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DANIEL 11:40, Moffatt translation

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The Whirlwind Prophecy

Germany has Iran surrounded.

One prophetic word—*whirlwind*—reveals how Germany's military strategy is about to conquer Iran and rule the Middle East!

IRAN IS THE NUMBER ONE TERRORIST-SPONSORING NATION in the world. It has helped the Muslim Brotherhood take over Egypt. It is providing aid to Syria, where the government is terrorizing its own people. It is involved with al Qaeda in gaining control over Libya. It supports terrorists in Lebanon and the Gaza Strip that are attacking Israel. It is behind strikes on allied forces in Afghanistan. It is deeply entrenched in Iraq, and is pushing its Islamist agenda in other nations throughout the region and beyond. It is defying the will of the Western world by continuing to develop its nuclear program.



FROM THE EDITOR
GERALD FLURRY

Tehran is pushing its own strategy very effectively. However, this is about to dramatically change.

Biblical prophecy refers to this end-time Islamist power as “the king of the south.” (You can prove this to yourself by ordering a free copy of our booklet *The King of the South*.) It shows that this nation will play a key role in lighting the fuse to a world war!

It also tells us that as the Iranians push their own agenda—growing more and more confident by other nations’ weakness and inaction—they will suddenly be blindsided by a whirlwind attack that will wipe them out!

We have taunted for about 20 years, based on this prophecy, that Iran and its radical Islamist allies are going to be conquered. But we have never been able to tell you *how* it is going to happen. Until now.

The Bible tells you *how* this will happen! Daniel 11:40 speaks of a “whirlwind.” This ONE WORD prophesies how this clash with Iran is going to unfold. It reveals *in detail* what is about to happen in the Middle East—and in Africa, southwest Asia and Europe.

The Prophecy

Daniel 11:40 describes how the king of the south will be violently invaded by the “king of the north”: “*At the time of the end*”—that is the time immediately before us—“shall the *king of the south* push at him: and the *king of the north* shall come against him LIKE A WHIRLWIND, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.”

The “king of the north” in prophecy is Catholic Europe, led by Germany. We offer proof of this truth in our free booklet *Germany and the Holy Roman Empire*.

This prophecy describes Germany and the new Holy Roman Empire. The Germans are excellent war strategists and warriors. They are savvy enough to realize that they will never have peace

with Iran. They know that sooner or later, their two religions—their two civilizations—will *clash*.

This scripture describes a time when Germany’s Catholic empire will wage all-out war, throwing everything it has at radical Islam—and *dominating* it like a violent flood pouring in!

Here is the question we need to focus on: How could Germany do this so easily, so effectively and so quickly?

Berlin will not be able to overwhelm Iran in the near future unless it is working on a special strategy *right now*.

The Strategy

Think about the keyword in Daniel 11:40. The verse talks about an attack from the king of the north, but the emphasis is on the *strategy* of this military attack.

If you’re in a *whirlwind*, it whirls all around you. It whirls you away! Look at the map (page 3), and you can see the German strategy: to surround Iran and its allies.

The Iranians are so focused on conquering their own objectives that they don’t see what the Germans are doing. They don’t recognize how Germany is planning for the *bigger war* to come! NO ONE BUT THE TRUMPET RECOGNIZES IT! But the facts are visible for anyone to see.

Germany has *expected* to clash with Iran, and it has been working on a strategy for a decade or more. That strategy is almost complete. Germany has *surrounded* Iran.

“Whirlwind” is a very revealing word in this verse. It means to sweep away in a storm, according to *Gesenius’ Lexicon*. It can mean “to bristle with terror.” It can also mean terror-stricken, or

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shivering with fear, invoking the creeping of the skin of one who is terror-stricken.

This word has an unusual emphasis on *terror!* Will this terrifying whirlwind be nuclear? It *certainly* will be terrorizing! And it’s about to explode in the Middle East. Finally the terrorists will become terrorized!

James Moffatt translates this verse, “When the end arrives, the king of the South shall butt at him, but the king of the North shall storm at him like a whirlwind,

with chariots and cavalry and a large fleet, invading his lands and flooding into them.”

Soncino says “the king of the north . . . will swoop down.” This isn’t simply a straight-on assault. It’s a *storm* that whirls around and around, invading the land and flooding into it!

The king of the north couldn’t come like a whirlwind unless it *surrounds* Iran and its allies. That is being meticulously planned *right now!* Germany is busy preparing to execute a whirlwind strategy to rush upon and overflow Iran.

If you study what is happening in the territory surrounding Iran today, *you already see Germany all over it.* Daniel 11:40 is already in the early stages of being fulfilled! Iran and its Islamist allies are CAUGHT INSIDE A WHIRLWIND! That’s what the prophecy is all about.

In Every Direction

How, exactly, has the king of the north surrounded the king of the south? Its troops haven’t encircled Tehran. It doesn’t have bases and aircraft carriers dotting Iran’s borders. But it has made some very intelligent, very strategic deployments and deals that give it a presence all the way around Iran’s sphere of influence.

Look at the map—IRAN AND ITS ALLIES ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF A DEADLY CIRCLE!

Iran is spreading its influence westward into Egypt and Libya. But across Libya’s western border lies Algeria. Germany recently crafted a deal that sends \$10.5 billion worth of military hardware to that country. It also has a personnel carrier plant there. It has a deal to manufacture rifles in Algeria. Berlin has connections even within Egypt and has sold it hundreds of millions of dollars in armaments, including two attack submarines worth \$700 million.

To the southwest, Germany has a handful of soldiers and police officers in Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Much closer to Iran, directly across the Persian Gulf, lie the Arabian Peninsula nations. Germany has sold \$2.6 billion in weapons to Qatar, including dozens of Leopard II tanks. It has sold \$9.3 billion in weapons to the United Arab Emirates and built a munitions factory there.

Germany is also working on some massive deals with Saudi Arabia. Among them: It is building a machine-gun factory there, and sending the Saudis 72 Eurofighters and somewhere between 270 and 800 Leopard II tanks.

There are also German military personnel in Djibouti and Somalia. In the Arabian Sea, the Bundeswehr has a frigate, maritime surveillance planes and 340 troops.

Look on the far side of Iran, and you see 4,400 German soldiers staying in its eastern neighbor, Afghanistan, **EVEN WHILE AMERICAN TROOPS PULL OUT.** Washington is eager to get out—but Berlin has something else in mind.

Just north of Afghanistan is Uzbekistan. There, the German military operates an air base in Termez, with about 300 military staff plus transport aircraft.

The king of the north also has a strong presence to Iran’s north. To the northwest, in the Mediterranean, lies Cyprus, a strategic military and intelligence asset. The terms that Germany dictated

for Cyprus’s economic bailout in mid-April basically gave the EU control of this island.

The Bundeswehr has deployed two anti-aircraft missile batteries in Turkey, along with 400 soldiers. In addition, it has developed the nation into a massive weapons export market, selling Turkey 715 tanks, 687 armored personnel carriers, 300 air defense missile systems, 197 ground survey radar units, eight frigates, two support ships and 15 submarines in the last two decades.

The German military has two patrol boats off Lebanon and up to 300 soldiers on the ground. It also has the largest contingent in Kosovo—1,249 soldiers—and a small presence in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Germany is third in arms exporting behind the U.S. and Russia, and will probably become number one soon!

And this doesn’t even touch the weapons industries and the land, sea and air power amassing inside Germany itself—or the deployments and power of its European, African and Middle Eastern allies—or the economic power of the European Union, which is dominated by Berlin.

Why is Germany so involved, stretching over the Middle East and much of the world? It is preparing for a whirlwind of destruction.

Germany has been at the heart of several resurrections of the “Holy” Roman Empire spanning more than 1,500 years. It thinks in terms of the *Reich*, which means empire.

The Allies never rooted out that deep feeling after World Wars I and II. After the Second World War, the Allies said, “It is our inflexible purpose to destroy German militarism and Nazism and to ensure that Germany will never again be able to disturb the peace of the world.” But look at the map and you can see **WHO** is really preparing for war! Just as in 1870, 1914 and 1939, *German militarism* is about to *again disturb the peace!*

Germany has surrounded Iran and radical Islam, just as God prophesied it would. Soon that whirlwind is going to start rotating and whirling against the king of the south like a well-armed—probably nuclear-armed—vortex!

A Special Objective

Of all the countries and cities and seas that Germany is spreading its strategy over, there is one city you need to remember in particular. It is right in the middle of that whirlwind of warfare: *Jerusalem.*

Satan the devil is especially concerned about this city. Why? Because it is a city the Lord has



Want more specifics? See the “Do You Realize How Active Germany Is in the Middle East?” infographic in our April edition or online: <http://theTrumpet.com/go/10412>



Germany's 'Whirlwind' Military Strategy

chosen (2 Chronicles 6:6; Zechariah 3:2). God has chosen Jerusalem: The Bible shows that He has big plans for this city. Satan is obviously going to be fighting that. In fact, it is at the heart of Satan's plan to plunge the world into destruction!

Study Daniel's prophecy more deeply, and you see Jerusalem right in the middle of it. After Germany and Catholic Europe conquer the king of the south, they are going to move into the Holy City (the "glorious land" of Daniel 11:41). Putting this together with other biblical prophecies, a strange picture emerges. We explain this in detail in our free booklet *Jerusalem in Prophecy*. "He shall enter also into the glorious land" in no way indicates the use of force. It appears the Germans will be invited in as *peacekeepers*.

The fact that the king of the north is able to come inside Jerusalem peacefully is peculiar. It doesn't seem that the Jews would normally allow that. Yet this prophecy says they will.

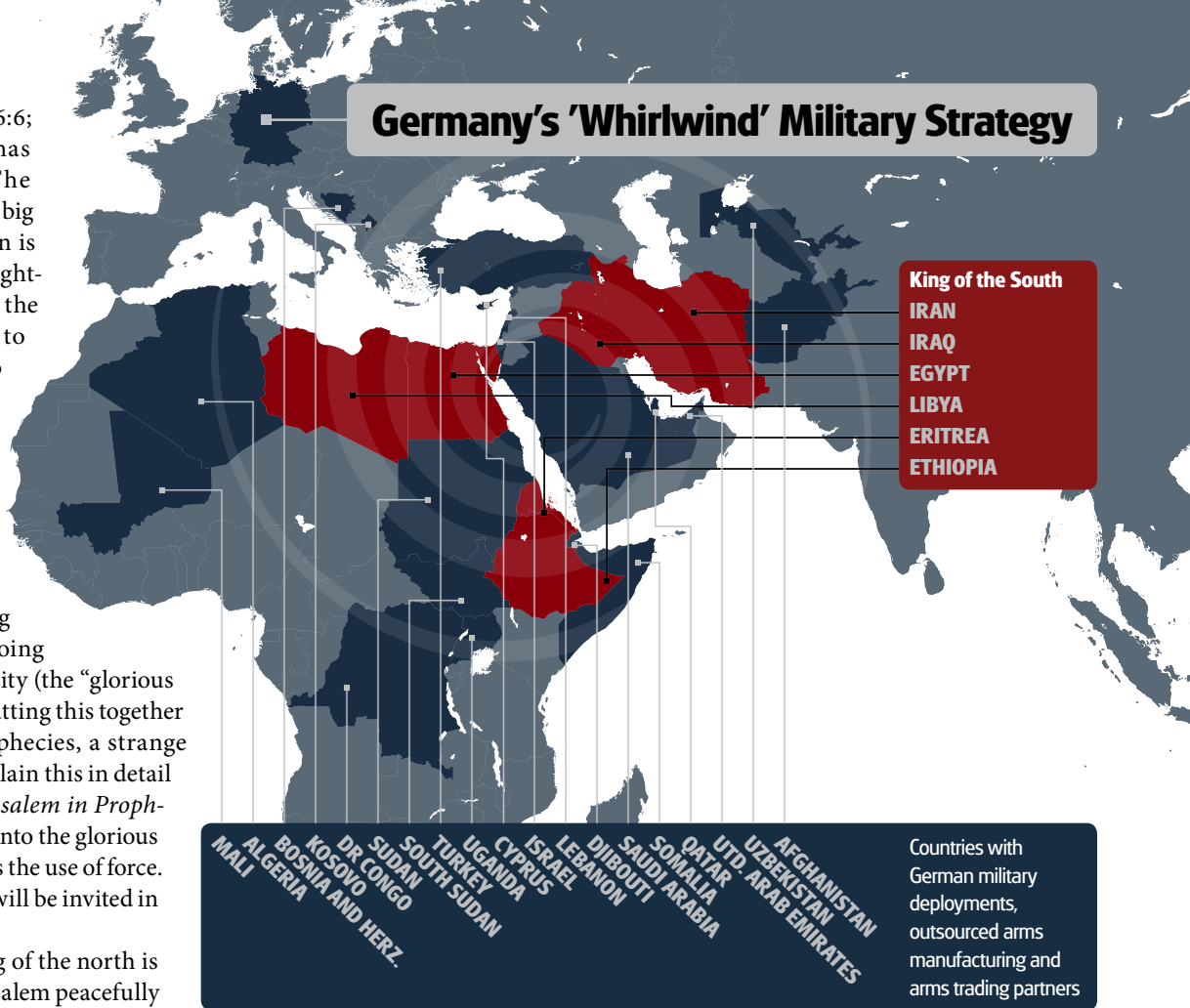
Is it because that *push* by the king of the south against the king of the north happens *inside* Jerusalem? Does it have something to do with radical Islam attacking or controlling a site owned by the Catholics? It certainly seems that *something* would have to happen to cause the Jews to want Europe to march its armies into Israel to protect them.

Yet study the rest of these prophecies! They show that this is when the world will witness the most devastating double cross in history!

"And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh," Jesus warned (Luke 21:20).

This European empire—which throughout history has conquered Jerusalem several times—is destined to do so again! Jerusalem is inside this whirling vortex of warfare. These European leaders want to conquer that city. They want to gain control of Israel's nuclear weapons—then they can destroy the Jewish state very easily. Europe is going to *betray the Jews* and destroy them!

Beyond that, prophecy also reveals that the Europeans will simultaneously strike AMERICA AND BRITAIN with nuclear bombs! (In many end-time prophecies, God uses Jerusalem to represent all the modern nations descended from ancient Israel—especially the birthright nations, America and Britain. Our free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* proves this.) This attack will plunge the world into the worst war in history, and there will be suffering like never before on Earth!



"For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled," Christ continued. "And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled" (Luke 21:22, 24).

God is allowing this fearsome empire to rise and to conquer Iran's Islamist power—so He can use it to punish America, Britain, and the other Israelitish nations for all their horrible sins! That is what these events are all leading to.

God recorded these prophecies as a warning to us. We can see events leading toward their fulfillment. Yet our peoples continue to live their own way and will not listen to God!

Daniel 11:45 says, "And he shall plant the tabernacles of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain . . ." This is talking about the final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire. This great political and military power, *ruled over by a great church*, will set up its headquarters in Jerusalem. It represents Satan's effort to get control of that city because he knows God has wonderful plans for it. So much of this prophecy revolves around Jerusalem.

Invaluable Intelligence

Remember, Daniel 11:40 is a prophecy for "the time of the end." In Daniel 12, verses 4 and 9 both specify that God *sealed* this amazing prophecy to be opened *only* for "the time of the end." How incredible that we are seeing it being fulfilled *right now!*

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The American Patient

Experts say the Federal Reserve saved the economy from a near-death experience in 2008.

But is Dr. Bernanke's only medicine becoming a poison? **BY ROBERT MORLEY**

WHEN THE WORLD'S BIGGEST financial institution (Citigroup), its biggest vehicle manufacturer (General Motors), its biggest insurance company (AIG), its two biggest mortgage lenders (Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac) and its biggest fast-food company (McDonald's) faced financial failure, one thing saved them:

Emergency medication from the Federal Reserve.

When the Dow Jones hemorrhaged 25 percent of its value in less than a week, who plugged the wound? When consumers lost their jobs and reduced spending, who began offering intravenous loans at near zero percent? When foreign nations refused to extend additional money to Washington at artificially low rates, which emergency responder was first on site?

Dr. Bernanke and Associates.

Give credit where it is due. If not for the Federal Reserve, the American economy's medical chart would look totally different.

Yes, the Fed was complicit in the lead-up to the financial collapse. It allowed America's big banks to stuff themselves with insane amounts of leverage. It also dogmatically refused to acknowledge the growth of a housing bubble. It encouraged unhealthy debt issuance and risk-taking.

But once the system finally went into cardiac arrest, the Fed succeeded in administering a dose of adrenaline that kept the patient conscious. So far.

Kudos.

Critics say what the Fed did was actually more akin to a drug dealer giving a crashing addict another massive hit. But hey, the junkie is still breathing, so at least credit the Fed for that.

So just what was this magic drug from the Federal Reserve? Dollars! Its prescription? Trillions! Its method? Create them out of thin air and inject them into virtually every organ in America's financial system.

The results are visible: Stock markets are hitting new highs (despite high unemployment), the government bond market is yielding record lows (despite reduced credit worthiness), the housing market is bouncing (due to artificially low interest rates), and analysts are talking as if the economy may soon arise from its sickbed.

But whether or not you believe a lasting recovery is on the way, there is reason to believe the Federal Reserve will soon have

its magic drug machine taken away. What would happen to America then?

If America can no longer print money to keep interest rates low, mortgages and car loans affordable and student loans subsidized, what happens? What if America's debt-addicted economy has to start paying its own way, like the rest of the world?

That day is coming, and you won't want to be there when the dollar drug runs out.

Who Needs the Dollar?

Evidence continues to build of the world's effort to move away from its reliance on the American greenback. The more this trend grows, the greater the threat to the dollar's value—and its usefulness as medication for America's economic ills.

On April 12, Bank of France Governor Christian Noyer announced that France and China would set up a currency swap line to allow French companies to bypass the U.S. dollar for trade. It is China's latest effort to bring on a post-dollar reserve-currency world. The idea is to turn France into the major offshore Chinese currency-trading hub for Europe—and to increase the yuan's role in global trade.

China Daily reports that 50 percent of French companies have already used yuan-denominated products and services. But that percentage will soar when all other European countries are able to cut out the dollar middleman when trading with China.

As important as it is for France to increase trade with China, especially as Europe struggles through its debt crisis, *this deal may prove to be even more important to China* as it works to challenge the dollar as the world's reserve currency.

The prospect of 317 million members of the eurozone and about 30 percent of global trade eventually conducted using yuan and euros instead of dollars may finally be fatal for the dollar. After all, why keep huge reserves of American dollars when they are not needed?

Several of America's closest allies appear to see America's weakness too.

Earlier this year, Australia made two startling announcements: 1) that it was abandoning the U.S. dollar for trade with China; and 2) that it would rebalance its foreign currency reserves to invest in Chinese government bonds. As of April 10, the two countries no longer need the U.S. dollar for bilateral trade. Australian businesses can

now conduct trade in Chinese yuan. And no longer do Chinese consumers need U.S. dollars to buy Australian goods.

Australian Prime Minister Julia Gillard noted that China is Australia's biggest trading partner and that switching from the dollar is a "huge advantage for Australia."

This Australia-China currency pact isn't the only headache the dollar has experienced lately.

45 Billions the Federal Reserve prints each month to cover unfunded government spending

Percentage of government borrowing needing to be covered by printing money **83**

3.3 Trillions printed by the Fed and injected into the economy since the 2008 economic crisis

Billions the Fed prints each month to aid banking, housing and construction markets **40**

On March 26, China and Brazil agreed to cut out the U.S. dollar for approximately half of their trade. They will now conduct some \$30 billion worth of commerce per year in yuan and reals. Brazilian Economy Minister Guido Mantega said the trade and currency agreement will act as a buffer against any unexpected ups and downs in the dollar on the international markets.

Less than a week later, China announced its participation in the joint BRICS bank initiative. Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa announced the creation of a new development bank that some analysts, like Warwick Business School's Geoffrey Wood, say has the potential to rival the U.S.-dominated World Bank.

America's other major ally in the Pacific, Japan, announced last year that it would also curtail its use of the dollar. In June 2012, Tokyo and Beijing began cutting out the dollar in bilateral trade. The initiative was announced as part of a broad agreement to reinforce financial ties between the world's third- and fourth-largest economies.

Similar dollar-exclusion deals are working between Russia and China, Russia and Iran, India and Iran, and India and Japan.

"[T]he free lunch the U.S. has enjoyed ever since the advent of the U.S. dollar as world reserve currency may be coming to an end," wrote popular financial blog ZeroHedge. "And since there is no such thing as

a free lunch, all the deferred pain the U.S. Treasury Department has been able to offset thanks to its global currency monopoly status will come crashing down the second the world starts getting doubts about the true nature of just who the real reserve currency will be in the future" (March 31).

The drug is about to wear off.

What Then?

As more nations seek dollar alternatives, America will become exposed to the simple economic laws of supply and demand. All those unneeded dollars will come flooding back on the market. Dollars that foreigners aren't able to sell will be spent on snapping up American corporations and income-producing assets. And the dollar's potency will plunge.

More importantly, the Federal Reserve will no longer be able to prescribe ever increasing amounts of dollars out of thin air to finance unsustainable spending and other "stimulus measures." A huge chunk of the world market will no longer be locked into using and storing dollars.

When the next financial seizure strikes, the Fed may not be able to do much about it.

Printed money will become printed poison. Without global demand for reserve-currency dollars, money printing will cause the value of the dollar to plummet. The value of your savings will evaporate. Interest rates will spike. Credit and loans will become unaffordable, collapsing what is left of America's consumer economy. Unemployment levels worse than the Great Depression will become a way of life.

When the next crisis strikes—and it is coming—don't count on the Federal Reserve to medicate our way back out of it. The Fed's money medicine has succeeded in keeping the American patient alive a bit longer, but the debt disease is still terminal. ■

MONEY CAN'T SAVE YOU!

Printed money will become printed poison—and you need the antidote.

What is it? The answer is simple: Put God first in your life! Only God can protect you when the dollar collapses. We offer two free reprint articles that will show you how to actively trust in God, and the miraculous blessings that result. Request "The First and Great Commandment" and "Let God Fight Your Battles."

Grace Notes


Why the *Trumpet's* publisher also sponsors performing arts.

BY PHILIP NICE

SOMETHING SPECIAL

Violinists in the China National Symphony Orchestra play on stage in the theater of Armstrong Auditorium (below).





blazing pink-and-orange prairie sunset. The sun shining on a high wall of glass behind the shadows of towering pillars. Colors refracting in giant crystal chandeliers. Small groups humming with conversation, melting into the buzzing crowd. Seats filling. Theater lights dimming. The audience hushing. The curtain opening. That first note.

This is a concert at Armstrong Auditorium.

It's an evening of sound—fine, precise, tense, trembling, swelling, overwhelming, emotional, evocative, passionate, satisfying, gorgeous sound. Every pitch vibrating, pulsating, dissipating perfectly. Every rhythm fusing mathematical precision with mortal spontaneity. It is beautiful and it is universal. It's stirring, happy, enriching, glorious music.

And it is why the finest structure at Philadelphia Church of God headquarters—standing right next to the *Trumpet* offices—is an auditorium.

Armstrong Auditorium opened its doors in 2010 as the new home of the Armstrong International Cultural Foundation concert series. The hall has already welcomed scores of performers and visitors for dozens of performances. Inside, thousands of concertgoers have heard the flutter of the flute, the tinkling spectrum of the piano, the earnestness of the violin, the mesmeric chords of the harp, the warm reverberation of the cello, the resonance of the wind quintet, the lavishness of the orchestra and the splendor of the human voice.

Hundreds of performers have taken one last look in the dressing room mirror before stepping onto the Armstrong stage: André Watts, Marvin Hamlisch, Chanticleer, the Eroica Trio, the Berlin Philharmonic Wind Quintet, the Academy of St. Martin in the Fields, the Vienna Boys Choir, the China National Symphony Orchestra and dozens more pianists, violinists, violists, cellists, bassists, flutists, oboists, clarinetists, bassoonists, trumpeters, trombonists, hornists, tubists, percussionists and vocalists.

Foundation chairman Gerald Flurry emphasizes classical music in the concert series because it combines several noble, admirable and exemplary qualities into one experience. It starts with history's most gifted, most trained, most elite composers, who poured their brilliant minds and their lives into fashioning each detail of each piece of music. Their compositions are layered with intellectually challenging complexity: the deeper you go, the more

Who is the PCG?

The Philadelphia Church of God publishes the *Trumpet* newsmagazine and theTrumpet.com. It also supports other activities, including numerous publications, a television program, a youth camp, a K-12 school, a liberal arts college, and congregations around the world. It sponsors the Armstrong International Cultural Foundation, which hosts an archaeological dig in Jerusalem and a concert series in Armstrong Auditorium.

there is to discover. Yet, at the same time, the music communicates something universal, meaningful, emotional. The classical concert takes this composition and hands it to the contemporary musician who has spent his life exerting his mind to train, work, persevere and overcome in order to convey the piece to the listener and, on top of that, add his own interpretation, his own passion, his own heart to the music. The Armstrong

International Cultural Foundation brings a taste of this marriage of excellence and passion to Armstrong Auditorium.

But this fervency and quality also blossom in other forms of music. That's why classical music forms the core, but not the whole, of the performing arts series. Armstrong has hosted many other high forms of music: the cultural kaleidoscope of the Bayanihan Philippine National Dance Company, the exuberance and expertise of the 5 Browns, the poised splendor of the Russian National Ballet Theatre, the familial genius of the Romeros Guitar Quartet, the popularity of Doc Severinsen and His Big Band, the high energy of StepCrew, the folk mastery of Mark O'Connor, the rich lyricism of Jubilant Sykes, the dynamism of Nathan Gunn, the nationalistic nobility of the Band of Scots Guards and The Black Watch, and the Latin-flavored mixture of humor and virtuosity of the Assad Brothers and Paquita d'Rivera.

In the process, concertgoers and staff have also experienced interacting offstage with men and women who represent countries all over the world, as well as high levels of talent, education, discipline, skill, culture and character. Some of the performers, like Broadway star Brian Stokes Mitchell, have hosted public master classes at Herbert W. Armstrong College. Sometimes, like with the Branford Marsalis Quartet, the Chieftains, the Byron Berline Band, Jubilant Sykes, the Eroica Trio and others, students and faculty from the college and Imperial Academy have even taken the

stage alongside the greats for a number or two. They've also put together numerous concerts and productions of their own.

Creating this uplifting atmosphere is why Armstrong Auditorium makes fine music possible. But why does the Philadelphia Church of God make Armstrong Auditorium possible?

It's certainly about something much higher than money, since the PCG subsidizes 50 percent or more of each concert. It's about the human spirit.

Physically, human beings are similar to all the other creatures on Earth. Yet we are undeniably different. We learn, we speak, we sing, we dance—we write literature, we make discoveries, we do business, we have families, we love and so much more. Why? Because each of us has something special—it's the human brain plus the human spirit. It's the incredible human *mind*.

The astonishing, spirit-powered human minds God gave us are capable of choosing great evil. Every day we prove that fact. We overwhelmingly choose to follow Satan's selfish way of life, twisting our minds into warped and even horrific

misuses. The *Trumpet* message is a warning against those sins.

But Armstrong Auditorium's message is hope. It celebrates the greatness of the human spirit as God created it. It celebrates the fact that the power, the capacity, the beauty of each human being is ongoing

future. It's a preview to a time when Jesus Christ will return and will put down all rebellion, all our perverted misuses of the human spirit. It's a preview of a happy, abundant, innovative, brilliant utopia that will bloom under His rule—where each person uses his or her God-given human

mind the right way, to help make the world a paradise of peace, progress, joy and fulfillment. It's the way we were created to be. And it's coming. We call it the wonderful World Tomorrow.

In the meantime, in the world today, there is hope.

As it blasts the warning through the *Trumpet*, the PCG continues to announce this message of hope. Armstrong Auditorium will do its part to enhance that message in October with its 2013-2014 performing

arts season. Once again, audiences will unite with performing artists from around the world inside the universal joy of music, sharing precious moments when we are not Germans, Americans, Filipinos, Hungarians, Britons, Russians or Israelis, but when we are all children of God joining together in His creative masterpiece of sound. ■

Upcoming Events

Hungarian State Folk Ensemble October 7, 2013

Canadian Brass November 7

Moscow Festival Ballet, 'Sleeping Beauty' January 27, 2014

Moscow Festival Ballet, 'Don Quixote' January 28

Jenkins-Malone Piano Duo February 16

Haifa Symphony Orchestra February 27

Menahem Pressler, Israeli pianist March 18

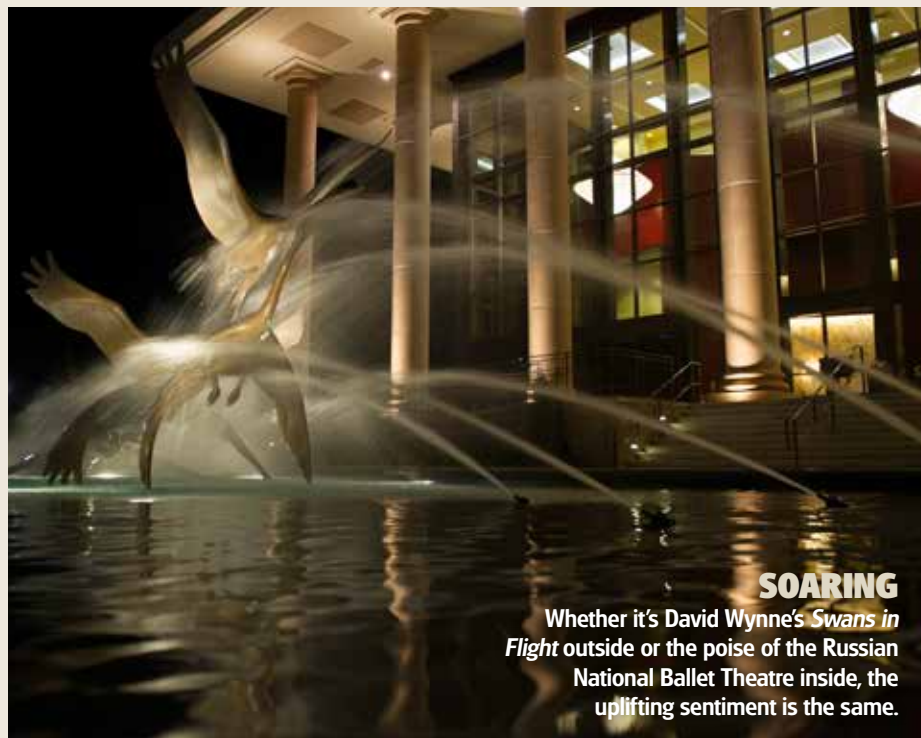
Brian Stokes Mitchell March 27

Midori, violin recital April 24

HWAC Choral Union, Handel's 'Messiah' May 1

evidence of our virtuosic Creator! We are bright and beautiful creations of our loving Father. He allows us to make our own decisions and learn the hard way, but His masterwork is underway right now: a design that will ultimately redeem the vast majority of mankind!

The Armstrong Auditorium concert is simply a glimpse into that spectacular



SOARING

Whether it's David Wynne's *Swans in Flight* outside or the poise of the Russian National Ballet Theatre inside, the uplifting sentiment is the same.



A One-Way Trip to Mars

BY JEREMIAH JACQUES



MARS SWEET MARS

Artist's concept of the Mars One colony

A PROJECT CALLED MARS ONE kicked off a mission in June 2012 to build the first human settlement on planet Mars. The private spaceflight project plans to land four people on the Red Planet in 2023, and send four more every two years thereafter.

But there is a catch.

Back in 2009, NASA scrapped its plans for a manned Mars mission largely because the cost of sending a crew there and back, and sustaining them while there, was projected to be \$100 billion. In an economic climate in which even key military operations are increasingly viewed as unsustainable luxuries, the expense made NASA's plans impossible. So, how can Mars One boldly go where NASA couldn't afford to?

The Catch

Mars One includes no return-trip ticket. Once the spacecraft transports the crew to Mars, a segment of it would connect to a prebuilt habitat (sent by earlier unmanned launches), and become the permanent home of the new settlers. The dwelling plans include systems for generating energy, water and breathable air from Martian resources. The settlers would spend the rest of their lives in the tiny colony, *with no chance of ever returning to Earth.*

Because of that, Mars One's mission is expected to cost only \$6 billion. And rather than relying on elusive government funding as NASA did, a key component of Mars One is a reality TV show with an audience vote that determines which applicants will ultimately get the nod. From the moment the candidates are selected, they will be celebrities. Their training, flight and new lives on Mars will all be thoroughly documented—and generate premium advertising revenues.

On April 22, the Dutch project began

accepting applications from people seeking to become an astronaut/colonist. The fact that the candidates would never return to Earth made planners, sponsors and analysts wonder if many people would apply.

Within two weeks, they had received 78,000 applications from 120 nations, making it *the most applied-for job in history.*

Mars One co-founder Bas Lansdorp was stunned. "The fact that we are already at such a significant level in just two weeks' time surprised us positively." Lansdorp said they hope to attract a total of half a million applicants before the deadline.

Why are so many people eager to leave Earth forever and live out their lives in the most spartan of circumstances on Mars?

What's Wrong With Earth?

The earliest chapters of history show that mankind has a deep urge to thrust beyond what is known and discover new domains. Man's restless spirit has pushed us to the highest peaks and the deepest ocean depths; sailing to the planet's every corner and then soaring off Earth altogether. Fame, adventure, escape and other considerations factor into the allure of Mars One and other exploration opportunities.

In the case of clamoring for a one-way ticket to colonize Mars, there may be another motivation at work. As the late Ray Browne, an author and retired professor, said about the subject nearly a decade ago, "I suspect that the obsession—if that's what it is—is a kind of subterranean fear that things

are going to get too hot down here, so now is the time to look for that Shangri-La. And if we

just get up there, a few of us, we'll escape all the trouble that we're having down here."

It's an intriguing notion. Anyone can recognize "all the trouble" here on Earth. But would migrating to another planet truly escape it? The Bible has an answer.

Astoundingly, Scripture shows that God wants and intends mankind to move out onto Mars *and beyond*. "For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth... he created it not in vain, *he formed it to be inhabited*" (Isaiah 45:18). This jaw-dropping verse, alongside several other scriptures, reveals that God did not create the vast universe just to be an ornament to be observed from Earth: He designed it to be inhabited!

Hebrews 2:6-10 say God will put "all things" (Moffatt, "the universe") *in subjection to man*. But then the passage acknowledges that He hasn't done so *yet*.

There is a very good reason He hasn't. God gave us Earth to care for—and look around: "All the trouble" shows that we aren't yet capable of successfully governing ourselves. If mankind was somehow able to populate another planet, we would bring "all the trouble" with us.

But God has an inspiring plan for *changing* and *healing* the human nature that creates so many problems. Once He accomplishes this, then man will be able to fulfill the true potential God has given us.

If Mars One gets off the ground—and that is a big if—only a tiny handful of the half a million expected applicants will be accepted. But each of those people—and the vast majority of all men who have ever lived—have the potential to go far beyond Mars, and to inhabit the whole universe! ■



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An Army Waiting for a Leader

Mass unemployment in the early 1930s gave rise to Adolf Hitler and Nazism. Could it happen again? **BY BRAD MACDONALD**

EUROPE'S UNEMPLOYMENT CRISIS is one we all know about, but very few people outside Europe think seriously about.

Perhaps you've seen the atrocious figures and statistics, the long lines of grumpy, unemployed Greeks and Spaniards. But have you actually thought about what this means for Europe and for the world beyond?

History is laden with examples of economic failure, specifically mass unemployment, resulting in extreme social and political upheaval, then the rise of tyrannical ideologies and government, then war. Europe has an especially storied history of intense public dissatisfaction leading directly to ferocious conflict.

Is 21st-century Europe immune to this historical phenomenon?

The Unemployed Mind

Mass unemployment can be a frightening spectacle. When a working-age person has meaningful daily tasks—making a cappuccino, laying bricks, creating spreadsheets—his mind is active and occupied. He also has income, which means food on the table, a roof overhead, clothed children and a hopeful future. The employed mind tends to be happier, more stable, more content, more confident.

Take away employment, and two things begin to happen psychologically: First, as his bills mount and his stomach aches, the unemployed person becomes stressed and frustrated. As the situation persists, the anxiety evolves into desperation, hopelessness, even despair. Second, disenfranchised by his deteriorating circumstances—the loss of the family

home, his decline in status, marital tension—the unemployed person can become emotionally and mentally vulnerable.

The one commodity the unemployed person now has is *time*—time for his susceptible, disillusioned mind to entertain new, often extreme or radical “solutions”

When this happens, unemployment stops being merely an unfortunate economic issue and becomes an alarming social and political crisis that can lead to major—even worldwide—catastrophe!

So, how close is Europe to this transformative moment?



TYPE
Italians stand in long unemployment lines in 1931.

that promise to rescue him from a system he believes has failed him. Disgruntled with the status quo, he longs for something new. A new political party, new ideologies, new leaders, new policies—a whole new system.

When unemployment is low, threats of social unrest and political transformation are easy to mitigate. When it reaches high levels over a sustained period, you suddenly have an army of disenfranchised, angry people. An army primed to embrace extreme political ideologies. An army ready to follow a leader who promises salvation. An army primed to overthrow the established system.

Crisis Level

The combined March unemployment rate of eurozone states was 12.1 percent. Expanded to include all 27 EU states, it was steady at 10.9 percent. These figures are bad, but not dire. But look at unemployment on the national level.

In Greece, the unemployment rate in April was just above 27 percent, *up from 21.5 percent 12 months before*. Spain's rate was 26.7 percent. In these two countries, MORE THAN ONE QUARTER OF PEOPLE who want to work cannot find a job. Unemployment there is worse than it was in America during the Great Depression.

Other European countries are moving in the same direction. Portugal's April unemployment rate was 17.5 percent and rising. Slovakia's was 14.5 percent and rising. During a trip to France in May, I spoke with three employed friends, each of whom told me that his or her company would be laying off employees over the next few months. One friend, an accountant privy to the finances of numerous businesses, said that nearly all of them were planning to downsize.

These figures take into account *only* those who are willing and able to work. They don't include people who no longer receive unemployment benefits; or people who have given up searching for a job; or people who are working, but only part-time. They don't include students. And they don't factor in those who have left the country to look for work elsewhere. In the last 12 months, for example, over a million Europeans have moved to Germany in search of work.

Europe is brimming with *millions* of disenfranchised young people yearning for change, and ready to throw their support behind someone, *anyone*, with solutions for a brighter future!

Europe's young have only a shallow understanding of the Second World War, and of the historical propensity for radical leaders and political parties, like Hitler's Nazi Party, to exploit economic crises in the pursuit of ugly ambitions. Detached from this history, Europe's unemployed youth are likely to repeat it.

Looking at the figures, it's a marvel that Europe isn't already churning with massive riots and other social upheaval. It seems that many people are still being placated by some form of state handout. But just giving people money simply isn't sustainable. What happens when these stop-gap benefits inevitably dry up?

This is real, it's happening, and you need to think seriously about it. Across

AN UNEMPLOYMENT CRISIS ... CREATES POLITICAL CHAOS THAT DEMAGOGUES CAN EXPLOIT" (emphasis added throughout).

Between 1930 and Hitler's inauguration in 1933, who was the primary source of recruits by the SA (Sturmabteilung), Hitler's infamous army of fierce storm troopers? *Germany's massive army of unemployed.* During this short period, the SA built a private army of about 300,000. About 200,000 of them came from the ranks of the unemployed.

Could we see a similar development today?

In *The Rise of Fascism*, F.L. Carsten documents the rapid rise of National Socialism in Germany in the early 1930s: "At the end of 1929 [the National Socialist Party] had 178,000 members, by the end of 1930 about 380,000, and by the end of 1931 more than 800,000." Those incredible figures teach an important lesson: Under the right conditions, unconventional leaders and political parties can enjoy huge gains in popularity virtually overnight.

Note this too: "THIRTY-EIGHT PERCENT OF THESE MEMBERS WERE UNDER 30 YEARS OF AGE, far more than any other party" (ibid). Hitler and his ideology was especially attractive to Germany's alienated, easily led young people!

In his book, Carsten identifies the various groups that fell prey to Hitler's personality and promises, and the ideology of National Socialism. "BUT ABOVE ALL," he writes, "it was the victims of the crisis, not only the unemployed, BUT THE DISINHERITED IN GENERAL who flocked to the party and provided it with enthusiastic audiences at carefully staged monster meetings."

Europe today is filled with "victims of the crisis," people increasingly "disinherited" by the status quo. Do we dare risk believing that history cannot be repeated?

George Friedman also recently noted the role of unemployment in the rise of pre-war fascist regimes, and how most elites at the time *underestimated* the potential for severe economic hardship to give rise to extreme figures. He wrote, "It is important to understand the consequences of this kind of unemployment. ... *Fascism had its roots in Europe in massive economic failures* in which the financial elites *failed to recognize the political consequences of unemployment*" (March 5). You



ANTITYPE
Spaniards stand in long unemployment lines in 2009.

Stratfor CEO George Friedman has a guideline when analyzing unemployment: "A rule I use is that for each person unemployed, three others are affected, whether spouses, children or whomever. That means that when you hit 25 percent unemployment, virtually everyone is affected." By this measure, unemployment is affecting *everyone* in Spain and Greece. In many other states, *half to two thirds of the populace* is touched by unemployment.

Using this guideline, *more than 150 million people in the EU* are being directly or indirectly impacted by unemployment!

Europe, especially in the southern Mediterranean, there are millions of unhappy, angry people with the time and mentality to support any ideology that can promise them a return to a better life.

A massive army of Europeans is **READY RIGHT NOW** to get behind the person who can promise salvation.

Rise of the Extremist

In April, Michael Collins, an investment journalist with Fidelity Worldwide Investment, delivered the following warning: "The rise of Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini during the 1930s depression shows how

see, history warns us to not be ignorant of the power of the unemployed masses!

“[The elites] laughed at parties led by men who had been vagabonds selling postcards on the street and promising economic miracles if only those responsible for the misery of the country were purged. Men and women, plunged from the comfortable life of the petite bourgeoisie, *did not laugh, but responded eagerly to that hope*. The result was governments who enclosed their economies from the world

“It is very dangerous. Unemployment has reached tremendous levels. ... There is a deep unease across the whole society, and it is not just in Spain. We have to give people some hope or this is going to foment conflict and mutual hatred.”

—BRAULIO RODRIGUEZ
ARCHBISHOP OF TOLEDO



and managed their performance through directive and manipulation” (ibid).

Are you aware that we’re already seeing the above scenario unfold? Across Europe, radical political movements are appearing, seemingly out of nowhere, to overturn the established political order. The trend is most evident in Greece, where Golden Dawn, a Nazi party, is the third-most-popular political party in the country, supported by

See “How to Conquer Discouragement” on page 31 for more about where this dejected, restless spirit is ultimately coming from.

13 percent of the population. Neo-Nazis now sit—and perform the Nazi salute—in Greece’s national parliament.

Meanwhile, Greece’s traditional parties have been decimated. Just four years ago, the socialist party Pasok received 44 percent of the vote, with Golden Dawn getting a fraction of 1 percent. Today Pasok is one of Greece’s minor parties, with only 7 percent support. Economic crisis, especially widespread unemployment, is responsible!

Italy is experiencing similar changes. In February, a brand new political party, the Five Star

Movement, won more votes than any other party in national elections. Few if any of this party’s candidates had any prior political experience. It’s best-known figure, Beppe Grillo, is a former comedian. And Five Star Movement won a quarter of the vote. Italy took months to form a government afterward as the political classes struggled to swallow this radical change.

Thanks to economic crises, many European populations are ready to embrace their own Five Star Movement. Francois Hollande, France’s president, elected only last year, is already the most unpopular president ever in France. The following of Spain’s ruling right-wing Popular Party has halved since it won the last election in November 2011. Yet the main left-wing party, the Spanish Socialist Party, is *not* gaining in popularity as people desert its rival. The Spanish are fed up with *all* their usual politicians. Even the Spanish royal family is seeing its approval ratings plummet.

It’s an alarming trend: Across Europe, the popularity of established, moderate political parties is waning, while extremist parties are seeing explosive growth!

For now, this trend is happening mainly at the national level. But what if an individual or regime steps forward and starts winning the hearts of Europeans across the Continent? It wouldn’t be easy to unite such a divided group of nations. But if it were successful, that regime would have astonishing power!

Enter the Vatican

In May, *Telegraph* columnist and economist Ambrose Evans-Pritchard wrote an excellent article on a development the *Trumpet* has long been anticipating. Reporting from Toledo, Spain, Evans-Pritchard noted that the Catholic Church

had begun to show a keen interest in Europe’s economic crisis, specifically Europe’s problem with unemployment.

Before we note some high points of that article, recall what Herbert W. Armstrong wrote about the role of the Vatican and the Catholic Church in uniting Europe. In August 1978, he wrote: “Europeans want their own united military power! ... They have made a real effort toward union in the Common Market. ... But they well know there is but ONE POSSIBILITY of union in Europe—AND THAT IS THROUGH THE VATICAN” (*Good News*, emphasis his).

Two years later, he warned that “world conditions may force European nations ... to unite, bringing to pass the revived ‘Holy Roman Empire’ [European nations] have WANTED to unite politically, with a common currency and common military force, for some time—but have been unable. IT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED ONLY THROUGH THE VATICAN” (*Worldwide News*, June 1980).

In the January 1979 *Plain Truth*, Mr. Armstrong described a scenario that is remarkably relevant today: “The nations of Europe have been striving to become reunited. They desire a common currency, a single combined military force, a single united GOVERNMENT. They have made a start in the Common Market. They are now working toward a common currency. *Yet, on a purely political basis, they have been totally UNABLE to unite.*” In spite of these conflicting political interests, Mr. Armstrong explained, European countries will find a way to unite. How? “IN ONLY ONE WAY can this resurrected Holy Roman Empire be brought to fruition—by the ‘good offices’ of the Vatican, UNITING CHURCH AND STATE ONCE AGAIN, with the Vatican *astride and ruling.*”

Gerald Flurry and the *Trumpet* have been echoing this forecast by Mr. Armstrong ever since Europe’s economic crisis began: CATHOLICISM, AND SPECIFICALLY THE VATICAN, WILL BE CHIEFLY RESPONSIBLE FOR EUROPE’S UNIFICATION UNDER GERMAN LEADERSHIP!

‘We Have to Give People Some Hope’

Now consider the following recent remarks by Braulio Rodriguez, the archbishop of Toledo and the highest Catholic official in Spain. In an interview with the *Telegraph* he said, “We have to change

direction, *otherwise this is going to bring down whole political systems.*

“It is very dangerous. Unemployment has reached tremendous levels. ... THERE IS A DEEP UNEASE ACROSS THE WHOLE SOCIETY, and it is not just in Spain. WE HAVE TO GIVE PEOPLE SOME HOPE OR THIS IS GOING TO FOMENT CONFLICT AND MUTUAL HATRED.”

The Vatican sees the spirit of disenfranchisement settling over Europe. And it is beginning to step into the leadership vacuum!

About the archbishop’s remarks, Evans-Pritchard wrote: “EUROPE’S CHURCHES ARE EMERGING AS A POWERFUL POLE OF AUTHORITY, filling a vacuum left by political parties of all stripes tainted by the crisis. GERMAN LEADERS MAY BE MORE READY TO HEED CRITICISM FROM THE VATICAN AND THEIR OWN CLERGY than from Club Med politicians.”

Note that: German leaders might be hesitant to listen to other European politicians, BUT THEY WILL LISTEN TO the Vatican!

There are an enormous number of Catholics in Europe, and especially in southern Europe. Many aren’t what you would call vigilant Catholics. But extreme economic hardship, and all the trials that it can cause, has the tendency to inflame a person’s religious disposition. You watch: As Europe’s economic troubles increase, the popularity of the Catholic Church is going to improve as people turn to the church for solace and guidance.

With an entire Continent looking to the Catholic faith for leadership, the Vatican will have the power to effectively appoint over Europe a leader and regime of its own choosing!

Just as the Bible Said

It will be just as the Bible prophesied in Revelation 13. (You can study the prophecies at length in our free booklet *Who or What Is the Prophetic Beast?*) This chapter discusses two end-time “beasts,” or institutions. The first is a *political-military combine*, and it has experienced multiple resurrections over the past 1,500 years. This is the Roman Empire.

The second is a “religious” entity, discussed in verse 11: “And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb,

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Eurostat, March 2013



and he spake as a dragon.” This religion has the appearance of a lamb—it seems peaceful, friendly, harmless—but it speaks, or acts, like a dragon.

Now notice what this second beast, this religious power, does. Verse 12: “And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, *and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.*”

This great religion, which looks like a lamb but speaks like a dragon, compels people to “worship,” or embrace and support, the political-military beast!

Can you recognize that this deadly axis is already forming? The first beast, the seventh and final manifestation of the Roman Empire, is the German-dominated union of European nations. The second beast is the Roman Catholic Church. The Vatican is *already* a key institution in Europe and has *already* influenced many important decisions. Yet Bible prophecy

says we should expect MUCH GREATER COOPERATION between the Vatican and European governments.

We should expect the Vatican to step forward and cause Europe’s disgruntled millions to follow Germany and the coming strongman of Europe.

Continue to pay close attention to Europe, especially its economic malaise and unemployment. As you watch, look past the daily facts and figures, and think seriously about the broader ramifications. Mass unemployment isn’t merely an economic issue. History shows that it can cause massive social and political upheaval, often resulting in the emergence of tyrannical leaders and dangerous ideologies, followed, too often, by immensely destructive wars.

When you consider this history together with Bible prophecy, it becomes obvious that the pertinent question is not, *can history be repeated?* Rather, it is, *how can it not be?* ■



Church and state will unite once again. To prove this prophecy straight from the Bible, request our free booklet **Germany and the Holy Roman Empire.**

Stressed out? Train Your Stress

BY DARREN VERBOUT

“YOU NEED STRESS IN YOUR life!” That is what the National Institute of Mental Health says. “Without stress, life would be dull and unexciting. Stress adds flavor, challenge and opportunity to life. Too much stress, however, can seriously affect your physical and mental well-being. A major challenge in this stress-filled world of today is to make the stress in your life work *for* you instead of against you.”

Are you up for the challenge?

Violins and Concrete

Think of yourself as a violin. When there's *not enough* stress applied to a violin string, it produces a dull, raspy sound. *Too much* stress makes a shrill, annoying noise, or causes the string to snap. However, just the right amount of stress creates splendid tones.

Not a violinist?

Perhaps you're the concrete type. Hoover Dam, on the border of Arizona and Nevada, was finished in 1935. As its builders knew, concrete gets *stronger* when it is compressed—when stress is added. To exploit this, engineers designed the dam so the weight of the water behind it presses against the dam wall, sealing the joints and making it stronger. Stress can actually strengthen!

According to the *Gale Encyclopedia of Good Medicine*, “Stress is the body's normal response to anything that disturbs its natural physical, emotional or mental balance.” The entry goes on to say that stress is a natural phenomenon of living. If it's so normal and natural, then why does it frustrate, confuse, agitate and demoralize? The

answer lies simply in how well (or not so well) we *control* stress in our lives!

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how we react physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually to what's going on around us.

There are basically two kinds of stress: **POSITIVE STRESS**—the constructive kind that pushes us to perform at our very best, and **NEGATIVE STRESS**, also known as *hyper-stress*—the destructive kind that harms others or us physically, mentally, emotionally or spiritually.

The bottom line: Negative stress occurs when we feel out of control of our own lives.

Are you experiencing any of the following symptoms commonly associated with stress?

- **Physical:** Tension, fatigue, stomach problems or shakes
- **Mental:** Forgetfulness, poor concentration, low productivity, racing thoughts or boredom
- **Emotional:** Anxiety, depression, mood swings, temper outbursts or suicidal thoughts
- **Spiritual:** Emptiness, hopelessness, lack of purpose or faithlessness

That is not to say stress is the only cause for these symptoms, but in many people, it is a major contributor. If you are able to relate to some of the above symptoms, you're not alone.

Far too often, we allow stress to upset our physical, mental, emotional and spiritual balance. When this imbalance occurs, our nervous system generates a coordinated set of physical actions in our body such as increased heart rate, rapid breathing and sweating. These responses are chemically produced by a substance called *adrenaline*. Adrenaline shoots out of your adrenal glands on a signal from the brain, and when

Notice the irony: Today we find ourselves living in a fast-paced, push-button society of conveniences. Leisure-supporting lifestyles cater to comfort and often reject anything over-challenging or demanding. In truth, this kind of environment is fertile ground for out-of-control stress. Using shallow human reasoning, one might carelessly assume that this life of ease could and would produce happiness free of worry and harmful stress. If so, why is 16 percent of the U.S. population on Prozac or some other form of depression medication?

With so much “self” in society today, it's tragic that the most important “self,” that of **SELF-control**, is rarely found.

The Stress Test

Stress can be simply defined as a non-specific response to events or situations. It's

this happens, you experience what is popularly known as the “flight or fight” response.

The major negative effects of stress occur when an individual does not “fight” or “fly.” In this instance, the chemicals produced by adrenaline are not used up, and you stay in high gear longer than you should. This usually culminates in a negative or destructive result.

This trouble can be avoided if you know how to channel your stress properly. Even Hoover Dam knows this. The maximum water pressure at the base of the dam is 45,000 pounds per square foot, according to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. Imagine 45,000 pounds pushing against one square foot of your body or mind! Something has to give! Hoover Dam knows “when to say when”: It releases between 52,000 and 299,000 gallons of water a day. That water is put to productive use by cities and counties down river.

How we react to and channel stress is the key. At this critical point, one decides which way to channel the stress—in a positive direction or a negative one.

Renegade stress is a big cause for abusive relationships, unstable homes and broken families. To deal with their bouts of stress, many people seek the mind-numbing effects of alcohol, drugs and other faulty “solutions”—but these only further compound these out-of-control problems.

Is there a lasting solution, a workable, tangible way to proactively handle and channel stress? Let’s explore some constructive ways to handle and manage stress—ways that will make stress work for you rather than against you.

The Most Vital Element

In order to completely overcome the most destructive stress and to gain control of your life spiritually, you must learn how by reading and applying the directions in mankind’s personal operator’s manual: the Holy Bible.

Proverbs 12:25 says, “Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression, but a good word makes it glad” (New King James Version). How many “good words” do you have in your life, to help you maintain a positive, constructive, optimistic mindset?

As much as possible, surround yourself with those who will positively support you as you work through your challenge. It really helps a great deal to regularly give

and receive words of help, encouragement and support.

The true solution lies within one’s approach to life. Herbert W. Armstrong described it as two basic ways of life: 1) the give way or 2) the get way. Which type of person do you think takes control of stress, and which type allows stress to control him?

In Acts 20:35, Jesus Christ said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” Here’s the key! Our human nature tends to think only of self and self’s desires. This selfish lifestyle is consumed with self-pity and a “why is this happening to me?” attitude. Harmful, negative, destructive stress could be eradicated from this world if we would follow this basic, timeless principle, spoken nearly 2,000 years ago: “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

One of the world’s foremost authorities on stress, endocrinologist Hans Selye, acknowledged this fact by saying, “If everyone loved his neighbor as himself, how could there be any war, crime, aggression or even tension

among people?”

Is it difficult to figure out where the root cause of harmful stress originates? It shouldn’t be! Our own human nature and its self-serving tendencies is the culprit that leaves us empty, anxious and frustrated.

Don’t be a victim of stress! If you want to gain more out of life, then put more into it—and for that matter, put more into others. Learn how to harness the power of stress and channel that energy into a productive way of life. Take control of it and learn how to live a life of giving and service. Do this and you will soon eliminate destructive stress from your life. Then you can, as the Apostle Paul put it, “Be anxious for nothing . . . and the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:6-7).

You have a choice. You can let stress control you and wreck your health, or you can use it to successfully meet the challenges you are sure to face. Will you control stress, or will stress control you? The choice is yours! ■



Your Personal Plan



Learn how to relax Slow down and stop to smell the roses.



Exercise regularly It’s a refreshing and constructive release valve for tension buildup.



Improve health A healthy body promotes a healthy mind.



Avoid destructive entertainment No hopeless music, derogatory humor, or senseless movies.



Get another perspective Talk about stress with a family member, close friend or minister.



Know your limits Don’t try to control what you don’t have control over.



Schedule “play time” Balanced living includes constructive recreation.



Be involved Be a player, not a spectator, in school, community, church activities.



Manage your time “Do not squander time, for that’s the stuff life is made of,” Ben Franklin said.



See humor in life Don’t take yourself or situations overly seriously.



Acquire a hobby It gives you a constructive outlet for your thoughts and energies.



Listen to soothing music This induces a peaceful environment for reflection and meditation.

Put this list into practice regularly. Then, whatever comes your way, you will be able to control your stress and use it to your advantage in a positive way. Extremely successful people approach their challenges and difficulties from a *can do* frame of mind.

Death by a Thousand Cuts

From a simple cost-benefit perspective, even failed terrorist attacks are spectacularly successful at draining America economically.

BY JEREMIAH JACQUES

THE BOSTON MARATHON BOMBING of April 15 killed three people and wounded 264. That was the real tragedy of the attack—but it wasn't the only blow. It also inflicted around \$20 million in immediate medical costs, property damage and business losses. The ensuing manhunt shut down the Boston metropolitan region for a day—an area with an economy larger than that of Portugal, Ireland, Finland or Singapore. This shutdown cost an estimated \$333 million.

Recent history shows that the tremors from this attack will send economic shock waves far beyond Boylston Street for years to come.

All these damages came because of two pressure cookers made with elbow pipes, glue, nails and firecrackers. These homemade bombs cost the terrorists less than \$100 each.

The disparity between the cost of terrorists carrying out attacks and the cost of nations trying to defend against them is staggering.

It's the Economy, Infidel!

Terrorists often aim specifically to provoke a fear-fueled overreaction from the targeted nation. They actually engineer their asymmetrical warfare to drain the target



country's economy, and many jihadists openly boast about this strategy.

Osama bin Laden stated in his October 2004 address to the American people that by entangling the U.S. and its allies in draining wars, al Qaeda was destroying them economically: Al Qaeda "bled Russia for 10 years, until it went bankrupt and was forced to withdraw in defeat. . . . We are continuing this policy in bleeding America to the point of bankruptcy," he said.

Knee-Jerk Reactions

Trudging through an airport security checkpoint is, in many ways, like making your way through a museum dedicated to the last 13 years of terrorism history.

Removing your shoes is a tribute to Islamist Richard Reid, who tried to ignite explosives hidden in his shoe in December 2001 during a flight to Miami. Throwing away your Sprite and shampoo is a tip of the turban to Ahmed Abdullah Ali and other jihadists who plotted in 2006 to blow up planes with fluid explosives concealed in soft drink bottles. Walking through the full-body scanner with your arms held high is a salute to Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, who hid explosive putty in his underwear in December 2009 and tried to detonate it on a flight headed to Detroit.

Security technologist Bruce Schneier says these measures do not actually reduce the terrorist threat. "It's like saying, *Last time the terrorists wore red shirts, so now we're going to ban red shirts.* Focusing on specific threats like shoe bombs or snowglobes simply induces the bad guys to do something else," Schneier says, "you end up spending a lot on the screening and you haven't reduced the total threat."

That is the difficulty in defending against terrorist attacks. Aggressors seldom strike the same way twice.

Victims on the first three 9/11 planes did not fight against the hijackers. Up until that time, the outcome of an airplane hijacking had often been an unscheduled week in Cuba for the passengers. But when travelers on the fourth plane learned by cellphone communication that the terrorists were using the planes as lethal bombs, they heroically subdued the jihadists. Both the "shoe bomber" and the "underwear bomber" were also overtaken by courageous passengers. Schneier points to these examples as evidence that "no big plane

will ever be taken that way again, because the passengers will fight back."

Schneier says most of the U.S.'s post-9/11 security measures are largely pointless because the nation's enemies will be unlikely to repeat attack patterns they've previously used, and because the checkpoints are porous. To expose flaws, he has used homemade boarding passes to get through checkpoints and has documented many instances of passengers slipping guns and other weapons past checkpoints. The only thing many of these security measures accomplish, according to Schneier, is inexcusably expensive "security theater." However, the fact that terrorists haven't hijacked a U.S.-originating flight since 9/11 makes it difficult to say that these measures are entirely useless.

Even still, many of the measures were implemented like knee-jerk defensive strikes against specific terrorist attacks. This convinces some analysts that they'll only prod more jihadists to use smaller, simpler attack methods, as the Boston bombers did. The success of the Boston bombings may accelerate the shift by helping jihadist leaders persuade grassroots terrorists to abandon their desire to execute grandiose, spectacular attacks to instead pursue small, practical strikes.

Why Terrorism?

Long before the United States was established, God foretold many riveting details of the nation's prosperity through His servant Moses (Genesis 48:13-22; 49:22-26; Leviticus 26:3-10). God also explained specifically how He would punish America if this powerful, blessed nation didn't obey Him: "I will even appoint over you

terror . . . and ye shall flee when none pursueth you" (Leviticus 26:16-17).

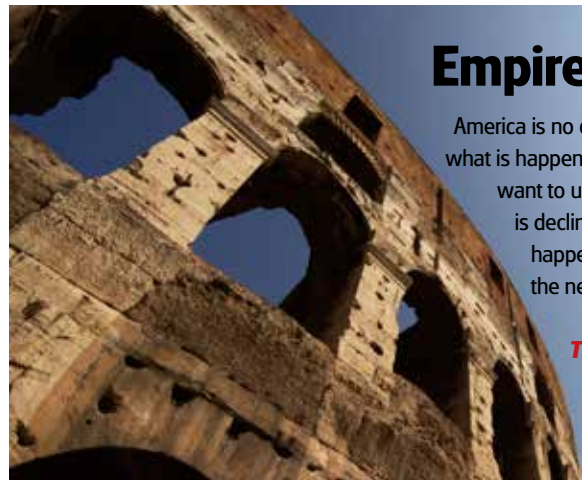
Through the Prophet Isaiah, God foretold how painfully effective terrorist attacks would be if America didn't obey Him. He foretold the disproportionate degree of destruction a small number of terrorists would be able to inflict: "One thousand shall flee at the rebuke of one; at the rebuke of five shall you flee. . . ." (Isaiah 30:17).

Only 19 terrorists were involved in the 9/11 "rebuke," but an astonishing number of Westerners have been made to "flee" in fear because of it. Reports say the Boston bombings were carried out by just two jihadists, and they turned Boston—a city with *more economic output than Finland*—into a ghost town for a day.

Look at America's systems of education, politics, religion, military, industry and entertainment. It's plain that the nation has rebelled against the mighty God who blessed it with such unprecedented prosperity. As this slide into lawlessness continues, terrorist attacks will assail the country by a multiplying number of methods, from more and more directions and from an ever more diverse array of enemies.

The country's attempts to prevent these shadowy attacks will keep on draining its economy and hastening its collapse into bankruptcy. Attacks will multiply in the near term.


Bible prophecy, however, makes plain that it is all leading directly to the most radiant future imaginable. Fear, terrorism and all religious clashes will be forever vanquished, and replaced by a planet of peace, prosperity and a single world religion under the righteous, merciful rulership of the King of kings, Jesus Christ. ■



Empires rise and fall

America is no different. But there is a purpose to what is happening to the American people. If you want to understand why the U.S. is declining and what will happen to the nation in the near future, request our free book

The United States and Britain in Prophecy.



The Costs of Terrorism

America's efforts to defend against terrorist attacks are an enormous drain on the nation's economy. Even failed assaults usually translate into billions of dollars in economic losses. Understanding of this truth is a big part of why terrorists keep on terrorizing. Some have even called it the strategy of "death by a thousand cuts."

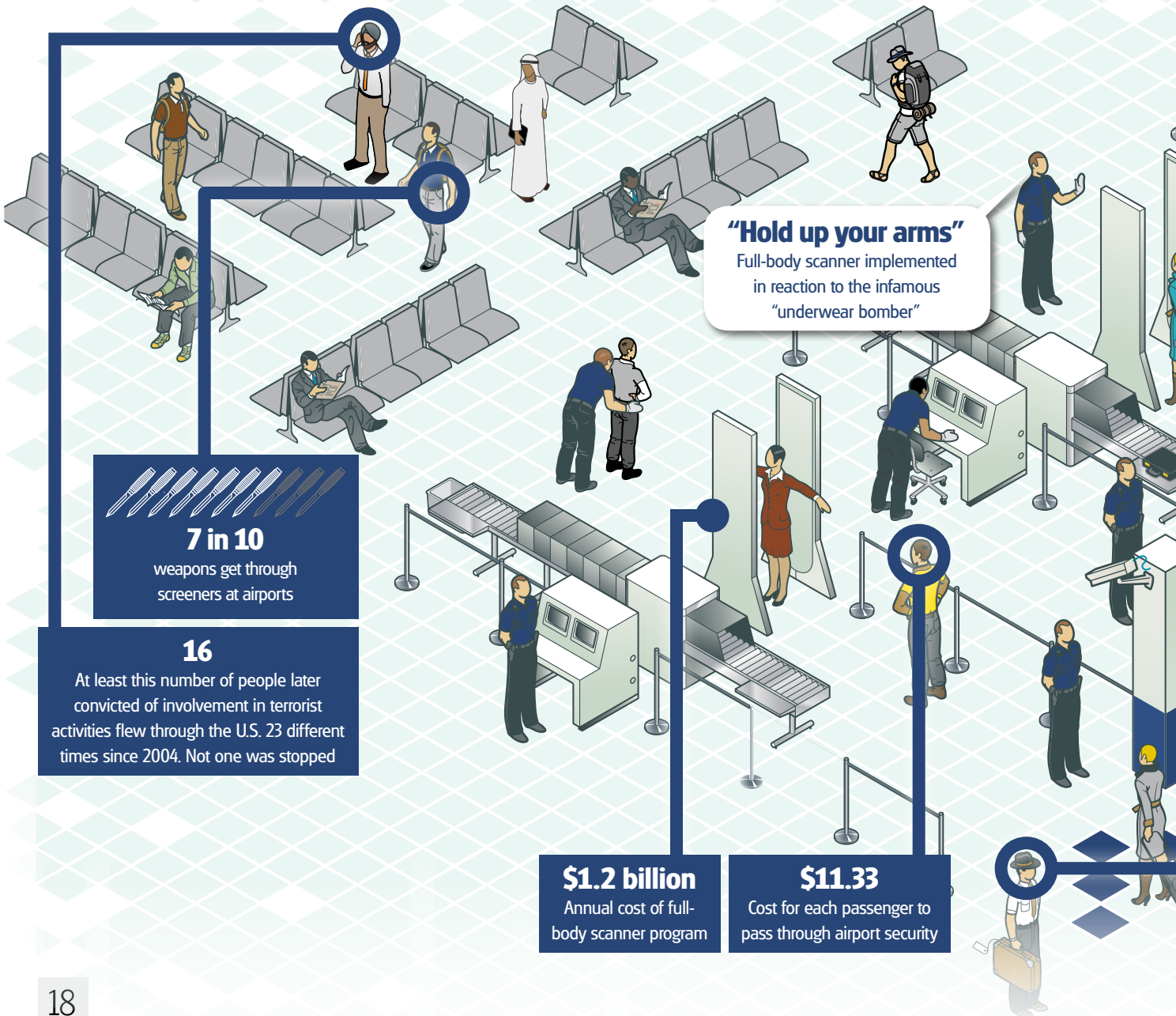


"Al Qaeda spent \$500,000 on the [9/11 attacks], while America, in the incident and its aftermath, lost—according to the lowest estimates—more than \$500 billion, meaning that every dollar of al Qaeda defeated a million dollars."

OSAMA BIN LADEN
October 2004

"This supposedly 'foiled plot' ... will without a doubt cost America and other Western countries billions of dollars in new security measures."

SAMIR KHAN
SAUDI-BORN
AMERICAN JIHADIST
November 2010



7 in 10
weapons get through screeners at airports

16
At least this number of people later convicted of involvement in terrorist activities flew through the U.S. 23 different times since 2004. Not one was stopped

\$1.2 billion
Annual cost of full-body scanner program

\$11.33
Cost for each passenger to pass through airport security



"How much more can the U.S. Treasury handle? 9/11, the war in Afghanistan and Iraq, and then operations such as that of our brother Umar

Farouk which could not have cost more than a few thousand dollars end up draining the U.S. Treasury of billions of dollars. ... For how long can the U.S. survive this war of attrition?"

ANWAR AL-AWLAKI

YEMENI-AMERICAN CLERIC
March 2010

"Tell them that the life of the American citizen is in danger and that his life is more significant than billions of dollars. ... Hand in hand, we will be with you until you are bankrupt and your economy collapses."

AL-FALLUJAH ISLAMIC FORUM

December 2009



Even failed attacks "bring major cities to a halt, cost the enemy billions, and send his corporations into bankruptcy."

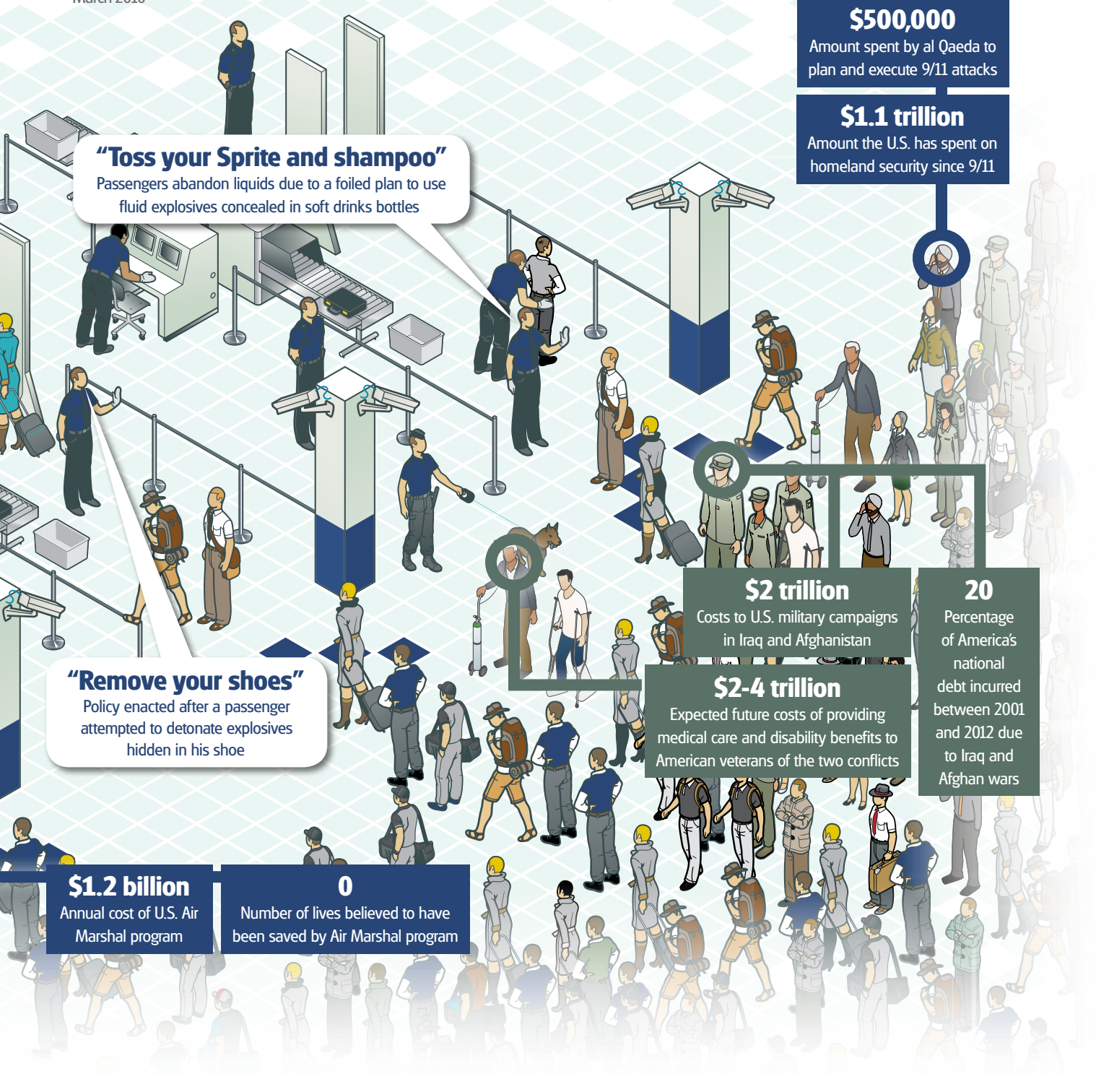
ADAM GADAHN

AL QAEDA SPOKESMAN
March 2010

"Attacking the enemy with smaller but more frequent operations [will] bleed the enemy—[death] by a thousand cuts."

AL QAEDA OF THE ARABIAN PENINSULA

November 2010



"Toss your Sprite and shampoo"

Passengers abandon liquids due to a foiled plan to use fluid explosives concealed in soft drinks bottles

"Remove your shoes"

Policy enacted after a passenger attempted to detonate explosives hidden in his shoe

\$500,000

Amount spent by al Qaeda to plan and execute 9/11 attacks

\$1.1 trillion

Amount the U.S. has spent on homeland security since 9/11

\$2 trillion

Costs to U.S. military campaigns in Iraq and Afghanistan

\$2-4 trillion

Expected future costs of providing medical care and disability benefits to American veterans of the two conflicts

20

Percentage of America's national debt incurred between 2001 and 2012 due to Iraq and Afghan wars

\$1.2 billion

Annual cost of U.S. Air Marshal program

0

Number of lives believed to have been saved by Air Marshal program

WHY the Nations Are Shaking



There is a purpose behind all this suffering. **BY GERALD FLURRY**

ON MAY 20, ABOUT 27 miles south of our offices, a monster 1.3-mile-wide EF-5 tornado tore a 17-mile-long scar through central Oklahoma. It damaged or obliterated 12,000 homes, and devastated businesses and infrastructure. More than 230 people were injured, and 24 died, including seven elementary-school children.

20 For tens of thousands of people in the path of that whirlwind, this was a devastating tragedy. For

millions of people who watched the news coverage around the world, it was deeply disturbing. Yet these types of catastrophes are happening with alarming frequency. More weather disasters, more crashing economies, more crime, more terrorist attacks, more weapons of mass destruction, more wars.

Just like with the Moore tornado, we are helpless to stop these calamities. But these are *not* just matters of time and chance.

The Old Testament book of Haggai is filled with prophecy about this end time, and it specifically talks about the nations being shaken in our day. In this prophecy,

GOD CLAIMS ULTIMATE RESPONSIBILITY: “And *I will shake all nations*, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts” (Haggai 2:7). GOD says *He* will shake all nations! He says He is allowing or even *causing* this suffering because of our sins!

Why? What does God want us to *learn*? He is trying to teach us a lesson. We choose whether to learn that lesson from words—or by a lot of woe.

The Bible contains many specific prophecies about world events—prophecies that are being fulfilled right now! Believe it or not, God gives us these prophecies because He wants us to *stop* suffering.

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JOLTED Far left: survivors sift through the rubble of Moore, Oklahoma. Left: Mourners react the day a mass murderer shot 27 victims, including 20 first-graders. Below: A bomb detonates at the Boston Marathon. Bottom: A British Muslim has blood on his hands after hacking an off-duty British soldier to death in front of a crowd.

with radical Muslims. In 2012, this man took a six-month trip to Russia. The FBI—whose top priority is to protect Americans—knew about it, but, to its own shame, failed to stop him.

The Boston bombers were clearly radical Islamists. But as radical terrorists do the dirty work, the general Muslim community doesn't stand up to them or denounce them as it should. In fact, evidence shows that a large percentage of mosques in America are *led by radical Muslims*. Many Muslims in America empathize with the views of these killers.

A decade ago, American Muslim journalist, columnist and author Stephen Schwartz testified before a Senate panel that Muslim leaders estimate 80 percent of American mosques are under Wahhabi control, a strict, even extremist Muslim sect. These people could commit terrorist acts all over America!

Britain's homegrown Muslim extremist problem is even more well known. On May 22, two Islamic Britons attacked and killed an off-duty soldier with knives and meat cleavers. They did it in broad daylight, just 200 yards from military barracks in southeast London!

Terrorists are certainly coming after the West—especially the U.S., Canada, Britain and the Jewish state of Israel. Who is going to stop them?

If we really believe God, we ought to *act* on what He says. If we don't, we are going to have more and more trouble.

Shaking the Nations

Last fall we saw Hurricane Isaac shred the Caribbean and the northern Gulf Coast of the U.S. Then Hurricane Sandy slammed the Northeast with rain and wind. It flooded and destroyed parts of Long Island, Brooklyn, Staten Island and New Jersey.

We have also seen horrific mass murders. A psychopath indiscriminately killed 12 people in a Colorado movie theater last July. Another gunned down six school employees and 20 first-graders at Sandy

Hook Elementary School in December.

In April at the Boston Marathon, nearly 27,000 runners represented 96 countries. Two Chechen terrorists, who had lived in America for about 10 years, wanted worldwide publicity for their cause, so they detonated two pressure-cooker bombs right near the finish line. They killed three people, including a child, and injured more than 260 others. Runners and bystanders suffered busted eardrums and injuries from flying shrapnel. Many lost fingers, arms and legs.

That bombing ought to have united America, but it actually led to more division. The Russians had alerted the FBI in 2011 that the older brother was associated

The King of Terror

Just after the Boston Marathon bombing, Canadian authorities arrested two Arab terrorists planning to detonate a bomb that would have destroyed a passenger train as it crossed a bridge. These terrorists were from Iran.

Everyone knows that Iran is the world's number one sponsor of radical Islam. That nation is a *safe haven* for terrorists. Why? Because *nobody* has the courage to do anything about it!

In October 2011, Iran sponsored an attempt to assassinate a Saudi ambassador on American soil. America did not hold Iran



accountable for it. On Sept. 11, 2012, al Qaeda attacked an American diplomatic mission in Benghazi, Libya, killing our ambassador and three other Americans. That terrorist group is affiliated with Iran. Yet the United States has done nothing in response.

The attacks are intensifying. How do America, Britain, Canada and the other modern nations of Israel react? Time after time, when these bold attacks trace back to Iran, our governments do very little. It seems the West is even afraid to label Iran what it is: *the number one terrorist-sponsoring nation in the world!* Who in the government or the media even *mentions* that?

God wants all mankind to have peace, but mankind refuses to listen to Him. So we must learn our lesson the hard way, through terrorist attacks, violence and calamity, until we hear Him.

Little Iran—which thinks it’s the mightiest nation in the world—has the West running scared. Is America afraid to go after this terrorist nation because the Iranians could inspire radical mosque leaders within the U.S. to cause *more* bombings in America?

Iran harbors terrorists who attack other nations, which are acts of war, yet it faces no real consequences because America and the West are *weak!* The Prophet Isaiah says the U.S. is faint of heart and sick! (Isaiah 1:5).

Daniel 11:40 talks about a “king of the south”—the powerhouse in the Middle East.

That refers to Iran leading radical Islam. Iran is the KING of the south and nobody is willing to stop it.

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There is a solution to all of this if we are willing to be *taught* by God.

Nuclear Proliferation

North Korea is taunting America, threatening to launch missiles with nuclear warheads. How has America responded? We asked *China* to intervene.

China supplies North Korea with most of its fuel and food. All evidence indicates that CHINA IS ORCHESTRATING NORTH KOREA’S ACTIONS! What logic is there in asking China to *solve* the problem it is basically *causing*? China is actively *working against* America in many ways, including

using cyber-espionage to steal many of our military and corporate secrets! But America doesn’t confront China either, because we’re hoping it will help calm North Korea down. You can be sure China won’t do that—not as long as North

Korea’s saber rattling produces such fear in America! China is using North Korea as leverage so it can continue its thievery and other attacks against America!

As nuclear proliferation in North Korea and other nations continues, insane men are getting control of nuclear bombs! This is destined to produce nation-destroying cataclysms!

This is reality! I’m not trying to alarm you about something that isn’t *real*. Everybody can see that this is an issue of human survival! And America’s feeble response is making the situation worse.

But look again at Haggai’s prophecy. It holds a note of great hope.

Where Peace Begins

Haggai 2:7 can be broken down into three parts. First, it says that God will “shake all nations.” This is a *terrifying* prophecy that leads into the Great Tribulation and the Day of the Lord. Then it says “the desire of *all* nations shall come.” What is that desire? The context is about *peace*—the peace we desire so badly but just do not have.

“I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come,” God says. You can see that this shaking of nations *will actually usher in peace!* After God shakes the nations, He will send the Messiah! It’s all tied together. God will make us snap out of our wicked carnality and bring us the peace we desire!

In the third part of this verse, God says “and I will fill this house with glory.” The Hebrew words here indicate that this “house” is a *physical place*. This is explained in our free booklet *Haggai: God Has Begun to Shake the Nations*. I urge you to order this booklet if you don’t already have it. It’s an extremely important message for this end time.

“The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the Lord of hosts: and *in this place will I give peace*, saith the Lord of hosts” (verse 9). God will give *peace* in a *physical place* on Earth right now! The same peace that will soon fill this Earth is in a specific *house* on Earth!

“The desire of all nations” in verse 7 is not about only *one place* having peace. God promises to bring peace to ALL nations—so all mankind can enjoy prosperity and happiness, a good family life—all the wonderful blessings God has to give.

That worldwide peace *begins* in this end time at a physical place. This place publishes a message of hope for all nations. The people there understand what God is doing and set an example for this world about how to have real peace.



STAGGERING RAMIFICATIONS

From left to right: Troubling scenes from Benghazi, Libya; Ortle Beach, New Jersey (after Hurricane Sandy); North Korea; and Iran. Below: The aftermath of the tornado in Moore, Oklahoma.



THIS IS A PHENOMENAL, EARTHSHAKING PROPHECY.

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This stupendous prophecy is encapsulated in just one verse in Haggai. But there are at least a hundred other prophecies just like it in your Bible! Ninety percent of prophecy is being fulfilled in this end time because the Bible was recorded mostly *for* this end time (article, page 24). YET WE HEAR ALMOST NOTHING ABOUT PROPHECY IN RELIGION TODAY.

God gets very specific about how He will give us peace, joy and happiness. He will shake us so that we realize how arrogant—yet helpless to stop evil—we have become. When we have suffered, we will finally be to the point where we will listen when the Messiah comes. *Then He will teach us the way to happiness.* That time is almost here! And God is now preparing people to *help Him* teach this world how to have peace.

month. It has already created over \$2 trillion out of thin air! Do we realize how dangerous this is?

The Bible says we ought to leave an inheritance for our children and grandchildren (Proverbs 13:22). Yet we have gotten the next generation so deeply in debt they won't *ever* dig their way out! That is a great *sin* in this land! This economic malady afflicts Britain and most of Europe—except Germany, which has more sense and is the powerhouse of Europe.

“Consider your ways,” God says. He’s almost *pleading* with us. Something is not right! God is full of *wrath* because of the way we are living!

The good news in all this is found in Haggai 2:6: “For thus saith the Lord of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land.” As I explain in my booklet on Haggai, *spiritual shaking* is already going on right now, and physical shaking is going to intensify to prepare this world and universe for a glorious outcome.

This is all good news. God will bring peace to all mankind. That peace is almost here, and it’s going to last for *eternity!* Mankind won’t have to endure such terrible suffering *ever* again. This is a message of tremendous *hope!* God will soon usher in the peace, joy and happiness we all desire. ■



‘Consider Your Ways’

This is a dreadful warning, but it is also an inspiring sign. God is going to get this world’s attention!

In Haggai 1:5, God says, “Consider your ways”! The original Hebrew means to *deeply concentrate* to see what’s wrong with your ways.

Most economists will tell you that America’s \$17 trillion debt is *very dangerous*. David Stockman, budget director under former President Ronald Reagan, said that NO NATION HAS EVER BORROWED MONEY ON SUCH A SCALE AND SURVIVED! If spending continues at the current rate, in another decade the national debt will reach \$30 trillion. America prints \$85 billion a

Where to find peace?

Haggai’s prophecy of God shaking the nations promises, “in this place will I give peace.” Where is that place? Request our free booklet **Haggai—God has Begun to Shake the Nations** and prove where God is already giving the peace that He will establish all over the Earth very soon.





INCREASE YOUR BIBLE IQ

Prophecy—the Proof of God!

The Philadelphia Trumpet, in conjunction with the Herbert W. Armstrong College Bible Correspondence Course, presents this brief excursion into the fascinating study of the Bible. Simply turn to and read in your Bible each verse given in answer to the questions. You will be amazed at the new understanding gained from this short study!

DID YOU KNOW THAT TODAY'S NEWS—*EVEN tomorrow's*—has already been written? In fact, current and future headlines about the United States, the European Union, Germany, Russia, China and other nations were recorded more than 2,000 years ago!

It's pretty hard for meteorologists to accurately foretell the weather even a few days in advance. But these ancient writers forecasted that Britain and America would rise and fall, that Germany would dominate Europe, that Catholic Europe would clash with radical Islam, and that Russia and China would grow in power and unity. They predicted other specific events that have already come to pass in history and are coming to pass now. And you can find all of these prophecies in one book: the Holy Bible.

How could biblical writers know the future? They had to be *divinely inspired*.

Herbert W. Armstrong estimated that a third of the Bible consists of prophecy. **FULFILLED PROPHECY** *proves* the existence of Almighty God! It *proves* that the Bible was divinely inspired, containing revealed knowledge from God that we could not otherwise discover. God challenges us to look within its pages and prove its inspiration by the *irrefutable* proof of fulfilled prophecy!

Probably the most important pursuit of our lives is to *prove* God's existence and the inspiration of His written Word. Today, God is making His existence known to *you* by showing that His inspired Word—the Holy Bible—is absolutely dependable.

The 'Last Days'

Skeptics have long scoffed at Bible prophecy. The Apostle Peter forecasted that these critics would be especially active “in the last days” (2 Peter 3:3-4). We certainly see critics who mock and ignore Bible prophecy, but beyond that, how can we be sure whether “the last days” are happening *right now*?

1. In the Bible, the “last days” or “time of the end” is prophesied to occur just before Jesus Christ's Second Coming. At His first coming, Jesus's disciples asked Him about His return and “the end of the age” (Matthew 24:3, New King James Version). In what time frame did Christ declare He would intervene and return to Earth? Matthew 24:22.

This scripture is crucial! “Had not those days been cut short, *not a soul would be saved alive*” (Moffatt translation). “Yes, if those days had not been cut short *no human being would survive*” (Phillips translation). “In

fact, unless that time of calamity is shortened, *the entire human race will be destroyed*” (New Living translation).

Let the gravity of those words sink in. If Christ does not return to Earth soon, every last man, woman and child on this planet will be exterminated. Our most pressing modern problem is the threat of nuclear- and biochemical-induced *human extinction*—and this was predicted almost 2,000 years ago!

This is one *irrefutable* sign that we are in “the last days.” **NEVER BEFORE** has man had the capability to destroy *every* human being on Earth! Christ's prediction could *never* have been fulfilled until the 20th century invention and proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

2. Did the Prophet Daniel understand the prophecies God gave him? Daniel 12:8. When would they be finally understood? Verse 9. Were the prophecies of the book of Revelation also “sealed”? Revelation 5:1. God specifically said these prophecies could not be understood until the last days.

3. Can any *man* interpret these prophecies? Verses 2-4. Then who can reveal their meaning? Verse 5. The Lion of the tribe of Judah—the Root of David—is Jesus Christ! He is able to open the seals and reveal what these prophecies mean.

The *framework* for all end-time prophecies is found in these two books of the Bible that have been unsealed in these last days—Daniel in the Old Testament and Revelation in the New Testament.



Request our free booklet **Daniel Unlocks Revelation.**

The King of the South

One of the most amazing, most detailed and specific prophecies in the Bible—describing historical events up to the present time—appears in Daniel 11. Many Bible commentaries recognize that this prophecy begins with Xerxes's Persian Empire being overthrown by Alexander the Great (verses 2-3). The step-by-step fulfillment of the rest of this prophecy spans a massive amount of history and culminates in the resurrection of the saints (Daniel 12:2, at the Second Coming of Christ). Here, we shall focus on the *end-time* “king of the south.”



Understand Daniel's landmark prophecy with our free booklet **The Proof of the Bible.**

1. When does the king of the south rise to prominence in world politics? Daniel 11:40, first part; 12:1. Compare with Matthew 24:21.

The prophecy of Daniel 12:1 flows directly from “the time of the end” introduced in Daniel 11:40. Translators should not have inserted a chapter break here. Obviously, there can only be ONE “time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation.” So Daniel obviously prophesied the same unparalleled world cataclysm that Jesus warned about—the Great Tribulation. When this king of the south emerges, we are perilously close to that time!

2. What does the king of the south do that causes the king of the north to retaliate against him? Daniel 11:40.

The word *push* means to *thrust at* or *gore*, like a horned animal butting someone. *Push* means to *wage war*. The king of the south keeps PUSHING until it prods its European superpower enemy into a war!

3. How will the European power—the *beast* of Revelation 13—ultimately respond? Same verse. (See page 1 for more information about this “whirlwind.”)

4. Who are the *victims* of this violent attack? Daniel 11:40, last part; verses 42-43. These verses indicate which countries will be allied with the king of the south.

5. What happens *after* the king of the north conquers the king of the south? Does he make an *alliance* with some of the remaining countries in the Middle East? Psalm 83:4-8. To what end? Verse 4.

The goal of this Psalm 83 alliance is to destroy the modern descendants of Israel. Assur, or Assyria (verse 8), is modern-day Germany. Mr. Armstrong taught that the nations Germany will ally with are: *Edom*—Turkey; *Ishmaelites*—Saudi Arabia; *Moab*—Jordan; *Hagarenes*—Syria; *Gebal*—Lebanon; *Ammon*—also Jordan. None of *these* countries can be the king of the south either.

Egypt will not be part of this alliance because, by this point, it will have already been defeated along with the king of the south. Only two other major Middle Eastern nations are conspicuously missing from this prophecy—Iraq and Iran.

All indications point to radical Islamist extremism as the king of the south. And the leader of Islamist extremism is IRAN.

Today, Iran dominates the Middle East. It is the head of state-sponsored terrorism. In Lebanon, Iran arms, finances and ideologically motivates the Hezbollah terrorist organization. In Israel, Iran supports and funds Hamas, a Palestinian terrorist group. Iran strongly influences other Palestinian terrorist organizations as well. Furthermore, the United States unwittingly cleared the way for Iran to gain control of Iraq.

Iran has *already* implemented a *PUSHY* foreign policy against the European Union. Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said in 2005 that Israel should be picked up and moved to Europe—specifically to Germany and Austria. The *Süddeutsche Zeitung* remarked that Ahmadinejad’s “continued

provocations *scream* for a response” and that “European leaders have to be prepared for CONFRONTATION.”

Just 20 years ago, the world could not have imagined the kings of the north and south coming out of Europe and the Middle East. Nobody but God could have inspired these prophecies!

The Lesson of Prophecy

1. What does fulfilled prophecy tell us about God’s character? Isaiah 14:24. God’s purpose SHALL STAND because He has the *will* to see it through. Bible prophecy is *100 percent reliable*. God’s reputation is on the line—His Word NEVER fails!

2. What is one reason that God prophesies? Ezekiel 33:10-11; 2 Kings 17:13-14; Luke 13:34.

Prophecy comes from the God of LOVE who *warns* about what will happen, hoping people will REPENT *while they can* (Isaiah 55:6) and avoid needless suffering and death.

3. Will God allow catastrophes to come upon mankind without *warning* first? Amos 3:7; Hebrews 13:8.

Every kind of government man has devised has failed to bring peace. Man has proved incapable of ruling himself. God sent prophets to warn individuals, cities, nations and the world of the results of their evil ways—the results that sin brings. They were to deliver God’s message *before* God poured out His judgments on the people who revolted against Him and did what seemed right in their own eyes.

God operates the same way today. Does it make sense that He would *not* send a prophet just before the most severe calamity ever to befall mankind? Of course not—God promises, through prophecy, to give us advance *warning* so we can TURN TO GOD’S WAYS before it is too late!

4. In the face of imminent danger followed by the soon-coming return of Jesus Christ, what is God’s admonition to *you*? Luke 21:34-36.

We live in the most momentous time in history! The world powers that God prophesied to be in place just before Jesus Christ’s Second Coming *are here now!* His true Church that was prophesied to be on the scene to *prophesy again* (Revelation 10:11) in the last era of Church history *is doing so now!* Events show that God’s Kingdom on Earth is about to be established!

God, in His mercy, has given us prophecy so we may know *where we are* and *where we are going* in the timeline of history. Prophecy is like God’s SPIRITUAL CLOCK: It tells us exactly what time it is!

Ezekiel 33 prophesies that a *watchman* will deliver a warning message from God as Germany rises to power and is about to destroy the modern nations of Israel! Most people don’t believe him until it is too late (verses 30-33).

What about you? ■



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Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is pushing hard for Japan to acquire the bomb.

1 | JAPAN Going nuclear?

JAPAN IS GEARING UP TO OPEN A MASSIVE nuclear reprocessing facility in Rokkasho, northern Honshu. Analysts are concerned about what the Japanese government will use it for, since it appears that it may be capable of producing weapons-grade plutonium for nuclear weapons.

Japanese officials and nuclear-industry experts claim that the Rokkasho plant could produce an annual output of nine tons of weapons-usable plutonium—enough to build up to 2,000 bombs—within five months of opening, according to the *Wall Street Journal* (May 1).

The \$21 billion-plus plant is “the world’s most expensive nuclear facility” (*Asia Times*, Sept. 9, 2005). Construction began 20 years ago. “Within Japanese ruling circles . . . there has been a barely concealed ambition to have a nuclear arsenal,” Global Research claims. “Japan’s extensive nuclear industry was established in part to ensure that the country had the capacity to build such weapons” (May 7). Three of Japan’s neighbors—China, Russia and North Korea—have nuclear weapons. In spite of its World War II history, it appears that it was just a matter of time before Japan proceeded to develop its own nuclear defensive capability.

“Japan is dependent on imports for almost all of its raw materials,” George

Friedman and Meredith LeBard write in *The Coming War With Japan*. “The more it produces, the more raw materials it needs to import . . . In order to import raw materials, Japan must have access to the country that supplies them, as well as secure sea-lanes for transporting the goods. Securing these resources and the sea-lanes is both a political and a military problem, one that Japan has depended on the U.S. to solve. The issue is whether Japan can continue to rely on the United States and if not, how it can go about securing these supplies itself.”

Japan’s conservative leader, Shinzo Abe, has worked for years to remove the pacifist clause in Japan’s constitution and formalize the country’s right to a strong military. (This is largely symbolic, since Japan’s military forces are already larger than Britain’s.) During his first term as prime minister, Abe quickly elevated the Japanese Defense Agency to full ministerial status. Now, early in his second term, he continues a more aggressive, nationalistic—even militaristic—foreign policy than Japan has known since World War II. Domestically, activists say Abe is proposing widespread changes that would assault civil rights, muzzle Japan’s media and swing the doors open for a return to authoritarianism. Yet he enjoys increasing support from Japan’s ruling elite.

The Japan Atomic Energy Commission estimates that the Rokkasho plant could begin its reprocessing work as early as October. This raises the stakes considerably. Should Japan indicate further that it intends to build a nuclear arsenal, “it would trigger a nuclear arms race in the region. A nuclear-armed Japan would dramatically alter relations in Asia, as it would be less dependent on the U.S. militarily and more able to independently prosecute its economic and strategic interests” (Global Research, op. cit.).

Shinzo Abe could prove to be the wild card in Japanese politics that could reset Japan back to its pre-war, imperialist foreign policy. Friedman and LeBard observe that “Japan’s need for *physical security* requires that it take *control of its regional environment*, the Northwest Pacific . . . Japan’s need for *raw materials* demands that it adopt a much broader policy, reaching *far beyond the confines of the northwestern Pacific*” (op. cit.; emphasis added). This is the conundrum that led industrialized Japan to become an imperial power before World War II.

In light of its foreign-policy imperatives and the “precarious” nature of continuing reliance on the U.S. as its protector, Friedman and LeBard observe that “Japan must return to history and live in the place assigned it on Earth, living by its own wits and its own powers . . .”

That is exactly what your Bible prophecies will happen to Japan.

The Bible—and current events—indicate that we are about to see a grand clash of powers. The new Holy Roman Empire in Europe, led by Germany, will crash into an alliance of three dominating Eastern powers (Revelation 16:12). Ezekiel 38 identifies these powers as an alliance of China (Gog) and Russia (Meshech and Tubal), joined by Japan (the house of Togarmah of the north quarters) and its imperial possessions (Gomer and all his bands—Southeast Asia). Together, these Asian giants will muster a military force of 200 million soldiers (Revelation 9:16).

What will a *nuclear-armed* alliance of Russia, China and Japan unleash on the world?



5 | INDIA The world's top consumers

The Asia-Pacific region has overtaken all other regions of the world in terms of materials consumption and is expected to keep dominating world material flows, according to an April 24 UN report. As populous nations like China and India transition from agrarian to industrialized economies, Asia's drive for resources will intensify. Asia's growing global footprint will prompt European leaders to take a more combative stance in securing resources for themselves.

2 | CHINA 3 | PHILIPPINES Taiwan, we've got your back

The Philippine Coast Guard fatally shot a Taiwanese fisherman on May 9 in disputed waters south of Taiwan, setting off a chain of events that could mend the breach between Beijing and Taipei. After the shooting, China's *Global Times* urged Manila to apologize, and Taiwan recalled its Philippine envoy and froze the hiring of Philippine workers. Manila apologized, but Taiwan and China rejected the apology as "insincere." Taiwan warned its citizens against traveling to the Philippines and announced plans to hold military exercises in the disputed waters. China applauded Taiwan's measures as a "second front" for China to stand up to neighbors in territorial rows. If Taiwan gets used to relying on China, it could unite the two nations and bolster China's power in the Pacific.

4 | RUSSIA Here's what concessions to Moscow gets you

Russian strategic Bear bombers flew inside America's defense zone near northern Alaska on April 28, the fifth incident of Russian bombers flying against the U.S. since June 2012. Analysts say it is part of Moscow's efforts to sway America's missile defense plans. Russia has long opposed U.S. plans to complete a Europe-based missile defense system, and, in March, U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel announced the cancellation of the final stage of the program. Since this was the very stage Russia had most fiercely opposed, pundits viewed the cancellation as a significant concession to Moscow. At a meeting last March, a live microphone picked up President Obama attempting to privately tell outgoing Russian President Dmitry Medvedev that he would have "more flexibility" to negotiate on missile defense after his reelection. He has since been reelected, and is fast making use of the increased "flexibility." Incidents like the April 28 bomber flights show that concessions to Moscow will only spur the Russians to push harder against the U.S.



Russian Bear bomber



America's Global Positioning System is under threat from a Chinese anti-satellite missile.

2 | CHINA Targeting GPS

CHINA'S MILITARY CONDUCTED THE FIRST TEST OF AN advanced anti-satellite missile on May 13, a significant step in Beijing's strategy of developing asymmetric military programs for use against the United States. The new DN-2 ASAT system could give the Chinese military the ability to "degrade or severely damage" the U.S. Global Positioning System (GPS), said Rick Fisher of the International Assessment and Strategy Center. "This is not merely a threat against some American military satellites, but a threat to what has become a vital part of the global electronic infrastructure, affecting global commerce and financial flows, to your personal finances that contribute to personal freedom."

1 | JAPAN 2 | CHINA Beijing wants Okinawa too?

China's main state-run newspaper said on May 8 that Beijing is unsure of Japan's sovereignty over the island of Okinawa, which is home to key U.S. military bases. *People's Daily* said China may rightfully own the Ryukyu Islands, which include Okinawa. The Ryukyu chain was a kind of vassal state to China before Japan annexed it in 1879. The article also reiterated China's historical claims over a group of small, uninhabited islets in the East China Sea called Senkaku in Japanese and Diaoyu in Chinese. If China pressures Japan to make concessions, it would accelerate the shifting balance of global power in favor of an ascendant China.

4 | RUSSIA A study in contrasts

As Russia upgrades its nuclear forces, the U.S. is preparing to make more nuclear missile cuts. Moscow announced in April that it will deploy the new intercontinental ballistic missiles that can penetrate U.S. missile defenses. Russia is also developing new rail-mobile ICBMs, submarine-launched missiles and strategic bombers. By contrast, the American military is short \$1 billion to \$1.6 billion that policymakers had allocated for nuclear modernization. President Barack Obama is expected to soon announce plans to cut U.S. nuclear stockpiles to as few as 1,000, which could undermine U.S. ability to extend a nuclear umbrella to its allies in Europe and Asia. Some analysts believe even more drastic cuts to America's arsenal lie in store.

1 | SERBIA
We surrender

On April 19, Serbia finally stopped fighting and surrendered to Germany. Attacked by its historical allies and demonized in the public press the world over, Serbia had no hope of winning. Now Serbia is on its way to joining the EU and being welcomed back into the fold of Western democracy. Negotiations centered on northern Kosovo, where areas inhabited predominantly by ethnic Serbs and currently under Serbia's control were turned over to Kosovo. In return, the areas will be given considerable self-government. Serbia has done a deal with Kosovo—or rather, with its backers in Germany and elsewhere—that offers some recognition of Kosovo's independence. Serbia's leaders are basically admitting they can no longer stand in the way of German dominance of the region.



2 | GERMANY

A rising military power

GERMANY SHOULD STATION TROOPS IN TROUBLED European countries in order to quickly quell unrest, a report from the European Union Institute for Security Studies recommends. It advises the European Union to develop “capable and well-functioning armed forces with extended regional (if not global) reach.”

Despite German and foreign press reports that Germany's military is stagnant or depleted, the reality is that the High Command is increasing its aggressive, strategic planning, and Germany's gargantuan military industry is more active than in decades.

Langley Intelligence Group Network published a report on April 24 describing the nation's boost in weapons sales to Persian Gulf nations (whose anti-Iran intentions are described in our article on page 1). This trend portends a shifting military culture that could soon mean Germany rearming itself, the report said. “Merkel may be sensing a change in the mood of the electorate and adopting a new German national security strategy in an effort to be seen as a modern Bismarck,” the group reported. “Germans are generally beginning to accept that their government needs to take a more muscular role in foreign policy.” The group warned that “German views on war and peace are slowly evolving, and the higher rate of arms sales to the Middle East is pushing a reluctant public to confront its fears of militarism.”

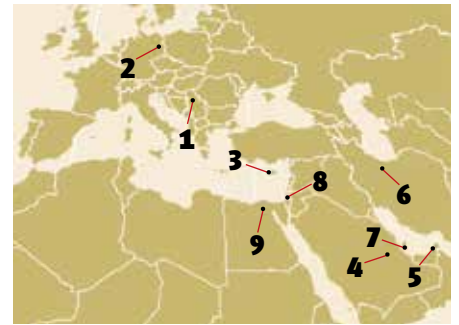
Though Germany's military might not seem superpower-grade, its leaders and its tool-makers are. Bible prophecy indicates this trend will culminate in a German-led European force that will put its military muscle to fearsome use.

3 | CYPRUS

Sell us your gold, thank you

As part of its economic bailout package, Cyprus will have to sell around three quarters of its “excess gold reserves” (US\$523.7 million). This stipulation was imposed by Germany and its international banking allies. It's almost certain the buyers will be the European Central Bank and the International Monetary Fund, which are—with

Germany's sanction—bailing out Cyprus. The IMF and the ECB possess about 2,814 and 502 tons of gold respectively. Germany has 3,391 tons. Together, this equals about 82 percent of America's gold supply—and that excludes the gold reserves of other individual European countries. Don't be shocked if Germany and the ECB make a play for gold owned by other ailing European economies.



2 | GERMANY

New book shows Nazi cover-up

German authorities went to great lengths to protect a former Nazi who infiltrated every level of German society, according to a book published by journalist Malte Herwig on May 13. “I found the biggest postwar cover-up imaginable,” he wrote; “it went all the way to the top of the state. . . . Every German cabinet, every federal government cabinet, from Adenauer to Kohl, contain former NP [Nazi Party] members right up to 1992.” He said the names he uncovered “were the last people you would have expected to be members of the Nazi Party”—including “leftists, Communists after the war, very educated, upright democrats.”

In May 1945, Herbert W. Armstrong wrote, “We don't understand German thoroughness. From the very start of World War II, they have considered the possibility of losing this second round, as they did the first—and they have carefully, methodically planned, in such eventuality, the third round—World War III! . . . [T]he Nazis have now gone UNDERGROUND. . . . They plan to COME BACK and to win on the third try.” Herwig's revelation provides yet more proof that Mr. Armstrong was right.



MIDDLE EAST

4 | SAUDI ARABIA 5 | UAE 6 | IRAN

U.S. arming the Middle East

A secretive arms deal between the United States, Israel, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates has come to light at a time when Iran appears closer than ever to obtaining nuclear weapons. The proposed deal, which amounts to \$10 billion in military sales, was announced to Congress April 18. The three nations that will benefit from this deal are all “pro-Western,” seen as key players in counterbalancing the rise of Iran to the east. It is no secret that the U.S. wants to build tangible resistance against the increasingly belligerent Iranians. But the deal, which includes long-range weaponry, also sheds light on U.S. weakness. Unwilling to *use* its own military might, the U.S. is arming “pro-Western” nations and hoping they will solve the problem. In one sense, Washington holds the gun, with Iran firmly in its sights, but rather than take the shot, it is giving the weapon to others, hoping they will shoot in the right direction. All of these countries are compromised by internal instability and, in some cases, even ties with terrorist groups. They have variously shown themselves more than willing to transact deals with Iran and to otherwise defy U.S. interests. The U.S. is playing a dangerous game by putting weapons into the hands of such governments.

The UAE purchased 26 F-16s from the U.S.



7 | QATAR The cost of supporting Israel



Canadian Prime Minister Harper visits Benjamin Netanyahu in Jerusalem.

The tiny, natural-gas-rich country of Qatar made a bold bid in April to have the headquarters of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) moved from Montreal, Quebec, to Doha, Qatar. It set off a firestorm in

Canada, with many calling it an attempt by Arab states to punish Canada for its stance on Israel and the Palestinians.

The current Canadian administration is an unapologetic supporter of the tiny nation of Israel, a position that has raised ire among many Arab and Muslim nations. Arab ambassadors at the United Nations in New York met on April 23 to discuss Canada’s perceived bias toward Israel. The ICAO has over 500 employees and contributes approximately \$119 million annually to Montreal’s economy. Losing this organization would be a political kick in the teeth for Canada’s Conservative government and the economy in general. For the bid to succeed, Qatar will need a minimum 60 percent approval from the 191 member states.

The nation of Israel and those that support it are increasingly being isolated and even reprimanded for doing so. Bible prophecy indicates that anti-Israel sentiment will increase to the point that it will break the brotherhood between Canada and Israel.



Pope Francis welcomes President Peres to the Vatican.

8 | ISRAEL A new peace broker

ISRAELI PRESIDENT SHIMON PERES MET WITH POPE FRANCIS at the Vatican on April 30 to talk about peace negotiations with the Palestinians. He also planned to discuss the status of church properties in the Holy Land. Palestinians hope Pope Francis will discourage Israel from extending its West Bank separation barrier through the village of Beit Jala. The planned fence would affect some Vatican properties.

Also on April 30, Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas met with Austrian President Heinz Fischer in Vienna. The two leaders discussed peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians.

These overtures from both Palestinians and Israelis indicate that both sides believe the United States is biased and untrustworthy. Although few analysts realize it, Catholic Europe is seeking to develop a dominant presence in Israel, especially in Jerusalem. The *Trumpet* has repeatedly warned that the U.S. will lose relevance in Middle Eastern affairs. Palestinians and Israelis disagree on almost everything, but they appear to agree that involving the EU and the Vatican might be the only solution to the Middle East peace process.

8 | ISRAEL 9 | EGYPT Pushing into Jerusalem

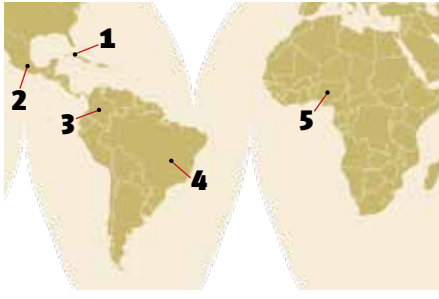
A prominent Islamic extremist declared May 9 that Israel has no right to exist. “[W]e will never recognize Israel,” Egyptian-born Sheikh Yusuf al-Qaradawi said during a speech at the Islamic University of Gaza. “We are the owners of that right to own that land, and we will continue our work to restore our rights in this holy land.”

Al-Qaradawi traveled to Gaza in a landmark visit that was considered a boost of legitimacy for Hamas. While at the university, he and Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh signed a document protesting Israel’s control of Jerusalem. Al-Qaradawi was banned from Egypt for 30 years under former President Hosni Mubarak, but he was welcomed back with open arms just seven days after Mubarak resigned in February 2011.

Al-Qaradawi’s visit to Gaza is another rotten fruit produced by the so-called Arab Spring. This revolution, pushed by Iran and supported by the U.S., has radicalized Egypt and now seeks to further overrun Gaza, with the ultimate goal of taking Jerusalem.



AL-QARADAWI



1 | CUBA Pope shows special affinity with Latin America

Many Roman Catholics believe their church's future may depend on the ability of Pope Francis to revive the faith in his native Latin America. As the evangelical movement takes root across the region, the pope is moving to shore up the popularity of traditional Catholicism by appointing an increasing number of native Latin American saints. On May 12, Pope Francis canonized two long-dead nuns—one Mexican and the other Colombian—who together enshrine the church's mission of defending the faith and nurturing hope. (The nuns were canonized alongside more than 800 Italian villagers murdered by Ottoman invaders in 1480 after refusing to convert to Islam.)



SOLER

In related news, on May 8 Pope Francis granted an audience to Cuban dissident Berta Soler, leader of Ladies in White, in the Vatican. Soler is on a worldwide tour to publicize the plight of Cuban dissidents and to drum up support for an end to repression in Cuba. After her meeting in Rome, she told media that the pope had given her a blessing and asked her to continue her fight.

Expect the new Argentine pope to take a strong stance in turning Cuba and the rest of Latin America back to their Catholic roots. Biblical prophecy suggests that he will further the initiative undertaken by his predecessors, working to unify Europe and Latin America under the auspices of the universal church.

2 | MEXICO 3 | COLOMBIA New turf for drug cartels

The decline and fall of Colombia's drug gangs—once the undisputed masters of the illicit drug trade—has allowed Mexican cartels to move into the area and gain access to large supplies of cheap Colombian cocaine. In order to bypass the Mexican cartels and regain some of their lost profits, the remaining fragments of the Colombian cartels are starting to export more to Europe. Despite this move, however, Mexico's Sinaloa Cartel is swiftly becoming the dominant criminal force in Central America.



Chinese currency is taking on a greater role in international trade.

4 | BRAZIL

Bypassing the dollar

CHINA AND BRAZIL MET DURING THE BRICS SUMMIT IN South Africa in March and signed a major currency swap agreement. The People's Bank of China traded 190 billion yuan for 60 billion Brazilian reals from the Central Bank of Brazil. The trade represents approximately \$30 billion. Officials say they hope the exchange will ensure normal trade between the two nations despite instability in the global economy. Brazil's central bank president, Alexandre Tombini, said the deal represents "eight months of exports from Brazil to China and 10 months of imports to Brazil from China." The arrangement represents another push by China to give the yuan a greater international role. Since the 2008 financial crisis, China has signed 15 currency swap deals. These types of deals reveal that the world is beginning to abandon the U.S. dollar as a global reserve currency. As confidence in the dollar evaporates and China works to undermine America's economy, the dollar's value will plummet.



Nigerian troops patrol Baga, Borno State.

5 | NIGERIA 'Massive' military campaign targets Islamists

Nigeria sent a massive deployment of men and resources into its three northeastern states in mid-May to combat Islamist militants. Fighters from the Boko Haram group have been blamed for a series of deadly terrorist attacks, prompting President Goodluck Jonathan to declare a state of emergency in Yobe, Borno and Adamawa. The German military has been training Nigerian soldiers to fight radical Islamists since last August. Expect German military involvement in Nigeria and across Africa to increase as Berlin moves to counter the Islamist threat.

NUMBERS

30 **5** Times that Russian bombers have flown against the U.S. in the past year

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How to Conquer Discouragement

It starts with understanding what's behind the pervasive spirit of hopelessness and frustration.



is now confined to Earth. Verse 12 continues, “Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for *the devil is come down unto you, HAVING GREAT WRATH, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.*”

To grasp what is happening in America today, we must understand this invisible attack from Satan. After Herbert Armstrong died in 1986, Satan immediately targeted the organization he founded, the Worldwide Church of God. That *entire church* and its worldwide work were dismantled—from the inside. Almost all its members were left in spiritual darkness. Our free book *Raising the Ruins* thoroughly recounts this history. It provides penetrating insight into *how* Satan wages spiritual war. As *America Under Attack* explains, this spiritual attack against the Worldwide Church of God also reveals how the devil is *attacking America!*

Kupelian makes another important point about how the Obama administration has capitalized on the hopelessness spreading across America. President Obama is openly working to TRANSFORM the U.S. into something its Founders would not recognize. “Such a radical change cannot be accomplished while Americans are calm, happy, content and grateful for their blessings,” Kupelian writes. “Citizens must be unhappy and stressed out. Indeed, widespread popular discontent has always been the required *fuel* for leftist transformation. ... [T]he very key to radical ‘change’ is keeping the populace angry, encouraging their grievances, stoking their resentments and making sure they are continually upset.”

That’s what we see in America today: a populace growing more angry and depressed each day. Even God’s people have to fight against this negative, downward pull. The Bible admonishes true Christians to be watchful, prayerful, sober-minded and always vigilant—“because your adversary *the devil*, as a ROARING LION, walketh about, SEEKING WHOM HE MAY DEVOUR” (1 Peter 5:8).

Satan knows he has only a short time left and is wrathful! But if we fight against him, with God’s help, this powerful being will actually *flee* from us. “Submit yourselves therefore to God. RESIST THE DEVIL, and *he will flee from you*. DRAW NIGH TO GOD, and *he will draw nigh to you* ...” (James 4:7-8).

This is the key. We must draw near to God. If we strengthen our relationship with God, then He will strengthen us. What wonderful encouragement!

When the weight of Satan’s world is heavy on our shoulders, God’s strength in us can relieve the burden. As this world unravels, draw near to God and remember the words of Jesus on the eve of His greatest trial and test in John 16:33: “... In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of GOOD CHEER; I have overcome the world.”

In his new booklet *America Under Attack*, Gerald Flurry explains that America is entering the sad, final stages of its prophesied collapse. Many people realize something is dangerously wrong, and are angry, discouraged and hopeless.

Not long after we distributed the first printed copies of *America Under Attack*, columnist David Kupelian wrote an eye-opening article, “Americans ‘Snapping’ by the Millions.” According to Kupelian, tens of millions of Americans are being driven “to the point of illness, depression and self-destruction.” The picture is bleak: millions suffering from chronic stress, depression or anxiety; myriad teens and children diagnosed with ADHD, depression or bipolar disorders; tens of millions taking anti-depressant or psychiatric drugs just to make it through the day; skyrocketing suicide rates.



PRINCIPLES OF LIVING
STEPHEN FLURRY

“Throw in the 28 percent of American adults with a drinking problem, that’s more than 60 million, plus the 22 million using illegal drugs like marijuana, cocaine, heroin, hallucinogens and inhalants,” Kupelian concludes, “and pretty soon a picture emerges of a nation of drug-takers, with hundreds

of millions dependent on one toxic substance or another—legal or illegal—to ‘help’ them deal with the stresses and problems of life.”

As *America Under Attack* points out, few realize the *reason* for America’s self-destructive behavior: Satan. Isaiah 14 and Ezekiel 28 describe the *first* time Satan tried to remove God from His throne—perhaps millions of years ago. But Revelation 12 prophesied that Satan would attack God *again*. When? Shortly before Christ’s return.

Here’s the outcome of that battle: “... and the dragon fought and his [fallen] angels, And prevailed not; *neither was their place found any more in heaven*. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which *deceiveth the whole world*: he was cast out into the Earth, and his angels were cast out with him” (verses 7-9). Satan did not prevail against God. But he *has* successfully deceived the *whole world*. This powerful, invisible adversary actually holds all the world captive!

He is the current active ruler of this Earth. My father explains in *America Under Attack*, “He is stirring up people’s emotions, moods and attitudes. When people get into a negative emotion, a bad attitude or a wrong mood, he *works* on those people. He has power to *influence* those wrong emotions; he has deceived the *world* through them!”

As Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in *Mystery of the Ages*, it’s as if the air is *surcharged* with Satan’s selfish attitudes. This ability to negatively influence mankind is especially worse today, since Satan



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Every empire rises and falls

I sincerely believe you are correct that we are headed in that direction, due to our recklessness and stupidity, and due to our gung-ho belief that the U.S. will always be number one (“The Day the Dollar Dies,” May/June). Remember one thing, there’s a rise and fall to every empire, and the USA is no exception. By the way, most Americans have lost their respect for GOD for the love of MONEY, which will ultimately lead to our downfall!

Joseph Wong—AUSTRALIA

The U.S. and most other nations have virtually given China every conceivable secret and manufactured product for the



sustainability of modern life and China itself continues further massive invention, development and production on its own. We have empowered them at our own expense. The Chinese would be worse than stupid not to take advantage of the situation by developing a new world trading currency, and calling due the trillions we owe them. Our leaders have sold us down the river for short-term greed and lust.

Terry Szall—PENNSYLVANIA

Try to imagine a world WITHOUT the U.S. dollar, because very soon you’re going to be living in one. Pray for wisdom and guidance, then get back to the land, with your own fruit trees, gardens,

chickens and goats. You’ll need a wood-burning stove, free firewood for heat and free water from your own spring or well. You’ll also need a fishing pole and gun to hunt with. Go back and read about Joseph and the famine in Egypt. Like the very WISE ants in the book of Proverbs, he stored up food during good times; so should we. Convert ALL excess paper dollars into real money (gold and silver) while you still can. In the near future, no one will want the paper dollar anymore. It’ll be a tough living in the country without the dollar, but it’ll be absolutely horrible in the cities with chaos, crime, riots, suffering and death all around.

Stephen Clark

We appreciate your pragmatic approach. However, biblical prophecy is painfully clear that once America falls economically, it will quickly descend into conditions far worse than can be managed using such means. We encourage you to read “Are You Ready for the End of the World?” at theTrumpet.com.

ONLINE CONVERSATIONS

America Thrusts Wives and Moms Into Combat



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Margie: Even Jessica Lynch said the story told about her was not true. However, it served its purpose. In war time, the aim is to make out the other side to be so evil, none of them should live. A classic example was in World War I, when German soldiers in Belgium were said to be throwing babies in the air and then bayoneting them. It never happened, but it got our side all fired up and led to many extra men joining up to fight the war against these evil fiends. The story served its purpose.

Joel Hilliker (author): The authorized biography, *I Am a Soldier Too: The Jessica Lynch Story*, by journalist Rick Bragg, states that scars on Lynch’s body and medical records indicate she was sodomized during the three hours she was unconscious during her captivity. Lynch does not recall any of this sexual assault. Here is the account from the book: “Jessi lost three hours. She lost

them in the snapping bones, in the crash of the Humvee, in the torment her enemies inflicted on her after

she was pulled from it. ... The records do not tell whether her captors assaulted her almost lifeless, broken body after she was lifted from the wreckage, or if they assaulted her and then broke her bones into splinters until she was almost dead.”

Evolution’s ‘Unnecessary’ Organs



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Brian Utterback: Mr. Jacques apparently does not understand the meaning of “vestigial.” Vestigial does not mean “useless.” It is not surprising at all that the vestigial organs still have functions in the body and the fact that they do have some function does not refute the argument that their existence supports evolution. Please try to get your facts straight.

Jeremiah Jacques (author): I understand that, as scientific advances began to reveal undeniable uses for more and more organs, 20th-century biologists began to revise and soften the definition of “vestigiality.” This article’s purpose, though—rather than meddle with the revisionists—was to address the error of Charles Darwin’s definition: “Organs or parts... bearing the plain stamp of inutility.”

I love my sleep

I was reading about this same subject online and saw how sleep deprivation can affect our interpretation of events and hurt our ability to make sound judgments (“Some Advice That Will Really Make Your Day,” May/June). I have always LOVED my sleep. Over the past several years, having young ones who sometimes don’t sleep through the night, I have missed my eight-plus hours a night. Now that my youngest is finally sleeping better, I am looking forward to catching up on a few years of missed sleep!

Mom of Three

The tightrope balance as human beings truly is difficult in a world that says the happier crowd is up all night partying and having a good time. What I see are people truly unhappy and easily angered; they use most of the day simply “existing” while their party life is what they consider “living,” and the rest of the time they simply coast through in a mindless whirl of tiredness and lack of energy. I have been a nighthawk since a child, and I asked God to correct this. In the last year more or less, He has, and I’m better for it. I notice the difference, and my focus is on much deeper things as well as off the ridiculous trivia that keeps the mind out of focus.

J.S.F.C.R.

A preparation step

Germany taking over Cyprus is only the beginning of what is soon to happen in this world (“Do You Realize What Happened in Cyprus?” May/June). What is prophesied in the Holy Bible is happening before our eyes, and still no one believes.

Karmen—MASSACHUSETTS

Why ‘gay’ is now mainstream

“Aggressive homosexual activism has shifted the fringe view to the center and shoved the center to the fringe” (“Same-Sex ‘Marriage’—the New Mainstream,” May/June). Uh, *NO*, not really, unless you think gay people living their lives openly and with integrity is an example of “aggressive homosexual activism.” There is no sinister “gay agenda” at work here, no nefarious media plot to promote homosexuality. Instead, it’s the fact that most people today are aware of gay friends, family members, and co-workers, and with that awareness has come dramatically increasing acceptance and support.

Americans are also learning to make better value judgments. Why is it that straight couples are encouraged to date, get engaged, marry and build lives together in the context of monogamy and commitment, and that this is a *good* thing, yet for gay couples to do exactly the same

is somehow a *bad* thing? To me this seems like a very poor value judgment.

Ask any straight couple why they choose to marry. Their answer will not be, “We want to get married so that we can have sex and make babies!” That would be absurd, since couples do not need to marry to make babies, nor is the ability or even desire to make babies a prerequisite for obtaining a marriage license. No, the reason couples choose to marry is to make a solemn declaration before friends and family members that they wish to make a commitment to one another’s happiness, health and well-being, to the exclusion of all others. Those friends and family members will subsequently act as a force of encouragement for that couple to hold fast to their vows. *That’s* what makes marriage a good thing, whether the couple in question is straight *or* gay. It looks like American voters are starting to accept that.

Chuck Anziulewicz

The existence of an aggressive agenda to transform America’s long-standing Bible-based opposition to homosexuality is well documented and beyond dispute. Its success in bullying many Americans is readily discernible. The reasons for the Bible’s stance are many and profound. We are working on an article and an accompanying booklet on this vital subject to provide readers the full truth.

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Thatcher funeral

The Thatcher funeral snub

President Barack Obama did not send any officials from his administration to attend the funeral of former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in April. Instead, in attendance were the U.S. secretaries of state of the Reagan and George H.W. Bush administrations—the top U.S. diplomats during Thatcher’s premiership. Such a “distinctly low-key official representation to Lady Thatcher’s funeral,” as the *Guardian* described it, was far less than what tradition would have called for. Heads of state and/or high-ranking government officials typically attend funerals of other heads of state, particularly if their countries are allied. The Obama administration’s snub is another example of America distancing itself from its historical “special relationship” with Britain.

Chicago schools face shutdown

On March 21, Chicago officials announced a plan to close 54 schools by August, amounting to 10 percent of all elementary school facilities. This is the largest single closure of school buildings in U.S. history. America’s third-largest city, Chicago serves as a barometer for many of the nation’s sprawling cities. Budget problems are weighing on school districts nationwide. Taxpayers are feeling the effects of excessive teacher pay packages agreed to by corrupt politicians and extorted by greedy unions. America’s education system is in shambles and needs an overhaul.



Texas water is drying up

The levels of groundwater in Texas’s aquifers dropped sharply between 2010 and 2011, according to a report by the Texas Water Development Board. The report, published in February, shows a sharp decline in groundwater levels in the state’s nine major aquifers. Texas has experienced the worst drought in the continental U.S. Nearly 99 percent of the state is “abnormally dry” or worse; almost 13 percent is in “exceptional” drought conditions. Water levels in the Ogallala Aquifer in the Panhandle region receded in 25 of its 26 observation wells, with an average drop of 3.5 feet. The Ogallala, which spans eight states, is Texas’s major source of underground water. The situation in Texas, and much of the U.S., is a result of the rapid removal of the prophesied blessings that were once showered on this great nation.



Attorney General Eric Holder testifies about the subpoena of AP phone records.

Intimidating the press

SENIOR EXECUTIVES AT THE ASSOCIATED PRESS HAVE SAID that the U.S. Justice Department secretly obtained two months of telephone records of AP reporters and editors. AP attorneys say the department seized records from about a year ago for more than 20 telephone lines used by the news organization. The DOJ was interested in outgoing calls from the work and personal telephones of individual reporters, as well as calls from AP offices in New York, Washington and Hartford. It is unknown which journalists used the office phone lines, but more than 100 journalists work in the targeted offices. In a letter of protest to Attorney General Eric Holder, AP president and chief executive officer Gary Pruitt said the government sought and obtained information far beyond anything that could be justified by any specific investigation. The Obama administration has aggressively investigated disclosures of classified information to the media and has brought six cases against people suspected of providing classified information, more than under all previous presidents combined. This smacks of the federal government seeking to restrict and intimidate the free press. As editor in chief Gerald Flurry points out in his new booklet *America Under Attack* (available for free upon request), we are seeing a trend toward lawlessness on the very highest level of American society.

Will China rebuild dilapidated America?

Secretary of State John Kerry met with top Chinese officials in Beijing on April 13 to discuss growing threats from North Korea. At the security meeting, Kerry also spent considerable time discussing the possibility of China investing in U.S. infrastructure. A lack of domestic funding has led the U.S. to look elsewhere for financing to pay for basic upkeep of the nation. “We welcome Chinese investment in the United States,” Secretary Kerry said, suggesting that China could play a big role building U.S. transportation infrastructure, water utilities and power plants. The American Society of Civil Engineers recently gave the nation’s infrastructure a D on a ranking of A through F. It estimated that it would cost \$2.2 trillion over the next five years to bring it back into good repair. Chinese investment may provide some benefits domestically, but at a terrible cost. The U.S. is living Proverbs 22:7, becoming enslaved to those it reaches out to for help.

Our Homophilia Fascination

The collective mindset of the public is increasingly fascinated by homosexuality. Where is it leading? **BY RON FRASER**

I'M NOT ONE FOR WRITING OVERLY MUCH ON SOCIAL ISSUES. I have spent a lifetime observing the transition of the Western mind from a general occupation on uplifting, profitable things, to a perverse preoccupation with the very opposite. I find nothing uplifting in writing about nor on overly reading about one wretched phenomenon that is flooding the public's collective mindset in particular.

This fascination with all things homosexual has emanated from our general education changing over time from a cultural commitment to generally accepted, biblically based, unselfish moral standards to the very opposite: sheer, hedonistic, *self-indulgence*.

The postwar elevation of liberal socialism, with its destruction of traditional mores in favor of each individual establishing his own "set of values"—and its wretched outgrowth, the socially

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destructive feminist movement—have combined to warp the public's sense of why God established the whole institution of the family, and

of the reasons for our God-ordained gender roles as men and women, fathers and mothers (Genesis 2:24; 1:28).

This has progressively, over the past 60 years, succeeded in promoting the perversity of homosexuality as an "alternative lifestyle" choice, open to all.

On May 6, CNS reported that "In the eight days since NBA player Jason Collins announced he was gay, the news media have covered the story in 2,381 places. But in the first eight days of the trial of Dr. Kermit Gosnell and his 'House of Horrors' abortion business, the media covered the story in 115 places, meaning that Collins' 'gay' news received more than 1,970.4 percent more news coverage."

This is also a powerful demonstration of the extent to which homophilia has penetrated the Fourth Estate in Western society—particularly in the U.S.

What is homophilia? It's the opposite of homophobia, a pejorative used by homosexual lobbyists and the media to describe any person who hews to the Creator God's assessment of homosexuality (Leviticus 20:13). It describes those who are fixated on homosexuality as a "lifestyle" that should be embraced, even promoted.

"Jason Collins, who plays center for the Washington Wizards, announced he was a homosexual in a self-written article for the *Sports Illustrated* website on April 29. Kermit Gosnell is charged



with five counts of murder and 263 other criminal offenses related to his abortion business in Philadelphia; his trial started on March 18 ... [I]n the first eight days of coverage, there were 2,266 more news stories about Jason Collins coming out of the closet as gay than news stories about Gosnell who, specifically, is charged with killing four babies born alive during abortions by snipping their spinal cords with surgical scissors. The fifth murder charge against Gosnell concerns a woman who died from an anesthesia-overdose" (ibid).

Included in the 263 charges against Gosnell are additional accusations including "conspiracy, solicitation, infanticide, theft by deception, corruption of minors, and tampering with or fabricating evidence. The grand jury report on the Gosnell case states there were 'hundreds' of 'snippings,' and that Gosnell 'committed hundreds of acts of infanticide.'"

The Apostle Paul declared that "it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret" (Ephesians 5:12). Verses 3-5 of that chapter and Ephesians 4:19 reveal that the context here is perverted human lust. But we have gone in the opposite direction, flooding our mass media and entertainment with a huge excess of "speaking of those things done of them in secret"!

The result is that we are raising generations whose minds are poisoned with perversion. Our lawmakers now entrench in state law the very opposite of the behavior legitimized by the Creator who made us and laid down the divine law that directs human affairs the way they were intended to be. We will pay a mighty penalty for this.

God's law is immutable. It defines what real love for God and humankind is. It is outgoing, outflowing, uplifting and replete with instruction in how to fulfill the incredible human potential we were designed to achieve.

We must open our minds, not to the conventional wisdom of the media, but to God's uplifting, inspirational, lawful way of life. A good place to commence such a study would be by reading our



inspirational books *Mystery of the Ages* and *The Incredible Human Potential*. They will give you a true guide to studying the Scriptures with a genuinely open mind, to drinking in the plain truth about why you exist and the way you were designed to live! ■

► **WHIRLWIND** from page 3

This whirlwind strategy is about to explode into all-out war. In fact, it will spark World War III!

But there is good news. The same Bible that prophesied this specific strategy with this powerful *whirlwind* also prophesies in detail that World War III will *end* with the glorious return of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

“And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh. ... [W]hen ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand” (Luke 21:28, 31).

When Christ returns, He is going to judge that “Holy” Roman Empire. Daniel 11:45 concludes by saying that this religious superpower “shall come to his end, and none shall help him.”

Has Germany gotten rid of its military inclinations? Not at all. Granted, some of its deployments around Iran are tiny. But, unlike the United States, Germany will not let them dissipate, but will *expand them mightily!* Berlin could multiply these small numbers almost overnight!

This type of intelligence doesn’t make sense to most analysts. They might scoff at the idea that these deployments and arms deals are leading to an attack on Iran—and *especially* on Israel, America and Britain! This insight can only come from God. And He has now revealed it.

This is not just blitzkrieg. We are about to witness a WHIRLWIND. And it was all prophesied in your Bible: Daniel 11:40! ■

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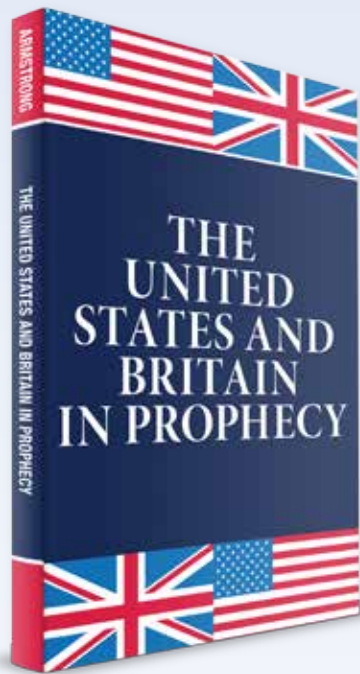
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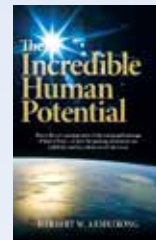
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