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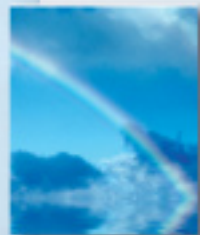
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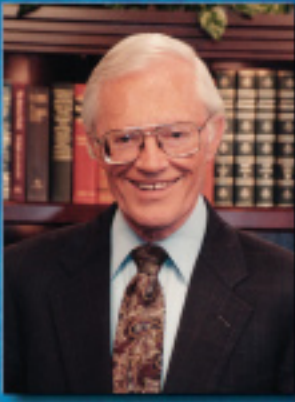
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Personal

By Roderick C. Meredith, Editor in Chief

The Great DECEIVER

Speaking of the traumatic and earthshaking events immediately preceding His Second Coming, Jesus Christ said: “Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to *escape* all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:36). However, as most of you probably realize, very few even *read* this passage of the Bible, let alone *understand* it.

In fact, very few people really *study* the Bible. Many read “inspirational” passages such as the 23rd Psalm, but *extremely* few truly dig into the Bible and systematically try to analyze it and genuinely understand it. The God of creation is not “real” to them. If they have any religion at all, chances are it is either based on sterile, formalized ritual, or on singing, chanting and worked-up human emotions. But *very seldom* indeed do most professing Christians genuinely *study, drink in of, and meditate on* the Bible, and then *surrender* themselves to *believe* and *do* what it actually says!

So when the truly *colossal* events directly prophesied in your Bible begin to occur in the coming years, most people are going to be really *shocked*. Why? Because they are so “out of touch” with the *ultimate reality*—the true God of Abraham, the God of creation: the God of the Bible.

After describing an end-time invasion of the great city of Jerusalem, Jesus Christ said: “And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory” (Luke 21:25–27). What?

People will really *see* these things? Yes! **And this will happen within the lifetime of many of you!**

Why then, does it seem that so very few people are even aware of what is about to occur? It is because they have been deceived. Your Bible describes Satan as “that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who *deceives* the whole world” (Revelation 12:9). The Apostle Paul was inspired to describe Satan as the “prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience” (Ephesians 2:2).

This master *deceiver* has a way of distracting most people, filling up their time, causing them to be “surface Christians” if they are, in fact, Christians at all. He puts *thousands of hours* of inane television shows in front of them that subtly—and often not so subtly—endorse violence, illicit sex, perversion, hedonism, and disrespect for parents, teachers and virtually all in authority.

And there is more. As the “prince” of this world’s atmosphere—controlling, overall, the media to which most people watch and listen—Satan literally *bombards* the minds of countless millions of human beings with movies and television shows about aliens and intergalactic struggles for control of the entire universe. Seemingly innocent to many people, these make-believe “escape” films and television shows often touch upon, put a perverted “twist” on and *cheapen* some of the very things that the Great God of creation says will happen!

Very clever.

Since this powerful spirit being, Satan the Devil, basically knows what God says is going to happen, he is able to use modern media to project into the minds of the masses a *false version* of future events. And after viewing countless hours

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A New "Caesar" In Europe?

By Roderick C. Meredith

Behind the scenes, a powerful force is beginning to shape the destiny of Europe—and of the world. It will enormously affect our lives in ways most cannot now imagine!

The withered figure of an aged and very sick pope appears from time to time on television screens or in our newspapers. Karol Wojtyła, now 83 and suffering from Parkinson's disease, appears to be reaching the end of his days. The most traveled pope in history, he projects the image of a sincere and kindly elderly man trying to help the world understand the ways of God.

Yet, a few minutes later, we may see television images of high-ranking Roman Catholic bishops or priests accused of grievous crimes and sins.

Their recent history of sexually assaulting hundreds of young men only echoes this type of priestly behavior occurring over the centuries. Even Catholic historians admit that many of their popes and bishops had mistresses, fathered illegitimate children, sometimes "sold" the office of bishop for money and committed many other excesses that might make a sincere Christian blush.

But the Roman Catholic Church is an organization of tremendous power and prestige all over the world. With more than one billion adherents, it controls Vatican City—a separate nation within the nation of Italy. So even though it is a *church*, this mammoth organization is allowed to have credentialed ambassadors to the nations of the world just as *if* it were a normal sovereign nation as well as a church. Through the centuries, it has had tremendous influence upon the nations of Europe, and of Central and South America. In Europe, dozens of heads of state literally received their crowns from the pope—symbolizing their subjection to him and to the church he represented. Many national upheavals and many wars were instigated by the Vatican—an earthly power that has had no qualms about interfering or meddling in worldly politics.

Right now—*before our eyes*—a final revival of the so-called "Holy Roman Empire" is taking place in Europe. Yet most people do not recognize what is happening. Most

either fail to see, or refuse to admit, the *dramatic impact* this revival will have on their lives, and on the lives of their children and loved ones.

In Britain, the prestigious *London Daily Telegraph* for July 21, 1991 stated: “Karol Wojtyla is calmly preparing to assume the mantle which he solemnly believes to be his Divine Right—that of new Holy Roman Emperor, reigning from the Urals to the Atlantic.” The “founding fathers” of the European Union are being put forward for sainthood by faithful European Catholics; Alcide De Gasperi and Robert Schuman are well on their way toward receiving this ultimate stamp of approval from the Roman Catholic Church. As one supporter of their canonization put it, “I think that the European Union is a design not only of human beings but of God.” The very act of bestowing sainthoods on politicians is a way for supporters to suggest that European unification is God’s will, and that those who lead it govern by “divine right.”

As noted author Adrian Hilton recently stated: “The issue of European religious union is one that has been concealed even deeper than the plans for political union, but the ratchet towards a Catholic Europe is just as real. The pope’s recent demand that ‘God’ be featured in the emerging European constitution has been echoed by many leading Catholic politicians and bishops. While on the surface such a reference may offend only Europe’s atheist and humanist contingent, it must be observed that when the Vatican refers to God, she sees herself as God’s infallible vice-regent upon earth, the leading organ of divine

expression; indeed, according to its publication *Dominus Iesus* (5 September 2000), as the only mediator in the salvation of God’s elect, insisting that all other Churches, including the Church of England, ‘are not Churches in the proper sense.’ The Roman Church is founded on a political dogma claiming that the pope is ‘supreme ruler of the world’; superior to all kings, prime ministers and presidents. These spiritual and temporal claims remain very much fundamental dogmas of Catholic teaching, permitting

present age—when deceived men will literally make war with Jesus Christ at His Second Coming! The inspired Apostle writes: “Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, ‘Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication.’ So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a

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the pope, through Cardinal Ratzinger, the Prefect for the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, to issue clear directives to Catholic politicians on how they should vote. Since their obedience is considered a ‘moral duty’, devolve everything to the overwhelmingly Catholic European Council of Ministers, Commission and Parliament, and the ultimate Caesar is the pope” (*The Spectator*, August 30, 2003).

The Harlot of Revelation

The great God who guides the rise and fall of nations has warned us about what is about to happen—and, in fact, what is *beginning to happen* even as I write. For the Creator inspired the Apostle John to warn us about the very church/state system that is now being put together—slowly but surely—on the European continent. The time setting of this prophecy is clearly the end of this

woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns” (Revelation 17:1–3). Note that this “woman” is “sitting” on the Beast that is here described. Though she has less physical strength, the “woman” is obviously *in control!*

Who is this mysterious woman? The account tells us that she sits on “many waters” (v. 1). John reveals in verse 15: “The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues.”

So this “woman” has great power and influence over countless millions of people in different nations speaking different languages. Again, she is pictured as “sitting on” or controlling a “Beast” that has “seven heads and ten horns” (v. 3).

The term “woman” is used throughout the New Testament as a symbol for a *church*. In Revelation 12:12–14, God’s true

Church is pictured as fleeing “into the wilderness”—a place *here on earth*—to escape the persecution and the wrath of Satan. In 2 Corinthians 11:1–2, the true Church is pictured as a woman—the affianced bride of Christ. In Ephesians 5:22–33, the Apostle Paul clearly describes the Church as the *wife* (obviously a *woman!*) of Jesus Christ.

The “woman” of Revelation 17 is also a “harlot.” She has “made drunk” the inhabitants of the earth with her false doctrines and Babylonish practices. Her name—as *God sees it*—is, “Mystery, Babylon the Great, the mother of harlots and of the abominations of the earth” (v. 5). So she is a “mother” church, and she has been—and *will be*—a great persecuting church “drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus” (v. 6).

This fallen woman of Revelation 17 sits on a “Beast.” As you compare this prophecy of Revelation 17 with Revelation 13 and Daniel 7, it becomes obvious that this “Beast” is the *revived* Roman Empire. For full and historical *proof* of this, be sure to write or call for a copy of our fascinating and eye-opening booklet, *The Beast of Revelation*. It will be sent absolutely *free* upon your request.

This revived European empire—the Beast—will be headed by a super-dictator or emperor also called the “Beast.” In Daniel and other biblical prophecies, the

terms “king” and “kingdom” are often used interchangeably, for in ancient times, there were virtually no democracies as we understand them today. The king’s will was the will of the kingdom—which the king personified.

In its seventh and final revival, the Roman Empire will consist of ten kings or rulers. “The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast” (Revelation 17:12–13).

But *why* would carnal, ambitious political leaders voluntarily come together and give their authority to one super-king, or emperor? Is it because they will have been powerfully influenced to do so by the “woman”—the great fallen church who sits on “peoples, multitudes, nations and tongues?”

The Great False Prophet

In Revelation 13, John describes the “Beast” who had a “deadly wound” as the ancient Roman Empire. This empire fell in 476AD, but was “healed” when it was revived in 554AD by the Emperor Justinian. Then, history

tells us, it became the “Holy” Roman Empire. Why “holy”? Because from that time on, it was heavily influenced—and sometimes ruled—through the papacy, by the dominant church of the Middle Ages.

In Revelation 13:11–14, John describes “another” Beast. This Beast “had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon” (v. 11). Throughout the entire New Testament, Jesus Christ is pictured as the “Lamb” of God (John 1:29; Revelation 19:7). Satan is pictured as a dragon: “So the great *dragon* was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world” (Revelation 12:9).

Therefore, this second “Beast” of Revelation 13 is a man who *appears* to be like Christ—coming with a great show of piety, holiness and goodwill. But his *message*—when he speaks “like a dragon”—will be a cunning and cleverly deceiving message from Satan the Devil!

He is the one who will influence the ten kings or rulers in the soon to rise European empire to give up their power for a short time. For this second “Beast”—this false prophet—“performs **great signs**, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. And he **deceives** those who dwell on the earth by those **signs** which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived” (Revelation 13:13–14).

Pope John Paul II is very old, and very ill. His life may end at any time. His health is so frail that he may even have died by the time you read this article. Will his



Pope John Paul II, suffering from Parkinson’s Disease and other maladies, continues to lead a church of more than a billion members, even as speculation grows daily about his health and his successor.
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successor be the *final* pope? Not necessarily. We need to recall the extremely brief pontificate of his predecessor, John Paul I, who according to some accounts may even have been poisoned in an unusual Vatican plot involving a power struggle at the highest level (one account of this is given by noted British author David Yallop, in his thoroughly documented book *In God's Name*).

Thessalonians 2:3–4: “Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.” *Who* is this man who has the incredible arrogance to appro-

guide the Beast, it will be easy to acquiesce and wish to “just get along.” It will be easy for you—and for many top religious and political leaders—to submit yourselves to the leadership of this coming false prophet and the Beast he so heavily influences. The vast numbers of people involved, the power and the pageantry will all have a dramatic affect upon billions of human

When this magnetic personality arises in Europe, and uses the awesome power of the “woman” of Revelation 17 to dominate and guide the Beast, it will be easy to acquiesce and wish to “just get along.” It will be easy for you—and for many top religious and political leaders—to submit yourselves to the leadership of this coming false prophet and the Beast he so heavily influences.

John Paul I reigned for just 33 days! So the next pope might also be in office for a *very short time*. That is why Jesus, speaking about prophetic events, tells us to “watch and pray” (Luke 21:36). We are not given the *exact* times and places of all coming prophetic events. But the major events—and the overall patterns—are clear. We are in for some extremely interesting and even *astounding* events over the next five to 15 years or so—events that **no one** could foresee except through the clear light of biblical prophecy!

In any event, the final great false prophet will be able to deceive untold *millions* of human beings “by those **signs** he was granted to do in the sight of the Beast” (v. 14).

You Are Being WARNED

The Apostle Paul was also inspired to tell us about this soon-to-come false prophet. Note Paul’s extremely somber warning in 2

appropriate, for himself, titles and glory that belong only to God?

Paul describes the religious system that produces this man as the “mystery of **lawlessness**” (v. 7)—a religion that has **changed** God’s laws, done away with His Sabbaths and substituted pomp, ceremony and pagan rituals for heartfelt obedience to the word of God! This coming “lawless one” will be empowered “according to the working of Satan, with all **power, signs, and lying wonders**, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the **truth**, that they might be saved” (vv. 9–10).

It is vital that each of you dear readers grasp the importance of that last phrase: “the *love* of the **truth**.” For that is the ultimate “key” to the future well-being of each of you and your loved ones! For when this magnetic personality arises in Europe, and uses the awesome power of the “woman” of Revelation 17 to dominate and

beings! After all, since this man will be able to perform great signs and “lying wonders,” most will assume that he is *God’s special representative on earth*.

Let me now give you a vital clue: the *kind* of miracles and signs this false prophet works will not be the same as those performed by Jesus and the original Apostles. They healed primarily through quiet, sincere prayers and often with the anointing of oil as a symbol of the Holy Spirit (Mark 6:12–13; James 5:14). Their miracles involved genuine supernatural *healings* performed in the name of Jesus Christ—**never** strange apparitions, shining crosses, “bleeding” images supposedly representing Christ or Mary, etc. As the last remaining original Apostle wrote: “And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight” (1 John 3:22).

Jesus’ *true* ministers will be humble, clean-living men who

faithfully teach the word of God—not pagan doctrines and lavish rituals brought into professing Christianity during the Dark Ages. Jesus' own ministers will be faithful followers of the humble carpenter of Nazareth—who constantly referred people to Scripture and who taught people a way of life based upon heartfelt obedience to the Ten Commandments (Matthew 19:16–19).

Think! As God commands: “Prove all things; hold fast that which is good” (1 Thessalonians 5:21; KJV). If each of us, individually, truly *studies* God's Word and asks for *understanding*, we will not be deceived. Speaking of the very end of the last days, Jesus said: “For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. But take heed; see, I have told you all things beforehand” (Mark 13:22–23). So we must be close to the true God of the Bible, or we will be deceived by these false ministers!

This new “Caesar” in Europe—encouraged and mightily influenced by the false prophet and his miracles—will have **enormous** power. Your Bible says very clearly: “All who dwell on the earth will **worship** him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world” (Revelation 13:8). It is hard for most of us to imagine such a time!

Many of us who are older remember living through, and seeing on film, the fiery speeches of Adolph Hitler before hundreds of thousands at the Nuremburg rallies and elsewhere. We recall the force, the impact and the mass hysteria generated by that madman. *How much more* impact will the final “führer” have on a

confused world—especially when he is backed and validated by a professing man of God who works fantastic miracles?

The END of This Foul System

God calls His true people to come out, and to *stay out*, of the entire system that *He* calls “Babylon the Great.” Looking into the future, God tells us: “Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird! For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury. And I heard another voice from heaven saying, ‘Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues’” (Revelation 18:2–4).

This revived Roman Empire will indeed become “rich” for a short while (v. 3). It will be very tempting to join in, for the *short-term* “gains” will be alluring. But what will happen in the *long-term*? “She will be utterly burned with fire, for **strong** is the Lord God who judges her” (v. 8).

And what will be the “end” of this coming Caesar, and this false prophet who supports him? Jesus tells us through His servant John: “And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies,

gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. *These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone*” (Revelation 19:19–20).

Not a very glorious future for these two cunning individuals who will have sold themselves to the devil!

But where will *you* be? How will *you* react as these prophesied events unfold?

Will you have the understanding and the courage to put your trust in the invisible God and *do what He says*? Will you have the *true* Jesus Christ living His obedient life within you through the Holy Spirit?

May God help you to *read this magazine carefully* and to *understand*. May He inspire you to truly **study** the Bible, and to ask His help in living by *every* word of God (Luke 4:4). And may He grant you the *courage* you will surely need in the traumatic years just ahead. ☐

To Learn More...



European nations are drawing more closely together. The influence of the United States is waning, while centuries-old European bonds are being revived and strengthened. How will this affect our world?

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Questions & Answers

Q Does Revelation 20:10 teach that the Beast and the false prophet will spend eternity being tormented in burning hell-fire?

A This is a common misunderstanding, caused by translators' (and many readers') careless assumptions. First, take a look at the verse in question. "And the devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet *are*. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever" (Revelation 20:10).

Notice that the word "*are*" is in italics. This means that translators added the word, and that it is not part of the original Greek manuscripts. A more accurate English rendering would be "were cast"—since at the time of this verse, the Beast and false prophet have already been cast into the lake of fire (cf. Revelation 19:20). The pronoun "they" in the next sentence is also a translator's interpretation, added to the *New King James Version* but rightly absent from the *King James Version*.

Thus, an accurate translation of the verse would be: "The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the Beast and false prophet *were cast*, and *he* shall be tormented day and night, forever and ever."

Now, the sense and meaning of this verse becomes clear. Satan, the Devil, will be thrown into the lake of fire. He will be the one who is tormented day and night. Though flames of fire cannot hurt spirit-composed angels, Satan will be tormented for all eternity at the destruction of all his works and kingdom (1 John 3:8; Revelation 11:15).

Some misunderstand this verse by assuming that the Beast and false prophet will be writhing in unthinkable pain amidst the flames of hell fire *forever*. The popular belief of hell depicts it as the

habitation of evil spirits, "the infernal regions... whither lost and condemned souls go after death to suffer indescribable torments and eternal punishments" (*Encyclopedia Americana*). However, the popularity of a doctrine does not make it true. Therefore, we need to ask the question, from where did we get the concept of burning eternally in hell-fire?

Writers such as Augustine (345–430AD) argued that imperfect souls were cleansed in a purgatorial fire at death. Like many, he was influenced in this idea by doctrines of pre-Christian philosophers. The Italian poet Dante Alighieri (1265–1321AD) added to popular misconceptions about hell-fire when he wrote the famous *La Divina Commedia*. His real purpose was to ridicule the concepts of hell of his day, but the horrific details of his fiction had such popular impact that many professing Christians wrongly took them as fact.

What is the truth about hell, and about punishment after death? God's word clearly shows that the "wages of sin is *death*"—*not* eternal torment in the fires of hell (Romans 6:23). The wicked are to be burned up and become ashes under the feet of the righteous (Malachi 4:1–3). God inspired the Apostle Peter to write that "the heavens and the earth which are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men" (2 Peter 3:7). The word "perdition" is a synonym for "destruction." The wicked will be *destroyed* by the lake of fire, and will *not* suffer for all eternity.

Ultimately, the whole earth will be purified by fire, and all earthly works burned up (2 Peter 3:10). As Jesus stated: "Anyone not found written in the Book of Life" will be cast into the lake of fire, to be burned up and destroyed—never to exist again (Revelation 20:15; 21:8). For more on this much-misunderstood topic, write for our free reprint article, *What Is Hell?*

What Is God Really Like?

By John H. Ogwyn

What is God *really* like? Even asking such a question strikes many people as presumptuous. How could we possibly *be sure* of such answers, they ask. Is God, by His very nature, unknowable and unfathomable by mankind? Many who do believe in God view Him as a remote figure, or as little more than a “first cause” of the universe. To many, God is not someone who is actively involved in our lives or in our modern world.

Every human culture has had ideas about the supernatural. Jews and Muslims emphasize that God is one. Buddhists and Hindus hold beliefs ranging from impersonal monism to pantheistic polytheism, with many variations in between. Many in the Western world either have vague ideas about God as “the Man upstairs” or else have adopted “New Age” beliefs (most of which *really* originated in Hinduism and Buddhism). Some cling to traditional Catholic and Protestant teaching about a *triune* God—traditionally explained as “one God in three persons.” Clearly, these differing ideas and opinions cannot **all** be right.

What do *you* think God is like? What is the *source* of *your* ideas? Did they come from God, or from human reasoning? Stop and consider: would it make

sense for an all-wise Creator, who created human life able to think about the eternal and the divine, not to leave a record by which He reveals Himself?

From the physical world, we can deduce much about God’s great power and intelligence. But such deductions still tell us *nothing of His ultimate plan and purpose* for His creation. But our Creator has not left us in the dark. In addition to revealing Himself through His creation, He has also given us the Bible. In His word, God tells us about His nature, His will, His character, and His plan and purpose for the universe and for mankind. God is knowable because He has chosen to make Himself knowable! When the philosophers of Athens invited the Apostle Paul to address an audience on Mars Hill, he took as his subject “the Unknown God” (Acts 17:23). Paul explained to his listeners that the God whom they labeled as unknown was really the sovereign creator, then proceeded to tell them about God’s great plan.

That is why it is so important to understand—from the Bible—what God reveals about Himself. In doing so, we will gain insight into God’s plan for the human race. The real truth will amaze you, and is **clearly provable** from your own Bible.

A Look at God's Attributes and Nature

The Bible reveals much about God. Paul explained that God is eternal, immortal and invisible (1 Timothy 1:17). Psalm 147:4–5 emphasizes His great power and His infinite understanding. God can do all things, and no purpose of his can be withheld from Him (Job 42:2). He even knows the very *thoughts* of man (Psalm 94:11; 1 Corinthians 3:20). The Apostle John describes God dwelling in splendor, light and glory, surrounded by a court of heavenly creatures and millions of angels (Revelation 4:1–6; 5:11).

God is not remote and disinterested, nor is He a “hanging judge” who delights in sending people to an ever-burning hell. Rather, love is the most fundamental characteristic of His nature (1 John 4:8). The supreme way in which He demonstrated that love was in offering His Son Jesus Christ, to make possible the reconciliation of sinful mankind to Himself (John 3:16). He is also a God of justice, mercy (Psalm 103:8), and faithfulness (Psalm 119:89–90). He is actively involved with His creation, and has declared the future in advance (Isaiah 46:9–11).

The supreme way in which God chose to reveal Himself was through Jesus Christ of Nazareth. Make no mistake about it; Jesus was no ordinary man. He was not simply a “good man” or even a prophet. He was nothing less than *Immanuel*—God with us!

John 1:1–3 gives us the most fundamental explanation of Jesus' identity. “In the beginning,” John wrote, “was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.” John explains that “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth” (v. 14). Though Christ had shared incredible power and glory with the Father from eternity, He voluntarily emptied Himself of that to become our Savior (Hebrews 2:7).

Several years ago, *Newsweek* magazine ran an article that explored various religions' views of Jesus Christ. The rabbi who was interviewed considered Jesus just another rabbi—a good Jew. Muslims pointed out that the Koran labels Jesus a prophet, though not as great as Mohammed. Many Buddhists believe Jesus to have been “an enlightened one,” while some Hindus consider Him an *avatar* or guru.

The *Newsweek* article makes a very important observation: “Clearly, the cross is what separates the Christ of Christianity from every other Jesus. In

Judaism there is no precedent for a Messiah who dies, much less as a criminal as Jesus did. In Islam, the story of Jesus' death is rejected as an affront to Allah himself... There is, in short, no room in other religions for a Christ who experiences the full burden of mortal existence—and hence there is no reason to believe in him as the divine Son whom the Father resurrects from the dead” (“The Other Jesus,” March 27, 2000, p. 60). Little has changed in 2,000 years. Paul called the message of Christ crucified “a stumbling block” and “foolishness” to the world of his day. Yet from Genesis through Revelation, God reveals that mankind is cut off from Him as a result of sin, and needs redemption and reconciliation.

The Role of the Holy Spirit

In John 14:16–20, Jesus emphasized that after His departure to be with the Father, the disciples would *not* simply be abandoned (the Greek term used in verse 18 is *orphanous*, meaning “orphans”). Rather, through the power of the Holy Spirit (1 John 3:24), Jesus and the Father would dwell inside true Christians (John 14:20, 23). The Holy Spirit imparts both understanding and strength. It *flows out from God* (15:26), and connects our minds to His. God *is* Spirit (4:24); the Holy Spirit is not some separate and distinct personality of the Godhead. Rather, the Holy Spirit is the means by which Christ and the Father make their presence felt in the hearts and minds of believers.

The Holy Spirit is God's outflowing power (Luke 1:35). It imparts God's love as it is “poured out” in the hearts of believers (Romans 5:5). It is the means by which He created and brought into existence the very universe (Psalm 104:30). It is the power by which He works in the minds of human beings made in His image (Genesis 6:3). It is also the power by which the lame miraculously walked, the blind saw, the deaf heard and the dead were raised from their graves during Jesus Christ's earthly ministry (Luke 5:15–17).

The Bible describes the Holy Spirit in various ways. Primarily, the Spirit is compared to wind. After all, *pneuma*—the Greek word for “spirit”—means “wind” or “breath.” In the Old Testament, the Hebrew word translated “spirit” is *ruach*, and has the same meaning as the Greek *pneuma*.

Another common analogy is of flowing water (cf. John 7:38–39). Just as air and water are necessary life-giving forces, so the Holy Spirit is the source of eternal life for Christians (Romans 8:11). Just as air and water both flow, and have power to affect and

change what they touch, so also does the Holy Spirit.

God offers us His Spirit for a purpose! Through it, we come to share in God's power, His attitude, His love and His thoughts. God's Spirit is intended to transform our lives by *renewing our minds* (Titus 3:5; Romans 12:2). We become a new creation because God is changing us, writing His laws in our hearts and minds (Hebrews 8:10).

In the opening chapter of 1 John, the “beloved Apostle” described the importance of our fellowship with God and with one another. Notice what John wrote—that “truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ” (v. 3). The Bible nowhere speaks of our having fellowship with the Holy Spirit in the same way that we have with the Father and with Christ. Rather, the Holy Spirit flows out from the Father and Christ (John 15:26), and is the basis of our connection to God and to one another. It is *the means* by which Christ lives His life in us (Galatians 2:20).

Did you know that the word “trinity” is nowhere mentioned in the Bible? There are, however, a couple of passages of Scripture that are sometimes quoted to lend credence to Trinitarian teaching.

First, note 1 John 5:7: “For there are three that bear witness in heaven, the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit: and these three are one.” On the surface, this verse seems to teach the Trinity quite clearly. However, there is one problem: this verse was *never in any of the inspired Greek manuscripts*. Bible scholars, almost without exception, admit that that this verse originated as a monkish insertion into the Latin text! *The Interpreter's*

One Volume Commentary on the Bible explains that, during fourth century controversies about the doctrine of the Trinity, the text was expanded—first in Spain around 380AD, and then taken up in the *Vulgate*—the official Roman Catholic version written in Latin (p. 939). Bullinger's *Companion Bible* explains, in its footnote on the text of 1 John 5:7: “The words are not found in any Gr. MS. [Greek manuscripts] before the sixteenth century. They were first seen in the margin of some Latin copies. Thence they have crept into the text.” Clearly the early Trinitarian teachers of the Roman Catholic Church were at such a loss to find biblical substantiation for their teaching that they resorted to *adding* words to the text!

Advocates of the Trinity often turn to chapters 14 and 15 of John to support their idea that the Holy Spirit is a person just like the Father and Jesus Christ. On the night of His final Passover, Jesus told His disciples that He was going to return to the Father, but would send them another Helper. The Greek word translated as “Helper” is *paracletos*, which usually refers to someone who gives help or support. In the context of John 14 it clearly refers to the Holy Spirit, which Jesus promised to send to His disciples after His ascension back to the Father (Acts 1:4–5; cf. John 15:26).

Because these verses use the English pronoun “he,” many have assumed that the Holy Spirit should be considered as a “person” of the Godhead. But this is a misunderstanding, brought about by translation from the original Greek. In Greek, nouns are routinely assigned fixed “gender,” which has nothing to do with either physical gender or personhood. For example, the Greek noun for “little girl” is neuter, while the word for “hand” is feminine—whether or not it refers to part of a woman's body. Greek requires that the pronoun used—he, she or it—always agree with the noun to which it refers (see *The Language of the New Testament*, by Eugene Van Ness Goetchius, 1965 ed., pp. 33–34). In Greek, the noun *pneuma*—translated as “spirit”—is neuter, and always takes a neuter pronoun such as “it,” while *paracletos* is masculine and demands a masculine pronoun. The pronoun used has nothing whatsoever to do with proving personhood!

Evidence from Paul's Epistles

Nearly all of Paul's epistles contain an opening verse similar to Romans 1:7: “Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.” The books of 1 and 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 and 2 Thessalonians and Philemon all open with an identical phrase. A slightly modified version opens 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus. Similar phrases open 2 Peter, 2 John, and Jude. Yet *none* of the books of the New Testament open with anything even approaching a Trinitarian greeting, linking the Holy Spirit with the Father and Christ as a separate and distinct personality. Paul would never dishonor or neglect the Person of God; we see from his epistles that he did not address the Holy Spirit, vital to Christian life, as a person like Jesus Christ or the Father.

—John H. Ogwyn

The Origin of the Trinity Doctrine

Weighing in against the secular humanists and New Agers who increasing-

ly dominate Western culture, Trinitarians often view themselves as “defenders of the faith.” They believe they are defending the Bible against those who undermine its revelation as the source of our knowledge of God. But are they, *really*? Where did this so-called “Christian orthodoxy” about God’s nature originate?

Jude, writing three decades after the founding of the New Testament Church, exhorted the brethren to *earnestly contend* for the faith that was **once for all delivered** to the saints (Jude 3). In other words, the true Christian faith had already been delivered, intact, *prior* to Jude’s writing. Jude—Jesus’ half-brother as a son of Joseph and Mary—explained that ungodly men had secretly crept into the Church, and were already beginning to distort the true doctrines that Jesus Christ had delivered to His disciples.

Even Roman Catholic scholars admit that Tertullian (ca. 150–225) was the first writer to use the term “trinity” in an attempt to describe the Christian Godhead. Why, then, if this “trinity” teaching were true, was it not “revealed” until **more than 150 years after Jesus Christ’s crucifixion and resurrection**? Why did Christ’s original disciples, and Paul, not explain this doctrine? In fact, they taught a *very different* explanation of the nature of the true God!

Greek philosophical writings, rather than the biblical text, form the background of third century discussions of the “trinity.” *The Roman Catholic New Theological Dictionary* makes a number of frank admissions in this regard. Concerning the Scriptural teaching on the nature of the Holy Spirit, in its article, “Trinity,” it acknowledges: “As such, the Spirit is never the explicit object of NT worship, nor is the Spirit ever represented in NT discourse as interacting in an interpersonal way with the Father and the Son.”

As we look at the development of “Christian” theology in the late second and early third centuries, the names of Tertullian and Origen keep coming up. Catholic sources admit that they “adapted much of the Hellenic worldview... [Tertullian made] the first known use of the term ‘trinity’” (*New Theological Dictionary*, p. 1,054).

Think about it! Tertullian and Origen were Catholic theologians who flourished in the last part of the second century and the beginning part of the third. Neither of them was *even born* until well over a century after the founding of the New Testament Church. **They** were the ones who laid the foundation of Catholic (and later Protestant) teaching regarding the “trinity” and the nature of God—*not* New Testament Apostles such as Peter, Paul or John.

God Is a Family

Perhaps the most profound truth about the nature of God, though understood by very few, is that God is a Family! This truth is utterly obscured by the “trinity” teaching. The ultimate destiny of human beings, originally made in God’s image from the dust of the ground, is that they might be converted or changed by an inward spiritual renewal and ultimately *born again* into the very Family of God at the resurrection. God is bringing *many sons* to glory (Hebrews 2:10)! Jesus Christ is described as the *first-born* among *many* brethren (Romans 8:29).

Notice Scripture’s plain revelation about the Godhead. In Genesis 1:1, we read that in the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The Hebrew word used for God is *Elohim*—a word that is plural in form though often singular in usage. A little later, in Genesis 1:26, we learn that God said: “Let *us* make man in *our* image, after *our* likeness.” God’s supreme purpose is to reproduce Himself!

Notice what Paul explained in Romans 8:14: “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, **these are sons of God.**” What is the implication of this? If we are God’s children, we are His heirs; “heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ” (v. 17). Ultimately, God’s children will be “**filled with all the fullness of God**” (Ephesians 3:19). God is building a family, and that family takes its name from the Father—it is the **Family of God** (3:14–15).

The real truth of what God is like, and what He is doing, goes far beyond anything that most have ever imagined. God is knowable because He has chosen to reveal Himself. He wants you to come to know Him, and to build a relationship with Him that will lead to you being part of His very family forever! ☺

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America the Beautiful... the Hated, the Isolated

By Charles E. Bryce

The United States of America is world renowned for its beauty, its freedom and for the opportunity it provides its citizens from all walks of life. From the grandeur of its mountain ranges, to the sweeping expanse of its plains, to the hustle and bustle of its metropolitan areas, the U.S. occupies a unique place in the world. Millions have immigrated to this land of hopes and dreams, which many consider to be practically a “Promised Land”—the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service estimates that more than 40 million people immigrated to the U.S. during the 20th century. The famous inscription on the Statue of Liberty reads: “Give me your tired,

your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore, send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me. I lift my lamp beside the golden door.” Millions of immigrants have experienced that outstretched hand over the years, and still do to this day. From sea to shining sea, the flow of goods and services produced in America fuels a dynamic economy that produces staggering wealth for its population.

Throughout the 20th century, U.S. military might grew, and by the end of the century the U.S. had become the world’s only superpower, almost unchallengeable when it chose to extend its political, economic and military reach to any part of the globe. But America has also been almost unchallengeable in its generosity and benevolence to other nations. Wherever disaster strikes in the world, America is one of the first nations on the scene to lend a helping hand. Food, clothing, medicine and know-how are dispatched quickly to friend and foe alike. When intractable international conflicts defy solution, the U.S. is often the first nation called upon to intervene diplomatically, and if necessary militarily, to settle the matter. This action comes at great cost

to the American taxpayer and even more importantly, it often means shedding the blood of U.S. soldiers in the heat of battle. But Americans will be there and do that time and time again.

Perhaps no other country in the history of the world has proven itself more gracious and willing to help others in need. The U.S. has even rebuilt whole nations that had been its bitter enemies in protracted warfare. In 1979, before Saddam Hussein took power, Iraq's per capita Gross Domestic Product was higher than Australia's. After decades of Hussein's rule, Iraq's per capita GDP had fallen below that of the Congo; it was a country desperately needing help from those willing and able. The U.S.'s recent \$87 billion plan to rebuild Iraq is only the latest in a long series of American commitments to "nation-building" in areas newly freed from impoverishing despotism. The Marshall Plan, developed by U.S. Secretary of State George C. Marshall to revitalize Europe after World War II, is perhaps the classic example of American charity and goodwill.

Yet, in spite of billions of dollars of aid in the form of humanitarian relief and military intervention generously sent to rescue and set free people and nations, anti-Americanism is on the rise. Around the world, millions are "biting the hand that feeds them." Last September, the Council on Foreign Relations issued a report stating that anti-Americanism in Muslim countries has grown so strong that it is "endangering our national security and compromising the effectiveness of our diplomacy" ("Deeds, Not Words," *Inter Press Service*, October 2, 2003).

Strong negative feelings—ranging from suspicion and dislike to the most intense hatred—are growing and being directed toward the U.S. "The strongest nation is always going to deal with resentment," said John Hulsman, a research fellow at the Heritage Foundation. "It was true when Romans ran the world, when the Spanish ran the world and when the British ran the world."

Author and sociology professor Jeffrey C. Goldfarb quotes a Southeast Asian human rights

Americanism is not just a hysterical judgment popular on the political fringe. It has become a principle of some committed democrats... Before September 11, anti-Americanism in Europe was a mild affair and a key part of the love-hate relationship between the French and the Americans. In the aftermath of the September 11 attacks, and with the war on terrorism in full swing, it could not be more serious" (*ibid.*).

How has this change taken place—and why has anti-

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activist, who had risked her life defending democracy in two governments in her region. She told him: "I am now convinced that American democracy requires the repression of democracy in the rest of the world" ("Losing Our Best Allies In the War on Terror," *The New York Times*, August 20, 2002). Goldfarb has observed a fundamental difference between America's perspective and the rest of the world. "Whereas I understood the American operation in Afghanistan as fundamentally a liberation, my South African co-teacher and our students understood it as superpower bullying. Whereas I wanted to understand the mind-set of those who would kill thousands of innocents, including one of my dearest friends, in a suicide bombing, they could only see the horrors of collateral damage of the war on terrorism" (*ibid.*). Goldfarb goes on to observe: "Anti-

American feeling grown so intense?

One factor is the corruption, out of control immorality and repugnant sleaze found at all levels of American life. America "the beautiful" certainly also has an ugly side. The current condition of American society is aptly described in this passage from the book of Isaiah: "The ox knows its owner And the donkey its master's crib; but Israel does not know, My people do not consider.' Alas, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a brood of evildoers, children who are corrupters! They have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked to anger The Holy One of Israel, they have turned away backward. Why should you be stricken again? You will revolt more and more. The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faints. From the sole of the foot even to the head, there is no soundness in it, but wounds and bruises and putrefying sores; they

have not been closed or bound up, or soothed with ointment” (Isaiah 1:3–6).

The U.S. is accused of exporting its sick culture to other countries, and breeding resentment by doing so. Critics call the U.S. imperialistic and greedy, loudly proclaiming that it is trying to colonize the world culturally where it cannot do so economically or militarily. Some fear that the U.S. wants to make other countries dependent, militarily, economically and socially. But how accurate is this charge? And is this really a problem of the U.S. alone? What country does not foster corruption to some degree, or seek to ensure its survival? Many nations forge political, economic and military alliances and treaties, yet do not incur the resentment and abhorrence poured out on America for doing the same. Why is this? Why do we see such a groundswell of street demonstrations against the U.S.—and the routine burning of the American flag, pummeling effigies of our leaders, and screaming death wishes and destruction on the U.S.?

Thousands of years ago, this passionate hatred was prophesied to be directed toward the descendants of Jacob (Israel)—who today are most notably the U.S. and Britain (see “Where Are the ‘Lost’ Tribes of Israel?” on page 18 of this issue). In His inspired Word, the Holy Bible, God says: “I will set My face against you, and you shall be defeated by your enemies. Those who hate you shall reign over you, and you shall flee when no one pursues you” (Leviticus 26:17). And we read: “All who pass by clap their hands at you; they hiss and shake

their heads at the daughter of Jerusalem: ‘Is this the city that is called ‘the perfection of beauty, the joy of the whole earth?’” (Lamentations 2:15).

This ill will, distrust and vilification of America, bubbling up in so many places, is generating a growing isolation of this country from the community of nations. At the United Nations, countries upset by what they consider



Great Britain, for decades a staunch ally of the United States, has been torn by division over U.S. policy in Iraq, and by conflicting visions of its relationship with Europe.
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American arrogance dealt a blow to the U.S. by ousting it from the U.N. Human Rights Commission for a time in 2002. Many nations have been angered by the U.S. rejection of the Kyoto environmental agreements. Facing upsets over these and many other issues, the U.S. is now being snubbed and abandoned by a number of *allies* and *former friends*. New confederations and agreements are being formed, leaving America out in the cold. The “new normal” is for our political leaders to be challenged, rebuffed and lectured at various summit meetings and gatherings of our allies—something unheard of a few short years ago. Why? This too was prophesied in God’s Word: “And when you are plundered, what will you

do? Though you clothe yourself with crimson, though you adorn yourself with ornaments of gold, though you enlarge your eyes with paint, in vain you will make yourself fair; your lovers [allies] will despise you; they will seek your life” (Jeremiah 4:30). And: “All your lovers [allies] have forgotten you; they do not seek you; for I have wounded you with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the multitude of your iniquities, because your sins have increased” (Jeremiah 30:14).

All of these events will culminate with a time called “Jacob’s trouble”—a time of great woe for those countries—such as the United States and British-descended nations—having Jacob as their forefather. “Alas! For that day is great, so that none is like it; and it is the time of Jacob’s trouble, but he shall be saved out of it” (Jeremiah 30:7).

Many in Great Britain decry the growing anti-Americanism in Europe. “We don’t want a tired old Europe, a prisoner of its own bureaucracy, living in a haze of ingrained anti-Americanism,” said Michael Ancram, foreign affairs spokesman for Britain’s Conservative Party, at its annual conference last October (“Tories on warpath,” *Agence-France Press*, October 8, 2003). Yet even Great Britain, once considered an unflinching ally of the U.S., is feeling pressure from anti-American forces in Europe. Notice this “supportive” comment by British Prime Minister Tony Blair: “Because of America’s genuinely special position, people tend to exaggerate the extent to which the United States is saying, ‘We don’t care what the rest of the

world thinks'.... When Europe and America stand together, the world is safer and more stable. When they come apart, the world becomes quite a dangerous place.... If we [in Europe] want to have greater say and greater power, then instead of complaining about America, we've got to face up to... developing a coherent defense capability and a set of institutions to allow Europe to speak strongly" ("Blair Says America is Force for Good," *Washington Times*, July 26, 2002).

With that comment, Blair was genuinely trying to project a pro-American position. But his vision also includes a strong Europe, able to stand up to America when necessary. Note his chillingly prophetic words: "When Europe and America stand together, the world is safer and more stable. When they come apart, the world becomes quite a dangerous place." As regular readers of this magazine know, Bible prophecy foretells that Europe and America will indeed "come apart" and that as a result the world will become "quite a dangerous place."

What is the root cause of this trouble? Why the violent abhorrence and isolation of America in spite of her long legacy of generosity, charity and sacrifice so freely given to so many people and nations around the globe? The answer is found in the book of Leviticus: "But if you do not obey Me, and do not observe all these commandments, and if you despise My statutes, or if your soul abhors My judgments, so that you do not perform all My commandments, but break My covenant, I also will do this to you: I will even appoint terror over you" (Leviticus 26:14–16). The prophet Hosea wrote: "My people are

destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children. The more they increased, the more they sinned against Me; I will change their glory into shame" (Hosea 4:6–7).

Because of our national disobedience and defiance toward our Creator, we have lost contact and favor with Him. The blessings He has showered down upon us over the years are now coming to an abrupt halt. And He is no longer granting us special favor with other nations. We are adrift and alone in a world that is leaving us behind. Few even pretend that God's way of life drives the American way of life. His name and His commandments are being stricken from our institutions of higher learning and our hallowed halls of justice. Public prayer and open discussions about Jesus Christ and His Word are coming under more and more challenge—even facing outright prohibition. Many churches are moving away from literal teachings of the Bible, toward diluted and twisted applications of Scripture.

The popular line, embraced by millions of churchgoers, is that Christianity is not so much about actual obedience to God, but about whether or not you "love Him in your heart." Today's popular "Christianity" forgets what Jesus Christ Himself asked: "But why

do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46).

America's plunge into unbridled immorality, corruption and rejection of godly values is not going unnoticed by the Almighty Creator. Unless there is national repentance and a wholesale turning back to God and His laws, the U.S. will be hated more and more, become isolated completely and finally destroyed. We need to wake up individually and nationally or prepare for the worst. Notice: "I overthrew some of you, As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and you were like a firebrand plucked from the burning; yet you have not returned to Me," says the LORD. "Therefore thus will I do to you, O Israel; because I will do this to you, prepare to meet your God, O Israel!" (Amos 4:11–12).

We cannot afford to wait and hope for a whole nation to return to God. Each of us individually must return to God in order to be spared from the terrifying devastation that is surely coming. Time is of the essence, because judgment is coming sooner rather than later against "America the Beautiful." ^[TW]

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Where are the “Lost” Tribes of Israel?

Scholars and Bible students have long pondered the whereabouts of the Lost Tribes of Israel. Many assume that they disappeared from history after a period of captivity in ancient Assyria, or wandered back to Jerusalem to become known as Jews. Others claim to have “found” the Lost Tribes in some remote corner of the globe. However, these speculative ideas neglect what the Bible reveals and history records about the Israelite tribes.

Most modern scholars simply do not grasp the significance of Bible prophecies that indicate the current locations of the so-called Lost Tribes. While many prophecies were *sealed* “until the time of the end” (Daniel 12:4), predictions about the tribes of Israel were *meant to be understood just before the return of Jesus Christ!* These remarkable prophecies are *coming alive* today!

Specific Characteristics

Nearly 4,000 years ago, God revealed to Jacob *specific characteristics* that would identify the descendants of his 12 sons “**in the last days**” (Genesis 49:1). Moses recorded similar prophecies approximately three centuries later (Deuteronomy 33).

While many professing Christians assume that these Old Testament prophecies are no longer relevant, nothing could be further from the truth! We are living at a time when we can look back at events and recognize how these ancient prophecies have been fulfilled by nations that *exist today!*

The Scriptures foretold that Judah would produce the Messiah, would be a dark-eyed people noted for their adherence to the Old Testament laws of God, and would be like a roused lion at the neck of their enemies (Genesis 49:8–12)—an apt description of Jews in the modern nation of Israel. But what about the other tribes?

Not Always Lost

It is important to realize that the so-called “lost” tribes have not *always* been lost. Jesus told His 12 disciples to go “to the lost sheep of the house of Israel” (Matthew 10:6). To fulfill that mission, the location of the Israelite tribes had to be *known!* The book of James is addressed to “the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad” (James 1:1). James was writing to a known audience. Josephus, a Jew, records that in the 1st century AD, “the ten tribes are beyond the Euphrates till now, and are an immense multitude” (*Antiquities of the Jews*, 11:5:2). They were in Parthia—the area south of the Caspian Sea—where Israelites had gone into captivity centuries earlier.

In the early 4th century AD, Eusebius recorded that the Apostle Thomas went to Parthia and Andrew went to Scythia—areas near the Black and Caspian Seas where the Israelites were located (*History of the Church*, 3:1:1). Early traditions also link the ministries of Bartholomew and Philip to these same areas, indicating that the Apostles knew the location of the Israelite tribes in their day.

In order to understand prophecy *today*, it is vital to know the identity and location of the *modern* Israelite nations, because tumultuous events that will occur just before Christ’s return will affect *everyone* living in these nations (see Jeremiah 30:7).

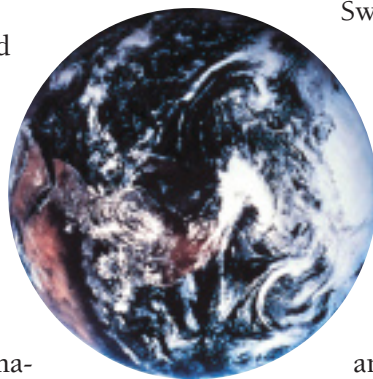
The prophet Isaiah, describing the scattered tribes’ return to Jerusalem, writes: “Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the **north** and from the **west**, and from the land of Sinim” (Isaiah 49:12). The scattered tribes are to the north and the west of Jerusalem. But how can we distinguish among them? This is one reason that the national characteristics listed in Genesis 49 and Deuteronomy 33 are important.



Children of Joseph

These prophecies reveal that the children of Joseph—Manasseh and Ephraim—would be the most prominent Israelite peoples at the end of the age, beginning around 1800AD—2,520 years after they were taken into captivity. The descendants of Manasseh were prophesied to become a great nation, and Ephraim would become a company (or multitude) of nations (Genesis 35:11; 48:19). Together, they would inherit the choice places of the earth, possess the gates of their enemies, colonize around the world and be a generous people contributing to the welfare of mankind (Genesis 22:17–18; 49:22–26).

These promises have been fulfilled by the United States, the British, and the British Commonwealth nations. No other nations come *close* to matching these end-time descriptions. The details of this topic are far too complex to cover completely in a brief article; for further information, please write for your *free* copy of our informative booklet, *The United States and Great Britain in Prophecy*.



Tantalizing Clues

Other brief descriptions given in Genesis 49 reveal tantalizing clues about the modern-day descendants of the “lost” tribes.

The tribe of Reuben was to become a populous nation exhibiting the might and dignity of a first-born, but would be “unstable as water” and prone to gratifying sexual passions (Genesis 49:3–4; Deuteronomy 33:6). Modern-day France, descended from Gauls whose origin was Israel, fits this description well. When a French prime minister keeps a mistress openly, it raises no eyebrows. For centuries, France had a colonial empire, and French was the language of diplomacy. Yet France’s preeminence

has waned in favor of the U.S. and British Commonwealth nations.

The tribe of Dan was prophesied to be “a serpent by the way” (Genesis 49:17); its wandering people would leave their mark in place names such as Denmark.

Zebulun was to dwell by the sea and be a “haven for ships” (v. 13), and to “rejoice... in your going out” (Deuteronomy 33:18–19). This suggests a coastal sea-faring people with thriving trade—like the Dutch.


Gad was to “dwell as a lion” and play a leading role among nations as one that “administered the justice” (vv. 20–21). This calls to mind Switzerland—neutral since the 1500s, highly militarized with a focus on defense and the home of numerous international organizations.

Simeon and Levi were to be scattered among the tribes, because of their violent disposition and self-willed actions (Genesis 49:5–7). Yet Levites were to be teachers of the statutes of God among the tribes (Deuteronomy 33:8–11), and were selected to serve in the temple because of their musical talents (1 Chronicles 15:16–22).

Asher was to “be rich, and... yield royal dainties” and deal in iron, bronze and oil (Genesis 49:20; Deuteronomy 33:24–25). Issachar is described as “a strong donkey lying down between two burdens” (Genesis 49:14–15), Napthali as a “deer let loose” that “uses beautiful words” (v. 21) and Benjamin as a “ravenous wolf” (v. 27)

These ancient prophecies—which were *intended to be understood in the last days*—explain the location and end-time roles of the modern Israelite nations. The Church that Jesus Christ founded was commissioned to inform the peoples of these nations *why* they were blessed, and what their future holds.

—Douglas S. Winnail



When Will the Millennium Begin?

By Richard F. Ames

Bible prophecy reveals that God will soon bring peace to the earth for a thousand years. Will you be ready?

Not long ago, many worried that the year 2000 would usher in end-of-the-world disasters. From the “Y2K problem” to scenarios of nuclear devastation, meteor strikes and even Christ’s return, some expected that the world would change dramatically at the start of the “New Millennium.”

Nothing happened. Rather, the world continued with its ancient cycle of war, hate and violence. Christians, though, are looking forward to the coming of the “real” Millennium—the time when Jesus Christ will return to establish the Kingdom of God, and peace on earth, for a thou-

sand years before His judgment on all mankind. Are you praying for the Kingdom of God to come? (Matthew 6:10).

Today, dozens of wars are going on between or within nations. The tragedy of September 11, 2001 was a wake-up call reminding us that the Western world is very vulnerable. But there *is* hope for our planet! That hope is in the *real* Millennium promised in your Bible. When will *that* Millennium begin?

In the book of Revelation, Jesus Christ reveals the sequence of end-time events leading up to His Second Coming, and His millennial rule on earth. God promis-

es a wonderful future for true Christians who turn to Him before His return. They will rule on earth with Christ for a thousand years! The Kingdom of God will replace all human kingdoms. The saints—true Christians—will be kings and priests ruling, serving and teaching the nations here on this earth. Revelation describes Christ’s having redeemed His followers and prepared them for their future role: “You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God;

and we shall reign on the earth” (Revelation 5:9–10).

Pre- Post- or Amillennialism?

Some wrongly teach that there will be no literal thousand-year rule of Christ on earth. This teaching is called *amillennialism*. Others wrongly teach that the Church will grow in power and influence, perhaps over thousands or tens of thousands of years, converting billions of people and bringing morality and peace to our planet *before* Christ returns to execute His final judgment. This false teaching is called *postmillennialism*.

The Bible, in fact, teaches *pre-millennialism*—that Jesus Christ will return after the Great Tribulation, and *before* the Millennium, to rule on earth with the saints for a thousand years. According to the book of Revelation, the Millennium will be announced by the “seventh trumpet”—“Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!’” (Revelation 11:15). At the seventh trumpet, Jesus Christ will return, and faithful Christians who are in the grave will be resurrected to immortality and glory. Notice this inspiring statement: “For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first” (1 Thessalonians 4:16). Genuine Christians who are still alive at the Second Coming will be changed from mortal to immortality. “Behold, I tell you a mystery:

We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality” (1 Corinthians 15:51–53). Resurrected Christians will then begin their rule with Christ for

and there will be famines and troubles. These are the *beginnings* of sorrows” (Mark 13:7–8).

These general trends will intensify. You can also read Jesus’ parallel message in Revelation 6, which describes the famous four horsemen of the Apocalypse. These are also referred to as the four seals, which had covered up the scroll. They represent false religion, great wars and increas-

The Bible clearly shows when the Millennium will begin—at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ! But what other signs should we look for? Are we even in the end-time?

a thousand years. Remember: “Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years” (Revelation 20:6).

The Bible clearly shows when the Millennium will begin—at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ! But what other signs should we look for? Are we even in the end-time? To answer this question, all you need to do is look at the world’s moral condition. Are all nations achieving real lasting peace? Have we totally eradicated weapons of mass destruction?

The greatest war is yet to come, World War III and “Armageddon” (cf. Revelation 16). Jesus of Nazareth warned about the events leading up to His coming. He stated: “But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for such things must happen, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be earthquakes in various places,

ing casualties, famine, increasing pestilence, disease and death.

The fifth seal, described in Revelation 6:9–11, represents a future martyrdom of Christians. Jesus warned His disciples: “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake” (Matthew 24:9).

Then comes the sixth seal, referred to as the “heavenly signs.” John wrote: “I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind” (Revelation 6:12–13). The heavenly signs introduce the Day of the Lord, represented by the seventh seal—a time of God’s judgment on the world. Mentioned in more than 30 prophecies in your Bible, the Day of the Lord is the year-long period preceding the return of Christ! It “is the day of the LORD’s vengeance, the *year* of recompense for the cause of Zion” (Isaiah 34:8). It consists of seven

“trumpet plagues,” described in Revelation 8–11, concluding with the seventh trumpet, which announces the coming Kingdom of God and the end of man’s rule over the earth—the beginning of the *real* Millennium!

Abomination of Desolation

Jesus gave a very specific sign of the imminent coming of the Millennium. “Therefore when you see the “abomination of desolation,” spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy

wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent” (Revelation 12:13–14). The biblical symbol for the Church is a woman (cf. Ephesians 5). God will protect His true saints—genuine Christians—from the great tribulation. This is not a secret rapture. There is no such event in the Bible. Notice that the woman is taken to “her place” in the wilderness. Then the dragon pursues those lukewarm Christians who had not

kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and rocks, ‘Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?’” Revelation 6:14–17). Whose wrath will be poured out on the nations? The Lamb of God—Jesus Christ—will be wrathful! Why? Because most of the world has rebelled against God and gone the way of wickedness. John explained that “the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one” (1 John 5:19). Or, “the whole world lieth in wickedness” (KJV).

We have seen, from the Bible, that faithful Christians will rule on this earth as kings and priests for a thousand years. That Millennium of world peace is what we all look forward to. God is in charge! He means what He says. The time is coming when all nations will know the true God. “They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea” (Isaiah 11:9).

The world today does not know the true God, but tomorrow’s world will know the true God of the Bible and His Son Jesus Christ! People will be teachable. After the tribulation and the Day of the Lord, the nations will be humbled. They will even *want to learn* the way of God and the Bible! Notice: “Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the LORD’s house shall be established on the top of the

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place’ (whoever reads, let him understand), ‘then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains’” (Matthew 24:15).

In the first century, Christians fled Jerusalem to the town of Pella and escaped the devastation brought on Jerusalem by the Roman Army in 70AD. But the context here is “the end of the age” (v. 3). Jesus describes this period as “Great Tribulation” (v. 21)—the time of Satan’s wrath and evil persecution. “Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time” (Revelation 12:12). As Jesus said, this time of tribulation will be the greatest ever. In all the atrocities and genocide we have known in the past, the history of the world has never seen this degree of evil.

We read: “Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child. But the woman was given two

been intently growing in the grace and knowledge of Christ. “And the dragon was enraged with the woman, and he went to make war with the rest of her offspring, who keep the commandments of God and have the testimony of Jesus Christ” (v. 17). Satan will then attack the remnant of the Church, and the national descendents of Jacob. “Alas! For that day is great, so that none is like it; and it is the time of Jacob’s trouble, but he shall be saved out of it” (Jeremiah 30:7). This unique time in all history, the great tribulation, will see Satan’s wrath on the descendents of Jacob, the American and British-descended peoples. We certainly need to take warning!

As the Millennium nears, God will begin to intervene more powerfully in human affairs. Dramatic astronomical and terrestrial activity will draw everyone’s attention. Notice: “Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place. And the

Letters to the Editor

I remember a telecast that Richard Ames delivered about prayer. When he asked, "What problems do you have?" I had every one of those problems he named—even phobia and panic attacks and depression. I've been able to have some success against phobia, but depression still rules. I'm thankful that you not only preach the good news, but you also teach about how to solve problems like my own. Thanks for being there.

K. L., Mount Pleasant, PA

Your *Bible Study Course*, the *Tomorrow's World* magazine and the various booklets are all fascinating and true. I have learned so much from them. I pray that the spirit of God moves me to take heed and to do what the word of God says, especially keeping the Sabbath and the rest of God's commandments.

M. J., Chicago, IL

I must tell you that for a while I was confused, and knew something was missing, when I attended several churches. I prayed earnestly for God to expound on this. Well, He answered! My brother sent me a couple of your booklets. My brother didn't even know what I was praying about! God is so wonderful! You have made—through Christ—the scriptures come alive!

R. D., Ridge, NY

I've just finished reading an article in the September–October issue of *Tomorrow's World*, entitled "Two Contradictory Views." Wow! What an inspiration; an eye-opener. I've always thought that heaven was the eternal reward of the saved. After reading this article and researching the scriptures

you provided, I see things in a whole new and wonderful light. Thank you for the eye-opener.

G. C., Jamestown, CA

Thank you so much for *Tomorrow's World* magazine. I so enjoy the articles that are written. I had never believed we were wrong in worshiping on Sunday until I read your magazine.

F. L., West Monroe, LA

Thank you for sending me the first magazine I have ever read from cover to cover without missing a word. I look forward to the arrival of each issue. It is overwhelming to finally be reading the truth.

J. W., Wilmington, NC

I am really blessed by the *Tomorrow's World* magazine. It has proved a great encouragement, enlightenment and source of light to my life. We have had much to study from your articles concerning the last days prophecies. I wanted to let you know that we are indeed blessed by all these.

F. M., Nakum, Kenya

Thank you for the free magazine subscription. My Dad and I read them back to back, we just can't put them down. I find them very inspiring. Your outlook on Christianity has changed my life. I thought I had all the answers to what I thought was the truth, but now its quite clear to me that I was wrong in thinking that the Ten Commandments did not directly apply to me. It has changed my life.

A. R., Bangkok, Thailand

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The Chosen People

By Douglas S. Winnail

Who are they? Why were they chosen? What does their future hold?

What do you *really* know about the chosen people? How does this concept relate to *your* life? Did certain cultures simply imagine or invent this idea to enhance their own self-esteem, or justify their grandiose desires? Are the Jews the sole claimants to this title? Could you be part of a people God has chosen?

Over the years, much has been written about the chosen people—but much has been *forgotten*! Kings, queens, politicians and presidents once believed deeply in this concept, and guided their nations accordingly. Yet few today realize how this idea has driven the course of history, and affected the lives of millions of people around the globe—because they have never been told! Schools, churches and governments that once recognized the existence of a “chosen people” now ignore the idea alto-

gether. Modern academics and theologians dismiss the subject as the wishful thinking of fanatics, and assume or assert it has been thoroughly discredited—*without ever studying the subject!*

Some recent books have claimed that the idea of a chosen people is not only fanciful fiction based on false assumptions, but that is a dangerous, deceptive and divisive notion that fosters prejudice, a false sense of superiority, and is a serious threat to world peace! However, this much maligned and misunderstood subject sheds remarkable light on the story of mankind. The concept of a “chosen people” explains why certain nations have flourished and why others have not. As one journalist wrote, “the religious dimension has in the past answered questions about national identity and purpose that still have not been adequately been answered in any

other way” (*Chosen People*, Longley, p. 10). This concept is a key to understanding Bible prophecies that reveal how major events that lie just ahead will impact the lives of nearly everyone now living on the earth. This is a subject we cannot afford to ignore!

A Biblical Idea

One reason the idea of a “chosen people” is so misunderstood is that it comes directly from the Bible. Numerous studies indicate that most people today—even in so-called “Christian” nations—*know little* about the actual content of the Scriptures. When many hear the phrase “the chosen people” they think only of the Jews, yet this is a serious misconception that ignores what the Bible actually says, and obscures a much bigger picture.

God’s first “chosen people” were the Israelites. In the book of Exodus, God told Moses to “say to the *children of Israel*: I am the LORD; I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians... I will take you as *My people*, and I will be your God” (Exodus 6:6–7). Later, the Israelites were told that “if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a *special treasure* to Me above all people... you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a *holy nation*” (Exodus 19:5–6). Just before entering the Promised Land, Moses told the children of Israel that “you are a holy [set apart] people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has *chosen you* to be a people for Himself” and “the LORD has proclaimed you to be His *special people*... He will set you high above all the nations” (Deuteronomy 7:6–7; 14:2; 26:18–19).

God chose the *children of Israel* as His special people, and said that He would elevate them above all the peoples of the earth. However, many forget that the nation of Israel was composed of 12 tribes. The Jews come from *only one* of those tribes—the tribe of Judah. When God made His covenant with the children of Israel, it included *all 12 tribes*—not just the Jews! The Bible also reveals that the Israelites were *not* chosen because they were superior—but because they “were the *least* of all peoples” (Deuteronomy 6:7). They were chosen to learn to live by the laws of God, and provide a *practical example* to the world of the *benefits* that come from obeying the laws of God (Deuteronomy 4:1–10). God said they were to be “My servant... a light to the Gentiles” (Isaiah 49:3–6). They were chosen to show

the world a *better way to live*—it was not that they were better!

New Testament Chosen People

The idea of a “chosen people” is also an important theme in the New Testament. Jesus *chose* 12 men to be Apostles (Luke 6:12–16), and He told them that “you did not choose Me, I have *chosen* you” (John 15:12). Jesus also said that “many are called, but few are *chosen*” (Matthew 20:16), and that He would return to gather His “elect” [chosen] (Matthew 24:22–31). The Apostle Paul added a spiritual dimension when he wrote of the New Testament Church as “the Israel of God” (Galatians 6:16). Paul indicated that Gentiles, too, can become *spiritual Jews*—part of *spiritual Israel*—through repentance (Romans 2:28–29; Galatians 3:29). This precious truth, however, has led many to *assume wrongly* that the idea of a “chosen people” is *only* a spiritual concept, and that it is no longer relevant that God chose the Israelites as His special people. Yet such a wrong assumption *ignores* the biblical and historical evidence behind a concept that has driven the course of history, and that will have a dramatic impact on the future. But is it possible to *identify* the Israelite nations today? If so, *why* is this important?

Biblical Evidence

The Bible indicates that Jesus, the Messiah, would come from the tribe of Judah (Genesis 49:10; Hebrews 7:14). The Bible clearly states, however, that the *Israelites* would inherit vital physical promises made to Abraham and his descendants (Romans 9:1–5; Galatians 3:29). What were these promises? They would become a great and generous people dispensing aid and spreading benefits around the world (Genesis 12:1–3). They would multiply into many nations and be the progenitors of kings (15:4; 17:5–7). They would gain possession of the gates of their enemies (22:17–18; 24:60)—such as Gibraltar, Suez and Singapore. Their prestige would exceed other nations’ (27:28–29) and they would expand around the globe as a great colonizing people (26:3–4; 28:13–14).

Ancient Israel was comprised of ten tribes whose descendants today are found primarily among the nations of northwest Europe, and among the British-descended peoples, including those of the United States, Canada and Australia. Genesis 49 contains a

remarkable series of prophecies about unique characteristics of the Israelite tribes that would be seen in “the latter days.” These prophecies point to nations in northwest Europe. For more about these “lost” ten tribes, see *Prophecy Comes Alive*, “Where Are the ‘Lost’ Tribes of Israel?” on page 18 of this issue.

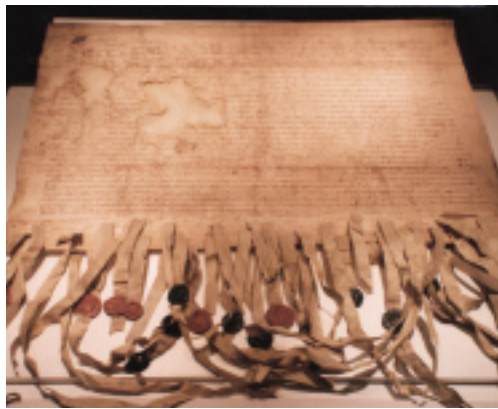
However, Scripture explains that the *physical* blessings of the birthright promises would be focused on the descendants of Joseph’s two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh. Manasseh would become a great nation, and Ephraim would become a company [multitude or commonwealth] of nations (Genesis 35:10–12; 48:19). These very specific promises have found fulfillment in the United States of America and the nations of the British-descended peoples (Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa). America has become the most powerful nation the world has ever seen, and the British assembled an empire and a commonwealth that girdled the globe. No other nations on earth have fulfilled these ancient promises—and done so at the *very time* prophesied in the Scriptures, 2,520 years after Israel was sent into Babylonian captivity. For more detail on this topic, please request your *free* copy of our informative booklet, *The United States and Great Britain in Prophecy*.

When the Bible was translated into English, many in England began to recognize their true identity as Israelites. However, this was not a new discovery, or a novel idea invented by Protestants, as some critics claim. Gildas, a Briton writing in the 6th century—a thousand years before the Reformation—described Britain as God’s “latter-day Israel” (*The Ruin of Britain*, Winterbottom, p. 28). The biblical connection—that America and the British-descended peoples are the descendants of the brothers Ephraim and Manasseh—provides the real basis for the “special relationship” that exists between the Anglo-American peoples.

Historical Evidence

Some of the most visible and informative material connecting the peoples of northwest Europe with

their Israelite roots are *place names* and ancient legends about national origins. The Bible records that the children of Israel were carried as captives into what is now northern Iraq between the Black and Caspian Seas around 720BC. Historians describe waves of migrations into Europe from the east in later centuries, which would have included the



The declaration of Arbroath, signed in 1320AD, states that the Scots came from Scythia. ©TW Image.

Israelite tribes. The biblical description of the tribe of Dan as “a serpent by the way” (Genesis 49:17) refers to its habit of leaving its name on lands it occupied (Joshua 19:47). Place names like the Dardanelles, Danube, Dniester, Danzig and Denmark provide evidence of Dan’s migrations across Europe. While some critics suggest that this is merely playing games with words, such criticism ignores the historical significance of ancient place names. The Danube and

Dniester river basins were major migration routes into central Europe from the Black Sea. Danzig (Gdansk) was a major port on the Baltic at the mouth of the Vistula River, and Denmark was a springboard for peoples that came to the British Isles. This trail is not hard to follow.

Another connection between the Israelites and the British Isles involves some of the earliest peoples to settle in Ireland—the *Tuatha de Danaan*. Modern historians describe these settlers as mythological people of the goddess Danu, and gloss over the obvious biblical connection to the *tribe of Dan*. Modern scholars dismiss as groundless fables the ancient legends that these Danite peoples came from Egypt, around the time of Moses, by way of Greece and Spain (see *The Story of the Irish Race*, MacManus, chap. 3). Yet Josephus, a Jewish historian in Roman times, quotes from letters between the Greek Spartans and Jews in Jerusalem acknowledging they were kindred peoples (*Antiquity of the Jews*, XIII:V:8). The ancient legends also mention that Danite ships brought a Jewish princess and a stone to Ireland, over which Irish kings were crowned—a custom also practiced by the ancient Israelites (2 Kings 11:12–14). The legends say that this stone was eventually brought to Scone in Scotland, where Scottish kings were crowned over it for hundreds of years. In the 1300s, Edward I carried the stone off to

London, where British monarchs have been crowned over it—continuing this ancient Israelite practice for centuries before the stone was returned to Scotland in 1996.

Additional evidence about the national origins of peoples in the British Isles points in the same direction. In the Scottish Declaration of Independence, issued at Arbroath in 1320AD, the Scots describe their origins: “We know and from the chronicles and books of the ancients we find... the Scots... journeyed from *Greater Scythia* by of the Tyrrhenian [Mediterranean] Sea and the Pillars of Hercules, and dwelt for a long course of time in Spain... Thence they came, twelve hundred years after the people of Israel crossed the Red Sea, to their home in the west where they live today.” This was no trivial document. It was created by educated leaders of Scotland, and delivered to the Pope in Rome as part of an appeal to counter attempts by Edward I to subjugate Scotland. While Edward employed lawyers in England and on the Continent to support his right to take over Scotland, the Pope eventually decided in favor of the Scots. This passage from the Declaration of Arbroath is hardly ever cited today, because historians prefer to view it as a fable fabricated by the Scots (see *A History of Britain*, Sharma, p. 218). But the British historian Bede, writing 500 years earlier, also mentions that the early peoples of Scotland came from Scythia (*The Ecclesiastical History of the English Nation*, p. 5). Scythia was the area, between the Black and Caspian Seas, where the children of Israel went into captivity.

Numerous sources also indicate that the Britons and the Saxon peoples who settled in England originally came from Scythia. The *Anglo-Saxon Chronicle*, dating from the time of Alfred the Great (880AD), records that the Britons came from ancient Armenia (the area between the Black and Caspian Seas—also referred to as Scythia). Around 800AD, the Welsh historian Nennius documented that the Saxons came from Scythia. The Greek writer Herodotus calls the Scythians “the Sacae” (*The Histories*, 4:76) which comes from the Hebrew name Isaac (the son of Abraham)—a designation that the Bible states would be applied to God’s people (Genesis 48:16). The Behistan Rock, engraved in three languages at the time of Darius, King of Persia (contemporary of the prophet Daniel), refers to the Scythians as Cimmerians (or Gimiri). The Celtic Welsh still preserve this name today—referring to themselves as the Cymry or Cymru. The link

between the ancient Israelites—God’s chosen people—and the inhabitants of the British Isles, is certainly not farfetched or fiction. The connections are definitely there!

Crucial Errors

Considering the Bible’s emphasis on God’s chosen people, the clear description of their role—and the mention of specific qualities the 12 tribes would possess in the last days—*why* is this subject dismissed by most theologians and historians? The main reason is that it comes directly from the Bible, and the Bible is no longer considered a source of truth! Rationalism, evolutionary science and secular worldviews have generated doubts about the existence of God and the credibility of the Bible. Liberal intellectuals who dominate the fields of education, literature, theology and the media do not take biblical subjects seriously. Theologians no longer take the Bible literally. Agnostic academics, and skeptics in the media, are often hostile to religious topics. If the Bible is not meant to be taken literally, there is no need for concern about who God may have chosen as His people. If there is no God, there is obviously no people He has chosen!

Historian Edwin Jones (a Welsh Catholic) is among those who challenge the idea of the English being an elect nation. He considers the idea of America and the English-speaking peoples being the modern-day Israelites a narrow Anglocentric Protestant worldview, based on false and misguided assumptions. He claims that this idea is a “great myth” that has imprisoned the English and isolated them from their European neighbors, having fostered a sense of superiority, a *false identity* and xenophobia among the English. In Jones’ view, “many Americans have been afflicted by the old ‘English disease’—thinking of themselves as ‘chosen’, different and superior people” (*The English Nation: The Great Myth*, p. 362). Ignoring the role of God in history, Jones attributes the rise of England and America to great power status solely to the influence of history and geography. He indicates that the idea of an *elect nation* is “now dead” among scholars (p. 292) and is termed “bigotry” by ecumenical theologians. He seems committed to expunge from the minds of the English the idea that they are the inheritors of God’s promises. Professor Jones then proceeds to offer a “new” myth—that England’s real future lies with the

European Union—in contrast to what Bible prophecy reveals!

Journalist Clifford Longley recognizes the anti-biblical and anti-supernatural bias of modern scholars who tend to relegate the subject of modern-day Israel to the realm of extremists and fanatics—yet he falls into the same trap. After expressing his own doubts about God and the Bible, he then concludes, regarding the idea of God’s “chosen people,” that “while it is still influential, *it is simply not true—and never was*” (Longley, p. 281). Longley *suspects* there are no chosen people because he *assumes*—contrary to what the Scriptures reveal—that “God (if we agree there is a God) does not operate that way” (*ibid.* p. 277). He argues that the idea of a “chosen people” allowed certain nations (British, Americans, Dutch, etc.) to believe they had a right to pursue their interests at the expense of others and that “if the Chosen People theory were true, then God could be relied to punish such a nation that abused its privileged status... [however] in the real world *no such divine corrective operates*” (p. 281). That is a dangerous assumption!

A Surprising Future!

In spite of the doubts and theories of modern scholars, there is a *real God* who has made known what lies ahead for His people, and the nations of the world (for more on this subject, please request our free booklet *The Real God*). Long ago, God warned that *Israelite traits*—being independent-minded, stubborn and rebellious, having a proclivity to forget their covenant with God and pursue corrupt, pagan practices (Deuteronomy 9:6–13)—would lead modern-day Israel into major difficulties “in the latter days” (Deuteronomy 4:30; 31:27–29). Misguided leaders would be influential in leading Israelite peoples astray. Ezekiel describes a “conspiracy” among leaders who violate [corrupt] the laws of God and “hide their eyes” from biblical truths, who fabricate visions of the future and dispense lies to gain or retain power and influence—and that these false ideas would be believed (Ezekiel 22:25–29; also Jeremiah 5:31). The words of misguided leaders, coupled with the Israelite tendency to “do their own thing” (Judges 21:25; Jeremiah 7:24; 11:8) and rationalize their decisions (Jeremiah 23:17), would lead to widespread disbelief, disobedience and eventually a state of *national blindness* regarding the plan of God and their blessings as His people (Isaiah

1:2–3; 29:9–14; Jeremiah 5:20–21; Romans 11:8–10, 20–32)—the exact condition we see today!

Jeremiah explains that because latter-day Israelites reject the laws of God, wallow in sexual indulgence and scoff at the notion of divine correction, God will use foreign nations to chastise them (Jeremiah 5). This period of tribulation is referred to as “the time of Jacob’s [Israel’s] trouble (Jeremiah 30:7). God’s instruments of correction will be ten nations in the heart of Europe led by Germany (Isaiah 10:5–11; Revelation 17:12)—who will in turn, be chastened for their pride (Isaiah 10:12). The sudden and catastrophic demise of modern-day Israel (Isaiah 29:4–7; Jeremiah 6:26; 15:1–8; Hosea 5:5) and the subsequent demise of resurgent Gentile powers in Europe will be a sobering witness to the world that there is a real God who intervenes in history, and that His purposes will stand (Deuteronomy 29:24–29).

The biblical concept of God’s chosen people is not a trivial issue. It explains why certain nations have been the recipients of so many physical blessings. The Scriptures reveal God’s *purpose* for selecting the nation of Israel, and provide clues to its current identity and location. Bible prophecies indicate that the modern Israelite nations will bear the brunt of the coming tribulation because of their national sins. However, no matter what *anyone’s* national heritage, *all* who repent—change their lifestyle—and begin to live according to the laws of God, can become part of God’s chosen people (1 Peter 2:9), and reign with Christ in the coming Kingdom of God. ^{EW}

To Learn More...



God has kept His promises throughout history. He has blessed individuals and nations for obedience, and chastised them for disobedience, again and again. God’s ongoing intervention in history are all a part of His plan, which will eventually reveal His love, His truth and His peace to all the world—and to all mankind.

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MILLENNIUM

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mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it” (Isaiah 2:2). All nations will come to the newly established world capital, Jerusalem, where Jesus Christ will reign as King of kings and Lord of lords. “Many people shall come and say, ‘Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the

also demonstrated that mankind does not know the way to peace. God has given human beings nearly 6,000 years of recorded history to experiment with their own man-made institutions apart from Him. The record of human efforts has produced war, suffering and death. We are nearing the end of man’s rule on earth. The time is growing short.

True Christianity teaches the way of peace, love, happiness and

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house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths” (v. 3). They will desire knowledge of God’s ways! Do *you* have that desire now? Notice what the Messiah, the King, Jesus Christ will teach in the Millennium. “For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem” (v. 3). That word is available to you now, in your Bible. The Bible is God’s gift to us—we need to read it daily! As Jesus said: “You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32).

The whole world will learn the true way to peace. Jesus Christ will govern all nations and, in reality, cause people to be peaceful. “He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore” (Isaiah 2:4).

That is the Millennium we all desire. World conditions demonstrate the dangerous times in which we now live. History has

godly prosperity. Apostolic Christianity—the Christianity of the first century—looked forward to that way of life in the ultimate Millennium. Here is what the famous historian Edward Gibbon wrote about first century Christianity’s belief in the Millennium: “The ancient and popular *doctrine of the Millennium* was intimately connected with the *second coming of Christ*. As the works of the creation had been finished in six days, their duration in their present state, according to a tradition which was attributed to the prophet Elijah, was fixed to 6,000 years. By the same analogy it was inferred that this long period of labour and contention, which was now almost elapsed, would be succeeded by a *joyful Sabbath of a thousand years*; and that Christ, with the triumphant band of the saints and the elect who had escaped death, or who had been miraculously revived, would reign upon earth till the time appointed for the last and general resurrection” (*Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, Vol. 1, p. 403).

Faithful Christians, the true saints, will be in the first resurrection to rule with Christ and usher in the Millennium. The glorious Kingdom of God on earth will produce beauty and productivity the world has never known. Isaiah gives us this millennial vision: “The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play by the cobra’s hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper’s den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea” (Isaiah 11:6–9). May God speed that day. ☐

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THE GREAT DECEIVER (continued from page 3)

of violence, war, intrigue, and “alien invasion,” how excited, how humbled, how “moved” by God’s prophecies will millions of our youth be?

Indeed, when the gnome-like Yoda tells Luke Skywalker to “use the *force*,” it perhaps takes some of the excitement away for young people when they are later told that the most powerful force in the universe is *God’s Holy Spirit*.

Remember Paul’s words: “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of *power* and of love and of a sound mind” (2 Timothy 1:7). But for far too many, reading about *God’s* “power” in black and white is not *nearly* as “real” as hearing about the *fictitious* “Force” in some big-screen film presentation, complete with Technicolor and digital surround-sound!

This is not to say that there is no legitimate entertainment value in some of these productions for those who know God’s Truth. But even here, we must be extremely careful about the amount of time we invest in this area, and what ideas we allow to seep into our minds.

My dear readers, we are *all* involved in a spiritual *war*, whether we realize it or not! The “prince” of this earth’s atmosphere seeks to control our minds and the minds of our young people. He will use every conceivable stratagem, every device, to win the battle for our minds. One of his primary tools is to use the “escapism” syndrome so prevalent in our modern society.

Since most people do not truly “know” God, and lack knowledge of His *purpose* for their lives, they indulge in untold hours of escapism—watching movies and television, reading fiction and playing mindless games. Satan *can* and *does* plant in their

minds all kinds of false concepts of right and wrong—including false concepts of the very nature of God and His purpose. By mimicking and cheapening some of the prophetic events of the Bible, Satan is able to *pervert* the understanding of millions of human beings. Speaking of this entire Satanic system, God tells us: “*Come out* of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues” (Revelation 18:4). As the Apostle Paul was inspired to write: “For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing *every thought* into captivity to the obedience of Christ” (2 Corinthians 10:4–5).

The battle for *your mind* goes on—day and night. Will you *resist* Satan? Will you *come out* of this human society in a true, Christ-led *escape* from sin, and not allow the devil to mess with your mind through exposure to countless hours of movies and television? Will you *seek God* by actually *studying* your Bible and allowing *God’s* thoughts and *His* concepts of right and wrong to dominate your thinking?

The choice is *yours!*

May God help you to genuinely *prove* that His Word—the Holy Bible—is *directly* inspired. May He help you to *take control* of your time and what you see and hear, so as to really *escape* the false concepts and images that this society’s *escapism* promotes so heavily under Satan’s influence. And may God help you to *study* His Word as never before, so that His plans and His ways may become the ultimate *reality* in your life.



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