).” So the descendants of Joseph have many enemies. But God promised to protect them. The term “stone of Israel” is used as a type of the very throne of David and, most of all, a type of Jesus Christ, our Rock, our Stone and our Shepherd. He looks after us, and He gives us these birthright promises and protection.

God will eventually pour those blessings over ALL MANKIND as they learn to obey Him. But the focus in this end time is on three nations: the birthright nations—the U.S. and Britain— and the scepter nation, Judah. Judah, the father of the Jews today, received the scepter

promise (verse 10). From his line rose kings that sat on David’s throne, which is still on this Earth right now. Foreign powers have tried to destroy this throne from its beginning. The Holy Roman Empire also tried to destroy David’s throne that was planted in Britain, but failed. (To understand this fully, request our new book *The New Throne of David*.)

SADLY, JOSEPH’S DESCENDANTS HAVE NOT FOLLOWED IN ABRAHAM’S FOOTSTEPS. Instead they have rebelled against God. Their blessings are therefore turning into curses (Deuteronomy 28). We are in “the last days” now, so this is a prophecy that we must be concerned about. To understand it, it is crucial to understand that *Reuben* in Bible prophecy refers to France. (This is also explained in *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.)

The French are a great people. But in flirting with the Holy Roman Empire, they are getting hooked into something truly dangerous.

France in Prophecy

Here is how Jacob started the prophecy in Genesis 49: “Reuben, thou art my firstborn” (verse 3). Did you know that Reuben should have received *all* those great birthright promises and been a wealthy nation like Britain and America?

France should have received those promises, but *because of Reuben’s sins*, the birthright promises were given instead to Joseph. Early in Genesis we read how Reuben betrayed Joseph. This too is a prophecy for this end time: Reuben is going to turn against his brother, Joseph. That’s a tragedy, because France is also a part of Israel.

Verse 3 continues, “Reuben, thou art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power.” God has some very complimentary things to say about France. But He also has some criticism: “Unstable as water, thou shalt not excel; because thou

wentest up to thy father’s bed; then defiledst thou it: he went up to my couch” (verse 4). Anciently, Reuben had relations with his father’s concubine. Such lustful indiscretion was a big problem for Reuben, and France still has it today.

The French still have the very characteristics that Reuben had anciently. This is part of the reason why France is “unstable as water,” which means it can be manipulated by a country like Germany.

Realize that God still deeply loves the people of France. The French are a great people, as are the Germans. But in flirting with the Holy Roman Empire, they are getting hooked into something truly *dangerous!*

America restored Germany after World War II through the Marshall Plan. It also helped France greatly. But Germany and France are now going to betray America and Britain and even the Jewish nation. The Holy Roman Empire’s primary targets, nationally, are America, Britain and the Jewish nation in the Middle East. God will punish these nations most of all because they have been so richly blessed and didn’t heed God’s message.

A Prophesied Military Power

Macron seeks to restore the link between the Catholic Church and the state. But the Holy Roman Empire was not only famous for its church-state union, but also for its military.

Macron is calling for both a European army and more religious involvement. That is exactly what the Holy Roman Empire is about. That empire has one government, one religion, one army, and it rules over various nations.

But the so-called Holy Roman Empire is not holy at all. It has repeatedly caused rivers of blood.

Revelation 13 and 17 include some of the most detailed prophecies of this empire in the New Testament. Revelation 13:4 reads: “And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?”

The whole world will ask who will be able to rival this empire *militarily*. This is a prophecy that Europe will get a powerful army! France wants this and is again entering this Holy Roman Empire union. But the French do not realize that it leads

them to *worshipping the devil*, as his main military and religious tool, symbolized by the great dragon! (Revelation 12:12).

Germany wanted a European army long ago. It seeks to revive the powerful army of the Holy Roman Empire. The Germans have *planned* for this since before World War II ended. We need to see what God is doing and *why* God is allowing it to happen. In fact, He is even putting it in their minds to do it! (Revelation 17:17).

France may be the one calling for a powerful European army, BUT GERMANY HAS THE POWER TO CREATE IT! People don't talk about this because they don't want to face reality.

The Bible reveals repeatedly that America's and Britain's lovers are going to betray them (e.g. Ezekiel 23; request *Ezekiel: The End-Time Prophet*). America and Britain today rely on their global prestige and past glory. But we cannot protect ourselves, though we think we can. This is a painful lesson we must yet learn.

Look to the Shepherd

God wants us to look to our Shepherd "the shepherd, the stone of Israel." God is the source and foundation of all our blessings. Our people should have some humility and recognize that God is behind all their prosperity. But this world doesn't look to God.

A shepherd looks over and protects the sheep. Without a shepherd, we are helpless sheep that will be devoured by ravenous wolves! Israel today has rejected their Shepherd. The Holy Roman Empire is now rising to devour its blessings.

Each one of us needs that Shepherd in our lives personally or we are all as helpless as sheep. We must always remember to look to that Rock, Jesus Christ. He will be your Shepherd and watch over and protect you.

Here is another prophecy for the end time: "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" (Ezekiel 33:7). God wants you to listen to His watchman, and you must know who he is. This message is sent in the last days to warn Israel, primarily, but the rest of the world as well.

Israel will be punished first because of its great sins. Verse 11 reads, "Say unto them [Israel], 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?" Could this message be any stronger? God wants us to turn from our evil way! Then He will be our Shepherd and save us, and everything will work out!

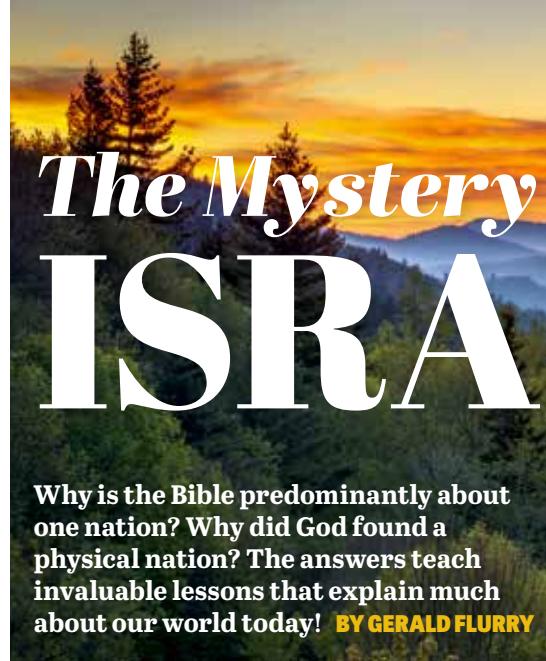
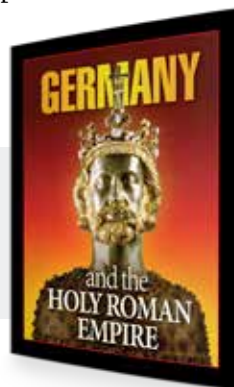
Daniel 2:44 prophesies this about those 10 kings: "And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, WHICH SHALL NEVER BE DESTROYED: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever." The saints of God—those who will stand up for Christ and His message and warn Israel today—will be given this Kingdom. They will have positions and rewards like no people have ever had!

We are warning people today that the Great Tribulation and Day of the Lord are coming! God wants to prevent that. He wants us to live, physically and spiritually, and prosper in every way. But if Israel doesn't heed His message, then He has to punish them as no people have ever been punished.

It is up to us to declare this message, and up to Israel to heed it. God will bless everyone who supports God's message now or heeds it in the future. Jesus Christ is about to return to bring prosperity to all mankind. Those who support God's message today will be protected from the coming Tribulation and rule with Christ for eternity! What great hope we have if we look to our Shepherd! ■

France or Germany—who will lead Europe?

Macron may have grand designs, but God has already determined the answer. To study what Bible prophecy says about the future of Europe, request our free booklet ***Germany and the Holy Roman Empire***.



The Mystery ISRAEL

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

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

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

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

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

Here is yet another: The northern kingdom of Israel *was not Jewish*. That may shock you. The Bible's first mention of the word *Jews* is in 2 Kings 16:6—and it appears in the context of



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them being AT WAR WITH ISRAEL! How do you explain that?

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

Father of the Faithful

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

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

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

Throughout the Bible, God works on the principle of duality. There was a first man, Adam—a material, carnal man—and a “second Adam,” Jesus Christ

(1 Corinthians 15:45-47; Romans 5:14). There is also duality surrounding the nation of Israel. The physical congregation of Israel in the Old Testament was a *type* of the New Testament Church of God.

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

In Genesis 17:4, God told Abraham that he was to be a father of *many* nations—physically. But God also told Abraham, “in THY SEED shall ALL the nations of the earth be blessed” (Genesis 22:18). That one “seed” is not talking about one great nation. It is talking about Jesus Christ and salvation coming through Him (Galatians 3:8, 16). Christ, the second Adam, died for our sins and prepares us to receive the Holy Spirit, by which He lives in us! We are saved by His life (Romans 5:9-10).

Spiritual Israel

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

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

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

To the children of ancient Israel, God said, “Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation ...” (Exodus 19:5-6). They were to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. They

were to teach the world about God. But they didn’t have God’s Holy Spirit, so this was all on a carnal level; they could only obey the letter of God’s law. Still, that is a wonderful way to live if you don’t have God’s Holy Spirit! That law was DESIGNED to bring prosperity and peace.

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

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

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

What Mankind Lacks

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

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

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

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

the earth, illustrating God's great power and authority. God then followed that by giving them a perfect set of statutes and judgments. But rather than being awed and inspired at their great Lawgiver, and grateful for these incomparable gifts, the Israelites grew scared!

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

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

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

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

What a crucial truth! Humankind has bungled through 6,000 years of operating

apart from God, and we have reached the point where we face the very real prospect of human annihilation! That is a problem beyond our ability to solve!

God, however, reveals the solution.

The Solution

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

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

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

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

Hebrews 8:6 describes the New Covenant as "a better covenant, which was established upon better promises"

than the Old Covenant. With the New Covenant, you can receive forgiveness of your sins. You can call on God the Father, your Father, and pray to Him, and He will take you into His Family forever! You can receive eternal life! You will become a God being. That's what your Bible teaches throughout. These truly are wondrous promises! How inspiring and moving!

This passage continues by explaining where Israel failed: "For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. For *finding fault with them*, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah" (verses 7-8). What was the problem with the Old Covenant? Was it the law? No—that was perfect (Psalm 19:7). It wasn't with anything on God's part. The problem with the Old Covenant was **THE PEOPLE!** They didn't have the Holy Spirit. And as a result, they couldn't obey God, and couldn't solve their problems, which were spiritual in nature.

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

This is the solution to this world's problems!

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

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



the highest office in America TWICE! But then their attempt to overthrow the country was thwarted. So now more people are talking like actor James Cromwell, who said, "If we don't stop [President Trump] now, then we will have a revolution for real. Then there will be blood in the streets."

In a *Federalist* article titled "How Black Lives Matter Is Bringing Back Traditional Marxism," Thurston Powers wrote: "It isn't surprising that Black Lives Matter [BLM] is a Communist organization—but the type of communism they subscribe to is. They are conservative Communists attempting to fold the progressive movement back into traditional Marxism. ... The policy platform proposed by BLM in August did nothing to hide this traditionalism. Its calls for collective ownership of resources, banks and businesses, a highly progressive income tax, a guaranteed minimum income, and government jobs are lifted straight from the pages of Karl Marx's *Communist Manifesto*" (Sept. 28, 2016).

During the presidential campaign, both Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton gave their full support to Black Lives Matter. Mr. Obama and his administration even invited its leaders to the White House on several occasions. So, though he is out of office now, the radical organizations he empowered are still agitating for change—with his encouragement.

When Mr. Obama recently told Democratic politicians to tone down their radical rhetoric, he noted that this criticism was not aimed at Democratic activists, whose job is to "poke and prod and text and inspire and motivate." These comments are about inspiring the VIOLENT OVERTHROW OF THE SYSTEM.

You can tell a lot about Mr. Obama's ultimate goal by the company he keeps. When he first launched his political career in 1995, Mr. Obama kicked off his campaign for the Illinois state Senate in the living room of Bill Ayers. Ayers is a radical terrorist who bombed the Pentagon in 1972. He escaped prosecution on a technicality and now teaches at the University of Chicago. But from 1969 to 1977, Ayers was a member of the Weather Underground Organization—a militant group of young white Americans that practiced Mao Zedong's kind of communism. An FBI agent named Larry Grathwohl infiltrated this organization and reported in 1985 that the Weathermen estimated that they would have to slaughter 25 million Americans to establish Communism in the United States.

That is what true Communists mean when they talk about the violent overthrow of the system!

Ezekiel 5:12 contains a chilling prophecy that every one of us should take seriously—especially as we see tensions rising in our nations: God prophesies that *one third* of the population of end-time Israel (the United States and Britain, primarily) are going to die from the pestilence, famine and VIOLENCE THAT WILL RESULT FROM CIVIL WAR (that is what "pestilence" in this verse refers to). This means that more than *100 million people* in the United States will die in rioting and warfare! (Request our free book *Ezekiel: The End-Time Prophet* for proof.)

Satan and his hidden Antiochus have already sowed the seeds of this civil war!

God asks, "Why will ye die, O house of Israel?" He pleads with us to TURN from our wicked ways (Ezekiel 33:11). God wants us to live—physically and spiritually!

An Opportunity to Repent

The hidden Antiochus in America has come and gone from office. But the spiritual Antiochus in God's Church still has power, and the political Antiochus in Europe has not yet come to power.

Yet while each of these Antiochus figures promote a different political ideology, they all have the same goal: *to blot out the name of Israel from under heaven*. It is all about casting the truth to the ground, blotting out the Bible, and defeating God's plans—all over this Earth! These people don't recognize how Satan is using them, but they are all part of his strategy. First he attacks God's Church. Second, he tears down the values within the nations of Israel. Finally, he will bring the Holy Roman Empire to destroy those nations in the Great Tribulation.

Even those who see there is a real problem in America today don't recognize how deadly dangerous it is!

Though President Trump has made strides toward purging the government of radical, Obama-era appointees, the nation is still sharply divided. America's temporary resurgence is giving people a window to repent, but that window won't stay open long. Eventually, warnings are followed by consequences for inaction.

A prophecy by Amos about an end-time Jeroboam shows just how short our time is: "And the Lord said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline. Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel: I WILL NOT AGAIN PASS BY THEM ANY MORE" (Amos 7:8).

God is measuring America with a "plumbline," very precisely. He "will not again pass by them any more"—this is His final warning. After the Jeroboam resurgence comes the punishment. King Jeroboam II saved Israel from a wicked Gentile king only to fall under the influence of a wicked Israelite priest (verses 10-13). This priest convinced Jeroboam to disregard the warnings of the Prophet Amos and continue in sins. As a result, King Tiglath-Pileser III of Assyria soon began extracting tribute from Israel.

We must learn from this history. God may be using a leader in America today to save the nation from the hidden Antiochus, but this leader will soon align himself with a spiritual Antiochus if the nation does not repent. The good and the bad will practically cancel out, opening the door for an end-time Assyrian king to invade.

If you have never proved this truth, you need to do so. We will gladly send you a free copy of my booklet *America Under Attack* to help you recognize the dangerous direction our nation is heading. Those individuals who respond and heed God's warning, He will protect. God doesn't want people to suffer through the coming calamities. And we must all see that our cities are prophesied to burn in the *very last days* of America's existence as a strong world power—which is actually right before the Messiah comes to this Earth to rule it! ■

A hidden danger in plain view

There is a reason America is turning lawless, anti-family and socialist. To see beyond the politics, request Gerald Flurry's free booklet *America Under Attack*.



A Leopard 2A5 tank

NEW RECORD FOR GERMAN ARMS EXPORTS

From 2018 to 2019, the value of German armament exports rose from \$4.8 billion to more than \$8 billion. Controversial sales to “third countries” outside the European Union and NATO rose by almost a billion euros. These weapons are often purchased by regimes that commit human rights violations and are directly used in regional conflicts. Yet last year, Germany supplied firepower to Algeria, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Indonesia, among others.

Germany's Ministry of Economic Affairs states: “Arms

exports are not a means of economic policy. Whether arms exports are approved depends on foreign and security policy considerations in each individual case.”

German weapons exports are a tool for building not only Germany's weapons industry and national security, but also strategic partnerships and alliances. Psalm 83 prophesies that Germany, the modern descendant of ancient Assyria, will ally itself with some of the Arab nations it is currently arming. Daniel 11:40-45 show that this alliance will eventually fight Iran.

GERMANS SAY TRUMP MORE DANGEROUS THAN VLADIMIR PUTIN OR KIM JONG-UN

Germans view United States President Donald Trump as the most dangerous world leader, according to a Dec. 16-18, 2019, YouGov survey. Selecting from a list including Russian President Vladimir Putin, North Korean dictator Kim Jong-un, Chinese President Xi Jinping and Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, 41



percent of the 2,024 Germans surveyed indicated they felt most threatened by President Trump. Only 17 percent feared Kim the most, followed by Putin and Khamenei (8 percent), and Xi (7 percent).

This sends an alarming message about America's

AMERICA BLOCKS RUSSIA-GERMANY PIPELINE

United States President Donald Trump shut down the most significant energy project in the world on Dec. 20, 2019, by signing into law the 2020 National Defense Authorization Act. The law sanctions companies involved in the project, and as soon as the president signed it, Allseas, the Swiss-Dutch engineering company laying pipe for the Russian-German Nord Stream 2 pipeline, immediately stopped work.

Whether work will resume on the last 13 percent of the project remains to be seen, but even a delay helps Poland, which is working on several projects to end its dependence on Russian energy, including a pipeline with Norway.

The Nord Stream 2 project is one of the best examples of Germany turning away from its former ally, the United States, and toward its former enemy and historic adversary, Russia. Germany is actually expanding Russian power in Central and Eastern Europe rather than continuing NATO's policy of keeping Russia out. The situation is so serious

that the U.S. used a powerful economic weapon that it only rarely employs.

Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry described the significance of this pipeline conflict in “Germany and Russia's Secret War Against America,” showing that a prophecy in Jeremiah 1:13 applies to modern Germany (theTrumpet.com/17600). It describes “a seething pot; and the face thereof is toward the north.”

“This symbolic language is describing *modern Germany*,” wrote Mr. Flurry. “Beneath the surface, that nation is full of simmering dissatisfaction with the current world order. Germans are angry at the U.S., and especially furious with President Trump. The



A vessel lays pipe in the Baltic Sea for the Nord Stream 2 pipeline.

imperialistic ambition that prompted Germany to start both world wars is alive and well. It is ‘seething!’”

despise their allies on the other side of the Atlantic.

Clearly, America's alliance with Germany and the post-World War II order is crumbling. The Bible prophesies that not only would these two nations fall out, but that Germany will actually lead an attack against America. To understand where the current political crisis between Germany and America is heading, read our article “Europe and America: They've Lost That Loving Feeling” (theTrumpet.com/17414).



Ethiopian youths from the Sidama ethnic group

WILL ETHIOPIA SURVIVE 2020?

Ethiopia is suffering severe divisions, and elections scheduled for May could become violent. Africa's second-most populous nation is divided between supporters of a stronger central government and supporters of stronger individual states, as well as between its nine regions, between ethnicities, and between Christians and Muslims. Conflicts between Ethiopians often become violent and are now reaching a new extreme.

In 2018, the division left

hundreds of Ethiopians dead and almost 2.9 million displaced. The central government is weak, and conflict is expected to worsen ahead of May 2020 national elections.

Daniel 11:40 prophesies of a power bloc called "the king of the south." The fulfillment of this prophecy is modern radical Islam, led by Iran. Ethiopia is specifically mentioned as part of this bloc. Radical Islam thrives in civil unrest, and Iran has worked in Central and East Africa for decades. Watch for Iran to take advantage of Ethiopia's volatility. ■

NEW ALLIANCES FORMING IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

On January 2, Israel, Cyprus and Greece signed a deal to build a new pipeline that will pump gas reserves from Israeli and Cypriot waters into Greece. A later project is planned to connect Italy. The \$7 billion pipeline is expected to supply 10 percent of Europe's natural gas needs.

Turkey, which was left out of the deal, is working to thwart it. It signed an agreement on Nov. 27, 2019, with the Libyan Government of National Accord that sets the two nations' maritime boundaries to cut straight across the proposed pipeline route. Turkey, which already has a major military presence on Cyprus, is also



Greek, Cypriot and Israeli leaders shake on the EastMed pipeline.

planning to establish a naval base in Northern Cyprus and to send drilling ships into Cypriot waters.

Although its population and economy are small, Cyprus occupies an important strategic location. Watch for Turkey and Europe to maneuver for control of the island. To understand the critical role Cyprus may well play in end-time events, read Gerald Flurry's article "Why Germany Conquered Cyprus" at theTrumpet.com/21310. ■

CHINA OPENS 'SUEZ CANAL OF OUR ERA'

A Chinese freight train passed through the Marmaray Tunnel in Turkey in November 2019 on its way to Europe, marking the completion of a major transit point of the Trans-Asian Railway.

"[I]t will be remembered as the first freight train to pass from China across central Asia and under the Bosphorus Strait, using the Marmaray tunnel," Geoffrey Aronson wrote for the *American Conservative* on Dec. 6, 2019, calling the railway route the "Suez Canal of our era" and an "Iron Silk Road" that is not just a major "time saver," but provides "the added bonus of circumventing sea routes now controlled by the West."

Hundreds of related infrastructure projects in more than 60 nations are



The China Railway Express transits the Marmaray Tunnel.

linking Asia and Europe economically in an unprecedented way.

Bible prophecy forecasts a powerful "mart of nations" trade bloc will form in our lifetimes. Isaiah 23 and Ezekiel 27 show that "Chittim" (modern China) and "Tyre" (a symbol of modern Europe's economic power), Japan, Russia and other powers will form a powerful trade bloc that will briefly control global commerce. Deuteronomy 28:52 shows that this trade partnership will harm the descendants of ancient Israel, particularly the United States and the United Kingdom. Request *Isaiah's End-Time Vision* (theTrumpet.com/go/isa) to learn more. ■

PERSIAN GULF CROWDED

Since January, nearly two dozen nations have been involved in several separate maritime security missions in and around the Persian Gulf in response to recent attacks by Iran.

On Nov. 7, 2019, a U.S.-led naval coalition launched Operation Sentinel from its headquarters in Bahrain to secure global trade in the Persian Gulf. Warships are escorting cargo vessels just 15 miles off the Iranian coast through the Strait of Hormuz, an important waterway serving one third of the world's maritime oil shipments. The coalition force has been joined by Albania, Australia, Bahrain, Israel, Kuwait, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom.

France's defense minister announced on November 24 that, instead of Europe joining the U.S. coalition, France would lead its own "European maritime

surveillance mission," which has been joined by Belgium, Denmark, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain and Sweden.

Iran conducted joint naval drills in the Indian Ocean with China and Russia starting December 27. Iranian leaders also called for further military cooperation with China, especially in the production of destroyers and submarines. Meanwhile, Japan and India are running their own independent naval operations.

In October, the *Trumpet* wrote, "Iran is taking aim at the most volatile region on Earth: the oil-producing and shipping sector of the Persian Gulf. This change of policy means that the Middle East is now a lot more dangerous." Daniel 11:40 says this is leading to a spectacular military clash between Europe and Iran. The Persian Gulf is becoming crowded with foreign militaries. But even if war does not ignite now, tension will grow, and warfare will soon become reality. ■



Firefighters combat a bushfire in Sydney.

AUSTRALIA SUFFERING 'APOCALYPTIC' BUSHFIRES

Wildfires are ravaging Australia in an unprecedented bushfire season that has incinerated 41,000 square miles, killed roughly 1 billion animals, destroyed more than 2,200 homes, and killed at least 27 people. Navy ships and military aircraft have been delivering

supplies such as food, water and fuel to areas cut off by the fires. Prime Minister Scott Morrison has warned that this national emergency may continue for months. Smoke from the conflagration has even reached New Zealand, 1,300 miles away.

Many are blaming the fires on climate change, but man-made

GLOBAL DEBT REACHING 'MIND-BOGGLING' LEVELS

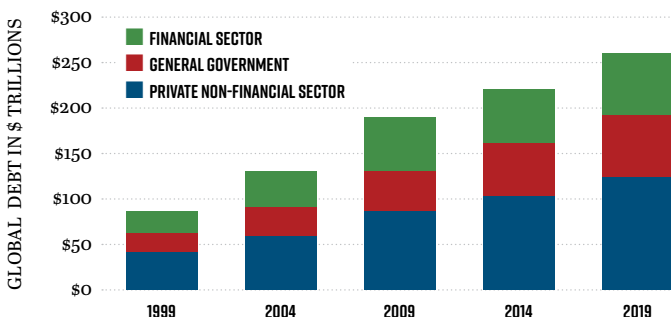
Global debt has ballooned to a record high of more than \$250 trillion, according to a Nov. 14, 2019, report from the Institute of International Finance. Global debt has grown by \$78 trillion since the 2008 financial crisis, while the global economy has only grown by \$28 trillion.

More than 60 percent of the debt is owed by the United States and China, the report continues. Around the world, "there are increasing questions about the marginal utility of further borrowing—and a lot of concern that a continued ramp-up in debt could spark a fresh crisis."

The world is reaching the

limits of the growth that can be squeezed out of deficit spending. Further spending risks are causing a crisis. Economists now have a choice to make: Stop spending and risk destabilizing the global economy, or keep spending until national economies crash under their debt loads.

In Deuteronomy 28, God warns that debt problems are one of the curses that come from disobedience. The world's current economic woes are not the cause of its problems. Instead, they are one of many symptoms that point to the greater problem: rebellion against God's law.



carbon dioxide emissions are not the primary cause of Australia's bushfire crisis. Arsonists have been found to be most directly responsible. But the *ultimate* cause for their sheer destructiveness is found in Leviticus 26:3-4: "If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit."

Instead of blaming the climate change or the government, Australians need to look at themselves. As *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote in "The Deadly Climate Change Deception," "God will continue to ratchet up the weather disasters until we finally begin to listen to Him!" (theTrumpet.com/16705).



CHINA LOOKING TO CONTROL STRAIT OF MALACCA

On January 6, Malaysia commissioned its first of four Chinese-built Keris-class warships to be built in the coming months, a sign of China's increasing influence over a nation that controls one of the world's most important maritime choke points.

The Royal Malaysian Navy wrote that the acquisition marks a milestone for military ties between the two as it is "the first capital defense asset acquired from China" by Malaysia. The contract follows an equally momentous decision by Malaysia in April to let China resume construction on the East Coast Rail Link, which will connect to Port Klang, one of the primary ports controlling passage through the Strait of Malacca, the world's second-most heavily trafficked maritime choke point for crude oil shipments, surpassed only by the Strait of Hormuz.

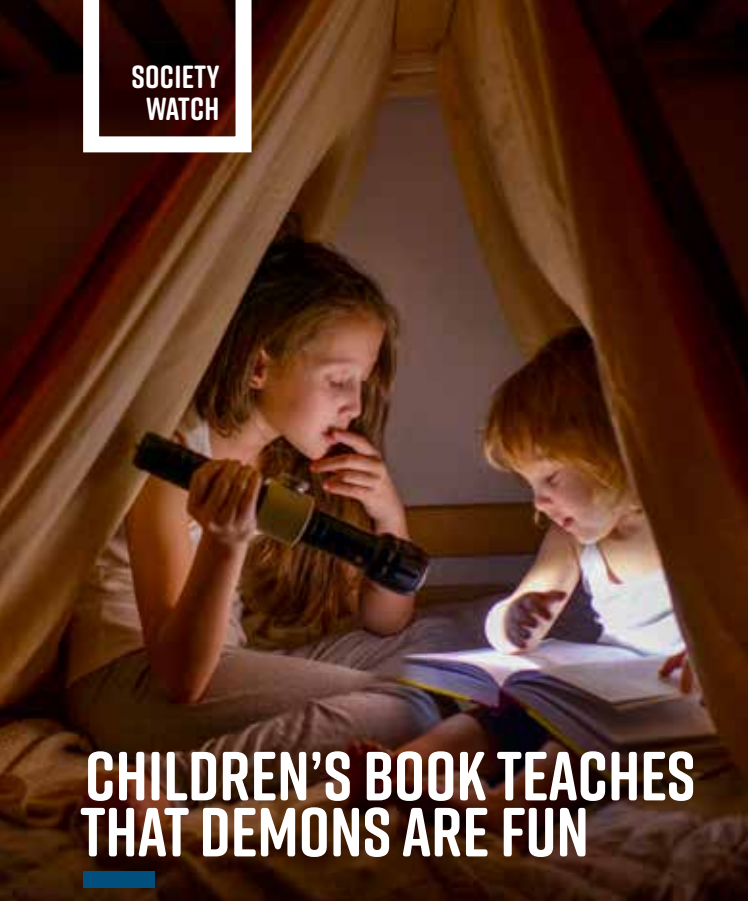
The Strait of Malacca is one of dozens of the world's most important passages that were controlled by Great Britain, then the United States, but that are now falling under the influence of nations like China. As China, Europe and other powers take control of more passages, the British and the Americans will find themselves "besieged," as prophesied in Deuteronomy 28:52. See "[China Is Steering the World Toward War](http://theTrumpet.com/13880)" (theTrumpet.com/13880).



Shandong, China's first domestically built aircraft carrier

CHINA IS BUILDING AN ALARMING NUMBER OF WARSHIPS

The Chinese Navy is bringing an eye-popping number of new warships online, including the commissioning on Dec. 17, 2019, of its first indigenously built aircraft carrier. The Type-002 carrier, named the Shandong, can carry 36 J-16 fighter jets, a dozen more than China's first aircraft carrier, the Soviet-built Kuznetsov-class Liaoning. The Chinese Navy now also has 30 destroyers, 48 frigates, 42 corvettes and over a hundred smaller hulls, along with 62 ballistic missile and attack submarines, some of which are nuclear-powered. Many more vessels are under construction.



CHILDREN'S BOOK TEACHES THAT DEMONS ARE FUN

Koyama Press published a book on July 16, 2019, titled *A Children's Book of Demons*, by occultist Aaron Leighton. It portrays demons with colorful caricatures and silly descriptions that encourage children whose parents have told them to do something they don't want to do to "dial up" demons by drawing special symbols.

The past decade has seen a boom in popular interest in demons, possession, magic, witchcraft, vampires and zombies,

spreading through books, movies, and other entertainment—now, even children's books.

Some dismiss demonic entertainment as fantastical, but the spirit world is real. The existence of evil itself, so evident in human interactions, is due to human minds accepting the influence of evil spirit beings. To learn the basic, biblical truth about such beings, read "Mystery of Angels and Evil Spirits" in *Mystery of the Ages*, by Herbert W. Armstrong (request your free copy). ■

STUDY: HALF OF AMERICAN ADULTS OBESE WITHIN 10 YEARS

A study published by the *New England Journal of Medicine* on Dec. 19, 2019, shows "with high predictive accuracy" that by 2030, 48.9 percent of adults in the United States will be obese. In at least 29 states, more than 50 percent of the adults will be obese, with none of the 50 states having



fewer than 35 percent. The Trust for America's Health states that about a third of Americans of all ages are already obese.

UK EXPANDS CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS AS MARRIAGE ALTERNATIVE

New laws governing civil partnerships in the United Kingdom came into effect on Dec. 31, 2019, allowing heterosexuals to live together and receive legal benefits such as tax breaks, inheritance rights and property entitlements while avoiding the commitments of marriage.

Civil partnerships were introduced in 2004 as a compromise over homosexual "marriage." They provided the same legal and financial protection as marriage, without the binding commitments or religious rites—or the term "marriage." Homosexual

"marriage" was legalized in 2014, but civil partnership remained an option and are now also being offered to non-homosexuals.

This progressive destruction of marriage was predicted decades ago by Herbert W. Armstrong in his booklet *Why Marriage—Soon Obsolete?* Request your free copy to see why Mr. Armstrong knew that the millennia-old institution of marriage could soon fade into irrelevance. He knew that society had lost the purpose of marriage, and in *Why Marriage—Soon Obsolete?* he showed from the Bible what that inspiring purpose is. ■

MAJORITY OF BRITISH CHILDREN SUFFER FROM ANXIETY

A study commissioned by ChannelMum.com states that the majority of British children suffer from anxiety. The study questioned 2,000 parents, 60 percent of whom said their children regularly feel worry, unease or fear. Of these children, 29 percent can become "out of control" during an anxiety attack. About 30 percent of parents said their children suffer stress-induced stomach aches or use the toilet frequently or pull out their own hair, about 20 percent said their



children scratch their own skin, 14 percent said their children have spoken openly about considering suicide, and 13 percent say their children have watched self-harm content online.

In spite of living in the wealthiest nations in human history, Western children are suffering mentally and emotionally in a society that has rejected God. ■

Large amounts of added sugar are being consumed by adults and children. The *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics* reports that more than 80 percent of toddlers and infants consume

added sugars every day; the recommended amount is zero.

Americans are clearly misusing the prosperity God

has given them. He prophesied that those who disbelieve and disobey Him will suffer poor health, among other curses. He specifically said that the Americans and other descendants of ancient Israel would be like "Jeshurun," who "waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered with fatness" and "forsook God which made him" (Deuteronomy 32:15). ■

old—and he attends school at Imperial Academy, the K-12 school on the Herbert W. Armstrong College campus, where the *Trumpet* is produced. He is going to school and learning science, math, English, history, literature and music. He and his classmates don't have depraved educators forcing such filth on them. And as a result, they are learning, receiving real education, and still enjoying their childhood! They're not even *thinking* about sexual orientation and sexual experimentation. They're thinking about their science projects, their studies, their music practice—things that 12-year-olds *should* be thinking about!

This is something I regularly thank God for. Very few parents have the opportunity to give their children such an education. Many parents pretty well *have* to send their children to public school, and must then continually face these battles.

Another story that emerged in October was a series of videos posted on YouTube by Canada-based sex education group Sex-ed School and featured on the Shaftesbury Kids YouTube channel. What are the videos about? This is how the channel describes it: “Sex-ed School is a fun new web series for kids to get real info from experts and discover all the answers they want to know now. A series that explores the birds and the bees with ease in today’s digital landscape. Sex-ed School is a safe place where kids can talk openly and honestly about sexuality, the body and healthy relationships!” Funding comes in part from the Shaw Rocket Fund, Canada’s largest private investor dedicated to Canadian children’s media.

What do children learn in this “safe place”? Transgenderism, gender expression, sexual orientation, and many other topics I won't even mention. In these clips with positive music, cartoonish-but-graphic graphics, chipper instructors speak to classrooms full of bright-eyed 12-to-14-year-olds. In one video, the teachers invite a special guest to speak to the children: a woman, covered in tattoos, with short-cropped purple hair, speaking to the children at her feet. She explains that she was a “drag king” and then had surgery and takes testosterone to lower her voice, answers children’s questions about taking hormones and whether she has

“male or female parts,” holds an activity encouraging them to think as though they’re the opposite sex, and encourages them to be “allies.”

This goes well beyond simply *not* teaching the precepts of the Bible, or of morality, like Benjamin Rush and Samuel Adams said was foundational to education. This is teaching the *opposite* of the Bible—and in rank **DEFIANCE** of the Bible! These educators aren't simply disrespecting the beliefs of any families of these children who believe in the Bible: They are *willfully, actively attacking* those beliefs, and the God-given authority of those children’s parents!

They are training up children in the way that they think those kids should go!

In November, the school board of District 211 in Illinois voted to allow biological males into the female locker room at Palatine High School. They argued that all students should be “treated and supported in a manner consistent with their gender identity.” The “rights” of one confused boy trump the rights of all the girls in that school to privacy, the right to changing clothes in a locker room with no boys present. A video of a young woman on the swim team at the high school who was present at the decision showed her *crying*. These board members and educators don't care about her beliefs, or her privacy, or anyone else's. They are zealously *forcing* their radical views on this student and on the public.

PJ Media reported on Nov. 8, 2019, “Last year in Canada, a first grade teacher told a 6-year-old girl that ‘there is no such thing as girls and boys’ and that ‘girls are not real and boys are not real.’ According to the girl’s parents, this caused their daughter a great deal of distress and amounted to discrimination against her. When the parents complained, the teacher defended her actions, and the principal defended the teacher as well. The parents moved their daughter to a different school.”

That is the way modern education is

trending: If you don't like your 6-year-old being indoctrinated in liberal sexual orthodoxy, **YOU HAVE TO MOVE.**

These people are aggressive. And we as parents had better be aggressive in carrying out our responsibility as educators, or our children will be steamrolled. Just as society is being.

Transmitting Civilization

Civilization is a fragile thing. As Will Durant noted in *The Story of Civilization*, it is easily subject to destruction by forces external and internal: natural disaster, disease epidemic, financial exhaustion, mental decay, moral decay, leadership decay, decline in family, class wars, revolutions. These are some of the ways in which a civilization may die, he wrote: “For civilization is not something inborn or imperishable; it must be acquired anew by every generation, and any serious interruption in its financing or its transmission may bring it to an end.”

Civilization must be acquired anew by every generation. And the main factor in doing that is “education, which may be defined as the technique of transmitting civilization.” That is what education is: the passing on of civilization from one generation to the next.

And that education, of course, can be true—or false.

These evils that the devil has shoe-horned into our educational system **WILL DESTROY CIVILIZATION IN A SINGLE GENERATION!** Satan is creating a generation with no grounding in reality, no moral compass, no understanding of right and wrong, no history, no memory. And civilization itself is in peril.

Take seriously your God's-given responsibility to be your child's educator. Know what he or she is being taught in school—and take whatever steps are necessary to defend them. Actively *train* him in the way *you know* he should go. Your child is worth fighting for! ■

Grade your parenting!

Want to see if you are passing? Request our free book ***Child Rearing With Vision***.



How Can I Make My Marriage Work?

A HAPPY MARRIAGE IS ONE OF THE GREATEST JOYS LIFE CAN offer. Yet so many suffer failed marriages. Your marriage can be different if you will obey the Author of marriage.

Marriage is not just a tradition; it is an institution ordained by God. To the first man and woman, He commanded, “Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh” (Genesis 2:24).

Making your marriage work begins with this understanding. God’s earliest definition of marriage is *leaving, cleaving and becoming one*. Marriage is the point where a man and wife *leave* the authority of their parents and form a new family, a new life with new responsibilities and new roles.

Why did God create marriage? The answer is incredibly inspiring. When God gave Adam a helper (verse 18), that symbolized the Church marrying Jesus Christ at His Second Coming (Revelation 19:7). God gave man and wife the ability to reproduce, which pictured the future expansion of the God Family (Genesis 1:28). And He made marriage permanent (Mark 10:9, 11-12), illustrating that the Church’s marriage to the Son of God will never end. Marriage is an institution, a blessing *and a vision*.

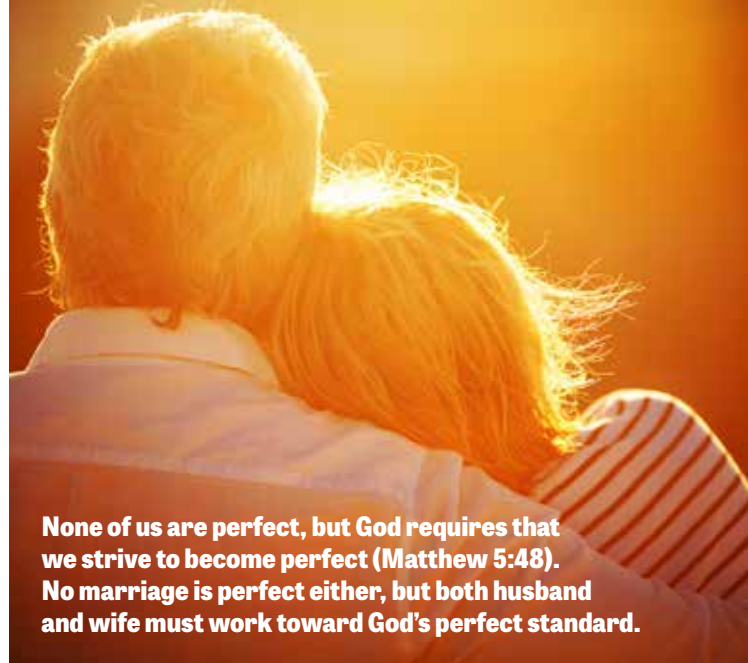
God gives us a lot of instruction in the Bible for making our marriages work, particularly about the individual roles and responsibilities of husband and wife.

Ephesians 5 is the most important biblical chapter explaining marriage. It is a gold mine of instruction. This passage teaches the roles of husbands and wives, then shows that these roles *primarily* address the marriage between Christ and the Church. The instruction works within a physical marriage because this is an exact type of Christ’s marriage. Both are governed by the same laws.

It starts with verse 21: “Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.” Godly family life is a way of *mutual submission* in the fear of God. In this passage, the Apostle Paul gets more specific about *how* the husband submits and how the wife submits. He spells out the individual responsibilities of women and men, which reveals God’s thinking, His love, His government and His purpose for marriage.

The two marriage roles interlock in an extraordinary way. Each is about service. Each demands 100 percent commitment to the way of *give*—the way of LOVE! It requires sacrificing your own notions and ideas. The vast majority of husbands and wives are simply *too selfish* to do this. We walk by sight, and want to hold on to our own theories of the way a relationship should function. But if we are willing to simply OBEY—to walk by faith and do as God commands—wonders and miracles result. To do this fully requires real faith in and submission to God.

When a husband and wife each devote themselves to following God’s marriage laws, they set a God-level dynamic in motion that



None of us are perfect, but God requires that we strive to become perfect (Matthew 5:48). No marriage is perfect either, but both husband and wife must work toward God’s perfect standard.

creates a profound level of trust, intimacy and interdependence.

God designed these roles and responsibilities to strengthen, benefit and bless human beings. They draw us into the world of the God Family! They teach us exquisite, God-level governance and love.

None of us are perfect, but God requires that we strive to *become* perfect (Matthew 5:48). No marriage is perfect either, but both husband and wife must work toward God’s perfect standard.

Wedding ceremonies generally end with the husband and wife making their marriage vows. The vows used in the Philadelphia Church of God, publisher of the *Trumpet*, come straight from the instruction in the Bible.

The man vows to *cleave* to his wife unto death, to *love* her, *cherish* her, *honor* her, and *provide* for her—five specific promises that come straight from Scripture. When husbands understand and keep these vows, their marriages flow with love, blessings and purpose.

The bride vows to take her husband for the remainder of her natural life, to submit herself to him as unto the Eternal, to be subject to him in everything, and to deeply respect him. Different promises for a different role, and also straight from Scripture.

Keeping these beautiful, biblical wedding vows leads to harmony, happiness, stability and longevity in your marriage. If you remember them and keep them, you will enjoy the rich rewards of a marriage governed and blessed by the Creator of marriage! He wants your marriage to be *great*! He created this magnificent, God-plane relationship, and He wants it to be a *rich, joy-filled, deeply satisfying, intimate* and altogether LOVING experience for *everyone* who enters into it. And as you make your marriage work, you learn more about the awesome spiritual dimension and ultimate purpose of marriage, which extends through the remainder of your natural lives and far, far beyond. ■

To learn more about God’s purpose for marriage, request a free copy of Herbert W. Armstrong’s booklet *Why Marriage—Soon Obsolete?* To learn more about the God-ordained roles within marriage, read Chapter 5 of our free e-book *Biblical Manhood*, available at theTrumpet.com/go/manhood.

DISCUSSION BOARD

Congratulations on 30 years of service to the great God! (“30 Years of the *Trumpet*,” February 2020, [theTrumpet.com/21690](https://www.thetrumpet.com/21690)). I found your article inspiring, thoughtful and extremely helpful. I remember the WCG and its doctrines. I remember, as you said, that obeying them led to a much happier, purposeful life. It was rich and full despite the trials and difficulties. Growing close to God and His way of thinking made all the difference. And looking at the fruits of your organization do, indeed, remind me of that wonderful time. Thank you! God bless you and keep up the good work!

C. Johnson

I love your magazine. I find the information very useful. I also just finished reading *Mystery of the Ages* and *The Wonderful World Tomorrow*. They've opened my eyes to scriptures I overlooked before.

Tyler Alsup INDIANA

I'm 65 and recently found the *Trumpet* in my inbox. It could be because I've asked God for help to understand the Bible, and I'm decades behind. The *Trumpet* is teaching me the most beneficial material in my life. It's so much to read that it's hard to put down to rest my eyes or do a chore. I can't thank you enough for this; I do thank God because it's coming from Him through you. You have forever changed my spirit in the most important way ever.

Sue Christine Tucker FACEBOOK

I wanted to write about how much I enjoy your excellent magazine. Your editor, Mr. Gerald Flurry, is right on the money with his commentary, and

I enjoy it every month! Thanks again for helping to educate me into what's really going on in the world today! Of course, if there is anything else you think I would like, please send it as well.

Barry Fillman NORTH CAROLINA

The rate of divorce is lowering because the rate of marriages is decreasing (“The Tragedy of Gray Divorce,” [theTrumpet.com/21750](https://www.thetrumpet.com/21750)). Millennials do not get married because they prefer to live on expenses of taxpayers for support of [illegitimate] children and low-income individuals. They simply do not marry. It is the evolution of the crooked society.

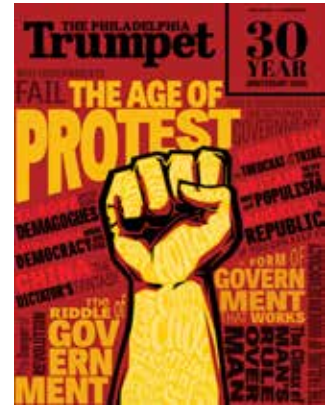
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I thank you for helping me understand about the pagan holiday Christmas (*The Truth About Christmas*, [theTrumpet.com/go/xmas](https://www.thetrumpet.com/go/xmas)). Many years ago I used to celebrate it until I couldn't afford it any longer. Yet my eyes were open to an article you wrote about Christmas

being pagan and how I and other Christians should not celebrate it. I am so happy I read the article. I no longer observe it. I feel more at peace about it. I hope Jesus opens the eyes of others as He did with mine.

Gloria Lopez

I was lost for years trying to find the truth behind the Bible and Jesus. I decided it was time to find the answers myself using my Bible and Google search. I started reading and studying the Bible every day, hours at a time sometimes. I became more educated about the Bible and Christian history. I become more knowledgeable about the many faith groups and churches and just how many contradictions and misunderstandings they have, each with their own governments, theologies, rules and regulations, leaders and doctrines. Christianity is a religion made up of many mini-religions. As that truth became evident, it became easier to study



from an unbiased perspective and only accept what is fact and clearly supported by the Bible. I learned a lot, and my faith began to grow. I was becoming more confident in God and the Bible. I began a process of elimination regarding churches and church traditions, using the Bible solely as my standard of proof. I highly recommend this approach for those who have been exhausted, chased off, or turned off by false religion and corrupt governing. Once you discover that the Bible is, in fact, the Word of God and come to know and understand it, you will be faced with the same challenge as me: Which church is true? Through process of elimination and by using the Holy Bible as your guide, God's Spirit will direct you to the only church on Earth currently teaching the whole truth and leading God's people via accurate prophecy forecasting: the Philadelphia Church of God.

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Thoughts From a Dead City

POMPEII IS ONE OF THE MOST AMAZING ARCHAEOLOGICAL sites I've ever visited. About 10,000 people lived there until a volcanic eruption in A.D. 79 destroyed the whole town. Today, it's incredibly well preserved. You can walk down streets and wander through houses that have been empty for nearly 2,000 years. The history of Pompeii and Rome opens a window to a past that is both strangely alien and strikingly familiar.

Parts of Pompeii feel familiar. The amphitheater held 20,000 sports fans, who bought food at streetside fast-food stands and who supported their sides so passionately that fights sometimes broke out between opposing spectators.

Then you remember what "sport" they were watching. This structure, the oldest known Roman building of its kind, was built for fans to watch slaves fight each other to the death.

Exhibits of family life from Pompeii show familiar scenes: husband and wife nervously posing for a picture, brothers doing homework, guests arriving for dinner. Other aspects of Roman family life are abhorrent: A child didn't count as human until he or she was accepted by his father. A rejected child had no legal rights and would be left to die of exposure on a rubbish dump.

The Roman world had an advanced economy, high-rise apartment blocks, sprawling cities. It also had slavery: Perhaps two out of every five people in first-century Italy were enslaved.

The Romans were people like us, with similar hopes, fears, pleasures and human nature. Yet these people, so similar to us, committed appalling evils and thought them normal.

Yet the Romans considered *other* societies barbaric. Surely they conversed about the abominable child sacrifices of some Eastern religion as they strolled past the rubbish dump on the way to the gladiator deathmatch.

From the outside, we clearly see some horrors for what they are. But looking at life around us, we see everything as normal. The Romans didn't recognize their own evils. Neither do we.

Our societies regard it as normal, even good, to reach into the womb with crushing instruments and vacuums to kill millions of babies, usually because they are "inconvenient." Romans allowed the murder of babies, but archaeological evidence indicates they rarely exercised that "right." You can't say the same about us today.

Slavery may be outlawed, but Western businesses and governments bend over backward to appease the Chinese government, which has around a million people locked in concentration camps and treats many of its own people poorly, to put it mildly.

I'm sure there are things I regard as unpleasant or bad, yet still "normal." I'm sure I don't fully recognize the evil as clearly as I would with an outside perspective.



Our belief that we are much more sophisticated than those who have gone before us blinds us to all lessons from history.

"Today we are lost in the present—rejecting the past and blind to the future!" wrote *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry in the July 1998 *Trumpet*. "We have lost the big overview."

Jeremiah 17:9 tells us that the human heart "is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked." Herbert W. Armstrong wrote, "Human nature wants to *be* good—to consider itself and *be* considered good, while it wants only to *do* evil" (*The United States and Britain in Prophecy*). This is exactly what happens when you're lost in the present. You judge societies by *your own current standards*, and therefore today's society always compares favorably. It gives the illusion of the past as barbaric evil and the present as perpetually progressive.

But get to know people from the past, and you see that they were just like us. They committed appalling evils while considering themselves good. If you have even a whiff of humility, you have to ask yourself, *are we not doing the same thing?*

For a society to refuse to confront its evils is deadly. Yet no society wants to. When first-century Christians declared that society was evil, they were publicly murdered in the same amphitheaters where the gladiators died. Today, nothing will get you denounced more viciously than to suggest that we are sinners.

Our belief that we are much more sophisticated than those who have gone before us blinds us to all lessons from history. What can such inferior barbarians teach us, after all? Our ignorance of history makes us arrogant. And our arrogance keeps us ignorant.

Our failure to see the evil in our own hearts and minds is "the NUMBER ONE PROBLEM of humanity today," Mr. Flurry writes in *Jeremiah and the Greatest Vision in the Bible*. Understanding the truth about Jeremiah 17:9 and the evil of the human heart is "MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANY EDUCATION IN THIS WORLD. When we understand it, radical action is necessary."

We are no more righteous than the people of Pompeii. Our arrogance just illuminates their sins more brightly than our own. The truth is, we have similarly serious flaws. As a society, and as individuals, we must take radical actions to fix them. ■

Read "No Hope in Man" from *Jeremiah and the Greatest Vision in the Bible*, by Gerald Flurry, available at theTrumpet.com/go/jere.

Your 50s

Major physical and physiological changes begin to appear when you are in your 50s. Your ligaments and tendons become less pliable, muscles become weaker, and it is easier to injure yourself. Due to this and other factors, it's perhaps less appealing to exercise at all, which is why a shocking 41 percent of middle-aged people don't even manage a brisk 10-minute walk once a month.

Do more than just that! Start with a warm up to prepare your muscles and avoid injury to your joints. Gently increase your activity levels, perhaps taking up light jogging, cycling, swimming or short strength-training workouts. Be mindful of fitness, injuries and individual ability to handle stress, but maintain a good level of intensity if you can.

Your 60s

In this decade, muscle mass more easily decreases, weight more easily increases, posture can degrade, and you may even suffer chronic health conditions. Perhaps you think it's too late to start, but there is no expiration date on your body's ability to benefit from physical activity. Any movement you begin to do right now will yield real, measurable and almost immediate benefits.

Harvard Health says that you still need five days of exercise per week. Get moving, even if it is only taking brisk walks at first. Work up to a 60-40 split between moderate aerobic activity and resistance exercise. That might seem daunting, but just focus on maintaining good form as you move, using appropriate weights and common sense. This will improve your bone health, general strength and long-term independence.

Your 70s and Beyond

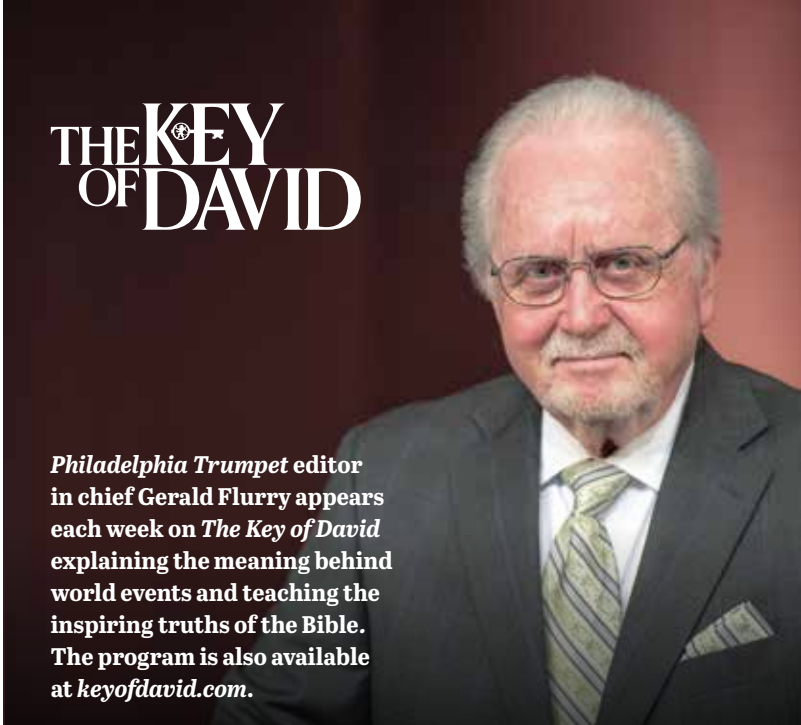
If you are over 70, your best investment is still exercise. The older you are, the more dramatic the benefits of movement will be. This is especially true in preventing frailty and falls, maintaining cognitive function, and avoiding chronic diseases.

Focus on maintaining bone density, because of higher risk of death after a hip fracture. Regular exercise can lessen this danger by building strong bones and muscles.

Before starting, get advice from an exercise professional, especially if you have chronic conditions. Then start by increasing your level of movement slowly, perhaps with an invigorating walking program or a senior fitness class. If you have wobbly knees, try swimming instead of walking. If you struggle with mobility, check out eldergym.com for some excellent online exercises you can do at home.

It's easy for an unmoving body to remain unmoving. But your body was created to move! Wherever you are in life, begin moving more, working toward the optimal combination for your age. Your journey toward better health begins with that first step. ■

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