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Violence Against Women

A personal message from the Editor in Chief, Roderick C. Meredith

There are *thousands* of reasons why we should literally cry out to God, “*Thy Kingdom come!*”

One that is often overlooked is the increasing incidence of *violence against women*. Throughout the world, this sickening problem is growing worse and worse. As columnist Bob Herbert recently reported, “A girl or woman is sexually assaulted every couple of minutes or so in the U.S. The number of seriously battered wives and girlfriends is far beyond the ability of any agency to count. We’re all implicated in this carnage because the relentless violence against women and girls is linked at its core to the wider society’s casual willingness to dehumanize women and girls, to see them first and foremost as sexual vessels—objects—and never, ever as the equals of men” (*Charlotte Observer*, October 19, 2006).

Part of the problem lies in our willingness as a society to allow the most vile and degrading and brutal images to be displayed in video games and on the Internet, leading susceptible young men to waste *hundreds of hours* on this filth, and to believe that the animalistic brutality they see is at least somewhat “normal.”

We need to wake up! Why do our leaders fail to have the “guts” to simply **banish** such bestial displays, which definitely generate increasing violence against women?

Even back in the 1940s, my mother and her friends—no doubt like millions of mothers all across the United States—had pushed me and dozens of my classmates to attend “dancing school”—where we were taught to dance face to face and chest to chest with young girls barely entering their puberty. We were just little children who wanted to play baseball and “kick the can.” God does not forbid dancing, of course, but He does command us to “flee sexual immorality” (1 Corinthians 6:18). **Why** did our mothers push us into the kind of semi-romantic, semi-sexual behavior involved in that kind of dancing when we were only twelve years old?

I well remember how, at the first private dance I went to after taking these lessons, my friend Bob Speck and I kept stepping outside to run around the block during the dancing. We came back every few minutes announcing that we had “run around the block ten times.” The little girls would exclaim, “Oh that’s great!”

We were so embarrassed at holding these girls in our arms that we simply took off running—not knowing what else to do with ourselves. It would be several years before we were truly ready for such “romantic” involvements even in an innocent way. **Why** were our mothers pressuring us into this kind of precocious behavior? And today it is even worse for young men, pressured by society into sexual thoughts and activities long before they are in any way ready to handle them.

Why do so many mothers today pressure their young daughters—clear down into grade school—to start wearing “make-up” and to begin to look “sexual?” Columnist Herbert went on to observe: “We’ve been watching the sexualized image of the murdered 6-year-old JonBenet Ramsey for 10 years. JonBenet is dead. Her mother is dead. And we’re still watching the video of this poor child prancing in lipstick and high heels. In a misogynistic culture, it’s never too early to drill into the minds of girls that what really matters is their appearance and their ability to please men sexually.”

The U.S. is not alone in its disrespect for women. In China, an official “one child per family” policy has resulted in *millions* of little baby girls being aborted before birth, or murdered shortly after birth. A similar pattern occurs in India, where the culture gives strong preference to male children, and poor families may even fear having to pay a dowry at the marriage of a daughter. And throughout the Muslim world, women are systematically held down, degraded and often treated as less than human. A new twist on this horrifying problem recently came to light in a report on how militant Muslim terrorists are specifically targeting female teachers in Iraq. A recent news report described what happened to a young Iraqi teacher: “Authorities said that the young woman, whose name was withheld at the request of her family for security reasons, had taken a taxi home from the school on Sept. 20. Police discovered her mutilated body stuffed in a plastic trash barrel near the school the next day.... One day after the body of the primary school teacher was discovered, two other

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What is the GOAL For True Christians?

By Roderick C. Meredith

Have you been deceived? Nearly all professing Christians have been given the idea that at death they immediately go to heaven with virtually **nothing** to do—just “float around heaven” for all eternity.

These “fuzzy” concepts often make Christianity seem childish, impractical and unreal to many thoughtful people. And these vague ideas about what happens to Christians in the future certainly do *not* inspire even most churchgoers to be truly zealous for God.

But these ideas are **dead wrong!**

Please remember that the *only* reliable source for information about Christians’ future is the Holy Bible. God inspired the Bible, and its prophecies are *absolutely working out, even today!* Ideas about “floating off to heaven” are simply **not** taught by your Bible! Those ideas give a false picture of what Jesus Christ preached, and a false picture of the genuine Christian “calling”—and of the entire **purpose** of Christianity! For Jesus Christ came preaching “the Gospel of the

Kingdom of God” (Mark 1:14). Matthew’s gospel sometimes calls this the “Kingdom of heaven”—not the Kingdom “in” heaven. The Bank of Morgan is not “in” Mr. Morgan! Rather, the word *of* indicates the one who owns or controls it. Heaven is the place of *God’s throne*, from which He rules His Kingdom!

The early Christians **all** understood this very clearly—as we see from *dozens* of statements in the gospels about preparing for the coming Kingdom of God. We also see this in the book of Acts and the writings of the Apostle Paul. Although—as many scholars recognize—many of the first Christians were expecting Jesus Christ to kick out the Roman occupiers and set up His “Kingdom,” or **government**, right then, Jesus showed that it was not to be done *at that time*. Yet He **never** said that His Kingdom was not to be a literal Kingdom—or **government**—here *on earth*.

Notice what Christ told His disciples after He was resurrected from the dead. The disciples asked Him, “Lord, will You *at this time*,

restore the **Kingdom** to Israel?” (Acts 1:6). This would have been the *perfect* opportunity for Jesus to dispel any notion that His Kingdom was a **real** government to be set up here on earth.

Did He do that?

No! Rather, Jesus said, “It is not for you to know **times** or **seasons** which the Father has put in His own authority” (Acts 1:7). This certainly *confirmed* the correct understanding that Jesus *would come again* and set up a world-ruling government *here on earth*. Then, as Jesus ascended to heaven, an angel spoke to the disciples, saying, “This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will **so come** in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven” (v. 11).

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus described many of the final signs that will occur at the **end** of this age, just before His Second Coming. After describing a number of these earth-shaking events, Jesus said, “So you, likewise, when you see these things happening, know that the *Kingdom of God is near*” (Luke 21:31). Jesus did not say that the Kingdom had “already” come, or that it was set up in their “hearts”—rather, it was a Kingdom that would “come” here to this earth.

Countless *honest* Bible scholars know this. But it is *very seldom* preached! Instead, sentimental ideas about “floating off to heaven” are normally preached at the death of a church member, with no mention that Christ will set up a **literal** government on this earth!

Edward Gibbon, a renowned secular historian, described the beliefs of the early Christians: “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 six thousand 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” (*The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, Vol. I, p. 403).

What Will Christ's Kingdom Be Like?

When the soon-coming Kingdom of God is set up—ruled *directly* by Jesus Christ, the Son of God—what will activity in that Kingdom be like? What will faithful Christians be doing after they are **resurrected from the dead** (1 Corinthians 15:51–52)? *How* will the Kingdom be organized? *How* will the resurrected saints interact with the unconverted humans still left alive here on earth?

Throughout the Bible, we find dozens of descriptions of Christ's coming government. It will be organized in a hierarchal form, ruled from the *top down* by Jesus Christ as King of kings (Revelation 19:16). We read: “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).

The saints at that time sing an inspired “new song,” as they tell Christ: “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). So, Christ's kingdom will definitely be set up **not** in heaven, but *on this earth*. As Gibbon explained, that was what the early Christian church—guided by God's Spirit—believed and taught. It is *not* some strange new idea. Rather, this truth was slowly “stamped out” as the early Roman Catholic Church gradually adopted various non-Christian concepts about heaven, hell and the nature of the soul. As Gibbon explains: “But when the edifice of the church was almost completed, the temporary support was laid aside. The doctrine of Christ's reign upon earth was at first treated as a profound allegory, was considered by degrees as a doubtful and useless opinion, and was at length rejected as the absurd invention of heresy and fanaticism” (Vol. I, p. 404).

Writing to the Christians at Corinth, the Apostle Paul described clearly the reward of the true saints: “Do you not know that the *saints will judge the world*? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?” (1 Corinthians 6:2–3). So we see that the saints will judge “the **world**”—not sit around up in heaven with nothing to do!

Jesus' disciples “thought the kingdom of God would appear **immediately**” (Luke 19:11). To correct their misunderstanding, He gave the parable of the nobleman gone to a far country. Jesus described in this parable how some of His disciples would receive rewards for using their strengths or their money wise-

ly. When one came saying, “Master, Your mina has earned ten minas,” Jesus responded, “Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have **authority over ten cities!**” A second servant came, saying his mina had gained five minas, and Jesus responded, “Likewise he said to him, ‘you also be over **five cities**’” (vv. 16–19). Some modern theologians try to “spiritualize away” these examples, of course. But again and again—from Genesis to Revelation—Scripture makes it clear that God will set up a **literal government on this earth** under Jesus Christ as King of kings!

Ruling *directly* under Jesus Christ, over all twelve nations of the descendents of Israel, will be King David—who will be *resurrected* from the dead along with all the other saints of God! Describing how Israel will return from its final captivity after Christ returns, Jeremiah wrote: “For it shall come to pass in that day, says the LORD of hosts, ‘That I will break his yoke from your neck, and will burst your bonds; foreigners shall no more enslave them. But they shall serve the LORD their God, and **David their king, whom I will raise up for them**’” (Jeremiah 30:8–9).

Note also that our Creator inspired Hosea to describe this same basic truth about the organization of Christ’s coming government: “Afterward the children of Israel shall return and *seek the LORD their God and David their king*. They shall fear the LORD and His goodness in the latter days” (Hosea 3:5).

An Organized Government

God also inspired Ezekiel to emphasize this same point when he described the “latter days” in which all the tribes of Israel will be regath-

ered into *one nation*: “**David** My servant shall be **king** over them, and they shall all have one shepherd; they shall also walk in My judgments and observe My statutes, and do them” (Ezekiel 37:24).

Will David *directly* rule all twelve tribes—or **nations**—descended from Jacob? No. There will be *an entire structure* set up in an orderly manner, governed by leaders chosen by *appointment* rather than by voting and politicking. As Jesus told His faithful apostles near the very end of His human life: “And I bestow upon you a **kingdom**, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and *sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel*” (Luke 22:29–30).

So the government in Tomorrow’s World will be led by Christ as King of kings. Under Him will be King David ruling over all Israel. Under David the twelve apostles, resurrected, will each rule over one of the tribes, or nations, of Israel.

The genuine “saints” of God—true Christians who have **believed** and **obeyed** what the Bible actually says—will be given the opportunity to govern the individual cities of *this world* under this framework. And since the scriptural pattern is *first to the Jew, then to the Gentile*, we may be assured that the *same type* of structure will be established over the Gentile nations on earth—a **literal government** directed by Jesus Christ, the “Prince of Peace,” who will finally bring genuine

peace and joy to the entire world. Each one of us, if we are faithful as Christians, may have a part in bringing this kind of peace and joy to *all the suffering nations of this earth* in Tomorrow’s World!

This is tremendous **Good News!** This is the *true* Gospel described in your Bible. This is the reason for Jesus’ shed blood, sacrificed *for our sins* and bringing about

our reconciliation to God. True Christians, reconciled to God and given the precious gift of the Holy Spirit, are preparing to assist their Savior in ruling the *whole world*. During Christ’s millennial rule, the earth will be rescued from Satan’s rule, and there will be a magnificent time of *peace, prosperity and joy*. God’s true Way of life will be restored to the



earth. Scripture explains that God will again “send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began” (Acts 3:20–21).

So we can understand that all His holy prophets have proclaimed this Good News of the “times of restoration of all things”—Christ’s coming Kingdom. Indeed, the Old Testament is **filled** with descriptions of the Messiah’s coming rule *over the entire world!*

What Will the Saints Do in the Resurrection?

We have already seen that the resurrected saints will be “*kings and priests*” in the coming Kingdom of God *on this earth*

(Revelation 5:10). Also, we read that Satan must be “bound” for a “thousand years” at the beginning of the Millennium, “that he should deceive the nations *no more* until the thousand years were finished” (Revelation 20:2–3). Then, we are reminded that those in the first resurrection “shall be **priests** of God and of Christ, and shall **reign** with Him a *thousand years*” (v. 6).

Passage after passage in Scripture reminds us that the priests in ancient Israel were the

This world, *under Satan*, spends vast amounts of its resources on fighting and killing. Once the entire wealth of the nations is spent for *peaceful purposes*, it is not hard to imagine the gorgeous cities, national parks, and beautiful surroundings that will blossom forth all over the world! Also, in sharp contrast to the present day—when so many have absolutely no personal property or wealth—Scripture shows us that people will own their own

few years from now! Incidentally, if you would like to learn more about *how* to understand and apply that magnificent law, please contact the regional office nearest you (listed on page 30 of this magazine) and write or call immediately to request your **free** copy of our informative booklet, *The Ten Commandments*.

What will life be like in a world where everyone knows and practices God’s law? Christ’s coming rule will be a time of

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teachers. They were the ones who taught the people God’s law and His ways. Obviously, Christians who become “priests” of God in Tomorrow’s World will **teach** the people of the whole earth the right way to live. Once Satan is “bound,” the **blindness** that has come over this whole world will be lifted. People will understand the Truth and become much more teachable. As a result, our job will be *infinitely* easier than it is at present, when Satan is “the god of this age” (2 Corinthians 4:4).

In *many* biblical passages, God tells us that in the “latter days”—in Tomorrow’s World—Christ and His saints will teach the whole world the law of Almighty God: “He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths. For out of Zion the law shall go forth and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem” (Micah 4:2). And: “Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they **learn war** anymore” (v. 3). Yes, young men and women will no longer be “taught” to fight in war.

property in Tomorrow’s World: For “**everyone** shall sit under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid” (v. 4).

The prophet Isaiah tells us about the “mountain” (or Kingdom) of God being established in the “latter days,” and that God “will **teach** us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths. For out of Zion shall go forth the **law**, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem” (Isaiah 2:1–3). What is this “law”? Is it just the “traffic law” and administrative matters? *Of course not!* **Everyone** originally reading these verses *understood clearly* that this referred to **God’s spiritual law**—the Ten Commandments! Yes, an entire *way of life* based on the Ten Commandments will be the “way” everyone will learn to live during Christ’s coming rule over this earth!

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such *peace* that even the wild nature of animals shall be removed (Isaiah 11:6–8). Then 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” (v. 9).

Scripture shows the guidance that shattered humanity will receive after people have been re-gathered from the terrible captivity and affliction suffered during the Great Tribulation and Day of the Lord: “Yet your teachers will not be moved into a corner anymore, but your eyes shall **see** your teachers. Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, ‘*This is the way* walk in it,’ whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left” (Isaiah 30:20–21). Guided by God’s law, this will be a time of peace and happiness. “No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast go up on it; it shall not be found there. But the redeemed shall walk there, and the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with **singing**, with everlasting joy on

their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away” (Isaiah 35:9–10).

The Saints Will Become Teachers

At that time, the resurrected “saints” will **teach** the peoples of this earth God’s entire way of life, based upon the Ten Commandments. This will produce a world of *peace* and *everlasting joy*. Since Christ is the “first of the firstfruits,” we should look to His example to see *how* resurrected Christians will appear and interact with the people of the earth during the Millennium. Jesus Christ now exists in ineffable **glory**. In vision, John saw Him in that glory: “His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters” (Revelation 1:14–15).

The Apostle John also wrote: “Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is” (1 John 3:2). Yes, we will literally “look like” Jesus Christ! We will be “glorified” in the coming resurrection as *full* sons of God—*full* brothers of Jesus Christ! For the Bible clearly explains that Christ will be, “the *firstborn* among *many* brethren” (Romans 8:29).

But how did *Christ Himself* teach people once He was glorified? After His resurrection, Jesus appeared to the apostles and to others several times. Yet they did not always recognize Him at first—He looked a little different

from how He had appeared during His human life. Yet the resurrected Christ nearly always appeared to others *as a human being*, and interacting with people in that manner so they would understand what He was saying and would not be afraid.

Remember the account of Mary Magdalene, who at first did not know she had seen the resurrected Christ. A few minutes later, when He spoke to her in a normal voice and revealed Himself, she immediately tried to embrace Him, but Jesus cautioned her: “Do not cling to Me...” (John 20:14–17).

Later, Jesus appeared to His disciples inside the building where they were meeting, and said, “peace be to you.” He then commanded Thomas: “Reach your finger here and look at my hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into my side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing” (vv. 26–27).

So it is clear that all who truly “overcome” and become saints of God in the resurrection will be able to *teach* the people of earth in a personal way as Jesus taught His apostles. Certainly resurrected Christians, serving Jesus Christ in the Millennium, will

sometimes appear in **great power**, and at other times will speak to people invisibly, as mentioned in Isaiah 30. Yet they will also often appear in a human form, as Jesus did when He met with the apostles and later even *had breakfast with them* by the sea of Galilee (John 21:12–15).

No doubt there will be occasions when mortal human beings, humbled or startled by encounters with the resurrected saints, will marvel to their friends, “It was *one of them!*”

Will you be “one of *them?*” As each of us begins to understand God’s true plan, we must make that decision for ourselves. If God is calling you to be among His firstfruits, you have been given an amazing opportunity. For, as Jesus said: “And he who **overcomes**, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—‘He shall rule them with a rod of iron; they shall be dashed to pieces like the potter’s vessels’—as I also have received from My Father; and I will give him the morning star” (Revelation 2:26–27).

Christians today must truly “**go all out**” to show God that

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What Is a True Christian?

Hundreds of millions of people today think they are following Jesus Christ, but will be surprised when He tells them, “I never knew you!” How can you be sure you are truly following your Savior?

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Questions & Answers

Question: Does the Bible teach that a Christian must not drink alcoholic beverages?

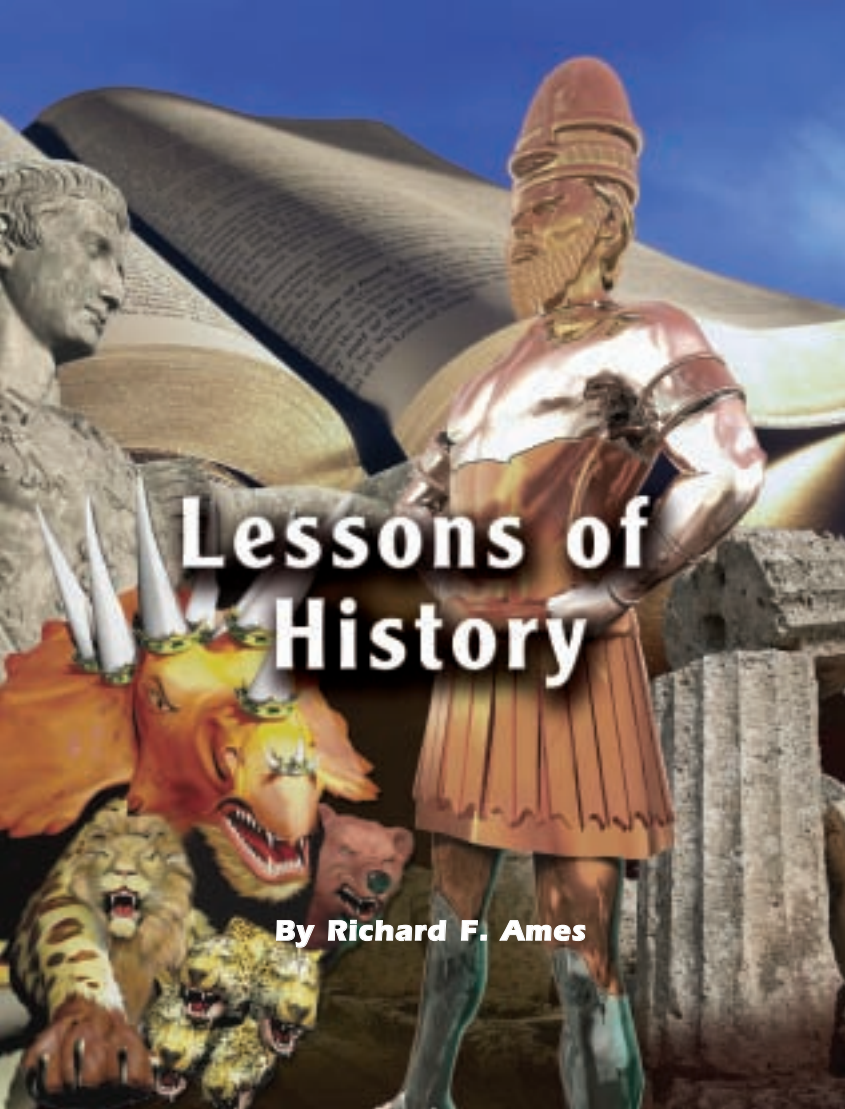
Answer: When Jesus performed His very first public miracle at Cana and “manifested His glory,” did He merely make grape juice (John 2:11)? If the wedding at Cana was conducted according to Jewish custom, the guests were certainly drinking fermented wine at the wedding feast. When the guests ran out of wine in their time of rejoicing, Jesus helped them by turning water into what Scripture calls “wine.” If Jesus had made grape juice for the guests, they never would have said to the bridegroom what is reported in Scripture: “Every man at the beginning sets out the good wine, and when the guests have well drunk, then the inferior. You have kept the good wine until now!” (John 2:10).

In the above verse, John used the Greek word *oinos* for “wine”—and it is important to recognize that *oinos* **always** refers to a fermented beverage. The Bible uses 13 Hebrew and Greek words for “wine,” and we can find their meanings by noting the contexts in which they are used. The word “wine” is first used in the Old Testament when Noah “drank of the wine and was drunk” (Genesis 9:21). The Hebrew word used here is *yayin*. That wine caused Noah to become intoxicated. *Yayin* **always** means “fermented wine.” God Himself gave “wine” to Abraham—the father of the faithful: “Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine [*yayin*]; he was the priest of God Most High” (Genesis 14:18). Melchizedek was the one who became Jesus Christ, the God of the Old Testament; if you are not familiar with Melchizedek’s identity, please write to the regional office nearest you (listed on page 30 of this magazine) to request, *absolutely free*, our reprint article, *Who Was the God of the Old Testament?*

The phrase “fruit of the vine” is only used three times in the Bible—Matthew 26:29;

Mark 14:25 and Luke 22:18—in reference to the Passover service Jesus instituted on the night before He died. Passover was held in the spring, long before the annual grape harvest, so any “fruit of the vine” consumed on that evening would have had to be fermented, as grape juice would long since have spoiled in the containers used for storage in Jesus’ day. Some ludicrously claim that the item consumed was “molasses”—another way of preserving grapes without making wine. This does not make sense, if we remember that this was a meal, and Jesus and His disciples would not have been drinking molasses with their meal.

The same Greek word *oinos* used in John 2:3–10 is also used in Ephesians 5:18: “And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation.” Grape juice does not cause “dissipation.” Note also this description of the Apostles on the day of Pentecost: “Others mocking said, ‘They are full of new wine [*oinos*]’” (Acts 2:13): Furthermore: “It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine [*oinos*] nor do anything by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak” (Romans 14:21). Paul wrote to Timothy: “A bishop then must be... not given to wine [*oinos*], not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous” (1 Timothy 3:2–3). Were we to substitute “grape juice” into these contexts, the verses would make no sense. When Paul explained to Timothy the medicinal value of wine, he wrote: “No longer drink only water, but use a little wine for your stomach’s sake and your frequent infirmities” (1 Timothy 5:23). Once again, the Greek word used is *oinos*—fermented wine, not grape juice. As you can see, while the Bible condemns drunkenness, Scripture also teaches that it is acceptable to drink alcohol in moderation.



Lessons of History

By Richard F. Ames

Are we headed for disaster, or will we learn how to turn our nations around? Your Bible gives the answer—for your nation, and for you!

Can any nation or empire long endure? For more than 200 years, the United States has been a great power on the world scene. But in the first years of the 21st century, we have seen the U.S. declining, and other powerful nations or alliances—such as China and the European Union—exercising more and more political, economic and military power. Can the U.S. last much longer?

The world-ruling empires of the past no longer exist. The great Babylonian Empire, for example, conquered many nations, including the kingdom of Judah in the Middle East. The historian Herodotus wrote, “In addition to its enormous size, Babylon surpasses in splendour any city of the known world” (*The Histories*, Book One, section 178).

What happened to that powerful empire? Babylon’s depravity led to God’s judgment.

The prophet Daniel, in the pages of your Bible, foretold the rise and fall of other vast empires. He predicted the rise and fall of the Roman Empire. What happened to the ancient Roman Empire? That mighty empire lasted for more than 500 years, but finally came to its end in 476AD. Historian Edward Gibbon summarized the causes of the empire’s fall. “After a diligent inquiry, I can discern four principal causes for the ruin of Rome, which continued to operate in a period of more than a thousand years. I. The injuries of time and nature. II. The hostile attacks of the barbarians and Christians. III. The use and abuse of materials. And IV. The domestic quarrels of the Romans” (*The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, Chapter 71).

Modern empires, too, have come and gone. In the 20th century, the German “Third Reich” attacked with military blitzkrieg and extended its rule over much of Europe and North Africa. Adolf Hitler’s ambitions included the conquest of the Soviet Union, but he failed. Allied armies vanquished the Third Reich. The Soviet Union, or the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, consisted of 15 republics spanning 11,000 miles from east to west. This great superpower reveled in its communist ideology; it fought for the hearts of nations and peoples all over the world—and ultimately, it failed.

Now, that once-mighty power has shattered into 15 struggling nation-states, with twelve tied together in the Commonwealth of Independent States. Who could have predicted the fall of such a great superpower? You might be surprised to learn that a small group of biblically based Christians understood all along that Eastern Europe would eventually escape the iron grip of the Soviet Union.

How did they know? Bible prophecy predicted the rise of another great superpower, called the Beast in the book of Revelation. More than 50 years ago, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong wrote that East Germany would be rejoined to West Germany, and that Russia “will be forced to relinquish her control over Hungary, Czechoslovakia and parts of Austria” (*Plain Truth*, April 1952, p. 16).

Shortly after Russia’s 1956 invasion of Hungary, when many “experts” believed that

the “Iron Curtain” had fallen forever on the nations of Eastern Europe, the Plain Truth magazine made this amazing statement: “The way is being prepared for a colossal third force in world politics—a European Federation of Nations more powerful than either Russia or the United States!... We have shown years in advance what would happen to Russia’s ill-fated Empire in Eastern Europe” (*Plain Truth*, December 1956, p. 3).

Will today’s Western nations follow the same pattern of decline and fall as the nations that have gone before them? Will Great Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand decline and fall? Will the United States continue to experience more Katrina-like hurricanes, earthquakes, and other natural disasters? Will we continue to experience the attacks of terrorism? History and the Bible have demonstrated over and over, that when nations reject the God of creation, they will be judged. Will the Western world continue its rejection of biblical truth? The philosopher Georg Hegel observed: “What experience and history teach is this—that people and governments never have learned anything from history, or acted on principles deduced from it” (*The Philosophy of History*).

The history of the world is the story of nations and empires that prospered and later turned to dust. Will we learn the lessons of history? Some empires declined slowly before their demise. Others were destroyed or captured suddenly. The great empires of the past are now little more than arti-

facts in museums, or broken-down monuments where they once thrived. Britain once commanded the world’s largest empire. By 1921, it covered about 15 million square miles—one-third of the world’s total land area—and held about one-quarter of the world’s population. It was said that “the sun never set on the British Empire.” After a final burst of expansion right after World War II, a process of “decolonization” began, and by 1960



the British had given up the lands that today comprise India, Pakistan, Burma, Sri Lanka, Iraq, Ghana, Nigeria, Somalia and much of sub-

Saharan Africa, as well as the Palestinian Mandate and parts of Egypt and Sudan. Over the last 40 years, Britain has given up most of its overseas possessions, most recently returning Hong Kong to Chinese sovereignty in 1997. The sun set on the British Empire long ago.

Will the superpower United States face a similar decline? Every nation—every empire—of the past has fallen, just like Greece and Rome. *You can know* what nations or empires will rise and fall in the 21st century. Bible prophecy reveals the future of the western nations, if you know the key to finding the modern descendants of ancient biblical nations.

Does this surprise you? Remember, there is a God in heaven who is working out a great plan here on earth. He is giving rebellious human beings thousands of years to experiment

with their own man-made religion, science, government, business, education, and social institutions. God allows people to go their own carnal way of selfishness, war, and violence, but He has a plan—and as we see from history and Scripture, He does intervene in world events to help humanity learn lasting lessons of life and death.

Lessons Learned?

Have we learned the lessons of history? The renowned philosopher George Santayana, in his famous treatise *Reason in Common Sense*, wrote: “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.” Will we in the Western world learn the lessons of history? Or will we follow the pattern of all great kingdoms and empires that have come and gone before us—that rose to the heights of power and dominance, and then fell to decadence and oblivion?

Belshazzar, the last king of Babylon, was one great ruler who should have learned the lessons of history. Yet he insisted on his own godless way of life, and led others into debauchery. His empire paid the penalty. That profound lesson is recorded in the pages of history—and in the pages of your Bible. The prophet Daniel was in the city of Babylon the night the Persian army conquered it. Through Daniel, God let king Belshazzar know what was going to happen to him and his empire. This amazing sequence of events is recorded in chapter 5 of the book of Daniel, in the famous story of the “handwriting on the wall.” King Belshazzar prepared a feast—a great party—for thousands of his nobles. They drank wine out of golden vessels plundered from God’s Temple in

Jerusalem. “In the same hour the fingers of a man’s hand appeared and wrote opposite the lampstand on the plaster of the wall of the king’s palace; and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. Then the king’s countenance changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his hips were loosened and his knees knocked against each other” (Daniel 5:5–6).

The king called upon Daniel to interpret this saying. What had the mysterious hand written? “And this is the inscription that

was written:
MENE, MENE,
TEKEL,
UPHARSIN.
This is the interpretation of each word. MENE: God has numbered your kingdom, and finished it;

TEKEL: You have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting; PERES: Your kingdom has been divided, and given to the Medes and Persians” (Daniel 5:25–28). Then: “That very night Belshazzar, king of the Chaldeans, was slain. And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old” (vv. 30–31).

Today, the handwriting is on the wall for the United States and Great Britain. The warning signs are all around us, as our nations become more decadent and immoral. Yet there is still time for us to repent, nationally and individually. Will we listen to God’s warnings?

In the past few years, the United States has experienced shocking disasters. On September 11, 2001, terrorists flew hijacked airliners into New York’s World

Trade Center and into the Pentagon in Washington, DC. Thousands were killed in the attacks. In September 2005, Hurricane Katrina devastated the southern coast of the United States. The city of New Orleans was flooded. Katrina has been called “the worst natural disaster in U.S. history.”

These disasters demonstrated how vulnerable and how unprepared we are. Can any nation afford to sustain hundreds of billions of dollars in financial loss? What lessons should we learn

from these catastrophes? Are they simply an expected part of the cycle of history and



nature? Or is God powerfully intervening to wake us up from our moral and spiritual decline? If

we are honest with ourselves, we must admit that our nations have strayed far from the God of the Bible and His Son Jesus Christ! If we in the Western world continue to ignore, despise, and reject the Ten Commandments, and the word of God, the Bible, we will face more disasters—until we get it through our thick, carnal, skulls that we need to seek God with our whole heart! The prophet Isaiah gives us this exhortation, encouragement and promise. “Seek the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him



while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon” (Isaiah 55:6–7).

We must take spiritual action now! Of course, some hardheads will remain skeptical. But those who seek God through His word can have understanding and peace of mind.

An Ancient Lesson

We have seen that great empires do not last forever. They rise, decline and fall. Will the Western nations learn the lessons of history? King Belshazzar ignored the lessons he should have learned from his ancestor, King Nebuchadnezzar, who had

ruled over the Babylonian empire. Daniel reminded Belshazzar of the lessons he should have learned from this previous king. “O king, the Most High God gave

Nebuchadnezzar your father [ancestor] a kingdom and majesty, glory and honor. And because of the majesty that He gave him, all peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him. Whomever he wished, he executed; whomever he wished, he kept alive; whomever he wished, he set up; and whomever he wished, he put down. **But when his heart was lifted up, and his spirit was hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him.**

Then he was driven from the sons of men, his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. They fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till he knew that the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men, and appoints over it whomever He chooses” (Daniel 5:18–21).

Nebuchadnezzar learned a profound lesson. He tried to rule without acknowledging God, and he suffered terribly for it! Must we also learn lessons the hard way, or will we pay attention to God, and to His word, the Bible?

The prophet Daniel had already predicted that Babylon would fall and be replaced by the Medo-Persian empire. Then King Nebuchadnezzar had a dream which none of his astrologers could reveal to him. But the prophet Daniel not only told the king what his dream was, but he also gave the interpretation: “You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! This great image, whose splendor was excellent, stood before you; and its form was awesome. This image’s head was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay” (Daniel 2:31–33).

The prophet Daniel told the king the dream’s meaning. “You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory; and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given them into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all; you are this head of gold” (vv. 37–38).

Here, God was revealing the power and authority that He, the

Creator of the universe, was giving the “head of gold”—Nebuchadnezzar and his kingdom. The dream, however, foretold the end of Nebuchadnezzar’s kingdom, and the establishment of others after his: “But after you shall arise another kingdom inferior to yours; then another, a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth. And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron breaks in pieces and shatters everything; and like iron that crushes, that kingdom will break in pieces and crush all the others” (vv. 39–40).

Which empires did this dream describe? Reputable Bible scholars today agree on their identity and fulfillment. The head of gold represented the Babylonian Empire from 625BC to 539BC. This empire was replaced by the Medo-Persian Empire from 558BC to 330BC, represented by the chest and arms of silver. The belly and thighs of bronze signify the Greco-Macedonian Empire of Alexander the Great from 333BC to 31BC. The two legs of iron indicate the Roman Empire from 31BC to 476AD. Finally, the ten toes, on two feet of iron, mixed with ceramic clay, represent a *future revival of the Roman Empire*.

The dream revealed one last important detail. The four worldly kingdoms represented in Nebuchadnezzar’s dream *will all come to an end*. They will be replaced by what we can call a fifth Kingdom, the coming Kingdom of God.

“You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and

became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth” (vv. 34–35).

What is the stone that struck the image? Daniel described its meaning: “And in the days of these kings [symbolized by the ten toes] the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever” (v. 44).

Yes, the Kingdom of God will come to this earth soon! Only God can bring us lasting peace.

Will We Repent?

Throughout the history of the world, it has been extremely rare to find any society that would turn from its evil ways. Ninevah, the capital city of ancient Assyria, along the Tigris River, was one of these few—and actually delayed God’s judgment. The prophet Jonah came to the citizens of Ninevah with God’s warning: “And Jonah began to enter the city on the first day’s walk. Then he cried out and said, ‘Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!’” (Jonah 3:4). How did the Ninevites respond? Did they ignore God’s prophet Jonah? No! “So the people of Nineveh believed God, proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them. Then word came to the king of Nineveh; and he arose from his throne and laid aside his robe, covered himself with sackcloth

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The Beast Begins to Stir!



B i b l e prophecies have long foretold that just before Jesus Christ returns to the earth, the world will witness

the revival of a European power with roots going back to the ancient Roman Empire (Daniel 2:28, 40–45). Scripture calls this revived power a “beast” that will be stamped with a Roman label, and it will consist of ten kings [or national leaders] who will surrender their sovereignty to a strong and crafty individual (Daniel 11:3–39; Revelation 17:12–13). The Bible also indicates that this end-time revival of the Roman Empire will combine the power of a dominant church with the political machinery of the state—the “woman” (symbol of a religious leader) will ride the beast (symbol of the state—see Daniel 7:8, 20–21; Revelation 17:1–6). These long-pondered prophecies are *coming alive today!*

Reviving the Past

Bernd Neumann, Germany’s federal Commissioner for Culture and the Media, spoke last August at the opening of a Berlin exhibit on “The Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation.” The exhibit, which attracted considerable public interest at the state-controlled Historical Museum in Berlin, looked at the past of Old Europe to find structures and developmental processes that are of great significance for the federal construction of Europe. The Holy Roman Empire of the German nation held sway over central European nations for nearly a thousand years—from 962 to 1806AD. In his remarks, Neumann stressed to museum patrons the vital role a revived Holy Roman Empire could play as a *model for the future of Europe*. According to Neumann, the German Reich of the Middle Ages can from today’s perspective serve “as a valid model for the functioning order of a superstate” (press release, German Federal Information Office, August 27, 2006).

Neumann is not the first voice to urge the revival

of this Imperial idea. Otto von Hapsburg, a descendent of the last emperor to sit on the Austro-Hungarian throne, has also mentioned that there could yet be a role for the Imperial crown of the Holy Roman Empire in forging a meaningful union among the diverse countries of Europe. Similarly, the Pan-Europa Union has also emphasized that “the eternal function of the Reich must be renewed in the Europe of tomorrow in the interest of the West” (*Monthly Bulletin of the Pan-Europa Union*, January 1977).

Appeal to Religion

During the days of the Holy Roman Empire, power was shared between the German emperors and the popes in Rome. The popes exercised power in the spiritual realm, while the emperors exercised their power in the political realm. Roman Catholic popes crowned the emperors, and gave spiritual validation to the office of the monarch. This, too, appears to be in the offing for the future of Europe. German Chancellor Andrea Merkel recently extended an invitation to Pope Benedict XVI, formerly Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of Germany, to speak in Berlin in 2007, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Treaty of Rome, which established the European Economic Community, the forerunner of today’s European Union. Reports suggest that the pope plans to speak on the “spiritual foundations” of Europe—which in Benedict’s framework indicates the role the Roman Catholic Church has played—and could play again—in uniting the “Christian” nations of Europe during the Middle Ages. Several popes before Benedict also stressed the need for Europe to discover its spiritual roots. Other leading clerical and political figures have also stated that it will take “something more” than economic treaties and trade regulations to tie the nations of Europe together.

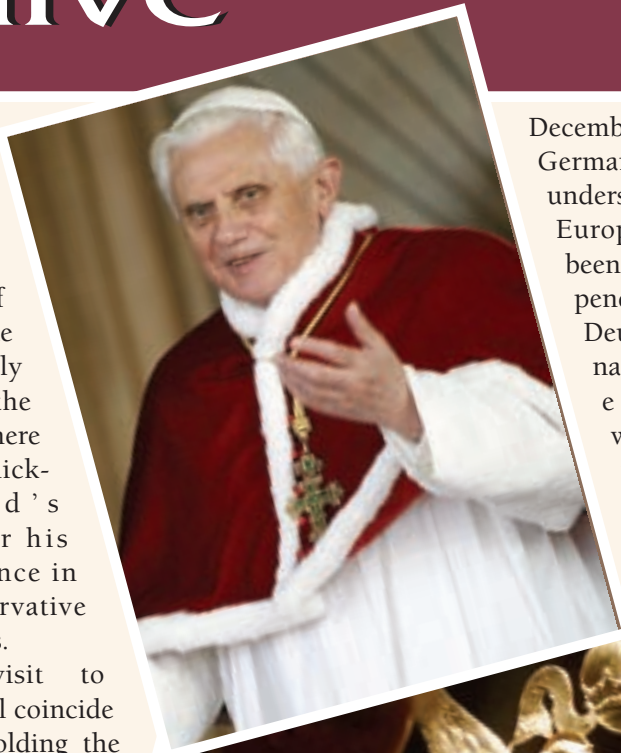
Future Concerns

The election of Joseph Ratzinger, the first German pope in a thousand years, puts the Roman papacy in an unusual position. Ratzinger, born in Germany between the two World Wars, was affected deeply by his experiences in the Hitler Youth, and by service as a conscript in the German army during World War II.

As a Vatican official, he spent two decades as the head of the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith (formerly known as the “Inquisition”), where he earned the nickname “God’s Rottweiler” for his dogged persistence in upholding conservative Catholic positions.

Benedict’s visit to Berlin in 2007 will coincide with Germany holding the six-month rotating presidency of the EU, and also with that nation’s presiding over the G-8 organization of leading industrialized nations. Benedict’s presence at the fiftieth anniversary of the Treaty of Rome will no doubt lend legitimacy to the idea of cooperation between Church and state in the future evolution of a united Europe, even though some Europeans—notably the French, who are openly committed to secularism and the separation of religion and politics—will not welcome such a development.

Neumann’s remarks about a German Reich, echoing statements by other German leaders, have sobering implications for nations in Eastern Europe. Neumann reminded his audience that the Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation was “part of the past of many European states” including Poland and the Czech Republic, and that “Germany and Central Europe are historically and culturally indissolubly linked together” (press release, German Federal Information Office, August 27, 2006). Such assertion of German hegemony over other parts of Europe generates fear among the newly independent states to Germany’s south and east. German student organizations also continue to promote German territorial claims to parts of Austria, Poland, Denmark, Belgium, Switzerland, Italy and Russia where German-speakers live. In fact, one group has stated, “The German Reich in its borders of 31st



December 1937 continues to be recognized in German law” and, further, “By Germany we understand the German inhabited area in Central Europe from which Germans have been illegally expelled... Germany exists independently of State borders.” (2005 Handbook, Deutsche Burschenschaft). This is not mere nationalism; these same ideas were expounded by Germany’s Nazi party when it rationalized its desire to annex territory that belonged to other countries, and in the process ignited the fires of World War II. Bible prophecies indicate that this final revival of the Holy Roman

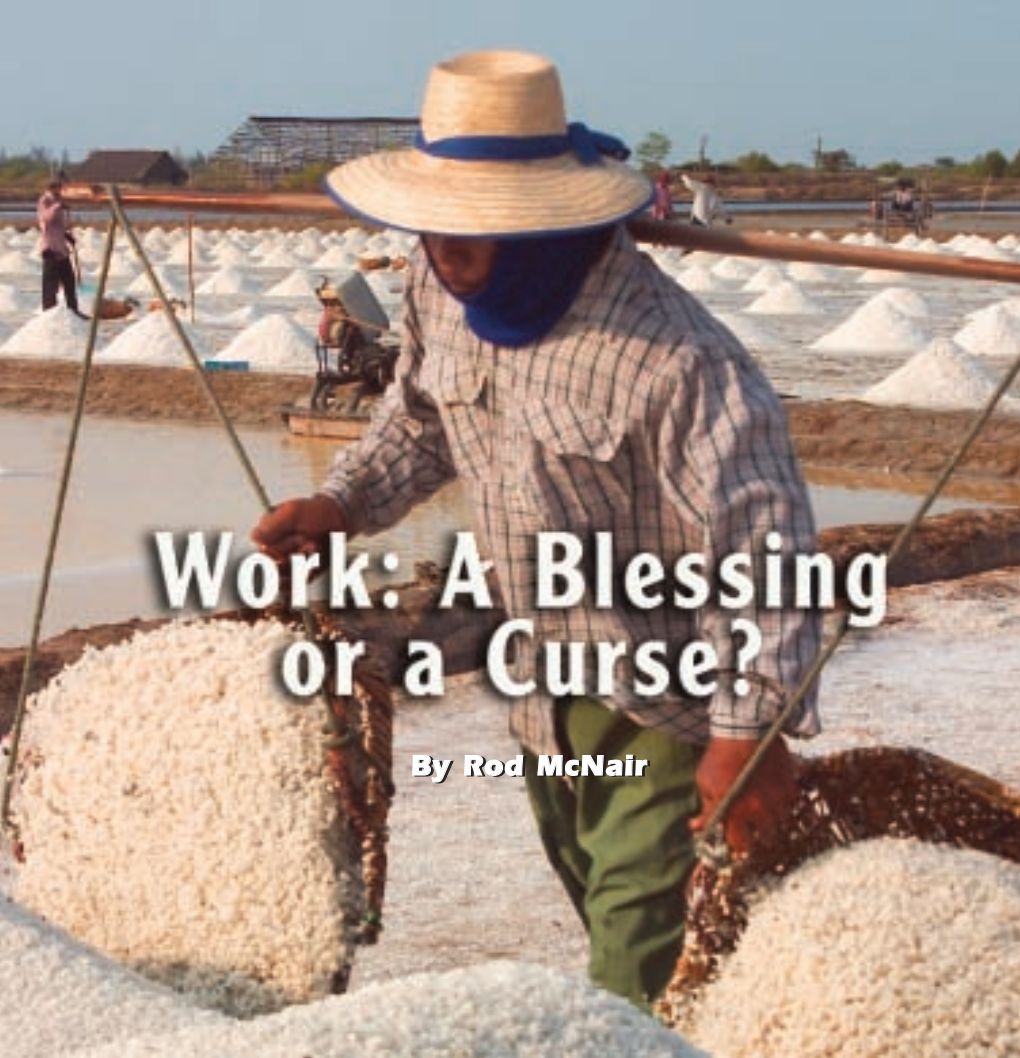
Empire in Europe will have global repercussions (for more on this vital topic, write for your free copy of our informative booklet, *The United States and Great Britain in Prophecy*, or request it online at our Web site

www.tomorrowworld.org).

While many secular critics scoff at the idea that the Bible is the inspired

word of an Almighty God who intervenes in history, we are seeing in today’s news headlines the fulfillment of specific prophecies that were written in your Bible thousands of years ago. The prophet Daniel predicted the revival of the Roman Empire in its final phase just before the return of Jesus Christ to this earth (Daniel 2:41–45). He also foresaw a prominent religious leader playing a dominant role in successive revivals of the Roman system down through the ages (Daniel 7:8–25). The Apostle John saw a woman [a church] riding an end-time beast that would consist of ten leaders who would work together for a short time at the end of this age (Revelation 17). These prophecies are *coming alive today*, and will surprise the world in the days ahead—as the “beast” is beginning to stir! To learn more about the identity of Germany in prophecy, write for our free reprint article, *A Fourth Reich?* or read it online at www.tomorrowworld.org.

—Douglas S. Winnail



Work: A Blessing or a Curse?

By Rod McNair

Millions find their work unfulfilling and purposeless. Does God want us to enjoy work, or just to endure it?

Many people today find themselves in “dead-end” jobs, or in work they feel is purposeless and frustrating. Do you feel your work is taking you down a one-way street? Is it supposed to be that way?

A recent poll conducted by CareerVision.org suggested that only about half of American workers are satisfied with their jobs. British workers expressed similar levels of discontent, according to a report by the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions. Authors James Patterson and Peter Kim report that surveys show as many as 90 percent of workers do not like their work (*The Day America Told the Truth*, p. 155). While some *are* satisfied and

engaged in their work, many others are unhappy. *Why?*

For most people, throughout most of history, the experience of work has not been very pleasurable or even comfortable. Even today, for most of earth’s population, work is not a luxury, but rather a “necessary evil” in their *struggle to survive!* As one academic writer explains: “From a historical perspective, the cultural norm placing a positive moral value on doing a good job because work has intrinsic value for its own sake was a relatively recent development... Work, for much of the ancient history of the human race, has been hard and degrading... the Hebrew belief system viewed work as a ‘curse devised by God explicitly to punish the disobedience and ingrat-

tude of Adam and Eve’... Numerous scriptures from the Old Testament in fact supported work, not from the stance that there was any joy in it, but from the premise that it was necessary to prevent poverty and destitution” (*Historical Context of the Work Ethic*, Roger Hill, Ph.D.).

Did something happen that *changed* society’s view of work? Was work once considered positive and rewarding, where now it is mostly tolerated as a necessary burden at best? The surprising answer is: *Yes!*

The book of Genesis tells us that God worked to create our world—He separated the water from the dry land and created the fish, birds, and land animals. *Six times*, Genesis reports God saying that He looked at the work of His hands and saw it was good! At the end of the week, after His work was done, “God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was *very good*” (Genesis 1:31).

God was not distressed by His work; He enjoyed it! He worked for six days, and then rested to enjoy His labor on the seventh day, thus instituting the weekly Sabbath (Genesis 2:1–3).

But God did not want to enjoy the creation process alone; He wanted to share His world and its development with others. One key reason He created human beings was to *share in the joy of His work*. We read: “The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed... Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it” (Genesis 2:8, 15).

God wanted Adam and Eve and their descendants to have

the pleasing and exciting challenge of tending the Garden of Eden, and ultimately of beautifying the entire earth! But they sinned. They rejected God's truth, His sovereignty over them and His way of life. What was the result?

"Then to Adam [God] said, 'Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': *'Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread'*" (Genesis 3:17–19).

When Noah was born, his very name was a reminder that mankind toiled in unpleasant work because of Adam and Eve's sin. Upon his birth, his parents remarked, "This one will comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD has cursed" (Genesis 5:29). In Hebrew, the name "Noah" means "rest"—indicating the respite from toil his parents were expecting.

Yes, sin brought terrible consequences to our world! Adam and Eve gave up an ideal job—a wonderful environment with perfect working conditions and great benefits! By sinning, they chose to rebel against God's commands and were driven out of this most hospitable and supportive environment. Billions of human beings have struggled to subsist ever since.

The Industrial Revolution was supposed to bring a better lifestyle, through progress leading to more efficient labor-saving machines. But industrial progress did not really solve the problems of many working people. In fact, history shows that many who toiled in the mills and factories suffered under

deplorable conditions. Here is how one writer in 1833 described mill workers in England, and the desperate conditions they endured: "Their complexion is sallow and pallid—with a peculiar flatness of feature, caused by the want of a proper quantity of adipose [fat] substance to cushion out the cheeks... Great numbers of girls and women walking lamely or awkwardly... A spiritless and dejected air, a sprawling and wide action of the legs, and an appearance, taken as a whole, giving the world but 'little assurance of a man,' or if so, 'most sadly cheated of his fair proportions...'" ("The Physical Deterioration of the Textile Workers," *The Manufacturing Population of England*, P. Gaskell, pp. 161–162, 202–203).

Children suffered especially in the new mechanized economy, many essentially enslaved. The author continues: "Factory labour is a species of work in some respects singularly unfitted for children. Cooped up in a heated atmosphere, debarred the necessary exercise, remaining in one position for a series of hours, one set or system of muscles alone called into activity, it cannot be wondered at—that its effects are injurious to the physical growth of a child" (*ibid.*).

Though working conditions have greatly improved in the last century and a half, modern slavery in industry still exists today (see "Slavery Makes a Comeback," *Tomorrow's World*, September–October 2006, pp. 26–27). In many countries, workers still suffer under harsh conditions and difficult environments.

A Real Rest Is Coming

God gave us the seventh-day Sabbath—a weekly rest from our

labors—to remind us that after 6,000 years of human beings living their own selfish way, a thousand-year "rest" will soon come, during Jesus Christ's millennial reign on the earth. The New Testament tells us of a rest coming for all the earth: "Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it... For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day... For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His" (Hebrews 4:1, 8, 10).

What will that millennial rest be like? Bible prophecy shows it will be a time when the earth is returned to a state like the Garden of Eden (Isaiah 51:1–3). Scripture shows us a coming time when "everyone shall sit under his vine and under his fig tree, and no one shall make them afraid" (Micah 4:4). In fact, the ground will be so fruitful—and the environment so conducive to supporting human life—that "the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him who sows seed" (Amos 9:13). We read, "The wilderness and the wasteland shall be glad for them, and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose" (Isaiah 35:1).

Not only will the curse of Adam and Eve be lifted, but the *root cause* of God's curse will be removed—mankind's rebellion and rejection of God's ways and laws.

Statutes in the Workplace

The prophet Ezekiel described life under God's government: "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you... I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to *walk in My*

statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them” (Ezekiel 36:26–27).

Workplace statutes can save lives and encourage a safe and healthy work environment. In the United States, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, founded in 1971, has administered regulations estimated to have cut workplace fatalities by more than 60 percent, and occupational injury and illness rates by 40 percent (U.S. Department of Labor OSHA website, “OSHA Facts,” December 2004).

However, long before OSHA existed, *God established regulations* to provide for a safe and healthy environment. For example: “And if a man opens a pit, or if a man digs a pit and *does not cover it*, and an ox or a donkey falls in it, the owner of the pit shall make it good” (Exodus 21:33–34). Another statute prescribes a sound construction practice, the need to build railings on roofs to prevent accidents: “When you build a new house, then you shall make a parapet for your roof, that you may not bring guilt of bloodshed on your household if anyone falls from it” (Deuteronomy 22:8).

In the soon-coming Millennium, under the reign of Jesus Christ, the earth will experience a vibrant, healthy economy. Ample goods and efficient services will be supplied by people busily engaged in their work—and enjoying it, too! As people begin to learn God’s view of work, and put His principles of love into practice every day through the indwelling power of His Spirit, they will begin to experience in their work a peace and fulfillment beyond description!

That future time will be exciting and wonderful. But must we wait until Christ’s return to start

enjoying a happier work environment? Would you like to experience a stronger sense of purpose and excitement in your work and your life today? You can! Consider these basic points to make your work more *blessed*, no matter what you do:

Look to God to Provide for You

Adam and Eve made the mistake of disobeying God, and seeking fulfillment through their own efforts. The vital first step to finding fulfillment in your work is to learn from the mistake they made, and to accept God as your Lord—your Boss—the true ruler of your life, the One who provides all your needs. If you *really* want to be blessed and happy in your work, begin to look to Him.

Christ taught us: “Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?... But *seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness*, and all these things shall be added to you” (Matthew 6:30–33).

If you are putting God first—doing His will and obeying His commands—He will guide and manage your work and your life. As He told the Israelites: “You shall remember the LORD your God, for *it is He who gives you power to get wealth...* if you by any means forget the LORD your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish” (Deuteronomy 8:18–19).

God commands us to be thankful (Colossians 3:15). Especially in uncertain economic times, just having food on the

table—and a job to provide for it—is something to be thankful for. The Apostle Paul exhorts us: “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God” (Philippians 4:6). The first step to achieving more fulfillment in your work is simply to acknowledge the God who provides it.

Become a Better Employee or Employer

How can you have a better work experience? One way is by becoming a better worker! By some estimates, American workers *admit* to goofing off up to 20 percent of the time on the job. Almost half admit to calling in sick when they are well, one in six regularly drink or use drugs on the job, and only one in four say they give their best effort (Patterson, p. 155)! What about you? Are you dedicated to putting in an honest day’s work?

Do you find it difficult to get along with others—your co-workers, your employees, or your boss? What if you have an especially *difficult* boss? God shows us how to handle such situations: “Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh. For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully... when you do good and suffer for it, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God” (1 Peter 2:18–20).

Certainly there comes a time when you should stop enduring the abuse of a belligerent boss, and should move on to a new job. But before you rush to leave an

unpleasant workplace, make sure you have done all you can to make your present workplace better. Make an effort to find ways to help your boss achieve his or her goals. Seek cooperation rather than confrontation. Remember, “a soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger” (Proverbs 15:1). Learning constructive ways to work through conflict lessens your stress level, improves your feeling of well-being and results in a better work experience overall.

If you supervise other people, do you have trouble getting along with them? Take time to learn better ways to encourage and motivate your employees—even the “difficult” ones! Scripture tells managers to give workers what is “just and fair” (Colossians 4:1), and to “give up threatening” (Ephesians 6:9). Fairness, patience, and an honest effort to understand your employees’ goals and needs goes a long way in building workplace morale. God is watching how managers treat others, knowing that He is *their* “Manager” in heaven (v. 9).

Approach Work with Passion and Zeal

What is your passion? Baseball promoter Mike Veeck believes passion in the workplace is crucial for being happy and content: “Most of us allow life to beat us up and then down. We fall into routines, especially at work, and over time we sleepwalk through much of our lives, especially at work. It’s time to shake ourselves out of this mediocre existence...” (*Fun Is Good: How to Create Joy and Passion in Your*

Workplace and Career, p. 6). Passion and zeal should not be confused with being a *workaholic*. The goal is not to overdo—it is to do something you love and feel is important. Participating in something you care deeply about will bring excitement to your work, and will unleash your creativity.



Veeck explains what he is looking for when he interviews potential employees: “When I conduct interviews, I look for passion, and I can tell within 2 minutes if a person has it... Someone with the most impressive background won’t fit if he or she doesn’t have passion. At the same time, someone with a modest resume might be a perfect fit” (*ibid.*, p. 5).

It is rare to find work that exactly fits your passion in life. But finding *something* you can become excited about will greatly increase your enjoyment of work. This principle applies beyond the workplace. Though some today are quick to demean a woman’s role of homemaker as described in Scripture (Titus 2:5), the truth is that managing a household offers a woman opportunities

for exploring her own *passions* in decorating and design, cooking, sewing, health and nutrition, budgeting, child development, and many other areas. Author Alexandra Stoddard says: “The test of a true vocation, someone once said, is the love of the drudgery it involves... When we do our work with commitment and dedication, we take pride in everything we do, when we are eager and passionate about getting it done right, every single thing we do is important...” (*Gracious Living in a New World*, p. 126).

King Solomon of ancient Israel gave this sage advice long ago: “Whatever you do, *do well*, for in death, where you are going, there is no working or planning, or knowing, or understanding” (Ecclesiastes 9:10, *Living Bible*). Doing our work—whatever our work—with passion and zeal, increases our motivation, drive, and our enjoyment of the task.

If You Want To Enjoy Your Work—Enjoy Your Work!

Bible prophecy describes Jesus Christ’s millennial reign as a time when the whole world will experience joy and gladness (Isaiah 35:1–2, 10). God is a joyful God, and His Spirit is likened to the “oil of joy” (Isaiah 61:3). Many people today trudge through their work with a heavy heart, burdened down by stresses and pressures. But Jesus promised relief and “rest” for those who come to Him (Matthew 11:28–30). Are you experiencing that

“rest”—allowing Jesus Christ to help carry your load, and to lift you up when you are down?

Most of us know someone who has a contagiously sunny personality, and we have seen how a cheerful word or spontaneous laughter can break the ice of tension or stress at just the right moment. Long ago, Solomon was inspired to write: “A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance, but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken” (Proverbs 15:13).

To have true success in work—and in life—people need to *enjoy what they are doing*. Consider: “I want things to be peaceful and happy because that’s the environment that makes me most creative... People have a driving need to be happy, and it’s a tough act to pull off if it’s not genuine” (Veeck, p. 21).

Can you smile easily and bring a bit of lightness to an otherwise heavy situation? Can you laugh at yourself, and not take yourself too seriously? By becoming someone who not only works with zeal and passion, but with *joy*, you can have a far better work experience, and help others be more productive as well.

Understand for Whom You Really Work

To a true Christian, even the most difficult and dead-end job can *be filled with* purpose and significance—if we remember for whom we are really working! Paul explained: “Servants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, *as to Christ*; not with eye-service, as men-pleasers, but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart”

(Ephesians 6:5–6). Your work can take on greater significance when you realize that you are not merely working for human beings, but to please God!

Our lives today are a training ground for something much greater. Adam and Eve were given the opportunity to work for God—the same opportunity true



Christians are given today! God is looking for people He can use in the soon-coming Millennium who are obedient to Him, who work hard, who love others and have a passion and enjoyment of life!

Do you consider your work to be menial, endless, or worthless? Do you feel you have no real opportunities? God uses the smallest experiences to teach true Christians lessons they will use in big ways in the future. Christ explained this in the parable of the talents: “For the kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling to a far country, who called his own servants and delivered his goods

to them... After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, ‘Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.’ His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were *faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things*. Enter into the joy of your lord’” (Matthew 25:14; 19–21).

God is training today’s Christians to rule with Him—to assist Him in running a global society. The prerequisite for working with Christ in His Kingdom is not that we achieve wealth and status in this life; rather, we must learn *character and obedience to God, love for our fellow human beings, and total faith in His Son*, in whatever opportunities God now gives us.

So, make the most of every work opportunity you have—with zeal, passion, joy and love. Do not squander an opportunity to let your work now prepare you to work for God in His Kingdom (Matthew 25:24–28)!

Is your work a curse? It does not need to be! With God’s help, we can all experience the joys of working—*God’s way*—now, and prepare for profound, fulfilling, and meaningful work in God’s Kingdom. ■

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I wanted to mention that I appreciate the prophetic articles by Douglas S. Winnail concerning the modern Israelite nations. I appreciate how Mr. Winnail continues to prove his points from each and every angle. Thanks, *Tomorrow's World*, for making sense of the whole matter once again.

D. W., Duncanville, AL

Your booklet, *The Real God: Proofs and Promises*, is outstanding! You had to be guided by the Holy Spirit in order to write that, so many people would understand the true meaning of why God created man. Anyone reading the booklet and coming away from it without believing that God exists is really deceived or a complete fool. So many things that you pointed out make it inconceivable not to believe in a true living God. Thank you sincerely for the truths that you offer for a simple person like myself to understand and believe.

G. B., Jackson, MI

I view your inspiring messages on my satellite television; I shall be profoundly grateful and much obliged if you would kindly send me regularly *Tomorrow's World* magazine. Also send me your booklets titled *Revelation: The Mystery Unveiled!* and *The Beast of Revelation*. I wish the Lord's richest blessings on your ministry.

A. D., Baghdad, Iraq

From your *Bible Study Course*, booklets and magazines I have learned many things I never knew before. For example, the days God made holy. I should be celebrating the way God intended me to do. I never knew the great importance of those days or the great importance of the Ten Commandments. But, thanks to the works of Christ through all of you at *Tomorrow's World*, my Bible has really come to life before my eyes, which is allowing my mind to open up to things I never understood before. Please pray for me as

I continue on my way to learning more about how I should be living my life.

M. G., Canton, MS

I have just completed Lesson Sixteen of your *Bible Study Course*, and have learned quite a lot about God's Holy Days that I hadn't given much thought to before. Your *Bible Study Course* is the most informative and interesting Bible course I have ever done.

M. C., Nevada, MO

Thank you for helping me understand God's Plan. So much of what I am learning has come from your *Tomorrow's World* magazine and booklets. You have helped me stay on track and confirm that I'm not "a crazy old lady" after all but it is a "crazy world" instead.

A. C., Longview, TX

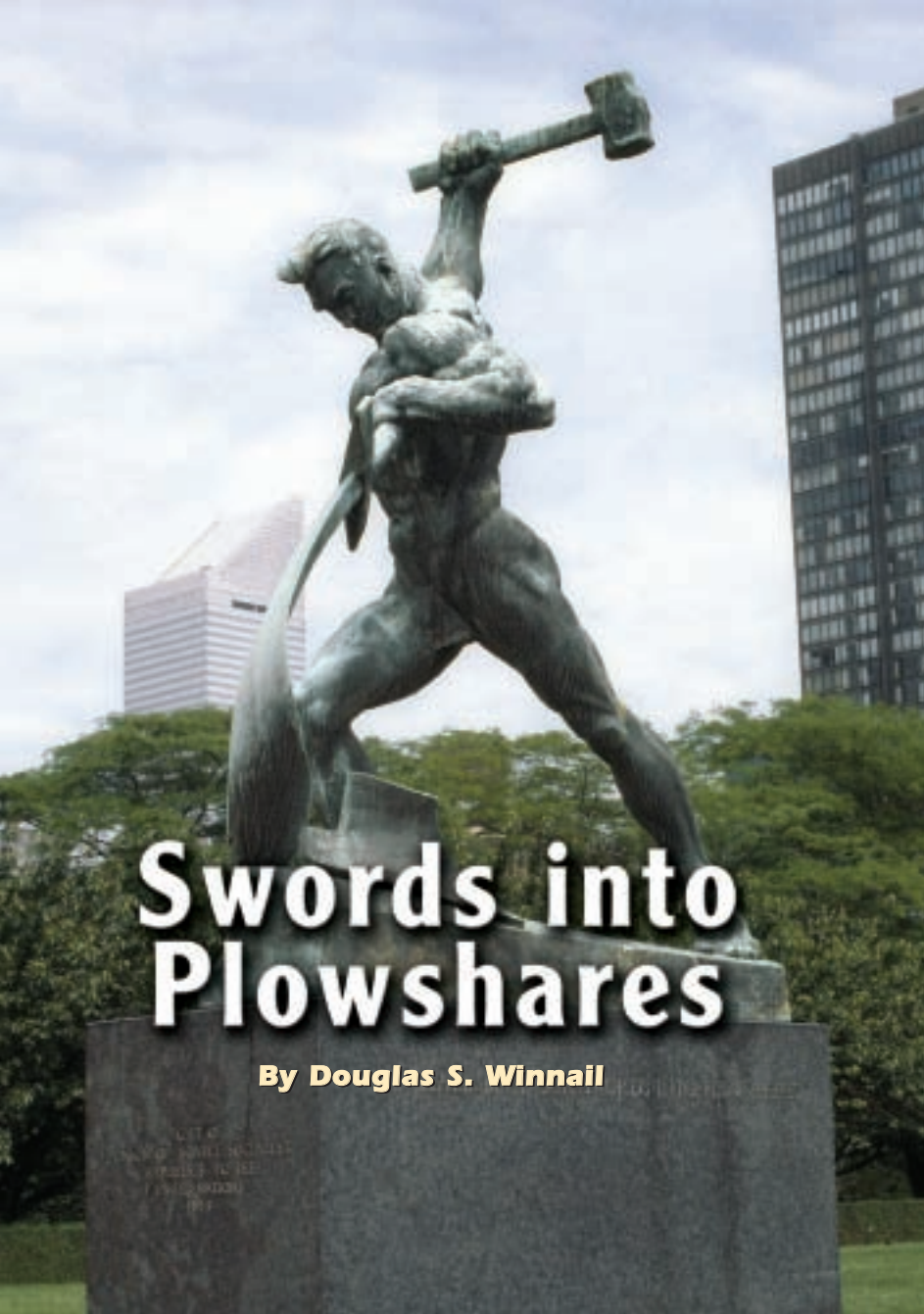
I have read the Bible. I have never been so disgusted and offended in my entire life. How can you people perpetuate this ancient Palestinian psychotic madness? It is no wonder that the world is falling apart with this kind of evil being constantly churned out by deceptive religionists such as yourselves. You should all be ashamed of yourselves.

R. G., Toronto, ON, Canada

I have been a recipient of your wonderful booklets and magazines for a few years now. I have started to reread some of them, particularly about God's laws. I wish to become an obedient servant to our Lord Jesus and the path that I am taking is not fulfilling that wish. Your writings make sense to me and draw me a lot closer to our Lord. I have actually started to feel His presence in my life because of the understanding I have gained from your writings and the referencing that I have undertaken.

Y. N., Brisbane, QLD, Australia

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Swords into Plowshares

By Douglas S. Winnail

Is there a missing dimension in the search for world peace? The Bible reveals important keys!

Why is the quest for world peace so difficult and frustrating? Why have the efforts of diplomats, popes, politicians, armies and generations of demonstrators failed to achieve lasting peace? Why has the United Nations been unable to promote real unity among the nations and peoples of the world? What is missing from human attempts to end strife, violence and wars that continue to erupt around the globe? Is there a way that will lead to real peace on earth?

Surprising as it may seem to modern skeptics and secular intellectuals, the Bible reveals a *missing dimension* in the quest for peace. The evidence of history illustrates the sobering consequences of failing to understand this essential information. While many today assume that it is impossible to accurately predict the future, Bible prophecy clearly reveals how peace will come to this earth. When you understand what

the Bible reveals about the true path to peace, you can have real hope for the future!

The Bloodiest Century

Violence and warfare have plagued mankind for thousands of years, but recent years have been among the most violent of all. Prominent British historian Niall Ferguson notes: “The twentieth century was the bloodiest era in history... between 167 million and 188 million died because of organized violence” (*Foreign Affairs*, Sept–Oct 2006, p. 61). Ferguson asserts that “the Second World War [which claimed some 55 million lives] was the greatest man-made catastrophe of all time” (*War of the World*, p. xxxiv). He asks: “What made the twentieth century... so bloody? After all, the hundred years after 1900 were a time of unparalleled progress” which saw knowledge explode, technology advance, life spans increase and the quality of life for many reach unprecedented levels (*ibid.*, p. xxxv). In his search for the causes of modern violence, professor Ferguson observes: “It might have been expected that such prosperity would eliminate the causes of war. But much of the worst violence of the twentieth century involved relatively wealthy countries” (*Foreign Affairs*, Sept–Oct 2006, p. 62). After evaluating the factors most commonly suggested as causes of wars and violence—the availability of more destructive weaponry, economic crises, the appearance of megalomaniac dictators, and extreme ideologies—“None is able to explain convincingly why lethal conflict happened when and where it did” (*ibid.*, p. 64).

In Ferguson’s analysis, the three key root causes of 20th-century violence are the rise of ethnic conflict, economic volatility (sluggish or rapidly expanding economies that destabilize societies) and the decline of empires

(Ferguson, p. xli). He is not alone in recognizing that these factors are *once again erupting on the world stage*, and he warns that “if the history of the twentieth century is any guide, then the fragile edifice of civilization can very quickly collapse” (*ibid.*, p. 645). Ferguson concludes his scholarly study of war with these words: “We shall avoid another century of conflict only if we understand the forces that caused the last one—the dark forces that conjure up ethnic conflict and imperial rivalry out of economic crisis, and in so doing negate our common humanity. They are forces that stir within us all” (*ibid.*, p. 646). The sobering lesson of the 20th century is that we have yet to understand the real causes of war, or the real way to achieve peace on earth!

Dreams That Failed

The world’s bloodiest century also saw repeated and unprecedented global efforts to eliminate war and promote peace, yet none of those humanly devised schemes managed to achieve the ultimate goal of world peace. In the years just after World War I—the so-called “war to end all wars” which was also called a war to “make the world safe for democracy”—political leaders in America and Europe formed the League of Nations “to guarantee international cooperation and to achieve international peace and security” (*Civilization Past & Present*, Brummett et al., pp. 762–3). The League of Nations “was the first systematic and thorough attempt to create an organization designed to prevent war and promote peace” (*ibid.*, p. 764). World leaders’ efforts to create and sustain the League “grew out of the desire of people throughout the world to prevent war forever”

(*The World Book Encyclopedia*, 50th ed, vol. 12, p. 140). However, the United States eventually refused to join the organization, other nations refused to cooperate in this global experiment and the League proved itself unable to keep peace in the world and unable to prevent new wars.

After World War II, the nations of the world made another attempt to prevent war and promote peace on earth. In 1945, the world’s most powerful countries formed the United Nations with an agenda very similar to that of the failed League of Nations. As a former U.S. Army general, U.S. President Dwight Eisenhower, once observed: “With all its defects, with all the failures... the UN still represents man’s best-organized hope to substitute the conference table for the battlefield” (*ibid.*). However, in the 60 years since its founding, the UN has failed to find the way to peace or to eliminate the causes of war. Endless rounds of negotiations, and dozens of efforts dispatching “UN peacekeepers” to areas of conflict, have also *failed* to solve the problem of war.

In the 20th century, the two world wars began in Europe and first involved European powers. With that history in mind, visionary leaders in Europe have worked to bind the nations of Europe together by treaties and trade agreements, and by creating transnational governmental structures that make up the European Union—including the European Commission, a European Parliament, a European Court, a European Bank and a fledgling European Army. The goal is to bind the nations of Europe tightly together in a European Union in order to prevent another war in Europe. However, the EU was

powerless to prevent the recent genocidal conflict in the Balkans. The EU has also been unable to prevent international terrorism from striking the nations of Europe. In spite of a century of human efforts to find ways to promote world peace, we are currently witnessing an emerging “clash of civilizations,” as violent Muslim extremists square off against the so-called “Christian nations” of the Western world. While many of the world’s people want peace, Ferguson notes, “another global conflict is brewing today” and the powder keg that could make that conflict explode appears to lie in the Middle East (*Foreign Affairs*, Sept–Oct 2006, p. 74).

A Vital Missing Dimension

Why have the efforts of some of the best minds in the world—working diligently to prevent violent conflicts and promote peace—*failed to achieve* these noble goals? Is there a *crucial dimension* that political and religious leaders of this world have failed to grasp or understand? Incredible as it may seem to secular-oriented minds today, the Bible *reveals why* human beings have struggled in vain to find the way to peace. Long ago, the prophet Isaiah issued this sobering warning to those who reject the counsel of the Eternal God: “**The way of peace they have not known**, and there is no justice in their ways; They have made themselves crooked paths; Whoever takes that way *shall not know peace*” (Isaiah 59:8). More than 2,500 years ago, the *real* God of this universe explained how efforts to achieve peace and prevent conflicts by human means alone—diplomacy, treaties, demonstrations, armed

intervention, nuclear deterrents and international organizations that attempt to promote cooperation—would not work in the long run if they ignored a fundamental dimension that God has revealed in the Scriptures.

We find this vital key to real peace described in the writings of Israel’s King David, whom God called “a man after My own heart” (Acts 13:22). David stated plainly in Scripture: “*Great peace have those who love Your law, and nothing causes them to stumble*” (Psalm 119:165). Centuries later, the prophet Isaiah emphasized this same vital key: “The work of righteousness will be peace, and the effect of righteousness [will be] quietness and assurance forever” (Isaiah 32:17). The Bible explains how righteousness involves obeying the laws and commandments of God (Psalm 119:172). However, this essential dimen-

sion—the need to obey God’s instructions about the way to achieve peace—is not part of the mentality of political and religious leaders of this world today.

God repeatedly warned the nation of Israel that it would reap serious consequences because “you have forsaken the LORD your God, and the fear of Me is not in you” (Jeremiah 2:19). The prophets castigated misguided religious leaders for not explaining the true way to peace, observing that “from the prophet even to the priest, everyone deals falsely. They have healed the hurt of My people slightly [superficially], saying ‘Peace, peace!’ when there is no peace!” (Jeremiah 6:13–14; 8:11). Today, popes and preachers light candles and lead prayers for peace and for victory in combat, without explaining what the Bible reveals about the way to peace—that the true way to prevent war and promote peace involves learning to obey the laws

A Century of Blood

Some estimates suggest as many as 200 million people died in state-sponsored violence during the 20th century. The list of 20th century wars and genocides with fewer than a million victims is too lengthy to present here; the following is a list of just those with civilian and military casualties greater than 1 million.

Deaths (est.)	Event	Year(s)
55 million	World War II	1939–45
38 million	China; Mao Zedong’s “Great Leap Forward”	1958–62
15 million	World War I	1914–18
13 million	Soviet Union; purges under Joseph Stalin	1936–37
11 million	China; Mao Zedong’s “Cultural Revolution”	1966–69
9 million	Russia; Soviet Revolution	1917–21
7 million	Soviet Union at war with Ukraine	1932–33
4 million	Korean War	1950–53
3.8 million	Democratic Republic of the Congo; Second Congo War	1998–2003
3 million	Vietnam War	1964–73
2.5 million	Ethiopia; civil wars and genocide	1974–91
2.4 million	China; Xinhai Revolution	1911
2 million	China; Nationalist-Communist Civil War	1927–37
2 million	Sudan; Second Sudanese Civil War	1983–2002
1.7 million	Cambodia under Khmer Rouge	1975–79
1.6 million	North Korea; purges under Kim Il Sung	1948–94
1.3 million	Soviet Union at war in Afghanistan	1979–88
1.2 million	Ottoman Empire slaughters Armenians	1915
1.2 million	China; Nationalists defeated by Communists	1946–49
1.1 million	China; Manchurian War	1931
1 million	Spain; Francoist-Republican Civil War	1936–39
1 million	Partition of India and Pakistan	1947
1 million	Iran-Iraq War	1980–88
1 million	Rwanda; genocide against Tutsis	1994

of God. Isaiah also prophesied of a time when the “ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly” over the failure of their efforts to prevent war and promote peace (Isaiah 33:7). Isaiah’s words could not more aptly describe the tragedies of the 20th century—when such unprecedented efforts as the humanly devised League of Nations and the United Nations *failed to prevent* the bloodiest decades in all of human history!

How Peace Will Come

But are we doomed to suffer from endless conflict and bloodshed between the nations and peoples of this world? Is there any real hope for true peace on earth? Here again, the Bible reveals exciting answers, which many religious leaders fail to explain—and may not understand or even believe. The Bible clearly states that Jesus Christ will return to this earth (Matthew 24:30–31; John 14:3; Acts 1:6–11; Revelation 3:11). His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives (Zechariah 14:1–4) overlooking Jerusalem. He will return at a time when the nations of this world are involved in a global struggle that would see the end of the human race if it were not stopped in time (Matthew 24:6–8, 21–22). At His return, Jesus Christ will take control of the kingdoms of this earth and establish a world government, which will begin in Jerusalem and eventually spread around the earth (Revelation 11:15–19; Isaiah 2:2–4). This is a fundamental part of the gospel that Jesus proclaimed at His first coming. To learn more about this important topic, please contact the regional office nearest you (listed on page 30 of this magazine) and write or

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The Bible has long foretold that in this coming “kingdom of God,” the saints will rule with Jesus Christ on this earth (Daniel 7:27; Matthew 19:28; Revelation 5:10). The saints—individuals who have been called and trained to apply the laws of God in this physical life—will begin to explain the laws of God to all human beings and show the world the way to real peace. This is what the prophet Isaiah was describing when he recorded, “For out of Zion [Jerusalem] shall go forth the law... He shall judge between the nations... 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 2:2–4). The Bible clearly reveals that a time is coming when there will be no more military academies, armed forces, defense industries or weapons dealers—these will be consigned to the pages of history at the return of the Savior!

Jesus Christ, ruling as the “Prince of Peace,” will establish the government of God on this earth, and He will usher in an era

of peace that will last forever. Isaiah records this inspiring prophecy: “Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever” (Isaiah 9:7). The Bible reveals that the way to real peace will involve teaching human beings how to live by the immutable laws of God. People will learn that it is wrong to kill, steal, lie, lust or rape—even in the name of religion (Exodus 20:12–17). They will learn that it is wrong even to harbor hatreds or bigotries, and they will learn how to come to agreements in times of conflict, instead of going to war (Matthew 5:21–26; 18:15:20). They will learn that seeking revenge is not an effective way to find peace (Matthew 5:38–48). In God’s coming kingdom and government, the laws of God will not be dismissed as simple-minded platitudes; they will be backed up lovingly, yet firmly, by the power of God (Psalm 2:7–9; Revelation 2:27). The Bible reveals that this is how swords will ultimately be beaten into plowshares, and real peace will finally come to this earth. ■

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Watch and Warn

Wars and Rumors of Wars

Elsewhere in this issue of *Tomorrow's World* magazine, you have read about wars of the past. However, even while you are reading this article in January 2007, many parts of our world are at war **right now!** Every kind of conflict is being waged. From clashes of nation-state and rebel armies on traditional battlefields, to small-scale hit-and-run guerilla raids and low-tech banditry, human blood is flowing in an ever-widening river of pain, suffering and death. This chaos threatens to engulf the Western democracies in a rising tide of international hatred, terror, rebellion, carnage and economic upheaval that will lead to the dramatic end-time events prophesied in the pages of your Bible! "For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty" (Revelation 16:14).

Many of today's wars are over control of the dwindling supplies of natural resources needed to keep nations' economies afloat—and their people alive. As population pressures grow in arid parts of the globe, nations are even competing for the most basic resources of all: arable land and water. Other wars involve age-old tribal or ethnic animosities, often between groups within the same country. Each group seeks its own advantage, rather than the good of the nation. "Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures" (James 4:1-3).

Warfare, or the threat of it, is a deterrent to foreign investment and development. Many nations now in the throes of political chaos or actual conflict are sources of valuable raw materials and petroleum reserves. Not only are these resources sought by the industrialized nations;

less developed countries also seek them as they struggle to establish manufacturing-based economies and lift their peoples out of severe poverty. Most of these war-torn countries are in dire need of economic development and education for their peoples, in order to increase their standard of living. Yet because of greed, covetousness and nations' jockeying for advantage over one another, leaders often seek to divert attention away from their nations' own problems by inflaming among the discontented masses a hatred against and jealousy toward their neighbors. This sets the stage for war, when one country feels entitled to steal the resources of another.

When the Japanese attacked the U.S. fleet at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, one motive was to stop America from being able to intervene against Japanese plans to seize Southeast Asia's raw material resources. Because of an oil embargo the U.S. had placed on Japan, that nation had only a 90-day reserve of petroleum. Without fuel, Japan's economy would have ground to a halt, its people would have faced unemployment and massive food shortages—and its war effort in Manchuria could not have been sustained. That oil embargo pushed Japan to the extreme of launching a "do-or-die" war many high-ranking Japanese military officials feared they could not win. When the attack began, Japanese pilots discovered that the American aircraft carriers were not in port at Pearl Harbor. Japan's fate was sealed. Since then, economic pressures have continued to provoke wars around the world.

Many of the nations battling piracy are near important shipping lanes, and are also involved in armed conflicts and banditry on land. When economies are disrupted by war, and people are unable to earn a living from their normal occupations, some will raid their neighbors or harass unarmed merchant vessels, cruise liners and even oil platforms. When nations must then

Nations Currently Experiencing Armed Conflict

Afghanistan	Guinea	Libya	Philippines	Tajikistan
Burma	India	Malaysia	Russia	Thailand
Cameroon	Indonesia	Mali	Senegal	Turkey
Chad	Iraq	Mauritania	Sierra Leone	Uzbekistan
Chechnya	Israel	Nepal	Somalia	
China	Ivory Coast	Nigeria	Sri Lanka	
Ethiopia	Laos	Pakistan	Sudan	

Areas of Instability, Approaching War

Albania	Djibouti	Liberia	Spratly Islands
Algeria	Egypt	Moldova	Syria
Armenia	Eritrea	Montenegro	Taiwan
Azerbaijan	Georgia	Morocco	Togo
Bahrain	Guinea-Bissau	North Korea	Turkmenistan
Bangladesh	Iran	Oman	United Arab Emirates
Bosnia	Jordan	Qatar	Vietnam
Central African Republic	Kazakhstan	Saudi Arabia	Western Sahara
Corsica	Kosovo	Serbia	Yemen
Cyprus	Kyrgyzstan	Solomon Islands	
	Lebanon	South Korea	

divert scarce resources to fighting off piracy at sea, law enforcement on land often suffers, and nations fighting piracy may fall victim to increased banditry on land.

News reports contain accounts of criminals boarding cruise ships to kill someone who had witnessed a crime, or to hold a ship's crew or passengers for ransom. Once a smaller ship has been seized in the Philippines or Indonesia, where most of today's pirate attacks occur, those nations' small, outdated navies find it almost impossible to locate the missing vessels hidden among thousands of inlets and islands.

Where piracy is a threat, the economic cost to protect coastal and high-seas commerce is staggering. Insurance premiums are high for ships and their cargoes, adding to the financial strain placed on the world's merchant fleets—already under duress because of high fuel prices. In 2000, marine insurers sustained \$16 billion in losses due to piracy alone, and the problem has only grown worse since then.

The world's great trading powers—dependent on the sea lane arteries that deliver their nations' commercial life's blood of raw materials, petroleum products and finished goods, upon which their economies thrive—will inevitably need to send more of their naval forces to sea to protect merchant shipping, as piracy and banditry increase in the years ahead. This will only add to the political stresses threatening fragile relationships in many parts of the globe.

Jesus Christ foresaw the events that are making news headlines today. He told his followers not to be overly concerned, because these occurrences are not the end—but rather are the beginning of greater disasters that would lie just ahead. “But when you hear of wars and commotions, do not be terrified; for these things must come to pass first, but the end will not come immediately.” Then He said to them, “Nation will

rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom” (Luke 21:9–10). The increasing frequency of war and violence today is preparing the world for future global war on an unprecedented scale. Conflicts and troubles we see today are just the tip of the iceberg. As more civil, religious and regional conflicts break out in politically unstable nations, watch for more reports of small- and large-scale banditry, piracy and warfare in the news, but take heart—Jesus Christ is coming, soon!

—Don Davis

Areas Overrun by Bandits or Pirates

Afghanistan	Kyrgyzstan
Albania	Liberia
Algeria	Malaysia
Bangladesh	Morocco
Cambodia	Nepal
Cameroon	Niger
Central African Republic	Nigeria
Chad	Pakistan
Chechnya	Persian Gulf
Djibouti	Philippines
Eritrea	Russia
Ethiopia	Senegal
Georgia	Sierra Leone
Ghana	Solomon Islands
Guinea	Somalia
India	Sri Lanka
Indonesia	Sudan
Iraq	Tajikistan
Ivory Coast	Thailand
	Yemen

Old Friends

An observer of the modern scene recently noted that people today do not have many friends; some people have none at all. With the hectic pace of modern life, it seems that many do not take the time or have the opportunity to develop lasting friendships.

As life progresses and the years roll by, our friendships change. Interests diminish where they once flourished. People move away to pursue careers, or to escape problems and start afresh in a new location. Companies or even whole industries restructure, disrupting the lives of employees. Workers are “downsized” or “outsourced” so a firm can survive or simply improve its profitability. In the process, highly valued business friendships evaporate, leaving those affected feeling empty and abandoned.

When families break up, relationships that were once comfortable and rewarding can be shattered, deeply wounding those involved. After suffering great hurt and disillusionment, some withdraw and are slow to establish new relationships, for fear of being hurt yet once again.

Close friendships today are strained by distance and time—by long commutes that soak up hours once spent with loved ones, by schools far away from a child’s neighborhood, and by two-income households leaving little time for family members to share with each other or with friends. Even modern technology is a “mixed blessing”—instant messaging and e-mail allow us to stay in touch, but remind us that we are apart.

The book of Proverbs, in your Bible, says much about the importance of friends—and shows us how to have good friends. For example: “A man who has friends must himself be friendly” (Proverbs 18:24). We need to do our part to attract good friends.

A friend can be counted upon: “A friend loves at all times and a brother is born for adversity” (Proverbs 17:17). A true friend will tell you what

you need to hear, even if it is unpleasant: “Faithful are the wounds of a friend” (Proverbs 27:6). It is important that we be loyal to our friends: “Do not

forsake your own friend or your father’s friend” (Proverbs 27:10). Indeed, we can do much to build lasting friendship if we apply godly principles found in the Bible.

Scripture also reveals that we have one friend who can always be counted upon—now, and for all

time. Jesus Christ told His disciples: “You are my friends if you do what ever I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things I heard from my father I have made known to you” (John 15:14–15).

A little more than 20 years ago, Roger Miller recorded “Old Friends,” a wonderful song that still resonates today. He sang:

“Old friends... Lord, when all my work is done / Bless my life, grant me one old friend / At least one old friend.”

We all hope to make many good friends in this life. But the friendship that matters most is the one that will transcend all adversity, and even death. If you have not already done so, make friends with the soon-coming King of kings and Lord of lords—Jesus Christ. That Friend told us, “You are My friends if you do whatever I command you” (John 15:14). To learn more about how to do as He commanded, and establish your friendship with Him, please write or go to our www.tomorrowworld.org Web site to request your free copy of our booklet, *What Is a True Christian?* It may change your life—now, and forever!

—J. Davy Crockett, III



Lessons of History (Continued from page 13)

and sat in ashes” (vv. 5–6). Can you imagine any world leader today humbling himself in that way before God?

The Assyrians responded to Jonah’s warning. They repented of their evil ways, and God spared them. This happened in the eighth century BC. God spared Ninevah for many years, and even used the nation to punish ancient Israel and bring its people into captivity. After Assyria captured the “Northern Kingdom”—Israel—that kingdom was lost to history and its peoples became known as the “lost ten tribes.”

The prophet Isaiah records God’s purpose in using Assyria to punish Israel. Isaiah quotes God as saying, “Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger and the staff in whose hand is My indignation. I will send him against an ungodly nation, and against the people of My wrath I will give him charge, to seize the spoil, to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets. Yet he does not mean so, nor does his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy, and cut off not a few nations” (Isaiah 10:5–7).

God had warned the Kingdom of Israel to repent, but its people refused to reform. So, the Assyrians conquered the ten-tribed House of Israel, and moved the captives far to the east in Assyria. Israel’s final captivity took place around 721BC. Eventually, however, Assyria returned to its carnal ways, and in 612BC God allowed the Medes to destroy Ninevah.

God had also sent His warnings to the Kingdom of Judah, but that nation also persisted in its sins. So, God used the kingdom

of Babylon under King Nebuchadnezzar to punish the House of Judah. A majority of Jews were deported to Babylon over a period of two decades, ending with the destruction of Jerusalem in 586BC. As a young man, Daniel and three of his friends were taken captive and trained in the culture and literature of Babylon. Those young men persisted in the godly values they had been taught in Judah, and God was able to use Daniel to interpret Nebuchadnezzar’s dream—and to give the good news of a coming great Kingdom that will stand forever!

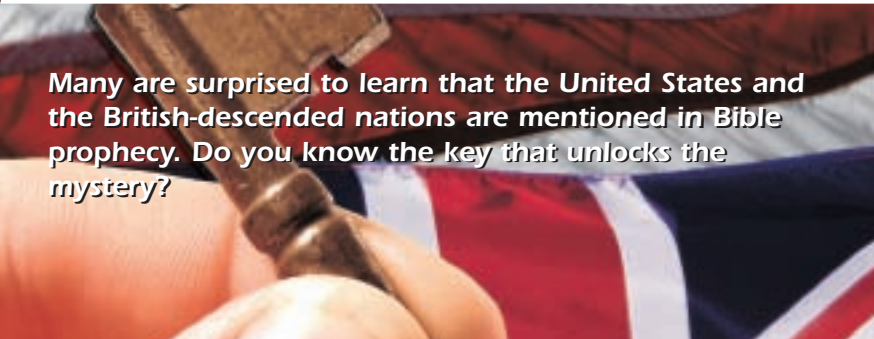
Yes, the Kingdom of God will stand forever! You can count on it! That is the good news we strive to share with you in this magazine! Even if your nation does not heed God’s word, you will be blessed individually if you believe and act on God’s revealed truth! And that truth reveals the futures of “modern Israel”—the nations descended from the “lost” ten tribes—including the U.S., Great Britain and the British-descended nations, and many of the peoples of northwest Europe. If you do not already have a copy, please write or call to request a free copy of our informative booklet, *The*

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As regular readers of *Tomorrow’s World* know, much of Bible prophecy is “dual”—there is an end-time fulfillment parallel to an ancient fulfillment. Indeed, prophecy shows that the end-time descendants of Assyria will once again punish the end-time descendants of the lost ten tribes of Israel. Will you be ready when this happens? Do you know the signs to watch for? Keep reading *Tomorrow’s World*, and studying your Bible, and you will learn how to understand world events in the light of Bible prophecy.

Whether or not the western nations learn the lessons of history, we can repent individually—and we must. The day of God’s judgment against humanity’s failed ways is approaching fast. Those nations and individuals who turn to God will be blessed. What should you do? Do not wait for your nation to change. Now is the time for you to seek God with all your heart. ■

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Goal for True Christians

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they genuinely seek first His Kingdom. This must be the primary goal of a Christian's entire life! Remember Jesus' command: "But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you" (Matthew 6:33). For God's Kingdom is indeed very real. It is coming soon. We need to realize this more fully, and focus our minds on preparing to be in that Kingdom, where today's Christians will have the privilege

of teaching a suffering and war-torn world the way of peace and joy that God has outlined throughout the Bible.

Each of us needs to surrender totally to let Christ live His obedient life within us, so He can make with us—as spiritual Israel—the “new covenant” clearly described in His word: “But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people” (Jeremiah 31:33).

May God grant each of us the understanding of His Plan, and of the magnificent purpose He is working out at this time. And may He give us the zeal to prepare for the time when we can help and serve and teach a suffering humanity the ways and laws of the great God, who gives us life and breath. Truly, becoming a spirit-born son of God and having a part in the very “real” Kingdom or Government of God—which Jesus Christ will soon set up on this earth—should be the overarching goal of every Christian's life! ■

Violence Against Women

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young female teachers were found slain in the western part of the city” (*Charlotte Observer*, October 20, 2006).

Also, many heinous crimes against women are being committed in Darfur, the Congo and other parts of Africa. It is widely reported that literally tens of thousands of women and young girls are being systematically raped, tortured and mutilated on a regular basis.

The old Protestant song, “*This is my Father's world,*” does not seem to resonate any more, *does it?*

For, ever since Adam and Eve turned their backs on God and His laws, this has definitely been Satan's world. The Apostle John describes the “serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world” (Revelation 12:9). The Apostle Paul describes Satan as the “prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience” (Ephesians 2:2).

All women—as well as men—are made “in the image of God” (Genesis 1:27). We all must recognize that only through the practice of true Christianity can women—as well as men—attain their full human potential. The Son of God gave His life for women—as well as for men. And one of Jesus Christ's final acts before His crucifixion was to honor and help look after his mother. As He hung dying on the cross—in excruciating pain—Jesus told

John, his closest personal friend among the disciples: “Behold your mother”. And from that hour that disciple took her [Mary] to his own home” (John 19:27).

The love, kindness and patient tenderness that we normally associate with our mothers, sisters, wives and daughters makes decent men deeply ashamed of the horrifying brutality and abuse to which increasing millions of women are now being subjected. But, in spite of all the sincere efforts of human beings, this abuse will only grow worse until the day God Himself intervenes and sends the real Jesus Christ back to this earth as King of kings. God describes the blessings of His people at that time: “Therefore in their land they shall possess double; everlasting joy shall be theirs” (Isaiah 61:7). And “they shall dwell safely, and no one shall make them afraid” (Ezekiel 34:28).

The growing abuse and humiliation of women in all parts of the world is an important reason why we should take seriously God's promise of a soon-coming world government under Jesus Christ and His resurrected saints. It is another reason we should fervently pray, “Thy Kingdom come.”



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ID, Pocatello: Vision—Ch 12, WED 2:30 pm; FRI 1:00 pm
IL, Bloomington: Insight—Ch 20, SUN 1:00 pm;
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IL, Moline: MediaCom—Ch 19, MON 4:30 pm
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LA, Latonia: PEG 17—Ch 17, WED 5:30 pm; THUR 12:00 am
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MN, Hutchinson: HCVN—Ch 10, FRI 4:00 pm; TUE 4:00 pm
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MN, Minneapolis: MTN—Ch 75, THUR 6:30 pm
MN, Minneapolis: NW Community—Ch 19, SAT 10:30 pm;
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MN, Roseville: CTN—Ch 14, TUE 8:00 pm; WED 4:00 am & 12:00 pm
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MO, Springfield: KSPR—Ch 33, SUN 8:30 am
MO, St. Charles: Charter—Ch 47, SUN 9:30 am & 9:00 pm
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MS, Jackson: Time Warner—Ch 18, SUN 10:00 am; WED 4:00 pm
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NC, Charlotte: WHKY—Ch 14/19, MON 7:30 pm
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NM, Albuquerque: CC27—Ch 27, SUN 6:30 pm
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NV, Carson City: SMCAT—Ch 10, SUN 6:00 pm
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NY, Buffalo: Adelphia—Ch 20, THUR 10:30 am
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WED 2:30 pm
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SUN 10:00 am
Argentina, Buenos Aires: Radio Melquisedec—93.3 FM, SAT 10:30 am
Chile, Santiago: Radio Arcorlis—105.3 FM, MON, WED, FRI at
12:00 am & 8:00 pm
Colombia, Medellin: Ondas de la Montaña: 1350 AM, SAT 10:30 am
Costa Rica, San Jose: Radio La Gigante—800 AM, SUN 8:00 am
Guadeloupe: Kili FM—99.4 FM, MON-FRI 6:15 am
Guayana, Georgetown: NCN—560 AM, TUE 7:30 pm
Martinique: Radio Banlieue-Relax—103.4 FM, SUN 6:15 am
Philippines, Cebu City: DYLA—909 AM, SUN 6:00 am
Philippines, Davao City: DXUM—See Local Listing
Philippines, Manila: DWBL—1242 AM, THUR 10:30 pm;
SUN 3:30 pm
Philippines, Ozamiz City: DXOC—1494 AM, SUN 5:00 am
Sri Lanka, Colombo: TNL Radio Networks—101.7 FM
USA, La Follette, TN: WLAF—1450 AM, SAT 3:00 pm

• **Canada**
VISION—SUN 5:30 pm ET; MON-FRI 3:00 am ET

• **Nationwide Cable**
WGN—SUN 6:00 am ET
INSPIRATION NETWORK—SAT 1:00 am ET

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VISION, Canada: SUN 5:30 pm ET; MON–FRI 3:00 am ET

CH NETWORK, Canada: MON 12:30 am

NEW U.S.A. TELEVISION STATIONS:

FL, Jacksonville: *WTEV-TV*—CH 47, SUN 7:00 am

MD, Baltimore: *Community Media*—CH 75, SUN 9:00 am

MI, Portage: *Access*—CH 19, 20, FRI 10:30 am, TUE 2:00 pm

NC, Charlotte: *WAXN-TV*—CH 64, SUN 7:00 am

NY, Rockland County: *Cablevision*—CH 76, SAT 12:30 pm

NY, Wappingers Falls: *Cablevision*—CH 21, FRI 10:00 pm

NY, Watertown: *Time Warner*—CH 99, SUN 6:00 pm

PA, Lehigh Valley: *BRCTV*—CH 13, SUN 10:30 am

VT, Burlington: *Community Access*—CH 15, THUR 11:30 am and FRI 12:00 am

NEW RADIO STATIONS:

Argentina, Buenos Aires: Radio General San Martin-610 AM, SUN 10:00 am

Argentina, Buenos Aires: Radio Melquisedec-93.3 FM, SAT 10:30 am

SEE WGN ON SATELLITE TV:

Direct TV: Ch 255, SUN 6:00 am ET

Direct TV DBS: Ch 307, SUN 6:00 am ET

Dish Network: Ch 181, SUN 6:00 am ET

Dish Network DBS: Ch 239, SUN 6:00 am ET