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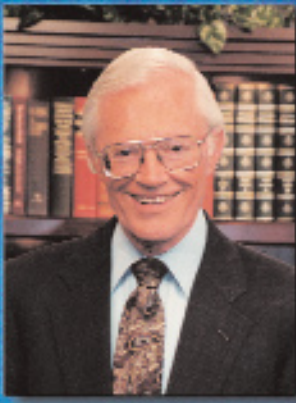
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Personal

By Roderick C. Meredith, Editor in Chief

Where Is Jesus Christ Working Today?

As a youth, I grew up in “mainstream” Protestantism. My parents, my sisters and I regularly attended a good-sized church in southwestern Missouri. The sermons were rather general, sometimes philosophical or boring, but just attending church made us “feel better.” We were attending the church our family had *always* attended. So it seemed the right thing to do. It never occurred to us to ask ourselves: “Where is God’s true church today? Where is the living Jesus Christ really working through human beings on this earth today?”

Most people never ask themselves such questions.

Yet, today, staggering events are on the immediate horizon. They are prophesied in your Bible. One fourth of the entire Bible is devoted to prophecy. And the Apostle Paul stated: “Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables” (2 Timothy 4:2–4). Does *your* minister preach the *full message* of the Bible? Does he regularly explain and make clear to you and your loved ones the powerful end-time prophecies of the Bible? There are quite a number of specific events for which true Christians should be watching. These events will soon clearly indicate that humanity is at the very *end* of this present age—the age of man’s rule over the earth under the influence of Satan the Devil (Revelation 12:9).

Somewhere on this earth, God has *true* servants who faithfully and fully proclaim the end-time events to which we should all be paying attention. God inspired His prophet Amos to tell us: “Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets. A lion has roared! Who will not fear? The Lord GOD has spoken! Who can but prophesy?” (Amos 3:7–8).

Many religious leaders talk about the “end times.” But, in all honesty, *who* is telling you—*often in advance*—the specific events to watch for? And who is helping you, today, to understand the real *meaning* behind the traumatic upheavals in the weather, the increasing earthquakes, the terrorist attacks and the awful wars in Africa, the Middle East and elsewhere that are now beginning to threaten this planet?

Who is truly “making sense” out of all of this?

Jesus said: “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the **truth**, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:31–32). Again, if you are to abide in Christ’s “word,” *who* is really making that word “come alive?” Who is continually quoting—**not** just from the secular writings of this world—but from the *inspired word of God*? Who is constantly challenging you: “**Prove all things**; and hold fast that which is good” (1 Thessalonians 5:21, KJV)?

Our editors and writers at *Tomorrow’s World* magazine sincerely hope that every one of you subscribers will be inspired to genuinely dig into your Bible, look up the scriptures and **prove** the vital truths we give you in this magazine by researching them in *your own Bible*! Then, and *only then*, will you come to understand the **truth** which shall make you “free” from the confusion, the half truths and the deceptions that clutter our modern religious landscape.

Over the years, I have often encountered sincere people from various religious groups and cults who are out on the street doing “personal evangelism.” Occasionally, I have questioned them about a number of key issues in the Bible. Amusingly, yet sadly, when these earnest young men or occasionally older persons of either sex, are confronted by very clear biblical statements that *directly contradict* the handful of scriptures with which they are familiar, a look of *puzzlement* or even *fear* sweeps over their faces. They suddenly realize they are “caught.” They *have*

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The Answer

By Roderick C. Meredith

For several weeks last fall, millions of Americans near the nation's capital lived in fear that a sniper's bullet might take their lives without warning. The United States has become a dangerous place, where it is often unsafe *even to take a walk!* It is definitely *not* safe to take an evening stroll in most big American cities. For instead of smelling the flowers, you may end up "pushing up the daisies" from your grave. You have a very good chance of being mugged, raped or murdered.

I remember fondly a trip I took to Brussels, Belgium, where one can take a walk almost anywhere, night or day, in relative safety. As a tourist, getting lost was my greatest danger. The same goes for Germany, Denmark, the other Scandinavian countries and most of Western Europe. The city parks at twilight are filled with flowers, young parents with children and old ladies feeding pigeons—in safety.

We used to call the U.S. "the land of the free and the home of the brave." So why are its streets unsafe? What has

happened to the U.S.—and *why?* Can its problems be solved by more police? Homeland security? Tougher gun laws? Better hospitals? Better schools? Can any or all of these help? And are any of these truly "the answer"?

Cause and Effect

Shortsighted leaders often try to pacify citizens with social "painkillers" or "political aspirin" that temporarily mask the immediate pain of social problems. But these ultimately fail, just as exploitive medical practices often fail to treat the underlying causes of degenerative disease (e.g. stress, pollution, poor diet and lack of exercise).

Gun control may do a certain amount of good—but what about the countless weapons already in criminals' hands? Prisons may keep offenders from committing new crimes—for a short while—but often simply teach inmates to become more clever and hardened criminals.

An article in the *San Gabriel Tribune* described the sad prospects of a 12-year-old California boy who had committed a

serious offense. Journalist Keith Sharon described the boy's probable situation in prison. "His age will not earn him any special treatment other than the placement of his bed. His odds of coming out of the program reformed are the same as the other boys: Fifty-five percent are back in jail within two years."

And, of course, we all know that society's "answer" to the AIDS epidemic is to pass out condoms to 10- and 12-year-old boys and girls—children who are totally unprepared for a sexual relationship. *Awful!* The genuine *answer* to these and similar problems facing the U.S. and most other nations is not merely to treat the "effect" but to get at the *cause*.

We must recognize that the U.S. is truly *coming apart* at the seams! When you consider the national debt—the *worst in recorded human history*—and the drug problems, criminality, broken families, racial tensions, AIDS and other venereal diseases—you can see that the U.S. truly does not have many more years to go before some kind of **major** breakdown occurs.

Before long, it will be obvious that the U.S. is **under some kind of national curse**. Why? And what can be done about it?

The ANSWER

Whether we realize it or not, we are suffering because of the breaking and smashing of certain *fundamental laws of the universe*. Are we breaking the laws of science or physics? No. It is far more serious than that. Many have been deceived into thinking that the Creator God is "far away." Billions have been taught that His great spiritual law, the Ten

Commandments, is not binding for people today.

Because of a confused, do-your-own-thing "value system," Americans are no longer sure about what is right and what is wrong. So American cities are increasingly unsafe. More and more American high school co-eds get pregnant; about one and a half *million* little human beings are *murdered* each year while still in the womb, and their murders are paid for with money on which is printed: "In God We Trust." What a hypocritical nation!

We must realize that humanity does *not* have the authority to decide what is right and what is wrong. Only our Creator has the authority to decide that—and He has given us this basic information in the "Ultimate Manual for Survival"—the Holy Bible.

When Jesus Christ was asked the way to ultimate survival, He gave an unambiguous answer. A young man asked: "Good teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" Jesus answered: "Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, *that is*, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments" (Matthew 19:16–17). Then Jesus began to name some of the Ten Commandments so there would be no confusion as to which law He was talking about.

If our entire human society, from top to bottom, would believe in and live by the Ten Commandments, **we would have a virtual utopia!** There would be no need for prisons, for there would be no crime. No need for large defense expenditures, for there would be no more war. No need for hundreds of millions of dollars to deal with drug-related

problems, for people would be at peace with themselves and their family. No expenditures for AIDS and all the other venereal diseases, for married men and women would learn to be faithful, before marriage and in marriage, to one dearly loved.

The Apostle James was inspired to write: "For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all. For He who said, 'Do not commit adultery,' also said, 'Do not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery, but you do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so do as those who will be judged by the law of liberty" (James 2:10–12).

Notice that "the law" James writes about is the Ten Commandments. He states that Christians will be "judged" by the law (v. 12), and the Ten Commandments are specifically called "the law of liberty."

If obeyed, the Ten Commandments would truly liberate mankind from war, crime, divorce, drunkenness, drugs, venereal disease and most of the mental and emotional tensions and guilt feelings that haunt so many people.

Christ's Liberating Message

Contrary to the vain reasonings of so many religionists, Jesus Christ's message had much to do with God's law. In a prophecy about the coming Messiah, Isaiah was inspired to write: "The LORD is well pleased for His righteousness' sake: **He will magnify the law and make it honorable**" (Isaiah 42:21).

In the Sermon on the Mount and throughout His ministry,

Jesus did magnify the Law. He said: “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill” (Matthew 5:17). Please realize that “fulfill” does **not** mean “nullify.” Christ fulfilled the Law by *keeping it*—setting us an *example* that we should *follow*

would not—even in their minds—regard women in a lustful and pornographic way? Rather, each man would see his wife as his God-given “other half,” deserving equal respect—as his true sweetheart and the mother of his children. There would be no adultery or divorce, or broken

The New Covenant

Many misguided preachers try to give the impression that, since we are under the *New Covenant*, the Ten Commandments are done away. **Nothing could be further from the truth!** Notice God’s description of the new covenant in His inspired Word: “Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and with the House of Judah—not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. 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 31:31–33).

The “new” covenant clearly involves Jesus Christ putting His laws in our hearts and minds—making them a part of *our very nature!* In 2 Peter 1:4, Peter states that we are to be “partakers of the divine nature.” The New Covenant involves God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ actually coming in and *living in us*—imparting to us through the Holy Spirit, the very divine nature of which they are composed!

Jesus said: “If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him” (John 14:23). The Apostle Paul wrote: “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ

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in His steps. “For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, *leaving us an example*, that you should follow His steps” (1 Peter 2:21).

As Jesus said: “Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches *them*, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 5:19).

So, sincere followers of Jesus of Nazareth must keep even the “least” of the Ten Commandments—including observance of the weekly Sabbath day. Jesus did *not* give permission to violate God’s law. Notice Matthew 5:28: “But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.” In this verse Jesus is clearly *magnifying God’s Law—not rescinding it.* Jesus made the Law’s real meaning even more thorough and binding on His disciples.

Can you realize what a *different* nation and *different* world we would have if womanhood were deeply respected so that men

homes with mixed-up and often criminally inclined children.

What if we followed Jesus’ magnification of God’s law against murder? There would be no vicious hatreds, beatings, mutilations or taking of human lives. For the living Christ inspired the Apostle John to write: “Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him” (1 John 3:15).

Men and women everywhere would learn *how* to understand and obey the *spirit* of the Ten Commandments. The spirit of the law *in no way* does away with the letter of the Ten Commandments! Rather, it applies the principles of God’s spiritual law to the spirit or attitude of the person. The spirit of the law demands that this attitude be made *right* and *clean* and *pure* from hatred, lust and selfishness.

Why have many of you never heard this before? **Why** have most preachers either neglected to even talk about the Ten Commandments, or else have tried to subtly undermine the credibility of God’s Law by saying it was “done away” or “nailed to the cross”?

liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.” (Galatians 2:20, KJV).

Clearly, the new covenant involves God the Father and Jesus Christ living in us through the power of the Holy Spirit! But *what kind* of life would Jesus live within a true Christian? Paul was inspired to write: “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever” (Hebrews 13:8). So **Christ’s basic way of life does not change.**

Jesus Himself tells us: “If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love” (John 15:10). So Jesus *kept* His Father’s commandments and, as the God—the “Rock”—of the Old Testament (1 Corinthians 10:4), **Jesus gave these commandments to Israel!** For He was their God—acting for the Father—and He and the Father are “one” (John 10:30). They *do not* have *different* laws or *different* value systems.

The beloved Apostle John was inspired to write: “He who says, I know Him, and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him” (1 John 2:4). So any true Christian must necessarily walk in the pathway of the **Ten Commandments**. A true Christian must *study* the commandments and all their meaning and sincerely try to live by them, through the help of God’s Holy Spirit, as a *way of life*.

Why have most of you never heard Christianity explained this way before? *Why* do misguided men seem always to talk about the *person* of Christ, but not His *message* of obedience to God, and

the good news of His coming Kingdom soon to be set up on this earth?

What Lies Ahead

Unless we *repent nationally* of breaking God’s laws, our future looks grim indeed. For every great nation and empire in history that has descended to the depths of immorality we are now experiencing has come to an end.


So what will happen? Will preachers wake up and begin to teach *obedience* to the laws of God? Will political leaders turn to the Creator in true godly fear, making God and His ways a vital part of national life? Will educators, psychologists and sociologists begin to build their concepts on the foundation of the Word of God?

The answer seems obvious. The U.S., along with most of the English-speaking nations, is in for a time of national calamity—actually, *national punishment*—unprecedented in human history. Month by month, year by year, more and more crises will come. The national debt will increase. Immorality and the crime rate will increase. **Cities** will become even less safe, as they are overcome by lawlessness, gang warfare, **race riots**—and finally **food riots** because of the **impending drought** and famine prophesied to strike our peoples.

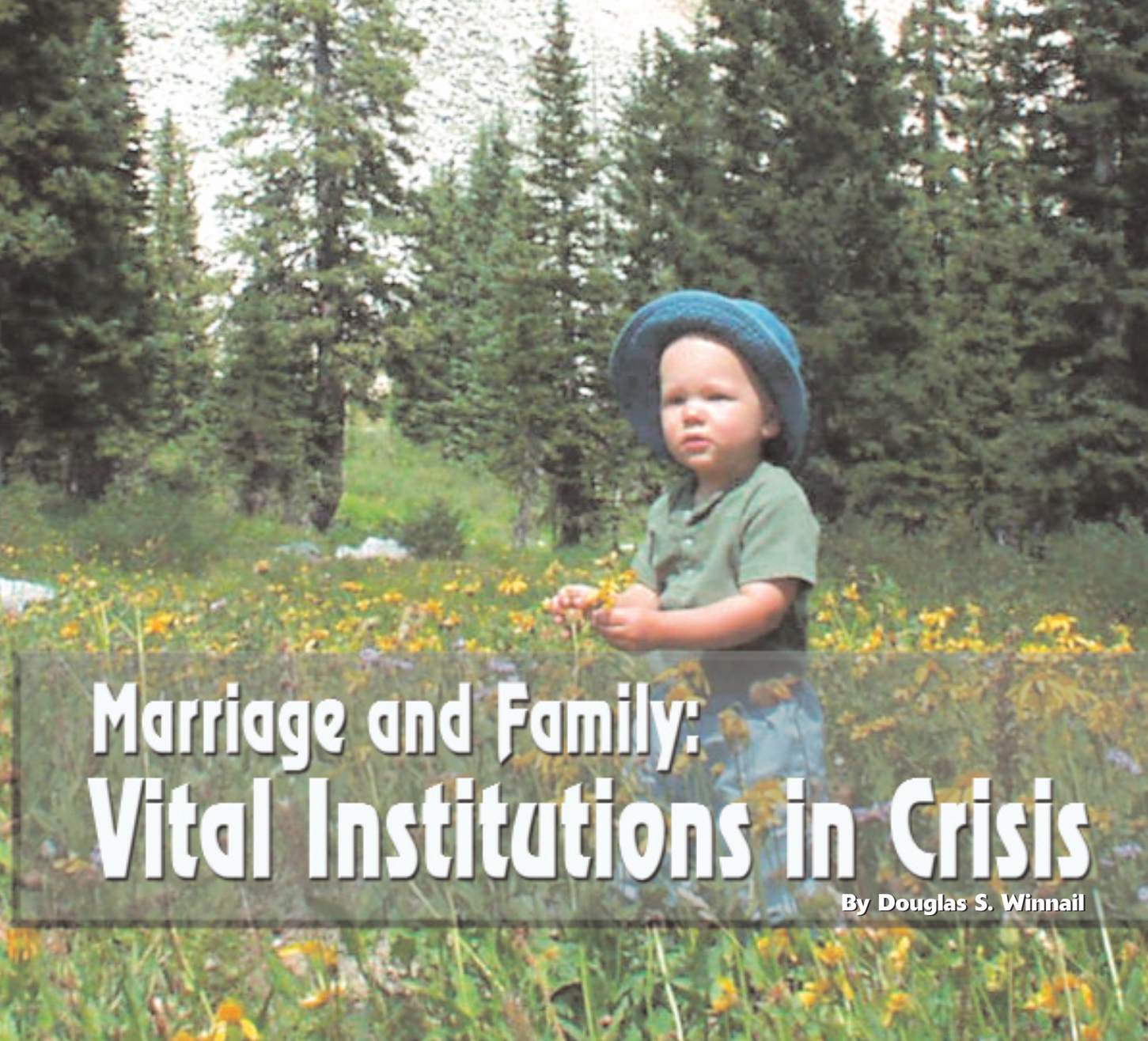
But *you*, personally, can bring *yourself* to an intense awareness of what is happening. You can begin to diligently *study* the Bible and see what it really says. You can begin to *cry out* to God in earnest prayer and ask Him for guidance, for strength and for deliverance for you and your family in the turbulent years ahead. Then, you can *turn to Him* with all your heart and start obeying His laws. You can accept the true Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and *surrender* to let Him *live His life in you*.

As you sincerely seek God and *believe* in the true Gospel of His Son, learn to *do what He says*. He will enrich your life with understanding and purpose. He will grant you the gift of eternal life in His soon-coming Kingdom (John 3:16). And He will deliver you from the coming worldwide catastrophe that Jesus predicted so vividly. For Jesus Himself said: “Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:36). TW

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Marriage and Family: Vital Institutions in Crisis

By Douglas S. Winnail

Is marriage out of date? Can the family be redefined without consequences? Does it matter whether we accept “alternative lifestyles” alongside traditional marriage and family?

We are living in truly momentous times. The historic pillars of Western civilization—biblical religion, marriage and the family—are under siege and crumbling. In the last half of the 20th century the fundamental building blocks of human society were compromised, corrupted and rejected at an alarming rate—and the trend is only accelerating.

Glenn Stanton, a social research analyst, makes the stunning observation that “the

family in the Western world has been radically altered—some claim almost destroyed—by events of the last three decades” (*Why Marriage Matters*, Stanton, p. 17). He states further that “the scale of marital breakdowns in the West since 1960 has *no historical precedent*... there has been nothing like it for the last 2,000 years, and probably longer” (*ibid.*, p. 20). He quotes demographer Kingsley Davis’ lament that at “no time in history, with the possible exception of Imperial Rome, has

the institution of marriage been more problematic than today” (*ibid.*, p. 25). Stanton concludes that “of all the social problems facing American civilization, *the decline of marriage and the breakup of the family is unquestionably our most pressing problem...* it is the common denominator driving other social ills” (*ibid.*, p. 18).

But just *how serious* is this growing trend? What has caused this striking social transformation? Where will it lead? Are there solutions that will salvage and restore the institutions that underpin stable human societies? As we will see, the Bible holds vital keys!

Values and Consequences

Many analysts recognize that the social and sexual revolution that erupted in the 1960s has had momentous consequences. The slogan of anti-war protestors—“make love, not war”—and the efforts of intellectuals to liberate society from “repressive, puritanical, Victorian” morality *separated sex from marriage and morals*, unleashing a wave of sexual promiscuity that swept around the globe. The feminist crusade labeled marriage a form of slavery for women and urged women to initiate sexual liaisons when they felt like it. Divorce laws were relaxed and divorces increased, single parent homes multiplied, and cohabitation rates skyrocketed. Social engineers proclaim that we have “matured” and entered a new age of freedom and tolerance. However, history reveals that there is a *darker side* to this modern wave of naïve social change.

In the 1930s, British anthropologist Joseph Unwin studied how sexual values influenced the course of history in more than 80 different cultures, including ancient Babylon, Greece and Rome. He noted that when sexuality was confined to marriage, societies reached a higher level of civilization—they built bigger cities, made greater efforts to manage their environment and raise their standard of living and asked more probing questions about the meaning of life. He also noted that societies allowing sexual freedom were consistently of a lower order, and that when great civilizations lost respect for the value of marriage and morality, and began pursuing “easy” sexual relationships and alternative lifestyles, those great civilizations *declined* and *crumbled*. So consistent was the evidence that Unwin concluded: “If we know what sexual regulation a society adopted, we can *prophesy* the pattern of its culture” (see Stanton, pp. 47–51).

Other authors echo the same conclusions. One Harvard sociologist wrote that “the regime that permits chronically excessive, illicit and disorderly sex activities contributes to the *decline* of cultural creativity” (*The American Sex Revolution*, Sorokin, pp. 106–107). Historian Jim Nelson Black commented: “The entire record of human history confirms that *despair and disaster* are the natural consequences of irresponsible self-indulgence. A number of Americans [and others] want to ignore that *dark reality*” (*When Nations Die*, Black, p. 216). Theologian Carl Henry resorted to biblical terms when he warned that the “increasing rejection of monogamous marriage, the ready accommodation of divorce... the legitimization of homosexuality and lesbianism as alternative lifestyles” will lead to a “cultural Armageddon” (*The Twilight of a Great Civilization*, Henry, pp. 26, 174). The demise of marriage and the family, and the rise of rampant divorce, cohabitation and unrestrained sexual desires will bring consequences contributing to the *demise* of our own civilization. That is why it is important to understand the significance of this modern social transformation.

Causes and Solutions

But what has caused this rapid demise of marriage and the family? For anyone willing to look, the contributing factors are not hard to find. Author Black states that the rise of relativistic thinking in the 1960s convinced many Americans that “they could trade responsibility and genuine commitment for sensual self-indulgence and self-gratification. Church and state, marriage and family, and many of our most sacred traditional values came under attack. The moral underpinnings of society were discarded in the name of personal freedom and self-actualization” (Black, p. 216). Talk show host Jim Bohannon comments that when people began “doing their own thing” in the 1960s, families began to disintegrate. He observes that “doing your own thing, for parents, means splitting up over just about any provocation. It seems easier to divorce than stay married these days. Divorce has easy to follow steps, and a legion of lawyers to guide you. Marriage comes with no owner’s manual, and is... hard work sometimes” (*America in Crisis*, Bohannon, p. 71). Researcher Stanton writes that many today are “unable or unwilling to make the kind of commitment marriage requires” (Stanton, pp. 27–28).

Former Secretary of Education William Bennett blames liberal theologians who question the importance of marriage, rationalize away moral absolutes, accept alternative homosexual lifestyles and endorse “new” family structures that include same-sex couples adopting children (see *The De-Valuing of America*, Bennett, p. 222). In the last 30 years, the liberalizing of divorce laws in American and other Western countries that permit marriages to be terminated at will has had a disastrous impact on the family (see *The Marriage Problem*, Wilson, pp. 99–101). Family life specialist Dennis Rainey faults parents for not clearly teaching their children, by *word* and *example*, that cohabitation and pre-marital sex are *sinful* and *wrong* (*Building Strong Families*, Rainey, p. 16). A large segment of Western society has accepted false teachings that divorce is often a good solution to family problems and has little per-

manent effects on either adults or children, that cohabitation can be good preparation for marriage and that the definition of a family can be altered without consequence.

As a result of these misguided influences, many today have *no clear idea* of what marriage is all about, and have *no idea* why families exist or what normal family relationships should look like. Numerous scholars recognize the need for dissemination of *proven and tested standards* that people can use to improve their own marriages and families. Professor James Wilson asserts that our current troubled state of marriage will not change “unless there is a powerful cultural reassertion of the value of marriage” (Wilson, p. 216). Our “mature”—yet gullible—cultures must come to understand that the benefits of intact, first-time marriage *far outweigh* any other alternative, and that cohabitation, premarital sex and

Traits of Healthy Families

What qualities do strong, healthy families possess? What can you do to improve the quality of your family life? Columnist and researcher Dolores Curran surveyed 500 family professionals and identified 15 traits that strong families all shared. Each of these traits can be nurtured and developed in your own family.

A Healthy Family:

- Communicates and listens
- Shares table time and conversation—they eat together
- Affirms and supports one another
- Teaches respect for others
- Develops a sense of trust among members
- Has a sense of play and humor
- Has a balance of interaction among members
- Shares leisure time—they do things together
- Exhibits a sense of shared responsibility
- Teaches a sense of right and wrong
- Has a strong sense of family in which rituals and traditions abound
- Has a shared religious core
- Respects the privacy of one another
- Values service to others
- Admits and seeks help with problems

(from *Traits of a Healthy Family*, Curran)

“new” definitions of families are *poor substitutes* for the real thing.

Origin and Purpose

But *why* do marriage and the family exist? How did they come to be? Intellectuals have foolishly speculated that human beings learned to marry and form families because this gave us an evolutionary advantage over our supposed animal ancestors, aiding the survival of our species because it helped us better hunt for or raise our food, and gain protection against dangers outside the family. Such simplistic and materialistic thinking assumes that there is no higher purpose for human existence, and simply *ignores* what God has revealed in the Bible. Yet since this kind of thinking is so widespread today, it is not surprising that many have no idea of the real origin and purpose of marriage and family—even though the Bible makes it plain!

From the Bible we learn that human beings are not animals; rather, they were created in the image of God, their Creator (Genesis 1:26–28). They were to “be fruitful and multiply”—to have children—and to learn to rule on the earth. God intended that sexual relations should be confined to marriage, and defined marriage as between a man and woman who become husband and wife (Genesis 2:21–25). An ideal family consists of a biological father and mother and their children. To try to dignify a relationship between two men or two women as a “marriage,” or to redefine the family as anything other than husband, wife and children is simply to *pervert* what God intended—and is an *abomination* in His sight (see Leviticus 18:22; Romans 1:22–32). God does not mince words or indulge in “politically correct” terminology.

The Bible reveals that one key purpose of marriage is the rearing of “godly offspring” (Malachi 2:15). This is why adultery and sexual immorality are wrong (Exodus 20:14; 1 Corinthians 6:18–20),

and why God “hates divorce” (Malachi 2:16). Divorce destroys the essential stability of the family and leaves *permanent scars* on adults and children (see Stanton, chapter 5). Marriage and family are also a training ground for greater responsibilities (1 Timothy 3:1–5, 12). The *revealed purpose* of human life is that we can ultimately become members of God’s divine family (Romans 8:14–17; 1 John 3:1–3;

also request our free booklet *Your Ultimate Destiny*). The Bible explains that relationships within the family are designed to picture relationships in God’s spiritual family (Ephesians 5:30–33), and spells out specific God-ordained roles for husbands and wives within marriage. Men are to lead but are commanded to love their wives (Ephesians 5:23–29) and dwell with them according to understanding—appreciating how their wives differ, and learning how to meet their needs (1 Peter 3:7). A wife must also learn to love her husband and be “submissive” to his leadership, following the example of the great women such as Sarah (1 Peter 3:1–6). Sarah was not a brainless “doormat”; she was an intelli-

gent woman who followed God’s instructions for women (Proverbs 31:10–31).

Building Strong Families

Strong, healthy families do not “just happen”! They result from following specific guidelines. For any family, culture or civilization to thrive and grow—and not decline and crumble—*sound values* must be passed on to the next generation. This is why the nation of Israel was instructed to teach their children the laws and commandments of God (Deuteronomy 6:1–9). Abraham was chosen to be the father of the faithful (Romans 4:11) because he taught “his children and his household... that they keep the way of the LORD, to do righteousness and justice” (Genesis 18:19). Righteousness is defined as keeping the commandments of God (Psalm 119:172). The Bible plainly states: “You shall there-



fore keep His commandments... *that it may go well with you and with your children after you*" (Deuteronomy 4:40). The Bible warns that serious consequences will result if we ignore or reject God's commandments (see Leviticus 26; Deuteronomy 28).

God fully intended that parents and religious leaders understand and explain the biblical instructions concerning marriage and family. This is why it is important to understand the *purpose* of marriage, and the role the family plays in preparing future sons and daughters for the Kingdom of God. Anyone who wants a strong marriage and family must *prepare*—physically, mentally and spiritually—to handle the

5). Those who cohabit before marriage divorce more frequently. Divorce leaves life-long scars on both children and adults. Single-parent homes are "the single largest stumbling block to academic success" when children enter school (Bohannon, p. 72). This is not welcome news to those who promote alternative lifestyles. Stanton observes in his remarkably informative book that "a culture wise enough to favor marriage over the myriad 'alternative' family structures will reap the benefits of healthy, strong, happy, sound, productive, and long-lived lives" (*ibid.*, p. 95).

The Bible clearly teaches that "God is love" (1 John 4:8) and that we are to learn to live godly lives

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roles and responsibilities that God outlines in the Bible. Regrettably, today, even many professing Christians try to reason around and reject as "old fashioned" the roles for husbands and wives clearly explained in Scripture (see Ephesians 5:22–33; Colossians 3:18–21; 1 Peter 3:1–7). Anyone who marries and starts a family must also *count the cost* and *be willing to pay the price* (in time, commitment and persistence) that is required to succeed. Today, however, when problems arise, many opt for an "easy" divorce (in spite of the documented long-term consequences) and jump into remarriages (even though the failure rates for second and third marriages are higher than for first marriages). Excellent summaries of research on successful marriages are available for anyone who wants to build a strong marriage and family.

Another motivation for building and maintaining strong marriages and families is an understanding of the real tangible benefits of first-time marriages that are seldom mentioned today in our politically correct societies. Many studies show that *married* couples are in general *healthier*, physically and mentally, than people who cohabit, separate, divorce or remarry. They live longer, take better care of themselves, have lower rates of alcoholism and suicide, display lower stress levels and enjoy more fulfillment in their lives. On the other hand, people who chose alternatives to first-time marriage generally experience *more* problems (see Stanton, chapter

by learning to love God and to love our neighbor (Matthew 22:36–40). The closest neighbors we will ever have are found in marriage and the family: husband, wife, father, mother, children, aunts, uncles and grandparents. As we learn to love—to show care, concern, respect, understanding and forgiveness—we develop the very character of God our Father. This is why it has been said that "the family is where character is *planted* and *grown*. It is the place where civility and respect for others are nurtured and cultivated. If the soul of America [and other nations] is to be restored, it will be done in one home, one family at a time, and in the church we assist by proclaiming God's truth for the family. We need a *family reformation*" (Rainey, p. 15).

God's Church strives to recapture the *true biblical values* of marriage and the family by turning "the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to their fathers" (Malachi 4:5–6; Luke 1:17). This mission of the Church will become the mission of Jesus Christ and the saints in the coming kingdom, when there will be a "restoration of all things" (Acts 3:19–21). Those who are willing to invest time and effort to learn how to build strong marriages and families, founded upon sound biblical principles, will become the teachers in tomorrow's world (Isaiah 30:20–21). They will have the amazing privilege of showing all mankind the way to real happiness in human families, as they grow to become members of God's own family. ☐

Questions & Answers

Q Many professing Christians claim to have been “born again.” Exactly what is this birth, and how can we know if we have already been born again?

A Jesus Christ explained what it means to be “born again.” He told Nicodemus, “Most assuredly I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God” (John 3:3).

Confused, Nicodemus asked Jesus: “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?” (v. 4).

Jesus said that He was talking about a completely *different* kind of birth (vv. 5–6). He showed that there are two kinds of birth—one physical, the other spiritual—the physical being a *type* of the spiritual. When you were born of your mother, you were composed of flesh. But “That which is born of the Spirit is *spirit*”—no longer composed of flesh, but of spirit! (v. 6).

There will not be any blood in one “born of the spirit.” One composed of spirit will not need to breathe air to exist. When “born again”—born of the Spirit of God—we will be invisible to mortal eyes, like the wind (v.8). The wind’s effects are easily discerned, but it cannot itself be seen. Clearly, the second birth is not just some emotional experience, as so many have erroneously assumed.

Man was created after God’s “likeness”—with the same form and shape (Genesis 1:26–27; 2:7; 3:19), and has the potential to become spirit just as God is spirit. Scripture reveals that God, by means of His Holy Spirit, is creating His perfect spiritual character in those He has called (see Isaiah 64:8; Job 14:14–15; Isaiah 43:7; Ephesians 2:10).

Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the coming Kingdom of God. Christ’s good news also revealed

that God is *reproducing Himself!* The Bible shows that the Kingdom of God is not just the ruling government that Christ will establish on the earth when He returns; it is also the *Family* of God (Ephesians 3:14–15). Jesus taught that human beings can be “born” into the *Family* or Kingdom of God!

At present there are only two members in the God Family—God the Father and Jesus Christ the Son. But God plainly shows that it is His purpose to increase His divine Family by bringing many sons into it (Hebrews 2:10; Revelation 21:7). Jesus Christ is actually the “firstborn” of many sons of God yet to be born of God (Romans 8:29; Colossians 1:18).

If we are true Christians in God’s sight, we are already—during this mortal life—the “children of God” (1 John 3:1–2). But we are *not yet* inheritors of the Kingdom of God. We are *only* “heirs” of it (Romans 8:14–17), because we are now only the *Spirit-begotten* children of God the Father. It is when we are *born of God* that we will become inheritors of God’s Kingdom—*Spirit-born* members of the Family of God.

Jesus Christ—the “firstborn among many brethren” (Romans 8:29)—is the only one who has yet been “born again.” He said we must be “born of the spirit”—become *composed of spirit*—to “see” or “enter” the Kingdom of God (John 3:3, 5). Our spiritual “birth” as Spirit-begotten children is *yet to occur* at the resurrection (1 Corinthians 15:50–53).

When the glorified Christ returns to the earth, God’s Spirit-begotten children shall be like Him (1 Thessalonians 4:16–17; 1 John 3:1–2). At the resurrection, our present physical bodies will be transformed—made like His glorified body (Philippians 3:21). We will then be “born again” *members of God’s own Family*—His own glorious offspring, with eternal life inherent within ourselves, ruling the world with Jesus Christ (Revelation 3:21)!



The Seven Seals of Revelation

The book of Revelation contains a description of seven “seals”—a prophecy outlining astonishing end-time events. Are these just allegories, or do they reveal awesome developments that will affect the whole world?

By Richard F. Ames

The Book of Revelation—the last book in your Bible—is a mystery to most people. Some think it is just allegory. Others say it is all about past events. Did you know that this book, in its description of the seven seals, gives the outline of end-time prophecy? You can know how end-time events will unfold—and how you can be ready for them! You need to understand the seven seals of Revelation.

Around 95AD, the Apostle John wrote down in Revelation the inspired words of God. John had been exiled to the island of Patmos off the southwest

coast of Turkey in the Aegean Sea. The island was used as a Roman penal colony in the first century. He wrote: “I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ” (Revelation 1:9).

God chose the Apostle John to record the Apocalypse, or Revelation. As Scripture explains, it was John “who bore witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw” (1:2). Notice this blessing pronounced on those who seriously study the book of

Revelation: “Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near” (1:3).

Humanity as a whole is ignorant of one of the greatest books ever written! God has deliberately hidden the deep meaning of this mysterious book from those who are spiritually blinded—which means that He has hidden its meaning from most of the world.

Even Adam Clarke, the famous Bible commentator, found difficulty in making any sense of Revelation. Clarke wrote: “I had resolved, for a considerable time, not to meddle with this book, because I foresaw that I could produce nothing satisfactory on it” (*Preface to the Revelation of St. John*, p. 966)

But you can understand the book of Revelation. Notice that this is the Revelation of *Jesus Christ*—not that of St. John the Divine, as some Bibles title the book. What, then, is the purpose of Jesus’ revelation? It is to “show His servants—things which must shortly take place” (Revelation 1:1). The purpose of the book is not to hide the truth, but to reveal events leading up to the return of Christ! In fact, the word

“apocalypse” comes from the Greek *apokalupsis*, which means “uncovering” or “unveiling.” You need to know what those prophesied events are!

The seven seals reveal prophetic events that lie just ahead of us. In Revelation 5, we read about a scroll sealed with seven seals. John begins to weep when no one is worthy to open the scroll. But we read: “But one of the elders said to me, ‘Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals’” (5:5).

The Lion of the tribe of Judah is Jesus Christ—He begins to open the scroll sealed with seven seals.

In Revelation 6, we read the description of six of those seals. The first four seals are known as the four horsemen of the Apocalypse. The Apostle John describes the Lamb—Jesus Christ—opening the first seal. “Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, ‘Come and see.’ And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer” (6:1–2).

What do the white horse and its rider represent? Some commentators mistakenly say that these represent Christ, because the imagery appears similar to the description of Christ given in Revelation 19. But when we compare the Revelation 19 description to the first horseman, we

find notable differences. Christ comes with many crowns (19:12), not just one crown. And He comes with a sword (v. 15), not a bow as in Revelation 6.

Christ is the Revelator. He reveals the meaning of this white horse in Matthew 24. Jesus describes the signs of His Second Coming, and the sequence of events, that coincide with the seals of Revelation. “And Jesus answered and said to them: ‘Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, “I am the Christ,” and will deceive many’” (Matthew 24:4–5).



This white horse, and its rider, represent false religions—“false christs” (v. 24).

In Matthew 24, Jesus continues describing the sequence of events: war, famine, pestilence and tribulation. Jesus is the One who interprets the seals of Revelation. He tells us: “And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake” (vv. 6–9).

The second seal reveals a horseman riding a red horse, having the power to take peace from the earth. The third seal presents a rider on a black horse, repre-

senting a scarcity of food and resulting famine. The fourth seal shows a rider on a pale horse with the power over one fourth of the earth to kill “with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth” (Revelation 6:8). Jesus also spoke of the pestilence that normally follows a famine.

Thus we see that in Matthew, Jesus confirmed the meaning of these seals when He spoke of:

Deceptive religion (Matthew 24:4)—the first seal, or the first of the four horsemen [of the Apocalypse, or Revelation];

Wars (Matthew 24:6–7)—the second seal, or the second of the four horsemen;

Famines (Matthew 24:7)—the third seal, or the third of the four horsemen;

Pestilences (Matthew 24:7)—the fourth seal, or the fourth of the four horsemen;

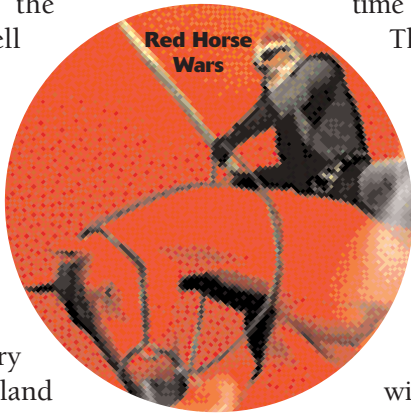
Tribulation, religious persecution and martyrdom (Matthew 24:9–10)—the fifth seal.

An Intensified Ride

The four horsemen will intensify their ride as we approach the Day of the Lord. They are revealed in Revelation 6 as Christ opens the first four seals. What happens when the fifth seal is opened? “When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held” (Revelation 6:9).

Here is described the martyrdom of the saints, true Christians. In the first century, the Emperor Nero violently persecuted Christians and put them to death. A major end-time persecution of saints is also foretold by

this fifth seal. Jesus predicted this future tribulation in Matthew 24:9. Then Jesus opens the sixth seal, revealing the heavenly signs that will shock people all over the earth. What are those heavenly signs? “I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. And the stars of heaven fell to the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place” (vv. 12–14).



Not only will asteroids and meteorites frighten people, but massive earthquakes will also shake the earth. As the Apostle John saw in vision, “every mountain and island was moved out of its place.” If you have ever experienced a strong earthquake, as many of us have in California, you know how frightening earthquakes can be. Your knees and legs feel weak as water, even if you have not been seriously injured.

The heavenly signs introduce the Day of the Lord: the time of God’s wrath and judgment on an unthankful, rebellious world. Jesus Christ, the Lamb, will be wrathful. He will execute God’s righteous judgments. The Day of the Lord is also called “the great day of His wrath” (6:17)!

Revelation 8 describes the seventh seal being opened. We find that this seal—the Day of the

Lord—is comprised of seven trumpet judgments or plagues. “When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets” (8:1). The trumpets give us warning, announcing seven plagues, or judgments!

The seven seals reveal end-time trends and events.

The seventh seal represents the year-long Day of the Lord (cf. Isaiah 34:8). And the seventh seal consists of seven trumpet judgments during the year-long Day of the Lord. As we will see later, the seventh trumpet itself consists of the “seven last plagues” mentioned in Revelation 15:1.

As you read through Revelation 8, you will notice that, as the first four angels sound their trumpets, there is great ecological devastation all over the earth. There are earthquakes; vast areas of vegetation are burned up; a third of all sea life dies; water sources are poisoned. The heavens are darkened.

The last three trumpet plagues are called woes. The word “woe” is an exclamation of grief! “And I looked, and I heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, ‘Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!’” (Revelation 8:13).

Revelation 9 describes the first woe or the fifth trumpet plague. The fifth angel sounds a trumpet that begins a military action that

lasts for five months. The second woe, or the sixth trumpet plague, is pictured with symbols of horses and horsemen. Here we see an intense military counter-attack. We read: “One woe is past. Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things. Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, ‘Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates’” (9:12–14). An army of 200 million moves westward across the Euphrates River and destroys one-third of the earth’s population! “So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind. Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone. By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed; by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths” (vv. 15–18).

This is describing world war! And this phase of World War III will kill billions of human beings! Jesus said that unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved—all life on earth would be destroyed (Matthew 24:21–22).

The Seventh Trumpet

Then the seventh trumpet sounds. For Christians, the

sounding of the seventh trumpet is good news because it announces the establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth, and the return of Jesus Christ. We all need to be preparing for that time! “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).

This will be an *awesome* event! The history of the world has been waiting for this great event! We need Christ’s return to this earth! Mankind has not brought the world lasting peace. Less than 60 years ago, mankind exploded the first nuclear bombs over Hiroshima and Nagasaki. For the first time in history, mankind could annihilate itself in a matter of minutes—complete cosmocide became a very real danger.

Is there any danger today of nuclear war? Certainly many of us remember historic conflicts that were very frightening. In 1962, the United States and the Soviet Union played nuclear brinkmanship over the Cuban Missile Crisis. In 1973, President Nixon placed U.S. military forces on nuclear alert when the Soviet Union threatened to intervene in the Middle East war between Israel and its Arab neighbors.

As most of us realize, nuclear war still threatens us in the 21st century! We need Christ to

return, to bring peace, justice and God’s Way to mankind! The good news is that the one-year period of time called the Day of the Lord, culminates in the announcement that Christ is taking over all the kingdoms and governments of this world! That is the good news we all look forward to hearing!

But the seventh trumpet is also called the third woe! Why? Because it will also signal the seven last plagues! This is an intense fulfillment of the day of God’s wrath and judgment on rebellious nations. “Then I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvelous: seven angels having the seven last plagues, for in them the wrath of God is complete” (15:1).

As we saw earlier, the seven seals reveal end-time trends and events. The seventh seal represents the year-long Day of the Lord. And the seventh seal consists of seven trumpet judgments during the year-long Day of the Lord. Then the seventh trumpet itself consists of the “seven last plagues” mentioned in Revelation 15 and 16.

We can read, in Revelation 16, the description of these seven last plagues. They include plagues of painful sores on those who have worshiped the Beast power and its image. They include even more poisonous rivers and seas to the

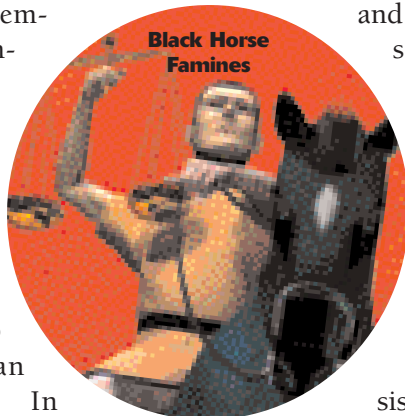
extent that “every living creature in the sea died” (16:3). The sun becomes hotter, resulting in extreme heat waves that torment those who will not repent of their sins!

The sixth angel then pours out his bowl of plagues: “Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared. And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. 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” (vv. 12–14).

War Against Christ!

Finally the Beast—the prophesied European superpower, the revived Roman Empire—will move into the Middle East. And the kings of the East, who would normally be fighting against the Beast power, also move into the Middle East. But instead of fighting one another, they join ranks to fight against an invader from outer space, Jesus Christ! “And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon” (v. 16). The name Armageddon comes from the Hebrew, “Har Magedon,” which

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From Closet to Mainstream: The Homosexual Agenda

By John H. Ogwyn

The change in Western culture has been astonishing. Homosexuality has gone from a taboo subject, rarely discussed or acknowledged in public discourse, to a topic commonly treated in television sitcoms. The venerable newspaper of record in American journalism, *The New York Times*, has recently begun printing notices of homosexual unions right among the wedding announcements! Such a development could hardly even have been imagined a decade ago, yet now it has been introduced with scarcely a ripple of complaint.

Make no mistake about it: this is *not* the result of accident or happenstance. It is the result of a clear agenda to transform Western culture and redefine normal!

To understand how homosexuality has moved into the mainstream, we must look at the role of the establishment media in the United States. Major news organizations are well represented in the leadership of the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association; its recent officers have worked for prominent establishment news organizations

including the *New York Times*, the *Associated Press*, CBS News, CNN, *Newsday*, *Newsweek*, *The Arizona Republic*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, Time Inc. and *USA Today*. Truly, individuals whose goal is to advance the homosexual agenda are hard at work in the newsroom!

What is the homosexual agenda? It is nothing less than **full acceptance** of homosexual relationships on a par, both morally and legally, with heterosexual marriage. Not only is this agenda clear and specific; it is *succeeding* far beyond what could have been imagined a mere three or four decades ago.

Is objection to homosexual behavior really “The Last Prejudice,” as a *Newsweek* article recently suggested? *Newsweek’s* June 3, 2002 issue reported the return to Ford Motor Company of executive Allan Gilmour, who had retired from Ford in 1995 as vice chairman. After his retirement, Gilmour “went public” in proclaiming himself a homosexual. The media touted Gilmour’s return to Ford as Chief Financial Officer as evidence that anti-homosexual attitudes are diminishing in society.

For all of the mainstream media’s objection to “prejudice,” a careful observer will see certain prejudices that remain. “Tolerance” has become the greatest of virtues in today’s society, and anyone who labels sin as sin is branded as *intolerant*. Ironically, the “tolerant” often fail to extend their tolerance to Bible-believing Christians with whom they disagree. Indeed, they disparage anyone who claims to take seriously the Bible as God’s Word, and therefore as a guide for life.

We need to understand whether homosexuals have any choice in their condition, and whether it is really possible for them to change. We also need to understand the inevitable consequences that befall a society as the homosexual agenda advances. Did you know that this current state of things in the

Western world is *not* a new phenomenon, and is addressed directly in God's Word?

The Transformation from Perversion to "Normal"

Various segments of the human race have approved of and practiced child sacrifice, cannibalism and witchcraft down through the centuries—not to mention virtually every imaginable form of sexual behavior. Who has the right to make the distinction between what is right and good on the one hand, and what is degraded and perverted on the other?

When the ancient Israelites were preparing to enter the Promised Land, God instructed Moses that certain vital guidelines were to be passed on to the people. It was God's purpose that Israel be very different from the surrounding nations. Both in Egypt, where the people had dwelt for more than two centuries, as well as in Canaan where they would be settling, a multitude of sexual perversions were common. Detailing many of these practices in Leviticus 18, God emphasized that Israel was to be different from the nations around them. The fornication, incest, homosexuality and bestiality that were commonly practiced by the Canaanites had caused the land to "vomit out" the inhabitants, declared the Creator (Leviticus 18:28). If Israel fell into these degenerate practices, God warned, the same consequences would come upon them.

Ancient Canaan not only approved of perverted sexual practices, but also included them as part of their idolatrous religious rites. And they were far from alone in their approach. The classical cultures of Greece and Rome had a very tolerant attitude toward homosexuality. Plato, the famous pupil of the Greek philosopher Socrates, wrote in his *Symposium* of a banquet at which a speaker calls the homosexual Socrates' attention to the "fair boys and youths, whose presence now entrances you." Considering ever-greater manifestations of love, Plato describes love between men as higher than love between man and woman. This attitude was commonplace in Greek civilization.

It was against this background that the Apostle Paul wrote a scathing rebuke of first century Greco-Roman civilization. Paul emphasized that the founders of that vaunted civilization had not wanted to retain God in their knowledge and had been given over by their Creator to minds devoid of judgment, utterly incapable of drawing proper distinctions in life (Romans 1:28).

In the centuries after Paul wrote, the morality of the Bible had a profound effect on the Western world.

Previously accepted practices such as infanticide, abortion and homosexuality came to be considered beyond the pale. Eventually, they were forbidden by law wherever Christianity in its various forms held sway.

History clearly records that throughout the ensuing centuries, there were many in positions of power—both secular and ecclesiastical—who considered themselves above the law, and indulged their sexual tastes regardless of the law. Even so, the Bible was acknowledged as the source of standards, and became a fundamental source of law in Western society.

As intellectuals in western countries have sought to abandon the concept of a real God, and with it all God-imposed restraints, the pace of moral decay has picked up speed. One of the watershed dates in this process was the 1948 publication of the Kinsey Report. The *New York Times Book Review* later described Professor Alfred Kinsey of Indiana University as the man whose studies started the "sex revolution." His conclusions still form the basis of much of what is taught in sexual education classes in schools across the U.S. Even in the last 20 years (1982–2002), the Kinsey Report has been cited as evidence more than 600 times in court cases involving child custody, rape and homosexual "marriage."

Kinsey, Crimes and Consequences is a remarkable book that lays bare many facts about Dr. Kinsey and much of his so-called research. Its author, Dr. Judith Reisman, has also served as consultant to three U.S. Department of Justice administrations. Among the startling facts that she reveals are that Kinsey was a sadistic bisexual who seduced his male students and coerced his staff, their wives and his own wife into performing in pornographic films made in the family attic. Kinsey is also alleged to have recruited pedophiles in America and abroad to sexually violate as many as 2,000 infants and children to obtain his data on "normal" child sexuality. Dr. Reisman also shows that much of Kinsey's supposed scientific data was intentionally falsified. He secretly trashed approximately three-quarters of his data, and based his statements about "normal" male sexuality on a group that included 200 sexual psychopaths, 1,400 sex offenders and hundreds of other prisoners, male prostitutes and promiscuous homosexuals. In short, according to Dr. Reisman, Kinsey was a fraud who "suffered an untimely death due, at least in part, to 'orchitis,' a lethal infection in his testicles that followed years of sadistic, orgiastic 'self-abuse.'"

Based on "research" by Dr. Kinsey, and on pressures from an increasingly powerful homosexual

lobby, the American Psychiatric Association decided in 1973 to remove homosexuality from its list of emotional and mental disorders. Behavior previously regarded as deviant was suddenly considered “normal”—even though using Dr. Kinsey to determine “normal” sexual behavior was akin to “letting the inmates run the asylum”!

The So-Called “Pedophilia Crisis”

In the last year, the Roman Catholic Church has received much negative publicity regarding what has been called a “pedophilia crisis.” In fact, this misnomer tends to cover up the *real* nature of the crisis, which could more accurately be called a homosexual predator crisis. The overwhelming majority of young people who were abused (by some estimates, as many as 90 percent) were boys. A majority of the abused boys were adolescents. What has most commonly occurred is predatory homosexuality—not pedophilia, which by definition involves prepubescent children.

A May 20, 2002 *Newsweek* article titled “Gays and the Seminary” noted several startling facts. *Newsweek* observed that while homosexuals “constitute just over 5 percent of the population, gay men may make up half the student body at the 76 [Roman Catholic] high-school, college, and graduate-level seminaries across the country, according to broad estimates.”

Yet the mainstream media have mostly avoided discussing the true nature of the so-called pedophilia scandal—and have avoided it for a reason. The real problem is the abuse carried out by predatory homosexuals in positions of authority, who abuse their positions in order to obtain perverted sexual favors from young people under their charge. Most mainstream news outlets are uncomfortable addressing this fact, and prefer not to call attention to the true nature of the homosexual culture.


Former California State Assemblyman Steve Baldwin observes that “mainstream homosexual culture commonly promotes sex with children.... Indeed, the homosexual community is driving the worldwide campaign to lower the legal age of consent” (“Homosexuality: Truth Be Told,” *Regent University Law Review*, vol. 14 #2, 2001–2002). In the Netherlands, for instance, the age for legal sex has already been lowered to 12! Quoting from various pro-homosexual publications and Web sites, Baldwin documents that child molestation is often promoted under the euphemism of “intergenerational love.”

While such an approach was quite common in ancient Greece, as we learn from writings by Plato and his contemporaries, the Western world has for many centuries recognized it as a perversion. Baldwin details the efforts to reverse the Western world’s condemnation of homosexuality, spearheaded by such groups as NAMBLA (the North American Man/Boy Love Association), which wrote to the head of the Boy Scouts in the U.S. urging the organization “to cease its discrimination against openly gay or lesbian persons in the appointment of its scout masters.” A major part of NAMBLA’s agenda is the legalizing of adult-child homosexual relationships. Another of those protesting the Scouts’ policy is an ex-Scoutmaster and convicted child molester, John Hemstreet, who serves as president of the Toledo, Ohio chapter of PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), one of the groups at the center of legal challenges to the Scouts.

The list of openly homosexual groups, and the details of the agenda that they are promoting, could go on and on. Because homosexuality is *not* normal (and people really are not born that way, in the way that some are born with blue eyes and others with brown eyes), the homosexual culture has always relied on recruitment in order to continue and to grow. Older homosexuals, holding out promises of acceptance and love, entice at-risk young people—often insecure in their own identity—into homosexual behavior. As our society cultivates a public environment in which homosexual behavior is divested of any moral stigma, this creates a climate in which the young are more easily seduced into a destructive lifestyle. Once enmeshed, most find it very difficult to extricate themselves,

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A. G., Surrey, BC, Canada

If your church was the right one, then your church would be the predominant one—not the Roman Catholic Church.

F. H., Kingsport, TN

Editor's Note: The Bible explains many characteristics of God's true Church. One is that it will not be large and popular with the world. Jesus Christ calls it His "little flock" (Luke 12:32). If size is the measure of the Church's truthfulness, then why not assume that Islam is true, since there are more Muslims than Roman Catholics? Even within professing Christianity, the "Roman Catholic" teachings were not accepted by the majority of Christians prior to the rule of Emperor Constantine, so by your own logic the Roman Catholic Church must not be the one true church.

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Sodom Rises Again!

The sobering story of Sodom and Gomorrah describes God's fiery destruction of two cities because of their extremely sinful practices (see Genesis 18–19). Bible prophets *repeatedly* used the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah as the *ultimate example* of God's judgment on sinful peoples (Isaiah 13:1–22; Jeremiah 50:35–40). The Apostle Peter states that these cities were reduced to smoldering ruins as a *warning* to any who would follow their lifestyles (2 Peter 2:6).

For thousands of years, these vivid descriptions discouraged certain behaviors. Yet in recent decades, many have rejected these sobering warnings, ignored them, or even ridiculed them as fables and bigotry. Today, “progressive” people are *promoting the very lifestyles* that brought divine destruction on the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah! The Bible predicted that this would occur—and explained where it will lead—in prophecies that are *coming alive* today!

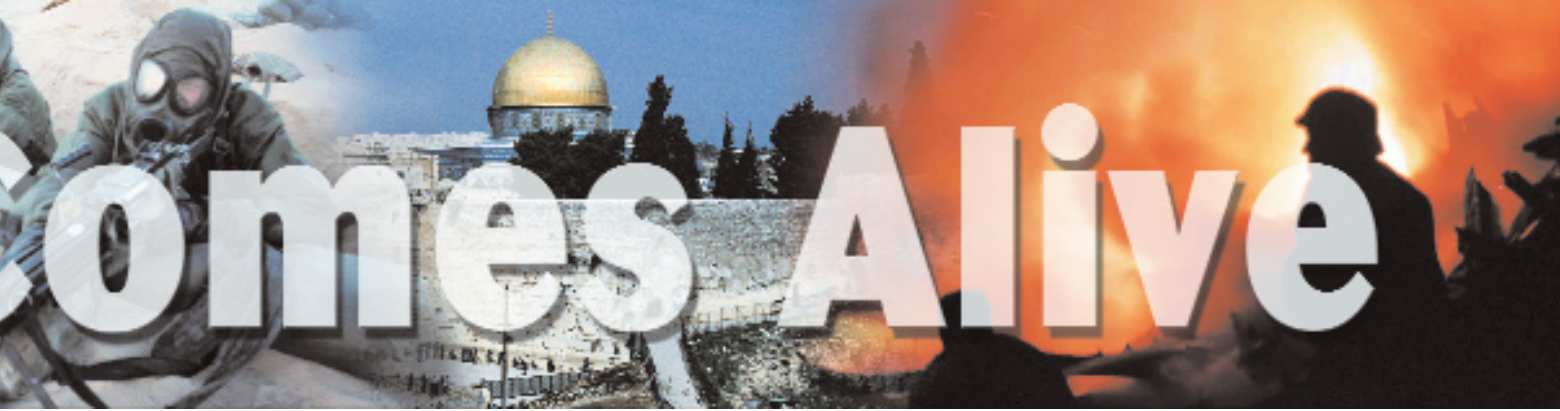
Why did God rain fire and brimstone on Sodom and Gomorrah? Many have forgotten or want to ignore the *real* reason. The Bible states that when several men stopped to visit a man named Lot, “the men of Sodom... surrounded the house. And they called to Lot, and said to him, ‘where are the *men* who came to see you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may *know* them carnally’” (Genesis 19:4–5). Most Bible commentaries acknowledge that the men of Sodom were intent on gratifying their homosexual desires. Although Lot responded, “Please, my brethren, *do not do so wickedly*” (Genesis 19:7), the men of Sodom attempted to sexually abuse special messengers from God (Genesis 19:1). Because of this “exceedingly wicked and sinful” behavior (Genesis 13:13) the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were *suddenly and totally destroyed* by an act of God (Genesis 19:24–25).

This is not the only biblical example of divine punishment for what many today term an “alternate” lifestyle. Men of the tribe of Benjamin forgot the les-

son of Sodom and Gomorrah, and made a similarly fatal mistake. When a traveling Levite sought lodging in Gibeah, “certain men of the city, *perverted men*, surrounded the house and beat on the door... saying, ‘*bring out the man* who came to your house, that we may *know him carnally*’” (Judges 19:22). When their demand was refused, they abused the Levite's concubine all night until she died (Judges 19:24–27). This wanton act of sexual aggression started a civil war that nearly destroyed the tribe of Benjamin (Judges 20).

The Bible *explains* why God brought such terrible punishment on Sodom, Gomorrah and Gibeah. The laws God gave to Moses contain very clear prohibitions against homosexuality. Leviticus 18:22 enjoins that “you shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an *abomination*” (see also Deuteronomy 23:17). These instructions and severe penalties were designed to *prevent and discourage* behaviors the Bible labels as evil, perverted, wicked abominations. This is not just the opinion of Moses; it is what God stated. These biblical instructions do not promote hatred against individuals, but were designed to *stigmatize certain behaviors* that are detrimental to human beings and human societies. These divine revelations have guided many human societies for thousands of years—until recently!

In the last several decades, we have witnessed an amazing social transformation—especially in the “Christian” nations of Northwestern European descent. Today we see the growing toleration and *active promotion* of homosexual behavior—even by the clergy. Homosexual men and lesbians are *applauded* for “coming out” of the closet. College students are *encouraged* to experiment with homosexual relationships. “Gay pride” parades are staged from London to San Francisco to Sydney. What was long regarded as a perversion is now presented as an acceptable, normal “alternate” lifestyle. But even more is on the way!



Homosexual political lobbies want same-sex relationships recognized as the legal equivalent of heterosexual marriage. Laws pending in Sweden and Canada would make any negative reference to homosexuality a crime (*WorldNetDaily*, Oct. 21, 2002). Under such laws, certain biblical passages would be classified as “hate literature,” and quoting the Bible could be a criminal offense. Mainstream Christian churches plan to endorse same-sex “marriages” even though this may cause a major departure of members who view this as a *wholesale rejection* of biblical instructions (*London Daily Telegraph*, Nov. 4, 2002). Today, seminaries and parishes have many homosexual clergy, who simply *do not believe or follow* biblical teachings.

Many hail these recent and *shocking* developments as a sign of progress and modernization. Yet anyone with a sense of history and knowledge of Scripture should know better. Isaiah referred to the morally degenerate nation of Israel as “you rulers of Sodom... you people of Gomorrah” (Isaiah 1:10). He labeled them a “sinful nation” (1:4) that had “rebelled” against their God (1:2). He said that “they declare their sin as Sodom” (3:9)—*they had no shame* and saw nothing wrong with their behavior! This is exactly where we are today. Isaiah also warned: “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil” (5:20). Recently, during a debate over homosexual couples adopting children, a member of the British Parliament was “*villified* for saying that conventional marriage, *according to all the evidence*, provides the most stable background for bringing up children” (*London Daily Telegraph*, Nov. 5, 2002). An editorial laments, “what a pretty pass we have come to, when a Tory chairman is *condemned as ‘nasty’* for stating the blindingly obvious” (*ibid.*). One British journalist, though identifying himself a homosexual, labeled the whole debate about homosexuals adopt-

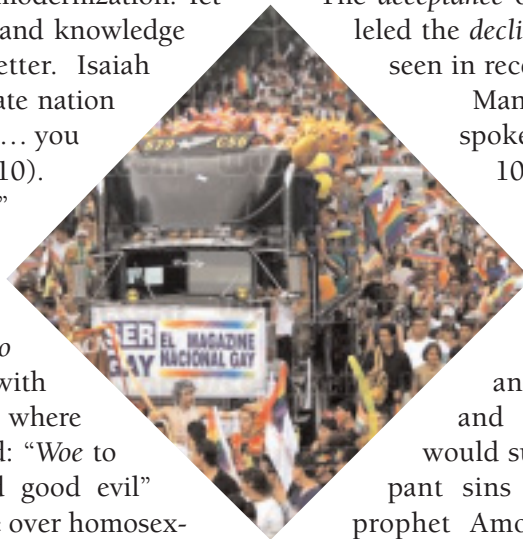
ing children as “*political correctness gone mad*” and a “misdirected obsession with equality” in which “people are afraid to tell the truth” (*ibid.*).

Long ago, the Bible predicted that this tragic situation would arise and explained why it would occur. Moses warned our Israelite ancestors: “For I know that after my death you will become *utterly corrupt*, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you *in the latter days*” (Deuteronomy 31:29). The Apostle Paul explains that because human beings “did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a *debased mind*, to do those things which are not fitting” (Romans 1:28)—including sexual activities such as homosexuality (Romans 1:24–27). These behaviors thrive where the laws of God are rejected.

The *acceptance* of homosexual lifestyles has paralleled the *decline* of biblical religion that we have seen in recent decades.

Many today have *forgotten* that Jesus spoke of a *coming judgment* (Matthew 10:14–15). God plainly states: “I will *punish the world* for its evil, and the wicked for their iniquity” (Isaiah 13:11). He prophesied that the ancient city of Babylon would be destroyed like Sodom and Gomorrah (Isaiah 13:19–20), and that a *future* end-time Babylon would suffer the same fate because of rampant sins (Revelation 11:8; 18:1–8). The prophet Amos predicted that *sinful Israelite nations will be overthrown* like Sodom and Gomorrah. Because we have rejected God’s instructions, Amos cries out: “Prepare to meet your God, O Israel” (Amos 4:11–12). The story of Sodom and Gomorrah was intended to convey a powerful lesson: that disobeying the laws of God brings tragic results. Unless we repent of our modern *return to the ways of Sodom*, the Bible prophecies *coming alive today* indicate that serious consequences are just ahead!

—Douglas S. Winnail



Will the Dominant Dollar Decline?

By Mark Mendiola



Following World War II, the American dollar replaced the British pound sterling as the world's undisputed reserve currency. Now, the dollar's value is threatened by staggering trade deficits and the U.S. Federal Reserve's attempts to boost the American economy by slashing interest rates to post-World War II lows. The euro—the European Union's official currency—is waiting in the wings to succeed the dollar as the international standard. Will Europe dictate U.S. fiscal, monetary and trade policies in the future?

On November 8, 2002, the American dollar fell to its lowest level against the euro in nearly three years, after the U.S. Federal Reserve cut a key interest rate by a surprising half point to 1.25 percent—the lowest level in 41 years—and the European Central Bank staunchly held its main rate at 3.25 percent.

As a result, traders abandoned U.S. investments whose yields suddenly became less attractive, and shifted to euro-denominated investments, as the gap between borrowing costs in the United States and Europe grew dramatically.

The rise of the euro and decline of the American dollar signal a momentous shift in the balance of global power. While currency exchange rates will continue to fluctuate, Bible prophecy

shows that, *ultimately*, a modern Roman Empire on the European continent will overtake the United States as the world's dominant economic, military and political power. That could occur sooner than most imagine!

"Many analysts predict that the dollar's decline, which began early this year, has further to go," the *International Herald Tribune* reported on November 9. "Many investors have long been wary of the huge U.S. current account deficit, the financing of which requires a constant inflow of foreign funds. When those flows slow, as they have been in recent weeks, the dollar falls."

Drops in consumer confidence, a slump in business sentiment and fears that the U.S. economic recovery might be faltering caused growing apprehension among jittery investors, com-

elling many to unload U.S. holdings and move investments to other countries.

November's rise was the second time in three months that the euro spiked against the dollar. From July 2001 to June 2002, the dollar slid nearly 14 percent in value against the euro.

"The euro's rally above \$1 in July gave a psychological boost to supporters of the 3 1/2-year-old currency, which European officials hope will increasingly rival the dollar as a currency for trade and central bank reserves," the *Associated Press* reported on November 6.

Writing for *TradeAlert.org* on July 8, William R. Hawkins was more cynical about the aspirations of European officials.

"Today, the European Union... [is] anxious to see the dollar falter so it can be replaced by the new euro as the international standard. No wonder the EU is so aggressive in trying to cripple America's trade laws and block any attempt to stem the U.S. trade deficit," Hawkins wrote. "The EU sees a chance to end the post-Cold War American hegemony [predominant influence] that has so vexed European sensibilities."

U.S. Economic Blows

The September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on New York and Washington struck the American economy hard. From the autumn of 2001 to the autumn of 2002, the total value of the New York, American and Nasdaq stock exchanges lost an astonishing \$3 trillion in value, dropping from \$11 trillion to \$8 trillion! As a result of those attacks, the federal government also has had to spend billions of dollars on its war against terrorism.

On November 8, the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) reported that the federal government racked up a total budget deficit of \$159 billion in fiscal 2002, marking the end of five consecutive years of budget surpluses and a net reversal of \$286 billion from the \$127 billion surplus recorded in fiscal 2001.

Receipts fell by \$138 billion, or almost 7 percent, the largest percentage decline since 1946. Federal spending topped the \$2 trillion level for the first time in 2002, up almost 8 percent over the 2001 level.

The CBO in January 2001 projected a \$5.6 trillion federal budget surplus from 2002 through 2011, but 20 months later, on August 27, 2002, revised that forecast downward, predicting only a \$336 billion surplus over those 10 years—a \$5.3 trillion or 94 percent drop from the previous projection.

In its July 8, 2002 issue, *Business Week* warned: "The twin deficits have returned. A ballooning federal budget shortfall and a widening trade gap are towering, Godzilla-like, over the nascent recovery. These two deficits, if unchecked, could cause trouble for the financial markets, the U.S. dollar, monetary policy and U.S. growth."

The U.S. trade deficit is piling up debt at more than three times the rate of the federal government's budget deficit—about \$1 billion a day. The U.S. Commerce Department reported on November 18 that the trade deficit for the first nine months of 2002 was running at an annual rate of \$423 billion, surpassing the previous record of \$378.68 billion, if the trend continues through December. This dramatic

reversal in U.S. fortunes within a year has astounded analysts.

Beholden to Foreigners

Hawkins noted that trade deficits put downward pressure on the dollar because they affect the demand and supply of dollars in the international money market. As imports exceed exports, more dollars are sent overseas. Foreign borrowing by the United States is running at more than \$420 billion a year, he said.

"It is because the U.S. must cover such a large trade deficit with foreign capital that economists worry about sudden, destabilizing events that could shift the financial flows away from the American market and send the dollar plummeting," he stated, noting such a fall would have a profound impact on U.S. national security and its world leadership.

"The weaker dollar could be part of a vicious cycle of disinvestments in the United States. If foreigners believe that the dollar is going to be worth less, they will hold fewer dollar-denominated assets, such as U.S. stocks or bonds. But as they scale back investment, they weaken the American economy, depress the greenback further and turn their fears into self-fulfilling prophecies."

On June 14, *The Economist* reported that foreign direct investment financed 91 percent of America's current account deficit in 1999, but just 43 percent in 2001. The magazine noted that foreigners own 40 percent of U.S. Treasury bonds, 25 percent of corporate bonds and nearly 15 percent of American equities.

In a June 4 article in the *Bulletin* magazine, Australian economic analyst Max Walsh noted

the value of foreign holdings in the U.S.: corporate bonds valued at more than \$1.3 trillion, Treasury bonds exceeding \$600 billion and \$1.5 trillion in corporate stock.

In March, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said that about 40 percent of U.S. capital stock had been financed by foreign investment, requiring a great outflow of interest and other payments. "Countries that have gone down this path have invariably run into trouble, and so could we," he said, denying in a November 18 speech that the Federal Reserve is running out of options for jump-starting the flagging U.S. economic recovery as its federal funds rate, charged to banks, approaches zero.

Both the International Monetary Fund and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development recently warned of the massive U.S. trade deficit's growing dangers to the world economy. That deficit is approaching a record 5 percent of the nation's Gross Domestic Product.

"Tragically, big, smooth falls in a country's currency are extraordinarily difficult to orchestrate. Like other falling objects, plummeting currencies tend to gather speed the longer they fall—because those who hold them become increasingly anxious to dump the currency and cut their losses," Alan Tonelson wrote September 27 for *TradeAlert.org*.

Last June 20, Alf Field, an analyst who advocates gold investments, predicted a collapse of the dollar's value if trends continue unabated. He wrote: "Foreigners have been satisfied to accept U.S. dollars when they have trade surpluses with the USA. Thus the USA has been able to run a trade deficit for years and pay for it in U.S. dol-

lars. You need not be a rocket scientist to figure out that this trend is unsustainable. At some point, foreigners will either lose confidence in the U.S. dollar or be unhappy to purchase U.S. assets with the surplus U.S. dollars that they accumulate or, worse still, both. At this point, there will be an implosion in the U.S. dollar" (*ibid.*).

Field predicted that the dollar could depreciate between 10 and 40 percent and foreigners could liquidate their U.S. investments in response.

"The nightmare begins. Foreigners own over \$8.2 trillion of assets in the USA. If foreigners holding just 20 percent of this total decide to liquidate and take the money home, that means some \$1,640 billion of U.S. assets will be sold and the proceeds transferred into foreign currencies. Add to this the annual trade deficit of \$360 billion that also has to be financed and the imbalance in financial and foreign exchange markets becomes obvious. A small matter of \$2 trillion trying to escape the U.S. dollar!"

Historic Ramifications

The value of a nation's currency symbolizes its standing in the world. Just as the pound sterling epitomized the greatness and prestige of the British Empire at its height, the dominant dollar has reflected the might and power of the United States. Both the United States and Britain now must confront the emergence of the euro as a major currency that threatens to supersede the British pound sterling and the American dollar as an international standard.

Expressing opposition to U.S. support for Israel, some oil-producing Arab nations have threat-

ened to accept only euros for petroleum payments. Should the euro become the world's recognized reserve currency, British and American interests would suffer a great setback.

In his book, *A History of Money from Ancient Times to the Present Day*, Glyn Davies noted that the British have enjoyed a relatively stable single national currency with an unbroken history of more than 900 years.

"England became the first of the major countries of Europe to attain a single national currency in post-Roman times.... The achievement of a uniform national currency in England preceded that of France by more than 600 years, and of Germany and Italy by nearly 900 years: a factor perhaps in Britain's instinctive reluctance to embrace a single European currency today," Davies wrote, noting that the pound has been paramount in international trade for 200 years.

The pound sterling became the world's most important currency after the British defeated Napoleon on the European continent, led the Industrial Revolution, developed London as an international banking and financial center, and spread their empire throughout the world during the 19th century. The sterling was based on a gold standard.

With the outbreak of World War I, Britain was forced off the gold standard. By the end of World War II, the United States was clearly the world's richest and most powerful nation, and the U.S. dollar became the financial system's lynchpin. Other currencies, including the pound sterling, fixed their values based on the dollar, whose value was based on a gold standard.

"Throughout the long era of sterling supremacy, it was the

other countries that had in the main to adapt their currency arrangements to fit in with sterling. From 1945 to 1972, Britain, like other countries, had to fit its currency to the exigencies of the dollar,” Davies wrote.

In 1971, U.S. President Richard Nixon took the U.S. dollar off the gold standard. Two years later, Britain entered the European Economic Community and had to adapt the sterling to the currency arrangements of its EEC partners—“a change in attitude greater than that required from these other participants,” Davies noted.

Both the United States and Britain are at crucial junctures in their history. The U.S. finds itself confronting burgeoning federal budget and trade deficits as it embarks on an expensive war against terror. Britain must decide whether to abandon its historic pound sterling and adopt the euro as its official currency or risk isolation off the shores of Europe.

Both nations are on a collision course with the European Union, which increasingly is flexing its muscles as an economic power independent of Anglo-American interests.

In an insightful article published in the November 2002 issue of the *Atlantic Monthly*, Charles A. Kupchan warns of an impending clash between the United States and European Union.

“Much of the investment capital that buoyed the U.S. economy in the 1990s has lately been heading to the other side of the Atlantic, enabling the euro to gain ground against the dollar and increasing the likelihood that the euro will soon enjoy substantial increases in productivity and growth,” Kupchan wrote.

Biblical Scenario

Remarkably, Bible prophecies show that the United States and British-descended nations will suffer a precipitous fall from prestige and power before Jesus Christ returns to establish the Kingdom of God on earth.

The final resurrection of the Roman Empire will play a momentous part in the collapse of America and Britain, as a conglomerate of European nations wield tremendous economic power backed by military muscle.

The Apostle John describes this incredibly wealthy power. The merchants of the earth will become rich through the abundance of this system’s luxury, he writes (see Revelation 18:3). Its trade and commerce will include gold, silver, oil, precious stones, pearls, fine linen, timber, ivory, bronze, iron, wine, grain, livestock and vehicles (vv. 12–13).

By contrast, the Bible reveals that the United States and former British Commonwealth nations, founded by descendants of the ancient Israelites, will suffer severe economic hardships as adverse weather destroys much of their produce and livestock, dramatically reversing their previous dominance (Leviticus 26:18–22). Terrible curses in all aspects of their lives will befall them because of their disobedience to God’s divine laws and their abandonment of Judeo-Christian principles. “Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall you be when you go out” (Deuteronomy 28:19).

God also shows foreigners wresting supremacy from

them. “The alien who is among you shall rise higher and higher above you, and you shall come down lower and lower. He shall lend to you, but you shall not lend to him; he shall be the head, and you shall be the tail” (vv. 43–44). These verses evoke the image of U.S. budget and trade surpluses turning into deficits.

Could a prosperous European empire, with its own strong currency, emerge from a collapse of the economic system that has been dominated by the beleaguered United States for the past 60 years? The Bible reveals that it can—and will—and that this rejuvenated Europe will change the world. Yet beyond the tough economic times ahead lies the Millennium—a time of indescribable wealth and abundance such as the world has never seen. The entire world will then prosper under the reign of Jesus Christ, who will administer God’s economic and financial laws in tomorrow’s world! TM

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despite all of the pain and self-hatred that usually marks the very “un-gay” side of the homosexual experience.

Solving the Problem

The mainstream media have *not* been of real help in addressing the moral problems of our culture. In the words of the ancient prophet Ezekiel, they have built up walls that they in turn have whitewashed, thereby concealing how flimsy the edifice truly is (cf. Ezekiel 13). For all of the talk about homosexuality being genetic, there is too much hard evidence that proves otherwise. An extensive study of twins, the Bailey-Pillard Study, showed that when one of a pair of identical twins is homosexual, only about half the time is the other sibling homosexual—not *all* the time as purely genetic programming would dictate. Neurologist Mark Breedlove of the University of California at Berkeley emphasized that 30 years of research “have made it clear that experience can dramatically alter the structure and function of the brain” (*Newsweek*, Nov. 13, 1995). The structure and activity patterns of the brain reflect experience, not just the biology one is born with.

If homosexuality is not entirely a matter of biological destiny, then where does it originate? A variety of factors contribute. The influences of family, community and individual experience, as well as inherited temperament, all interact to make us what we are. Today, many young people are in the throes of gender and sexual confusion because they have never developed a healthy gender identity. They are vulnerable, and are prime candidates to become entangled in homosexuality. Jaded adults, ever seeking some new thrill to satiate the senses, may also turn to bisexuality or homosexuality as they search for a new “kick.”

Jesus Christ described marriage between one man and one woman as the basis of the family unit (Matthew 19:4–6). From the beginning, the family was the basis of society itself. The Creator made the first human beings male and female, and designed the marital roles necessary to produce a healthy society. He equipped man and woman so that each might uniquely fill his or her role. The characteristics associated with sexual and gender identity were designed to equip men and women for success in their respective spheres. The intact family, produced by the “till-death-do-us-part” union of a man and a woman, is the social unit that God designed to shape and prepare the next generation.

Because of the vital importance of the family—both to the individual and to the community—God warned anciently, in the strongest possible language, against the destructive and immoral conduct that undermines the family. God designed the human sexual drive to help bind one man and one woman together for life in a unique relationship as “one flesh” (Genesis 2:24), to promote the kind of love and closeness necessary to cement a permanent social unit—the family. The misuse of sex, which results when the pursuit of pleasure is viewed as the ultimate good, is horribly destructive. It is destructive to individuals, to families, and to nations. Those who are caught up in the ongoing pursuit of ever-new sexual thrills will never know the joys that can only exist in a happy marriage based upon God’s laws.

God’s laws are living laws that produce sure results. Violation of the divine laws intended to channel sexual desire into that which produces love, peace and joy can only result in horrible penalties. These may come either in the form of physical disease or in the emotional and psychological pain of empty, tormented lives (Romans 1:26–27). The emotional and spiritual emptiness within the human heart and mind can never truly be filled by the pursuit of momentary hedonistic thrills and illicit excitement.

Homosexuality was rampant in the Greco-Roman society of Paul’s day, but the Apostle never sought to minimize or rationalize away its sinfulness. Instead, he held out help and hope for individuals willing to repent of homosexuality—or of any other sin. “Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites... will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God” (1 Corinthians 6:9–11).

Paul emphasized that sexually immoral Corinthians actually overcame their sinful lifestyles. With the help of God’s spiritual power, they became able—like all genuinely repentant sinners—to clean up their lives and walk in “newness of life” (Romans 6:4).

The homosexual agenda is designed to seduce individuals and nations, and its end results are horribly destructive to those who are deceived by it. However, for those who genuinely want to change their lives and surrender to their Creator, there is help—and there is hope. ☐

THE SEVEN SEALS (continued from page 17)

means “the hill of Megiddo.” Megiddo is located in Modern Israel about 55 miles north of Jerusalem. The hill or mount of Megiddo overlooks the largest

make war against Him [against Jesus] who sat on the horse and against His army” (v. 19).

These armies are gathered at Megiddo to make war against Christ and His army. The war or battle is called “the battle of the great day of God Almighty.” But

they stand on their feet, Their eyes shall dissolve in their sockets, And their tongues shall dissolve in their mouths” (v. 12).

Jesus will totally conquer the greatest military combine ever assembled. He will return as King of kings and Lord of lords to bring

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valley in Israel, the Plain of Esdraelon, or the Valley of Jezreel.

The armies of the world will gather there to make war against Jesus Christ—the Commander of Heaven’s armies! The Apostle John writes, “Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: King of kings and Lord of lords” (19:11–16).

When Christ returns to this earth, He will judge and conquer all His enemies. John continues: “And I saw the beast [the prophesied military dictator], and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to

where will the battle take place? The prophet Joel tells us that this climactic battle will take place near Jerusalem. “For, behold in those days and at that time... I will also gather all nations, and bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat; and I will enter into judgment with them there” (Joel 3:1–2).

The valley of Jehoshaphat, also called the Kidron Valley, is located between Jerusalem and the Mount of Olives. The world’s armies will move southward from Megiddo to fight Jesus Christ at Jerusalem. In the great climactic battle of all ages, the Creator God will prevail, as puny human beings fail in their futile attempt to conquer God.

Foolish generals will quickly learn how powerless they are against the omnipotent, divine power of God! Listen to the results of that battle: “For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem.... Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle, and in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives” (Zechariah 14:2–4). Notice the horrible punishment wrought on those rebellious, evil armies. “And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the people who fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh shall dissolve while

this war-torn planet a thousand years of peace. “And the LORD shall be King over all the earth” (v. 9).

The seven seals of Revelation reveal the prophetic trends and events leading up to the return of Christ. We need to be spiritually prepared! Look forward to the return of Jesus Christ. Be thankful for the good news that you have been hearing. Make sure you are reading your Bible, and the inspiring book of Revelation. And make sure you are preparing for the coming Kingdom of God. ☐

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WHERE IS JESUS CHRIST WORKING TODAY? (continued from page 3)

no answer to the clear and consistent words of the Bible on many, many basic subjects!

As you read this *Tomorrow's World* magazine, or view the *Tomorrow's World* telecast, I am sure that you will notice that we are “definitely different!” We quote extensively from the direct words of the Bible, and rely on it to prove our points. We earnestly try to make the basic truths of the Bible plain. If you really study our literature—and especially the outstanding *Tomorrow's World Bible Study Course*—you will find that a clear and consistent way of life is taught in the Bible which goes way beyond what most churches in this world even begin to teach. A basic “key” to understanding is to be willing to do what God says. Yet most religions in this world's professing Christianity unfortunately teach and practice what has been called “cheap grace.” They promote an empty, sentimental acceptance of the person of Christ and are absolutely blinded to the powerful message of obedience which He constantly preached. As we have told you so often, when a young man came to Jesus and asked the way to eternal life, Jesus' reply was very simple. He said, as He always did: “If you would enter into life, keep the Commandments” (Matthew 19:17). Then He began to name some of the Ten Commandments to indicate exactly what He was talking about.

Yet the overwhelming majority of professing-Christian ministers will, if you pin them down, definitely state: “You don't have to keep the Ten Commandments!” Oh, of course, they will say that the commandments are a good “guide” to life, or that they contain good principles. Or, sometimes they pretend to teach obedience to God's commandments. Yet, they absolutely refuse to teach their followers to keep the fourth commandment, or to truly abstain from killing in all its forms, or to condemn wholesale divorce and remarriage, which is “adultery” as Jesus said. How often have you heard your minister directly explain Jesus' teaching on this: “But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery” (Matthew 5:32)?

So do not be deceived! As this age draws to an end, it is up to you to sincerely seek out and prove where the full message of Jesus Christ is being preached today! You need to know! Try to face squarely the many, many scriptures that tell you: “Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith

of Jesus” (Revelation 14:12). Ask God earnestly for real understanding. Then you will be able to see through the “trick arguments” which so many religious teachers often use to get around all these dozens of clear statements in your Bible. And always remember Jesus Christ's powerful challenge: “But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say?” (Luke 6:46).

Do not allow yourself to be so easily fooled! Remind yourself of God's solemn declaration: “But on this one will I look: on him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at my word” (Isaiah 66:2). As President Bush often says “Don't mess with Texas,” so I say to you: “Don't mess with the Bible!” You readers—including all ministers and priests who may read this—had better fear the very real Creator God who is soon going to intervene and put a stop to all the “little games” professing religious leaders play with the Bible! As we have told you so often, God tells us how to have genuine understanding: “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever” (Psalm 111:10).

We in this end-time Work of the living God have a responsibility to preach the full Truth to our peoples, and to all nations. Jesus said: “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come” (Matthew 24:14). To expedite the fulfillment of this goal, we are moving the headquarters of this Work to Charlotte, North Carolina, where the economy will better facilitate our doing the Work of God. As this Work continues to grow in size and scope, we will soon be able to purchase more television time, enlarge the *Tomorrow's World* magazine circulation many times over, and serve our God—and you readers—better in every way. Because of the move there may, for a brief time, be some delays in mailing or in other areas, but overall we will be able to do the Work far more effectively from our new location.

As our friends and subscribers, may I ask each of you to please pray for God's blessing on this Work, and on our transition to our new Headquarters location in Charlotte? And let me thank you for your interest in *Tomorrow's World* magazine and God's precious Truth! May God bless and guide you as you act on the Truth and follow Him. As you have the faith and the courage to genuinely obey God and do what He says, He will certainly open your mind as to where Jesus Christ is working today.



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