

A photograph of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, California, viewed from a low angle looking up at the tower. The bridge's red-orange steel structure is prominent against a clear blue sky. In the foreground, the bridge's deck and suspension cables are visible. The background shows the bay with a small boat and green hills under a bright sky.

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Can You *Prove* What You Believe?

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

It is amazing to realize how careful most people are when buying a home, for instance, as opposed to deciding which church to join. The house may fit their needs for just a few years. But being involved with the *true* religion of God will determine how they spend all eternity.

So *where* did you get your religion? *How* did you come to believe the things that you believe? Did you find your religious concepts in the Bible? Or did you get your religious ideas from family and friends?

Frankly, most people do not get their religion out of the Bible. It may hurt to have to admit that. But it can easily be proved in the vast majority of cases. For you regular *Tomorrow's World* readers recognize that—unlike so many ministries in the “mainstream” of religion—we actually prove, verse by verse, what we are telling you right out of your own Bible. But most people do not really study the Bible, and do not believe that it says what it means and means what it says. So they do not understand.

It is very difficult for most people to admit they have been wrong. Human pride just does not want to do that. Yet, according to the inspired Word of God, that is the *beginning point* of true Christianity. When Jesus Christ began His ministry, He told His listeners, “**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand**” (Matthew 4:17). And the Gospel of Mark tells us: “Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. **Repent, and believe in the gospel!**’” (Mark 1:14–15). Jesus later said, “I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish” (Luke 13:5).

To “repent” means to *change*. Yet, just as most people are not willing to admit they have been wrong, they certainly do not want to change! As Sir Winston Churchill said, “Men occasionally stumble over the truth, but most of them pick themselves up and hurry off as if nothing had happened.”

Yet, if your *eternal life* is at stake, you would be very wise to consider whether *you* have been practicing the wrong religion—maybe the very religion in which your parents sincerely reared you!

Am I calling Christianity the “wrong religion”? *Of course not!* But I want to make you aware that there is both *false* Christianity and *true* Christianity. Many do not realize this, but the Bible makes it abundantly clear that a *false* form of Christianity would predominate until Christ's Second Coming. The beloved Apostle John described this very time in which we are living: “So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who *deceives* the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him” (Revelation 12:9). Satan the Devil has palmed off on this deceived world a *false* Christianity!

The highly regarded modern philosopher, Soren Kierkegaard, in his *Attack Upon Christendom*, wrote: “The Christianity of the New Testament simply does not exist. Millions of people through the centuries have little by little cheated God out of Christianity, and have succeeded in making Christianity exactly the opposite of what it is in the New Testament.”

So we each need to prove what we believe by *really studying* the Bible. We need to drink out of the Bible what *it* says rather than reading our own preconceived ideas *into* the Bible.

Think for a moment. Why is professing Christianity divided into hundreds of competing denominations and sects? Why do churches calling themselves “Christian” have so many differing beliefs and practices? Could it be that God is the author of confusion? Or might there be another explanation?

Heed Christ's Warning

Consider the warning Christ Himself gave: “For many shall come in my name, saying [that] I am Christ; and shall deceive many” (Matthew 24:5, *KJV*). Jesus did not say here that only *some few* would come in His name, but rather that “*many*” shall come! They come as “Christian” preachers, proclaiming *Jesus* as the Christ—yet *deceiving many!* In other words, there was to be a *mass deception* based on the false teachings

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ARE YOU WILLING TO CHANGE?

By Roderick C. Meredith

Your very life during the next few years depends upon your willingness to change! Your eternity depends on what you do with revealed truth.

In just the last few years, millions of viewers have watched the *Tomorrow's World* telecast, or read the *Tomorrow's World* magazine, or viewed the www.tomorrowsworld.org Web site. With each passing month, thousands upon thousands more are hearing this message for the very first time. They are reading the strong, plain-spoken Bible-based articles appearing in the *Tomorrow's World* magazine. They have studied our booklets and articles, showing the truth about the existence of their divine heavenly Father—the Creator—who gives them every breath they draw. They have seen the utter ludicrousness of the evolutionary fantasy and other false teachings.

They listen, they read and they talk. Perhaps they talk to family members, or friends, or people at the office. Perhaps they talk to people at church, or at school.

Already, they listen, and they read and they talk.

Yes, they listen, and they read and they talk—but what will they *do*?

What will *you* do?

God says: “So they come to you as people do, they sit before you as My people, and they hear your words, but they do not do them; for with their mouth they show much love, but their hearts pursue their own gain. Indeed you are to them as a very lovely song of one who has a pleasant voice and can play well on an instrument; for they hear your words, but they do not do them. And when this comes to pass—surely it will come—then they will know that a prophet has been among them” (Ezekiel 33:31–33).

What is it going to take for you to know, personally, that true servants of Almighty God are speaking to you over the *Tomorrow's World* telecast?

What is it going to take for you to *heed* and *act on* the knowledge you are receiving through the *Tomorrow's World* telecast, magazine and Web site?

How much will prophesied supernatural punishment have to affect you, personally, before you are willing to *change* your ways and obey God?

For that is the key—*your willingness to change*.

Many thoughtful people are intellectually convinced by what they hear over the *Tomorrow's World* telecast and read in the pages of the *Tomorrow's World* magazine—and they know it is right. But they resist and resent having to change their way of life!

Yet, in this age above all others, your willingness to *change* and accept and obey the truth God is revealing through His servants in these end times is the key to your very survival—now and forever.

Before much longer, you will be able to see that this is not just a sentimental idea—it is a fact.

Your Attitude Is the Key

Down through the ages, every true servant of God has preached a message of change. This is simply because people have always tended to go the way of human nature—the way of vanity, selfishness, lust, hate and war.

As if with one voice, these faithful servants of God have cried out about the national crimes and sins of their peoples—not only in righteous indignation or wrath, but out of deep, personal concern.

Ezekiel cried, “Why should you die, O house of Israel?” (Ezekiel 18:31). Jeremiah lamented, “For He [God] does not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men” (Lamentations 3:33).

Ezekiel and Jeremiah saw, with keen insight, the sickening excesses and sins of their people. They saw, through God's special revelation, the prophesied punishments those people were bringing on themselves. And they urged their people, whom they loved and wanted with all their hearts to serve, to repent of their sins—to change.

Each answered the cries of people who had so many problems—people who said of him, “He's only bad-mouthing the nation, and he never offers any solutions!”

They did offer solutions—vast, far-reaching solutions to world problems, and to the problems of individuals, by giving God's own answer.

The answer is to repent—to be willing to change. For to repent means not only to be sorry, but to be so sorry you are willing to quit doing what is wrong, and to turn around and go the other way.

True repentance involves a real change.

Preparing for Christ's first coming, John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!” (Matthew 3:1–2).

Soon after, Jesus began His own ministry, preaching the gospel of the coming government (or rule) of God. He proclaimed: “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel” (Mark 1:14–15).

Again and again, Jesus warned the people that the only way they could be saved was to repent of the ways, habits and customs of the people around them, and to begin obeying God. He warned, “I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3, 5).

As the New Testament Church began, the inspired Apostle Peter set forth the way to salvation: “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38).

And again, “Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord” (Acts 3:19).

The very word *convert* is a chemistry term meaning “to change.”

To be spiritually converted, a person must be genuinely, actively sorry and repentant for his past disobedience to the true God, and

then he must change his way of life to conform to God's will.

Surely you have noticed that the articles in the *Tomorrow's World* magazine constantly show you how many of the habits, customs and beliefs of this world are contrary to the commands of God. What are the days you should keep holy? What is the reward—the true goal—of the Christian? What should we do about the constant exhortations to obey the commandments of God—all of them? What should we do with the instructions about how to live by every word of God?

Are you really *doing something* about this precious knowledge God is giving you?

The following is a letter—typical of many—from a man who knows he should change.

“I greatly appreciate the literature you have sent me for the past two years. I have learned a lot of things and perhaps have come close to giving my whole self to God. It's too bad that I fell short. Since I am going to Oklahoma State University this fall, I think that your material that you have been sending me would go to waste. I can plainly see that the materialistic pull and social influence—especially my roommates—would cause me to put it aside. As you may probably see, I am not too worried about God's wrath. I put the matter aside and think, God will pull me through sooner or later. At least I know where to run when the times get bad. That is almost like getting something for nothing isn't it? I have no excuse. I have seen the truth and ignored it. I'm not disenchant-

ed and looking for an answer to man's ills. I have found the answer through your work. I'm not confused. I'm just sinful. It's a pity that your literature had to be wasted. I am just a typical human.”

Too “Weak” To Change?

Do you, too, resist having to change? Does it seem too difficult for you to change from your way of life to God's way of life?

You need to realize that your human nature itself must be repented of! God says, “The heart

self-esteem which is threatened... The little word *my* is the most important one in human affairs, and properly to reckon with it is just the beginning of wisdom. It has the same force whether it is *my* dinner, *my* dog, *my* house or *my* faith, *my* country and *my* God. We not only resent the imputation that our watch is wrong, or our car shabby, but that our conception of the canals of Mars, or the pronunciation of ‘Epictetus,’ or the medicinal value of salicine, or of the date of Sargon I, are

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is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?” (Jeremiah 17:9).

With those words, God is describing the kind of nature you have!

You probably do not like to change. You probably do not like the idea of admitting that your religion or your way of life may have been wrong.

Notice this striking description of the human mind in Professor James Harvey Robinson's enlightening book, *The Mind in the Making*:

“We are incredibly heedless in the formation of our beliefs, but find ourselves with an illicit passion for them when anyone proposes to rob us of their companionship. It is obviously not the ideas that threaten themselves that are dear to us, but our

subject to revision...

We like to continue to believe what we have been accustomed to accept as true, and the resentment aroused when doubt is cast upon any of our assumptions leads us to seek every manner of excuse for clinging to it. The result is that most of our so-called reasoning consists in finding arguments for going on believing as we already do.”

What a classic illustration of the human mind—your mind!

Now notice what God says about the natural, fleshly mind of man, “The carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be” (Romans 8:7). And in the previous verse, God says that “to be carnally minded is death.”

So the Bible shows that the very key to your survival is your

willingness to repent of your own ways and change your own ideas, customs and beliefs so that they really correspond with God's ways and teachings as revealed in your Bible.

God's Truth Brings Responsibility

God has shown many of you readers that this is His Work. Through the *Tomorrow's World* telecast, and in the pages of this magazine, you are constantly challenged in plain, clear terms to obey the Ten Commandments literally as God intended. You are challenged to keep His days holy and to come out of this world's many pagan religious observances, customs and traditions.

But many of you just sit back and listen, and say, "Well, I agree with what you teach, but I don't see that there is anything I need to do about it."

Yet God says, "For not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified" (Romans 2:13).

Again, God says, "Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin" (James 4:17).

Most of you regular readers of *Tomorrow's World* really know what you should be doing. You know that you should *begin acting* on the vital knowledge you learn through God's work.

You know that even more precious knowledge of God's truth is available by studying the amazing free booklets we offer on many subjects.

You know that you can be fed even more of these important spiritual truths by taking and acting on the *Tomorrow's World Bible Study Course*.

You know where the truth is available. You know that there is no one else on earth today who is really making the Bible plain as we are doing—and is making major events in world happenings plain in their definite, prophetic significance.

Will You Act While There Is Time?

How will you feel when these events you have been reading about suddenly come to pass in front of your very eyes? How will you feel when you have known about these things all along—have known that you ought to begin to obey God and act on this knowledge He was freely revealing to you—but have just sluggishly or stubbornly refused to change your ways and come under His protection in time?

Are you going to react like the fellow who wrote this letter? "I'm not a Christian. It takes a man to be one of them. I don't pray. I never prayed in my life. I had a chance to join a church but the way they put it across didn't seem right to me. I had a good chance to go the way of evolution but it didn't seem right. When the truth did come along I wasn't so dumb

that I didn't recognize it. I help support this work financially because I believe in it 100 percent. But, please don't think that I pray. I can't humble myself enough."

Shocking?

Yes. At least it should be, if you can comprehend the stakes involved.

The God of your Bible states, "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).

You should surely know by now that we are not playing sentimental little games with you. We challenge you to prove what we say about world events and the fulfillment of biblical prophecies. For what we teach *can be* and *does* stand proved.

But simply *knowing* these things will do you or your loved ones no good whatever. For you must *act* on the truth. You must live by God's laws—all of them. You must change your approach and your very way of life to conform to the example and teachings of the true Jesus Christ of your Bible.

For the sake of life and eternity, will you exercise the courage and determination to make this change? ■

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San Francisco Earthquake: *Lessons 100 Years Later*

By Rod McNair



“It was on the morning of April 18, 1906. The sun was just peeping from behind the hills and casting a beautiful mantle of crimson o’er the Queen of the Pacific Slope. A few had begun to stir and prepare for their daily duties... when suddenly the earth began to tremble...”

That is how Edith Weatherred, a reporter for the *Portland Evening Telegram*, described her firsthand experience when the city of San Francisco endured an earthquake that history would recognize as one of the most terrible natural disasters ever to shake the United States.

Weatherred described the chaos and panic of a city devastated by tremors and fires. “Rushing to the streets, we saw flames from more than a dozen fires enveloping whole blocks. Fire bells were ringing and horses madly rushing on to the fast approaching flames, only to find

water mains disabled. Hydrants had been twisted out of shape, and the water supply entirely cut off. Through the dense smoke came the message, ‘God save us! The city is doomed.’”

Many other eyewitness accounts of this devastating earthquake have been preserved. Writer Jack London lived just 40 miles away. He rushed to the city when he heard the news, and recorded what he saw: “Nothing remains of it but memories and a fringe of dwelling-houses on its outskirts... There was no opposing the flames. There was no organization, no communication... The telephone and telegraph systems were disrupted. And the great water-mains had burst. All the shrewd contrivances and safeguards of man had been thrown out of gear by thirty seconds’ twitching of the earth-crust... Not in history has a modern imperial city been so completely destroyed. San Francisco is gone” (“The Story of an

Eyewitness,” *Collier’s*, May 5, 1906).

The desolation of San Francisco was beyond words. In 45 to 60 seconds of tremors, and three days of fires, 28,000 buildings were destroyed and 225,000 people were left homeless. An estimated 3,000 people lost their lives. Property damage reached \$400 million (in 1906 dollars). The fire destroyed four square miles of San Francisco—roughly two-thirds of the city.

On today’s Richter scale, the quake measured 7.7 to 7.9—nearly 100 times as intense as the terrible earthquake that struck Northridge, California on January 17, 1994. But scientists do not consider either the size or the scope the most significant fact about San Francisco’s great calamity. Rather, they note the lessons learned as a result of the earthquake! A U.S. Geological Survey scientist observed: “The California earthquake of April 18, 1906, ranks as one of the most significant earthquakes of all time. Today, its importance comes more from the *wealth of scientific knowledge derived from it* than from its sheer size” (see “The San Andreas Fault System, California,” *USGS Paper 1515*, pp. 152–187).

In the decades after 1906, scientists learned much about earthquake science and preparedness. The lessons they learned have saved lives in recent years. Just what were those lessons learned?

Effects of the Quake

After the 1906 quake, scientists flocked to observation posts along California’s San Andreas fault to study how the earthquake had affected it. In some places, the two sides of the fault were dislocated by

some 16 feet! Once believed to be just a small fault localized south of San Francisco, the 1906 San Francisco earthquake revealed that the fault was much larger than previously believed. After the quake, scientists observed displacement that ran for 290 miles—from northwest of San Juan Bautista to Cape Mendocino along the northern California coast. This discovery spawned scientific study that challenged prevailing concepts about the structure of the earth’s crust, and about the nature of earthquakes themselves. Before, scientists believed that earthquakes “caused” faults. After 1906, scientists discovered that it was faults that “caused” earthquakes (or foretold their location)—not the other way around! This discovery eventually led to the “elastic-rebound theory,” which remains the principal model used to this day to describe the movement of the earth’s crust by earthquakes. Far from being insignificant, as previously thought, the San Andreas fault is today the most studied fault line in the world, known to stretch for 800 miles—from Point Arena on the northern California coast to the Gulf of California in the south.

The 1906 earthquake also prompted sweeping changes in San Francisco’s building codes. Those new standards have spared the city from much devastation

during the past 100 years. As *U.S. News & World Report* writer Kim Clark put it: “Many lessons were learned in the 1906 earthquake and fire that killed about 3,000 people. The city imposed stricter building codes, which were put to



the test on Oct. 17, 1989, when a magnitude 7 earthquake struck. At first, the destruction looked horrific. But out of a Bay Area population of nearly 7 million, only 62 people died, about 3,500 were injured, and 12,000 were left homeless. The economic losses were also comparatively light” (“New Warnings, Old Risk,” September 19, 2005).

But were plate tectonics and the earth’s movement the most important lessons of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake? Were modernized building regulations its most significant effect? Or were we supposed to learn other lessons from what took place on that fateful April morning 100 years ago?

San Franciscans are making plans to commemorate the quake’s anniversary, and to celebrate the strides society has made since then in earthquake research and preparedness. But what are the lessons that all human beings—not just San

Franciscans—should learn? How should those lessons affect us when we are faced with increasing calamities and natural disasters in the “end-times”?

Global Warming or Global Warning?

Jesus Christ warned that earthquakes—and other natural disasters—would be among the prophetic milestones signaling His soon return. “Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?” (Matthew 24:3). Jesus foretold not only political and religious upheaval, but also *unexpected and increasing climactic disasters*. “And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows” (vv. 7–8). Jesus forewarned that the years just before His return would be marked with great sorrow and grief, as a result of man-made wars and “natural” calamities. Are we entering that time?

Skeptics counter, “We’ve always had earthquakes—there’s nothing unusual or significant about disasters.” But commentators on climactic events in recent years have acknowledged that our weather is becoming more unusual, extreme, and unpredictable. Last December 30, Knight-Ridder reporter Seth Borenstein looked back on 2005 weather patterns, and noted: “It’s not just your imagination. America’s weather went wild this year. It began with

a record downpour in the Nevada desert and record warmth in Alaska, and it’s ending with floods in California and wildfires in Texas and Oklahoma... Along the way, at least 214 *climate records were smashed or tied*, thanks to a slew of hurricanes, [and] 21



Major earthquakes are becoming more and more common. Today’s quakes displace millions across wide regions, but the Bible foretells of a terrible end-time earthquake that will ravage the whole world.

straight days of 100-degree-plus temperatures in Fresno, California... Extremes were everywhere... It was the *third worst year for U.S. extreme-weather events in history*, according to the National Climactic Data Center in Asheville.”

While one year’s weather does not by itself signal dramatic climactic change, experts now say that they expect this type of weather from year to year. The U.S. is not alone in this. “Although Canada was spared the brunt of the world’s worst disasters—which included deadly hurricanes and destructive earthquakes elsewhere on the globe—

residents of this country had plenty to gripe about [in 2005]. A cluster of major storms caused flooding in Alberta that was labeled a once-in-200-years occurrence... Mr. [David] Phillips, [senior climatologist for Environment Canada]... has argued repeatedly that weather was generally more extreme and less predictable this year” (“Mother Nature was mad at the world,” *Globe and Mail Update*, December 29, 2005).

This is not even to mention the 7.6-magnitude earthquake in Pakistan on October 8, 2005, which killed more than 73,000 people and left three million homeless, or the Southeast Asian tsunami caused by a 9.3-magnitude monster earthquake on December 26, 2004—the strongest in 40 years—which killed nearly 300,000 people. Is our extreme weather the result of global warming or other physical causes? Or is there a Creator God who will use *unusual weather events, including earthquakes, to bring all of humanity to repentance and an acknowledgement of the existence of an all-powerful God?*

Not Just Building Codes

Better engineering standards and civil emergency drills are of course helpful, but are they the best ways to prepare for coming calamities? Do you have an emergency plan to protect yourself and your family if a calamity strikes? In the U.S., the Federal Emergency Management Association has issued recommendations for family preparedness at home. These include simple measures such as having enough usable food and water for three to seven days (a gallon of water per person per day), ade-

quate clothing and bedding, tools and emergency supplies, flashlights and fresh batteries, a battery-operated radio, cash and a full tank of gasoline (“Your Family Disaster Supplies Kit,” Publication L-189).

However, even more importantly, Jesus Christ revealed that *spiritual preparation* is the most important way to plan for disasters of any kind, including natural calamities. Ignoring this vital key will bring catastrophe to nations or individuals. Notice what Christ said when describing wise and foolish builders: “Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock” (Matthew 7:24–25). While this is good, sound building advice, *the real lesson is spiritual!* “But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and *does not do them*, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall” (vv. 26–27).

Jesus Christ showed that the *best preparation* for future disasters is a *close relationship with Him!* “And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven... But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly” (Luke 21:11, 34). As we see nations grappling with tragedy and fellow human

beings fighting for survival in the wake of terrifying calamities, are we becoming more serious about our spiritual lives? Or are we focused on making money, paying the bills, pursuing pleasure and pleasing our peers, to the exclusion of our relationships with God?

More and more people in the U.S.

and the British-descended nations are becoming concerned about the moral direction of their countries, and are seeing natural disasters as a “wake-up call” for spiritual renewal. But will this be a temporary emotional reaction? Or will it become something more? How many are really *serious* about turning to God?

Hurricane Katrina saw more than 1,300 people killed, thousands still missing, and 1.5 million displaced. Some have called it the U.S.’s worst disaster since its Civil War. But has it brought about a widespread movement toward greater obedience and dependence on God and His word? Local officials in New Orleans see the resurgence of Bourbon Street as a vital sign of the survival of New Orleans, despite the bawdy and sensual lifestyle it represents (see “Bourbon Street survives storm,” *Appeal-Democrat*, October 2, 2005). Gulf Coast legislators are counting on rebuilt casinos to jump-start their battered economies, and are even changing laws to accommodate them—despite the known social and

moral ills associated with the gambling industry (“Bright Spot on Gulf as Casinos Rush to

Rebuild,” *New York Times*, December 14, 2005). Have the real lessons been learned?

No matter what society does as a whole, it is up to each of us individually



Hurricane Katrina displaced millions of people and caused billions of dollars in damage. Are we prepared for the next major disaster?

to make **permanent changes** in our lives, according to God’s word, as we see the “writing on the wall.” Jesus certainly intends us to! Notice what He said about the growing chaos and danger in our world around us: “**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).

When Californians speak of “the big one,” they usually are thinking about a powerful earthquake that geologists expect will strike their state in the next few decades. But do you realize that Jesus Christ prophesied that a great earthquake of unprecedented power would come and shake *every nation* on earth? “Then the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air... And there were noises and thunderings and lightnings; and there was a **great earthquake**, such a mighty and great earthquake *as had not occurred since men were on the earth*” (Revelation 16:17–18). This earthquake will be more severe than any previously experienced. Scripture

reveals not only that it will affect the whole world, but that it will level cities around the world—including the city at the center of a worldwide false “Christianity” opposing Christ Himself! “Now the great city was divided into three parts, and the *cities of the nations fell*. And great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath. Then every island fled away, and the mountains were not found” (vv. 19–20).

This devastation will come upon the world’s nations and cities in the not-too-distant future. But devastation does not have to come upon you! God is looking for repentance in each of us (Acts 17:30). Now is the time to change personally—forsaking greed, vanity, lust and envy, and wholeheartedly embracing God’s way. “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). Jesus Christ will soon establish His Kingdom on earth, ushering in a thousand years of unimaginable peace and happiness for all of humanity. However, before that, the earth will experience disasters of a magnitude the world has never known. God, in His perfect love, will allow these calamities to come upon a sinful world so that it must acknowledge “that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men” (Daniel 4:25, 32).

What Will You Do?

When Hurricane Katrina drowned New Orleans, Louisiana, in August 2005, and prompted a mass exodus from the city, San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom was prompted to address emergency preparations for his own

city. Geologists say the odds are high that San Francisco will suffer a “damaging” earthquake (defined as magnitude of 6.7 or higher) in the next 30 years or less (“Is San Francisco Ready?” *Time*, September 19, 2005). Projects are now underway in San Francisco to “secure vital infrastructure, including the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge and Bay Area Rapid Transit system’s tracks, stations and tunnels.” Also in progress is “a major renovation of the aging system of reservoirs, pipelines and canals that bring water to some 2.4 million Bay Area residents” (*ibid.*). Without intact water lines after a disaster, not only would San Franciscans go thirsty; there would be little hope of fighting uncontrolled fires like those that devastated the city in 1906.

But in spite of all these physical preparations, how much spiritual preparation is taking place? Is San Francisco—or are any of our cities—becoming *more godly*?

Mayor Newsom and other disaster managers frankly admit that *citizens cannot rely on government agencies or government disaster plans to protect or save them*, especially in the first 72 hours of a catastrophe (*ibid.*). Sincere Christians know that although we must be prudent and prepare in

every way we can (Proverbs 22:3), *our only real protection* comes from the all-powerful God who rules over earth from heaven, and has our life in His hands (John 10:27–29)! The prophet Jeremiah records this encouraging message, and points out in Whom we can put our trust and faith in times of stress and danger: “Thus says the LORD: ‘Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart departs from the LORD. For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when good comes, but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land which is not inhabited. Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, and whose hope is the LORD. For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, which spreads out its roots by the river, and will not fear when heat comes; but its leaf will be green, and will not be anxious in the year of drought, nor will cease from yielding fruit’” (Jeremiah 17:5–8). May God lead you to learn the lessons of history and to obey Him wholeheartedly, through the power of His Spirit. May He grant you the faith and trust to depend on Him and His Son, Jesus Christ, for your very life! ■

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Questions & Answers

Question: In Acts 8, when we read of Philip preaching the gospel to the Samaritans, we read that he “preached Christ to them” (v. 5). Why, then, does your magazine preach the Kingdom of God, and not simply the person of Christ?

Answer: This is a common misconception. Many today believe that by merely preaching about the person of Christ, they are preaching His message. In fact, however, Jesus Christ came with a very specific message. Many who preach only of His person are twisting His message, teaching contrary to what He taught. A closer look at Acts 8 will illustrate the unbreakable connection between Jesus’ person and His true message.

Notice what Philip was preaching when he “preached Christ to them.” We read, “But when they believed Philip as he preached the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were baptized” (v. 12). In other words, when Philip preached Christ, he preached the message Christ had taught him to preach—about Christ’s identity as Savior and King (His “name”), and about the “Kingdom of God” over which Christ would rule. In response to this message, many people accepted Christ—and, in doing so, accepted His message.

Is this “Kingdom of God” some kind of warm feeling in the heart of the believer? No! The Apostle John recorded Jesus Christ’s prophetic explanation of the future kingdom over which He would rule. John wrote of a future time when 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 is not allegory; Jesus is an actual king. He will rule a literal kingdom, assisted by resurrected faithful Christians (Revelation 5:9–10; 1 Corinthians 15:50–52). There will be definite signs preceding His coming, and those who have allied with the enemies of Christ will “mourn” when they see Him coming to establish that kingdom (Matthew 24:30).

Notice what He said when Pilate asked Him, “Are You a king then?” Jesus responded, “You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world” (John 18:37). However, as Jesus explained, His kingdom is not of “this world”—the present age—but of Tomorrow’s World (v. 36).

Christ will administer His kingdom from a headquarters at Jerusalem. “Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths, for out of Zion the law shall go forth, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem” (Micah 4:2). As human beings learn Christ’s ways, a “Millennium” lived under God’s rule will bring a peace and joy never before known in human history.

Jesus Christ’s message was the good news of salvation, and of the Kingdom of God, which would be set up on this earth, to prepare all human beings for eternal life in His Family. All of Christ’s disciples taught that same message (Luke 9:1–2; 10:1–2, 9; Acts 20:21, 25; Matthew 24:14; 28:18–20).

Therefore, to “preach Christ” means to preach the whole truth concerning Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection, and the good news of the coming Kingdom of God. Those who truly accept Jesus Christ will accept His message, repent, be baptized, and allow Him to live His life in them (Philippians 2:5; Galatians 2:20), so that He can prepare them for eternal life in His Family. This dramatic change and commitment to God’s way of life will be rewarded at Christ’s return, when He will say, “Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world” (Matthew 25:34).

Coming: A Famine of the Word!

The 21st century began with a global resurgence of religion that surprised secular leaders and scholars.

Fundamentalist religious movements are spreading in Africa, China, Russia and South America. The Pope speaks of “re-evangelizing” Europe. In North America, “back-to-the-Bible” churches are thriving while liberal “mainstream” churches are losing many members. Proponents of Intelligent Design are challenging evolutionists in classrooms and in the courts. All this excites many Bible-believers today, yet the Bible states that there will be a “famine of the hearing of the word” as we approach the end of this age. How can this happen along with a resurgence of religion? The answer is found in what the Bible reveals about religion at the end of the age—in prophecies that are *coming alive* today!

End-Time Spiritual Famine

God inspired the prophet Amos to record: “Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord GOD, that I will send a *famine* on the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of *hearing the words of the LORD*. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, but shall not find it” (Amos 8:11–12). This prophecy refers to a time when “the end has come upon My people Israel” (Amos 8:2), and it has dual applications to both the ancient nation of Israel and to modern nations descended from ancient Israel. A “famine” of hearing the truth occurs when the nations of Israel are taken over by a foreign power that *prohibits the proclamation and practice of the true biblical faith*. This happened around 720BC when Assyrians carried the northern

10 tribes of Israel into captivity. It will happen again during the Tribulation, when the modern descendants of ancient Israel are punished for their sins (Matthew 24:9; Hosea 5:5; Jeremiah 22:5–9).

The prophet Daniel explains how this “famine” of hearing the truth will come about in the last days. In a vision, Daniel saw a “little horn” dominating the last seven revivals of the Roman Empire (the fourth beast; see Daniel 7:7–8, 19–20). This little horn will be a prominent religious figure (and his church), teaching blasphemous doctrines that contradict Scripture. This “horn” will work to change the calendar of religious observances, and will persecute those who follow Scripture (Daniel 7:21, 24–25).

History records that the bishops of Rome presided over councils that changed the weekly day of worship from the biblical Sabbath (the day observed by Jesus, His disciples and Christians in the apostolic era; see Luke 4:16; Acts 13:42–44; 16:11–13; 17:2) to Sunday. Pagan sun worshipers already observed Sunday; one rationale for the change was that it would make it easier for pagans to convert to this new form of “Christianity.” In a similar manner, Easter was substituted for the biblical Passover, and winter solstice celebrations were “Christianized” to attract pagans into the fold. Roman law backed these ecclesiastical decisions to accept non-biblical doctrines and practices in the name of “Christianity.” In recent years, the papacy has re-emphasized Sunday as a day of worship, and has urged the adoption of European laws enshrining Sunday as a holiday. Such laws could be used in the future to actively discourage observance of the biblical Sabbath and to promote conformity to Sunday observance.

Daniel saw a vision of another “little horn” that would cause the daily sacrifices in the temple in Jerusalem to cease and would “*cast truth down to the ground*” (Daniel 8:8–14). This dual prophecy was initially fulfilled by Antiochus Epiphanes when he sacked Jerusalem in 168BC, set up a statue of Zeus in the Temple and offered swine blood on the altar—a great



offense to the Jewish people. Antiochus pressured Jewish priests to compromise their religious practices and to accept the process of Hellenization. The *Expositor's Bible Commentary* states that Antiochus' actions foreshadow "a determined effort made by a ruthless dictator to completely suppress the biblical faith" at the end of the age, who will attempt to foster religious uniformity (see comments on Daniel 8:11–12).

In yet another vision, Daniel prophesied that a powerful end-time leader, with links to a revived Roman system, will make a seven-year covenant that will at first permit the Jewish people to resume sacrifices, "but in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering" (Daniel 9:26–27). This covenant will begin as a token of religious toleration, but after three-and-a-half years "all pretense of religious toleration will be dropped" as this ruler attempts to enforce conformity to a corrupt religion (*Expositor's Bible Commentary*). This influential end-time religious leader, and his efforts to stifle and obliterate true biblical religion, are clearly linked to the actions of false teachers at the end of the age (Daniel 12:11; Matthew 24:3, 11, 15; Revelation 17:1–5).

Vital Prophecies

The New Testament provides additional insights about end-time events that will contribute to "a famine... of the hearing of the word of the LORD." Jesus said that in the years just preceding His return, "many will come in My name... and will deceive many" (Matthew 24:5). False teachers will preach about another Jesus and a different gospel, contradicting the Scriptures (2 Corinthians 11:1–4). Do not be

fooled by this false Jesus and different gospel! Remember: Jesus, His apostles and the Church He founded kept a Saturday Sabbath and observed the biblical Holy Days. Historical sources and the biblical record show that Jesus was not born on December 25. The Bible states that *no one but Jesus* has gone to heaven (Acts 2:29, 34; John 3:13). Human beings were *not* created to go to heaven, sit on clouds and play harps, but to reign on this earth with Jesus Christ in the coming Kingdom of God (Matthew 19:28; Revelation 1:6; 5:10; Daniel 2:44–45; 7:27). This factual biblical information

will be suppressed at the end of the age, because it conflicts with traditional beliefs promoted by the religious system that will dominate the world.

The Bible indicates that as we approach the end of this age, militant religious activity will increase (Revelation

6:1–2). In the last days, people will have "a form of godliness," but it will not be based solidly on the Scriptures (2 Timothy 3:1–5; 4:1–4). An influential religious figure will use supernatural powers to deceive people to believe lies, and will suppress the truth (2 Thessalonians 2:1–12). False teachers will "bring in destructive heresies" and will ridicule biblical doctrines and speak evil of the truth, while they twist Scriptures to support their erroneous ideas (2 Peter 2:1–3; 3:1–18). This climate of public opinion, critical and dismissive of true biblical Christianity, is developing today, and will culminate in an attempt to stamp out true biblical teaching—an attempt led by a powerful religious figure linked with a revived Roman system in Europe. It is vital that we understand where world events are leading today, and that we "seek the LORD while he may be found" (Isaiah 55:6) because a period of darkness is coming (John 9:4)—and with it will come "a famine... of the hearing of the word of the LORD."

—Douglas S. Winnail





Who Is the Beast?

By Richard F. Ames

The book of Revelation in your Bible is a puzzle to most people. It is full of unusual imagery and mysterious figures. One of these is a “Beast” that will change the future of the world.

The book of Revelation is filled with symbols. One of these is a “Beast” with seven heads and ten horns. According to Bible prophecy, this future Beast will rule many nations.

Just who is this Beast? What do its heads and horns represent? The answer may surprise you, and it will help you understand the future of the world.

Regular readers of this magazine understand that Jesus Christ will soon return to this earth, to usher in the “Millennium”—the Kingdom of God

here on earth. But Bible prophecy reveals that before Christ begins His reign on earth, nations will battle one another in a devastating world war. One of those battling superpowers is described, in your Bible, as a beast with seven heads.

John Describes the Beast

What is this mysterious Beast? The Apostle John described a vivid vision of a creature with seven heads and ten horns. “So [an angel] carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns” (Revelation 17:3).

What do these heads and horns mean? What does the woman represent? People like to speculate, but we do not have to be in the dark about John’s meaning. The Bible interprets the Bible, as we will see.

In the Bible, a woman can symbolize a church. Sometimes, a woman represents the true Church (Ephesians 5:25, 32). Christ loves His Church, just as husbands are to love their wives. However, a fallen woman represents a false church, or a false religious system. Notice John’s description as it continues:

“The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication. And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement” (Revelation 17:4–6).

Here is a great persecuting church, a religious system that has

persecuted true Christians over the ages. John continues his description: “Here is the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits. There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, and the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time. The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition” (Revelation 17:9–11).

Here we see that the seven heads represent a series of seven kings, or kingdoms, following an original kingdom. So the eighth will be the final revival of this kingdom. As we will see, this is a revived Roman Empire.

John goes on to describe an unusual feature of the Beast: “The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful” (Revelation 17:12–14). These horns are a military alliance that will make war with Jesus Christ, the Lamb.

The Beast at Armageddon

The Bible describes a terrifying end-time battle, popularly known as the “Battle of Armageddon.” At this battle, forces loyal to the Beast will take part in a final battle between good and evil, for control of the earth. What will happen at this battle? “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” (Revelation 16:12).

Notice the location of this battle! An eastern military alliance, here called “the kings from the east,” will move westward across the Euphrates River. Look at a world map, and you will see that the Euphrates River begins in Turkey, then passes through Syria and Iraq before reaching the Persian Gulf. Which nations are to the east of the Euphrates River? Nations including Iran, India and China.

The Bible describes that kings “from the east” will move westward to join other forces. Why will they be on the march? “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” (Revelation 16:13–14). The Beast, with the false prophet, will gather these kings to fight against Jesus Christ—the Messiah—at His coming. Notice that although this battle is often called the “Battle of Armageddon,” your Bible gives it a different name—“the battle of that great day of God Almighty” (v. 14).

Can Christians afford to ignore this pivotal event? Jesus Christ Himself gives the answer, warning us: “Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame” (v. 15).

Where will the Beast gather the world’s armies? “And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew,

Armageddon” (v. 16). The word “Armageddon” is a transliteration of the Hebrew *har Megiddo*, meaning “the hill of Megiddo” or “the mountain of Megiddo.” Megiddo is located about 55 miles north of Jerusalem, in Israel. In ancient times, Megiddo guarded the main trade route between Egypt and Damascus. It also overlooks the largest plain in Israel, called the “Valley of Jezreel” in your Bible, or the Plain of Esdraelon. The Old Testament records several major battles that took place there. Although the world’s armies will use all their modern weapons of mass destruction against the returning Christ, they will utterly fail in battle against the King of kings.

The Beast in Daniel

In the book of Daniel, we read that God inspired His prophet Daniel to see an amazing vision of four great beasts: “Daniel spoke, saying, ‘I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the Great Sea. And four great beasts came up from the sea, each different from the other. The first was like a lion, and had eagle’s wings. I watched till its wings were plucked off; and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand on two feet like a man, and a man’s heart was given to it. And suddenly another beast, a second, like a bear. It was raised up on one side, and had three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said thus to it: ‘Arise, devour much flesh!’” (Daniel 7:2–5).

Daniel then described a beast like a leopard, and another beast with ten horns, before explaining: “Those great beasts, which are four, are four kings which arise out of the earth. But the saints of the Most High shall receive the

kingdom, and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever” (vv. 17–18).

Just as in Revelation, we find a beast with ten horns! This beast, too, represents the end-time revival of a great empire—a coming superpower. Daniel goes on to explain: “The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom on earth, which shall be different from all other kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, trample it and break it in pieces. The ten horns are ten kings who shall arise from this kingdom. And another shall rise after them; he shall be different from the first ones, and shall subdue three kings” (vv. 23–24).

The horns represent successive kings. They will be judged, and the final “Beast power” will be overthrown (v. 26). Then God’s Kingdom will be established on earth: “Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him” (v. 27).

We have seen that both Revelation and Daniel include prophecies about ten horns, representing kingdoms. Both prophecies converge on the world’s final superpower state, which rises in

opposition to Jesus Christ. Can we identify this superpower—this final Beast? A dream given to King Nebuchadnezzar can help us understand both biblical and historical evidence regarding the four world-ruling empires, and the identity of the Beast that will rule before Jesus Christ returns.

Daniel and his three friends had been taken into Babylonian captivity, where they were trained and educated to serve the King of Babylon, in whose service they excelled. Why did they excel? “As for these four young men, God gave them knowledge and skill in all literature and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all

Prophetic “Babylon”—The Successive Reigns of Gentile

Image (Daniel 2)	4 Beasts (Daniel 7); Ram and Goat (Daniel 8)	Beasts from Sea and Earth (Revelation 13)	Harlot Riding Scarlet Beast (Revelation 17)	Symbolic Meaning	Historical Fulfillment
Head of Gold (vv. 32, 38)	Lion (7:4)	7-Headed Beast from Sea with Lion Mouth,		1st Head of Beast	Neo-Babylonian (or Chaldean) Empire, 625–539BC
Chest and Arms of Silver (vv. 32, 39)	Bear (7:5); 2-Horned Ram (8:3–4, 20)	Bear Feet		2nd Head of Beast	Medo-Persian Empire 558–330BC
Belly and Thighs of Bronze (vv. 32, 39)	4-Headed Leopard (7:6); Male Goat with Large Horn and 4 Notable Horns (8:5–8, 21–22)	and Leopard Body (v. 2)		3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Heads of Beast	Hellenistic Empire of Alexander the Great and Its 4 Divisions 333–31BC
2 Legs of Iron (vv. 33, 40–43)	Beast with Iron Teeth and 10 Horns (7:7, 23–24)	7th Head of this Beast Has 10 Horns (v. 1)	7-Headed Scarlet Beast (v. 3)	7th Head of Beast	Roman Empire 31BC–476AD (Constantine declares “Christianity” official religion in 324AD)
		Deadly Wound (v. 3)	(ridden at some point by Harlot described below)	Apparent End of Beast	Fall of Rome (476AD)
	1st Horn (uprooted)	1st Horn		3 Successive Horns (barbarian followers of Arianism destroyed on papal authority—this period called the “transition age” in Philip Myers’ <i>Ancient History</i> , p. 571)	Kingdom of the Vandals 429–533AD
	2nd Horn (uprooted)	2nd Horn			Heruli (under Odoacer) 476–493AD
	3rd Horn (uprooted)	3rd Horn			Kingdom of the Ostrogoths 493–554AD
	Little Horn among the 10 (7:8, 20–22, 24–27)	2-Horned Lamb-Like Beast from Earth and Image (vv. 11–18)			Royally Clad Harlot named Mystery, Babylon the Great (vv. 1–6)
	4th Horn	1st of Last 7 Horns; Deadly Wound healed	Beast Continues 1,260 Years after Healing (v. 5) 554–1814AD	1st Head of Scarlet Beast ridden by Harlot	Imperial Restoration of the West under Justinian (554AD)
	5th Horn	2nd of Last 7 Horns		2nd Head ridden by Harlot	Carolingian Empire (Charlemagne crowned in 800AD)
	6th Horn	3rd of Last 7 Horns		3rd Head ridden by Harlot	Holy Roman Empire (Otto the Great crowned in 962AD)
	7th Horn	4th of Last 7 Horns		4th Head ridden by Harlot	Hapsburg Dynasty (Charles V crowned in 1530AD)
	8th Horn	5th of Last 7 Horns		5th Head ridden by Harlot	Napoleon’s Empire 1804–1814AD
	In 1814, 1,260 years after the Deadly Wound was healed in 554AD, the “Holy Roman Empire” ended with Napoleon’s crushing defeat. According to Willis West’s <i>Modern History</i> , “so closed a government that dated from Augustus Caesar” (p. 377).				
		9th Horn	6th of Last 7 Horns	6th Head ridden by Harlot	“One IS” (Revelation 17:10)—understood by God’s Church in end time (Daniel 12:9–10)
10 Toes on 2 Feet of Iron Mixed with Ceramic Clay (vv. 33, 42)	10th and Final Horn	7th of Last 7 Horns	7th Head ridden by Harlot (with 10 Horns); 8th System if Beast itself is 1st (v. 11)	Other Revival That Has “NOT YET COME” (Revelation 17:10)	Last Revival of the Roman Empire (10 national rulers under a single leader)

visions and dreams” (Daniel 1:17). They excelled in service because God had given them wisdom.

Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream

When King Nebuchadnezzar had a troubling dream, his Babylonian advisors could not interpret it. So Nebuchadnezzar called upon Daniel, whose wisdom he respected. Unlike Nebuchadnezzar’s advisors, Daniel knew the king’s dream, and described the great image the king had seen: “You, O king, were watching; and behold, a great image! This great image, whose splendor was excellent, stood before you; and its form was awesome. This image’s head was of fine gold, its chest and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay. You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces” (Daniel 2:31–34).

Not only did Daniel know the king’s dream; he interpreted its meaning: “You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of heaven has given you a kingdom, power, strength, and glory; and wherever the children of men dwell, or the beasts of the field and the birds of the heaven, He has given them into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all; *you are this head of gold*” (Daniel 2:37–38).

Daniel told Nebuchadnezzar that the head of gold represented him and his empire, the Babylonian empire. But what world-ruling empires did the rest of the image represent? Bible scholars and historians widely agree that the head of gold represents the Babylonian Empire from 625BC to 539BC. This empire was replaced by the Medo-Persian

Empire from 558BC to 330BC, represented by the chest and arms of silver. The belly and thighs of bronze represent the Greco-Macedonian Empire of Alexander the Great from 333BC to 31BC. The two legs of iron represent the Roman Empire from 31BC to 476AD. Finally, the ten toes—on two feet of iron mixed with clay—represent a *yet-future* revival of the Roman Empire.

Notice that all the kingdoms represented in Nebuchadnezzar’s dream image will come to an end. What will come after them? The Kingdom of God! As Daniel explained to Nebuchadnezzar: “You watched while a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold were crushed together, and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; the wind carried them away so that no trace of them was found. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth” (Daniel 2:34–35).

Daniel went on to describe the meaning of the stone: “And in the days of these kings [symbolized by the ten toes] the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever” (Daniel 2:44).

God’s Kingdom Replaces the Beast!

The Kingdom of God will replace the Beast power. As we have seen, Daniel’s prophecies predicted the empires to succeed Babylon. The last empire with its revivals was the Roman Empire.

There were six revivals, including the Imperial Restoration under Justinian in 544AD, and another revival led by Charlemagne in 800AD. The end-time Beast power of Revelation will be a final revival of the ancient Roman Empire that first reigned from about 31BC to 476AD.

The end-time revival of this ancient empire is also pictured in Revelation 13. John wrote what he saw in vision: “Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority” (vv. 1–2).

Other commentators have also identified the Beast of Revelation as the Roman Empire. This includes the *Douay-Rheims* edition of the Bible, translated from the Latin Vulgate by Roman Catholic authorities. In its notes, the *Douay-Rheims* makes this comment concerning Revelation 13: “The picture of the first beast is based on Daniel 7. This beast is the figure of kingdoms of the world, kingdoms founded on passion and selfishness, which in every age are antagonistic to Christ and seek to oppress the servants of God. Imperial Rome represents this power.” Even this Roman Catholic source acknowledges the Roman Empire’s identity as the Beast power! Additionally, in its notes on Revelation 17:11, the *Douay-Rheims* comments: “The beast spoken of here seems to be the Roman Empire, as in chapter 13.” Not surprisingly, the *Douay-Rheims* makes no connection between the Roman Empire and the “woman”—the false church—

that “rides” (controls) that empire. But even serious Roman Catholic scholars here do not deny the identity of the Beast!

Even today, many Europeans already envision the European Union as a new Roman Empire. As *Tomorrow's World* writer and telecast presenter John Ogwyn reported on the *Tomorrow's World* telecast: “In the fall of 2004, a remarkable exhibition opened in a circus tent pitched right across from the European Union Headquarters in Brussels, Belgium. The theme of the exhibit was best captured by a banner that proclaimed ‘The New Roman Empire.’ This exhibition narrated 50 years of European Union history, and in the words of one prominent British newspaper, ‘projects events into the future in an unusually frank display of European ambition’” (“The New Roman Empire,” January 20–26, 2005).

Will the European Union become a new Roman Empire? Last year, *Tomorrow's World* European regional editor Douglas Winnail wrote: “Europe’s modern leaders are still trying to unite Europe on a Roman model. When the Treaty of Rome was signed in 1957, laying the foundation of European unity, the participants stated that ‘we felt like Romans that day... we were consciously recreating the Roman Empire once more’” (“Shadows Over Europe,” January-February 2005, p. 13).

Bible prophecy reveals that a great superpower will rise in Europe. And it will be a revival of the Roman Empire. This great power will be political, military and economic. You can read about its economic power in Revelation 18. The current European Union is headed toward completing all three dimensions of that power. Germany is presently the leading

nation of the European Union. As we have pointed out in previous articles in this magazine, Bible prophecy shows that in the end-time, God will use the biblical nation of Assyria to punish His people, as He has done before. As regular readers of this magazine know, modern Germany is the descendant of ancient Assyria, which God will use to punish the modern descendants of the ancient house of Israel—the peoples of the United States and British-descended countries. For more information on this vital topic, please request your free copy of our informative booklet, *The United States and Great Britain in Prophecy*.

Bible prophecy also reveals that this European superpower—the Beast power—will invade the Middle East. The prophet Daniel foretold that the end-time king of the north would enter the “glorious land” (Daniel 11:41). And do you remember what Jesus said about this? “But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near” (Luke 21:20).

Watch developments in Europe and the Middle East! As we have seen, the Beast power will even fight against Christ when He returns to Jerusalem. But Christ

will conquer all who oppose Him. The Apostle John writes in Revelation 19:19, “And I saw the beast, the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against Him who sat on the horse and against His army. Then the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image. These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the rest were killed with the sword which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh” (Revelation 19:19–21).

The returning Messiah, Jesus Christ, will conquer Satan—the power behind the Beast and all its allies. Satan will be thrown into the “bottomless pit” (Revelation 20:3). Christ will then establish the Kingdom of God on earth, ushering in a “Millennium” of peace and preparing billions of human beings for eternity as members of His Family. May God help you to love, obey and serve Him so that you, too, may be a part of that ruling and serving Family under your Savior, Jesus Christ, forever! ■

The Beast of Revelation

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I received your magazine for the first time, and I'm always careful when it comes to doctrine, but here's how I read your magazine. I treat it like a meal. It has been prepared by someone I don't know, so I begin at first to look for things I know. Then I come across things I haven't tasted before, so I taste them and chew on them for a while (meditate) and see if it's okay and won't do me any harm. If I perceive it's good for me, I swallow it and digest it. Our mothers would always try to get us to eat our greens. Why? Because they were good for us. We may not like what the word of God serves up, but we need to eat it and meditate on it and chew over it and then digest it. The word of God is not a menu; you just can't pick and choose what you like and leave the rest. Thanks for your teaching; I will continue to dine with you.

T. P., Monmouth, United Kingdom

May I just say, after reading your booklet *Who or What Is the Antichrist?*, that so many things I once thought were true I now realize, after careful reading of the scriptures, are so blatantly untrue that I am astonished that they have got away with it for so long! Thank you for opening my eyes to further truths.

T. H., Great Ayton, United Kingdom

I enjoy your great magazine, *Tomorrow's World*. It is so great to read and learn from. I used to get a lot of booklets and things from other churches, but most have very little truth in them. Yours are so right on with the Bible. Also, your booklet *The Ten Commandments* is great, too. I keep you in my prayers daily, and never miss praying for God's blessing to this great Work.

L. C., Vancouver, BC, Canada

I check your biblical references in my Bible. They always agree with God's words. I am glad there is someone who is true to His words. I have searched many churches and books and listened to many so-called "preachers" on radio and TV.

None of them spoke the truth as you did and do. God bless you! I can see all of what you warn us about is coming true.

E. F., Swansea, MA

May God bless your extremely important work in these last days. I received your *Bible Study Course* in March 2005. I am just finishing Lesson Four, and will be returning my exam soon. I have now read almost all of your booklets. I am so thankful for finding an organization that teaches the Bible in all its wonderful Truth. A ten-minute sermon at church just did not feed me enough. *Your Bible Study Course* has opened my eyes and I wait anxiously for the Return of my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. I do not like this world we live in. I listen to scientists debate the origin of life and think how blind and silly they are to even think it just came from a big explosion, and pray that soon all will know and understand God's plan for all of mankind

M. M., Oshawa, Ontario, Canada

I would like you to know how grateful my family and I are for the magazines and booklets you have sent us. I had never understood the book of Revelation until I read your booklet *Revelation: The Mystery Unveiled!* Since I read about the Sabbath in your magazine, we are now observing the Sabbath in our home. I cannot thank you enough for all the biblical truths I am learning through your magazines and booklets.

H. C., Ogallala, NE

I am very impressed with the excellence of your website, the materials offered, the formats available, the video programs viewable, and the offer of all of this information at absolutely no cost.

A. D., Spring Valley, CA

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Tomorrow's Youth

Street Corner Cowboys Ride Short-Winded Horses!

Where will tomorrow's leaders come from, and who will they be? What character traits will set them apart from their peers? How can you know?

Every generation has its challenges and obstacles to overcome, and out of those challenges and obstacles rise men and women who lead the way. When young people look at their friends and classmates, how can they figure out which will someday rise to the top? The Bible's book of Proverbs gives some answers.

"Do you see a man who excels in his work? He will stand before kings; he will not stand before unknown men" (Proverbs 22:29). Those of us associated with *Tomorrow's World* know quite a few men and women who have proved this to be true. Some have come into contact with President Ronald Reagan of the United States and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. Some met—and even worked with—the King and Queen of Thailand, as well as many other well-known and influential world leaders in government and industry. Few if any who had this opportunity would have imagined, in their youth, having such experiences when they grew older.

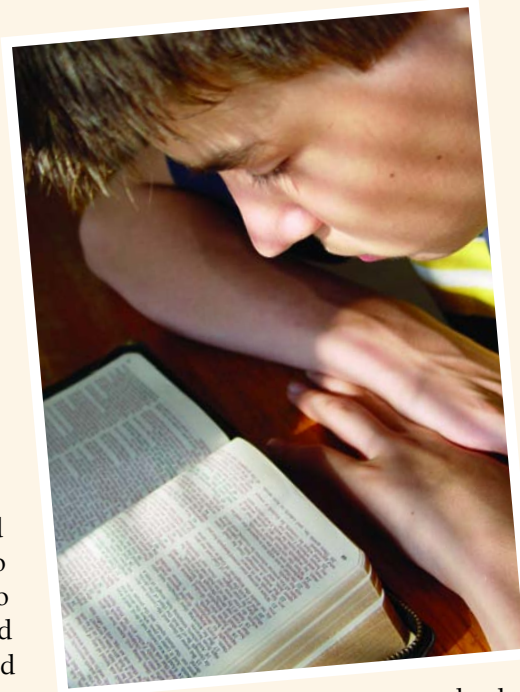
Scripture tells us, "The plans of the diligent lead surely to plenty, but those of everyone who is hasty, surely to poverty" (Proverbs 21:5). I like to put this another way, reminding young people that "Street corner cowboys ride short-winded horses." Those who take the fast track often fade in the longer race of life, while the diligent steadily move toward the lead. The industrious person is the one who gets ahead, while those who seek a quick and easy route to happiness—who would rather party, pose and focus on "fun"—will usually be disappointed in the end.

The book of Proverbs is full of wisdom for young people (and old) who are serious about succeeding in life—for those who understand that, as former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill so movingly put it, they have a "rendezvous with destiny"! In particular, young people today should be excited that they are living in a fascinating and unique time in world history, as mankind's 6,000 years of self-willed misrule is soon coming to an end, and many who are alive today will see the ushering in of a wonderful Millennium of Jesus Christ's perfect rule on the earth!

Young people today who have the *foresight* to see where this world is headed—who reject the wrong values of this corrupt age and embrace the true values that will be the way of the future—will have an amazing opportunity to

lead the way for others during the soon-coming rule of Jesus Christ. However, preparing for this opportunity requires foresight and follow-through; two qualities absent in most people, young and old, today. How often have you heard people look back on their lives and say, "If only I had known then what I know now, I would be rich!" Sometimes this is about a missed business opportunity—not buying a piece of land, or not investing in the next Microsoft or Google—but sometimes it is about personal choices not made wisely.

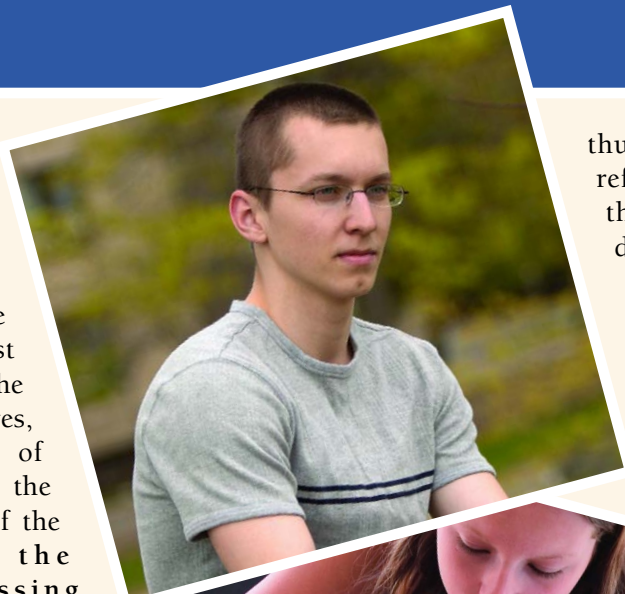
In business, those who can predict the future can become rich. God's word tells us the future of the world! Young people who study the Bible can know much about their future, and the future of the whole world, long before most people have that knowledge. Those who have this knowledge know where to put their focus. The Apostle John warned us: "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone



loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. **And the world is passing away**, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever” (1 John 2:15–17). Right now, we live in an age where “sin sells” and almost everyone is buying into it big time. But as John warned, this bubble will soon burst, and all who are heavily invested in it will be swept away. However, those who have the foresight to see what is on the horizon, and to act on that knowledge, will position themselves for greatness—not only to stand with kings, but to be kings (See Revelation 5:9–10; 20:4)!

Foresight is rare enough, but following through is even more unusual. How often are we tempted to delay writing that paper until the night before it is due? How often do we put off that phone call until the last possible minute? How often do we wait until “the pressure is on” before doing what we need to do? *Character* involves following through—actually doing what one knows is right—and is a lesson that we tend to learn as we grow older. The sooner we learn it, the better off we will be!

Follow-through also involves another “c word”—*courage*. How difficult it is to go against the tide. No one wants to be different, if being different makes us pay a price with our peers. Nobody likes being called “chicken” or “party pooper” or “loser” or worse. It may seem much easier to get that tattoo, pierce that body part, wear those “sexy” immodest clothes or those



thuggish baggy pants. It may seem hard to refuse that cigarette, that pill, that drink or that sexual advance. No, it is not easy to be different!

Because it is not easy, we may fall victim to a common human weakness, and think we can “put off” building our character and courage until the “big test” comes. We procrastinate, thinking that we will do what is right when it is truly important in the future. Sadly, life does not work that way. If we do

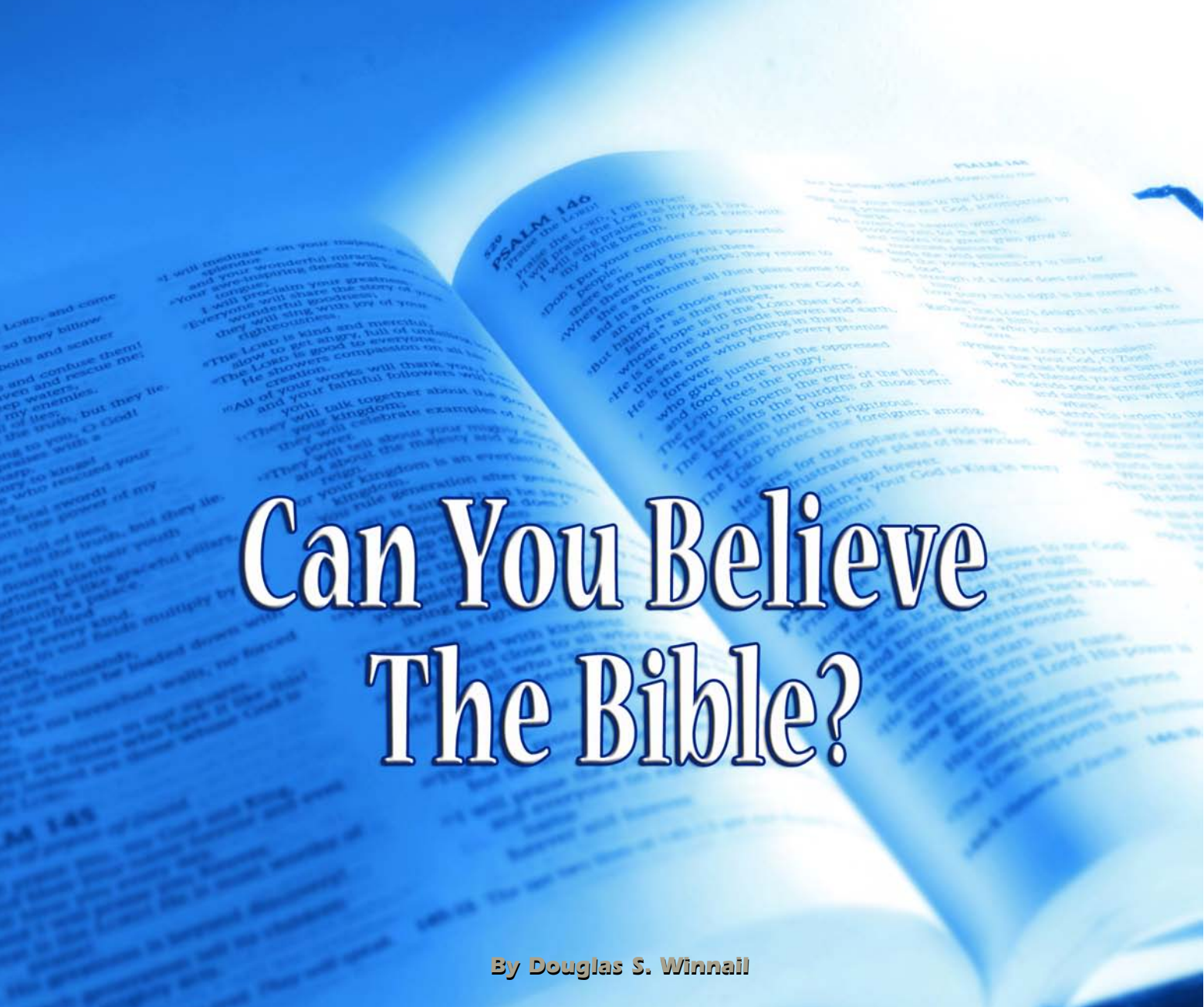
not exercise character and courage today, we cannot expect that we will have the strength to exercise it tomorrow. As former New York City mayor Rudolph Giuliani so aptly put it: “The events of September 11 affected me more deeply than anything I have ever experienced; but the idea that I somehow became a different person on that day... is not true. I was prepared to handle September 11 precisely because I was the same

person who had been doing his best to take on challenges my whole career” (*Leadership*, p. x).

Small acts of youthful courage build character for future battles. No doubt Daniel and his three friends of biblical fame learned at an early age to stand up for what they believed. When their world collapsed around them, they did not suddenly start acting with courage. They acted with courage because that is what they had been doing all along. Even in captivity—yes, *especially* in captivity—their foresight, character and courage served them well. They were riding long-winded horses. You can read about them for yourself in Daniel, chapters 1, 3 and 6.

Tomorrow’s leaders will have these traits of *foresight*, *character* and *courage*, because they will have exercised them in small ways every single day of their lives! By diligently serving their King—Jesus Christ—today, they are being prepared for leadership in Tomorrow’s World.

—Gerald Weston



Can You Believe The Bible?

By Douglas S. Winnail

Skeptics consider the Bible a collection of myths and legends—yet the evidence points in a different direction!

Is the Bible the inspired word of God? Is there evidence to support this idea? Does the Bible differ in any way from the sacred books of other religions? Is the Bible merely an account of human beings' search for God, or do the Scriptures comprise a unique revelation from God to humanity? How relevant is the Bible to the twenty-first century—and does the Bible provide vital information that is missing from our lives today?

Many educated people *assume* that science and modern scholarship have thoroughly dis-

credited the Bible and relegated this ancient text to the dustbin of history. Such ideas thrive today because many know little about the Bible and are unaware of discoveries that continue to *confirm* the historical accuracy of the Scriptures and *undermine* the arguments of skeptics. Many assume that all religions are equally credible without ever comparing the source books of these religions. As a result, the remarkable uniqueness of the Bible is overlooked and ignored. Before you buy into ideas that the Bible is “just like any other book” you need to examine the evidence for yourself.

The Apostle Paul did not encourage first century Christians to “just believe” in Jesus or merely accept the teachings of Christianity “on faith.” Instead, he told his audiences, “Test all things; hold fast what is good” (1 Thessalonians 5:21). The Apostle Peter emphasized the *credibility* of the Christian message: “For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were *eyewitnesses* of His majesty” (2 Peter 1:16). In a letter to the Hebrews, Paul stressed that religious belief involves *evidence*, assurance and certainty—not mere blind faith (Hebrews 11:1). In spite of what skeptics may claim, the content of Scripture can be *verified* by the facts of history and the discoveries of archeology. The Bible also provides answers to the big questions about life that science cannot answer, and it reveals where world events are heading in the years just ahead. You may be surprised at what *you* can discover when you examine the evidence that the Bible is the inspired word of God.

Fact or Fiction?

The Bible *claims* to be the inspired word of God. The Apostle Paul wrote, “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God” (2 Timothy 3:16). The Apostle John stated, “Thy word is truth” (John 17:17, KJV). David wrote in the Psalms, “The entirety of your word is truth” (Psalm 119:160). However, in the last 200 years, the rise of biblical criticism led many scholars to doubt the inspiration of the Scriptures, and to assume that biblical places and people were fictional, not historical. Scholars commonly claimed that there was no evidence out-

side the Bible to support the existence of biblical people and places. This approach found fertile ground in secular academic circles, and filtered into the media, even though a steady stream of archeological discovery has continued to validate the historical accuracy of the Bible and discredit the claims of biblical skeptics!

As late as 1992, some biblical scholars were confidently asserting, “There are no literary criteria for believing David to be more historical than Joshua, Joshua more historical than Abraham, and Abraham more historical than Adam” (see “House of David Built on Sand,” *Biblical Archeological Review*, July-August 1994, pp. 54–55). Yet, just one year later, archeologists digging in upper Galilee discovered an inscription from the ninth century BC describing the “house of David.” Jeffrey Sheler, an award-winning journalist who has been a religion writer for *U.S. News & World Report*, wrote: “The fragmentary reference to David was a *historical bombshell*. Never before had the familiar name of Judah’s ancient warrior king... been found in the records of antiquity outside the pages of the Bible” (*Is the Bible True?*, Sheler, p. 60).

Critics have also considered the biblical story of David and Goliath a fanciful tale of religious fiction. Yet archeologists digging at Gath (the biblical home of Goliath, mentioned in 1 Samuel 17:4) have recently unearthed a shard of pottery with two names that are remarkably similar to the name Goliath. This is the oldest Philistine inscription ever discovered, and it dates from about 950BC—within 70 years of the biblical narrative—lending historical credence to the scriptural

account. Such important discoveries continue to defeat skeptics’ arguments!

In similar fashion, some scholars have considered the biblical patriarchs—Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—mythological Hebrew figures who never really existed. Yet the discovery of thousands of cuneiform tablets from the royal archives in the palace of Mari in northern Syria calls such assertions into question. The tablets appear to date from the beginning of the second millennium BC—the approximate time of the patriarchs—and the tablets mention “such names as Abam-ram (Abraham), Jacob-el and Benjamites. Though these do not refer to the biblical people, they at least show that the names were in use” (see *When Skeptics Ask*, Geisler and Brooks, pp. 186–187).

Scholars skeptical of the Bible have pointed to similarities between the Genesis account of creation and the Babylonian clay tablets that describe the creation of the world by squabbling gods. Those scholars gloss over *major* differences in the accounts, and suggest that biblical writers borrowed their material from other sources. However, the more than 17,000 clay tablets discovered at Ebla in modern Syria, dating from about 2500BC, show that skeptics’ claims are off-base. The Ebla tablets—which predate the Babylonian creation epic by some 600 years—contain “the oldest known creation accounts outside the Bible.... The creation tablet is strikingly close to that of Genesis, speaking of *one being* who created the heavens, moon, stars and earth. Parallels show that the Bible contains the older, less embellished version... They [the Ebla tablets] destroy the critical belief in the evolution of

monotheism from supposed earlier polytheism” (*Baker Encyclopedia of Christian Apologetics*, Geisler, p. 208).

These remarkable discoveries, when placed alongside dozens of others—like the Merneptah Stela that describes an Egyptian pharaoh from about 1200BC conquering Israel, the Black Obelisk from Nimrud that pictures the Israelite king Jehu bowing before the Assyrian king Shalmaneser II, the inscription near Jerusalem of “Joseph, son of Caiaphas” (Caiaphas was the high priest in

Jerusalem at the time of Christ’s crucifixion) and the inscribed stone from first century Caesarea that reads “Pontius Pilate, the Prefect of Judea”—all support the conclusion that the Bible writers were recording facts and not fiction (see *The Signature of God*, Jeffrey, pp. 72–74; *Is the Bible True?*, Sheler, pp. 110–112).

The manner in which archeology has verified the Bible’s historical accuracy has been nothing short of remarkable. Noted archeologist Nelson Glueck has written that “it may be clearly stated categorically that *no archeological discovery has ever controverted a single biblical reference*. Scores of archeological findings have been made which confirm in clear outline or exact detail historical statements in the Bible” (*Rivers in the Desert*, Glueck, p. 136). Glueck’s comments echo the words of another prominent archeologist, William F. Albright,

who stated, “There can be no doubt that archeology has confirmed the substantial historicity of Old Testament tradition... The excessive scepticism shown toward the Bible by important historical schools of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries... has been progressively discredited” (*Evidence that Demands a Verdict*, McDowell, Vol. 1, p. 65).

A Corrupted Text?

Many wonder whether it is reasonable—or even sensible—to

put faith and trust in a so-called “word of God” that was written thousands of years ago by multiple authors, then copied by hand from gener-

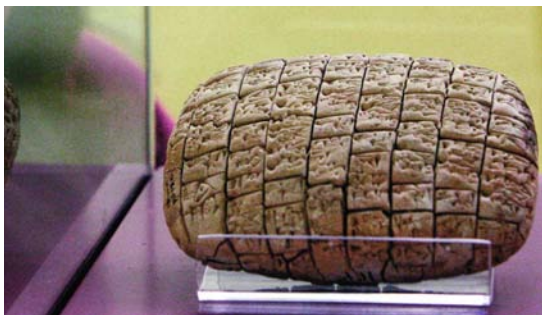
ation to generation. Just how reliable is the Bible? How do we know that mistakes and serious alterations have not occurred? After all, Muslim theologians assert that Jews and Christians have corrupted or misinterpreted the biblical text (see Geisler, pp. 96–99; *Newsweek*, Feb. 11, 2005, p. 55). On the surface, these seem like logical concerns, but they reflect a widespread lack of understanding of just how carefully the Bible has been preserved over the centuries.

Jesus stated unequivocally about the Scriptures that “one jot or one tittle [the smallest letter or stroke in Hebrew writing] will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled” and that “heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away” (Matthew 5:18; 24:35).

This is exactly what we would expect if the Bible is the word of God. The Apostle Paul wrote that the Jews were to play a special role in the preservation of the Scriptures: “What advantage then has the Jew... much in every way! Chiefly because to them were committed the oracles of God [the Scriptures]” (Romans 3:1–2).

History clearly demonstrates how the Jews have preserved the integrity of the Old Testament. In ancient Israel, scribes were responsible for carefully copying and explaining the Scriptures (see Ezra 7:1–11; Nehemiah 8:1–9). Scribes deeply respected the biblical admonition, “You shall not add to the word which I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you” (Deuteronomy 4:2). Later the Talmudists (100–500AD) followed a minute system of regulations as they transcribed the biblical scrolls. In their effort to transmit an authentic text, no word or letter could be written from memory. Columns of text could only have so many lines. Only black ink could be used. The copyist had to sit in full Jewish attire while at work. Around 500AD, scribes called Masoretes created a standardized text of the Old Testament by adding vowels to words to ensure proper pronunciation. They counted the number of words and letters of every book—and even calculated the middle letter and middle word in each book—to ensure that their copies were accurately transcribed. Old copies and copies with errors were discarded or destroyed (see McDowell, pp. 52–54; Geisler and Brooks, pp. 157–159).

The discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls in 1947 demonstrated just



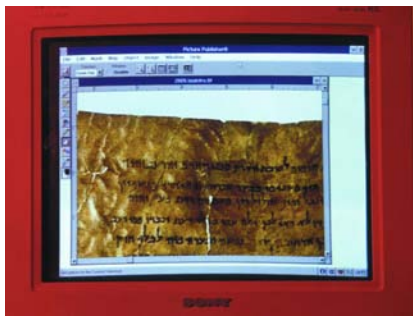
Archeology is confounding Bible skeptics, as more and more records of ancient biblical names, places and events continue to be found.

how accurately the Jews had been able to preserve the Old Testament text. Before the scrolls were discovered in a cave near the Dead Sea, the oldest copy of the Hebrew text was dated from around 1000AD. The newly discovered scrolls were dated to the first century BC, and contained two nearly complete copies of the book of Isaiah which “proved to be word for word identical

with our standard Hebrew Bible in more than 95 percent of the text. The 5 percent of the variation consisted of obvious slips of the pen and variations in spelling” (Geisler and Brooks, pp. 158–159). The discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls provided powerful evidence that the text of the Old Testament has not changed in more than 2,000 years!

The reliability of the New Testament is just as certain. As scholars know, “There are earlier and more manuscripts of the New Testament than for any other book from the ancient world” (Geisler, p. 93). These manuscripts reveal that the New Testament “has been transmitted to us with no, or next to no, variation” (McDowell, p. 44). There are more than 24,000 manuscript copies of the New Testament in Greek, Latin and other languages. The earliest New Testament manuscripts date within a few decades of the apostolic writers. By comparison, there are only 643 manuscripts of Homer’s *Iliad* (written around 900BC) and the earliest copy in existence today dates from about 400BC—some 500 years after it was composed. Only 10 to 20 copies of the writings of Julius Caesar, the

Roman historian Tacitus and the Greek historian Herodotus exist today—with the oldest copies dating from 1,000 years after the



The Dead Sea Scrolls confirm that God has preserved the accurate text of Scripture over thousands of years.

originals were composed (McDowell, pp. 39–43). Compared to the New Testament, no other document from the ancient world has left such a wealth

of material supporting the reliable transmission of its text.

In addition to the multitude of available manuscripts, early Christian writers quoted the New Testament so extensively that almost the entire text could be reconstructed from other sources. Though skeptics assert that the gospels were written centuries after the apostles, the earliest fragment of John’s gospel dates from about 130AD—roughly 30 years after John’s death—supporting the traditional view that John wrote his gospel towards the end of the first century (see McDowell, pp. 39–47). Also, “there is no evidence from the first two Christian centuries that the gospels ever circulated without the names of the authors attached” (Sheler, p. 33). As one scholar has observed, “If we compare the present state of the New Testament text with that of any other ancient writing, we must... declare it *marvelously correct*” (McDowell, p. 45). Another prominent scholar stated: “It cannot be too strongly asserted that in substance the text of the Bible is *certain*: Especially is this the case with the New Testament... *This can be said of no other ancient book in the world*” (*ibid.*).

The Distinguishing Feature

The Bible contains one unique feature that sets it apart from any other book, and provides the strongest evidence of its inspiration. It contains *prophecies* that accurately predict the future. Scholars have determined that the Bible contains more than 1,800 predictions—some that are very specific—and that about 27 percent of the Bible is prophecy. This stands in stark contrast to other ancient works. “Not in the entire gamut of Greek and Latin literature... can we find any real specific prophecy of a great historic event to come in the distant future, nor any prophecy of a Savior to arise in the human race” (McDowell, p. 22). Rather, “*unlike any other book*, the Bible offers a multitude of specific predictions—some hundreds of years in advance—that have been literally fulfilled or else point to a definite future time when they will come true” (Geisler, p. 609).

The ability to predict the future accurately and consistently is simply not a human trait. Yet Bible prophecies predict the rise and fall of prominent individuals, nations and empires with amazing accuracy and in remarkable detail. The Bible contains nearly 200 fulfilled prophecies about the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ. He would be born of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14) in Bethlehem (Micah 5:2). He would sojourn in Egypt (Hosea 11:1). His birth would cause a massacre of children (Jeremiah 31:15). He would live in Galilee (Isaiah 9:1–2). He would enter Jerusalem on a donkey (Zechariah 9:9). He would die with transgressors and be buried in the tomb of a rich man (Isaiah 53:9, 12). He would

be resurrected after three days (Matthew 12:40; Hosea 6:2; Jonah 1:17).

Hundreds of Bible prophecies accurately foretold specific details of Jesus Christ's life, centuries before He lived. These prophecies' fulfillment demonstrates that God is in charge of human history. In Scripture, God Himself challenges His critics to predict the future and bring it to pass: "Show the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that you are gods... indeed you are nothing... For I am God, and there is no other... Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure" (Isaiah 41:21-24; 46:8-10).

How do Bible prophecies compare to mankind's predictions? A study of 25 top-rated psychics revealed that 92 percent of their predictions were *totally wrong*, while the remaining 8 percent could be explained by chance or general knowledge of circumstances (Geisler, p. 615).

Missing Dimensions

Bible prophecy reveals the *significance* of today's world events, and how they will lead up to Jesus Christ's return to this earth. *No other book does this, and in such detail.* The first years of the 21st century have seen the resurgence of militant religion around the world, the rise of international terrorism, devastating earthquakes and global climate changes that have spawned famines, floods, hurricanes, and disease epidemics threatening the future of life on this planet. The Bible has long predicted that these same events will be part of an end-time scenario that will precede Jesus Christ's

return to this earth (see Matthew 24; Revelation 6). The Scriptures also predict the end-time appearance of a revived European superpower with links to the Roman Empire, and a powerful religious figure of global stature (see Daniel 2; 7; Revelation 13; 17; 18). At this time, Scripture predicts, the United States and British-descended nations will decline as major world powers (for more on this topic, request our free booklet *The United States and Great Britain in Prophecy*). Though skeptics may scoff, these events prophesied in the pages of the Bible are coming to pass today. Just read the news! The Bible can be trusted!

In our modern world, millions have no real sense of purpose, and feel that their lives have no particular meaning. As one writer recently commented, "secular western culture... doesn't provide a 'grand narrative' to participate in" (*New Scientist*, October 8, 2005, p. 45). The Bible, however, reveals the *reason* for human existence. It reveals the ultimate purpose of human life, and explains that human beings are made in God's image, living today to build godly character so that they can become part of God's spiritual family and reign with Jesus Christ when He

establishes the Kingdom of God on this earth. Very few today understand this aspect of the gospel, as the early church corrupted and discarded this vital and basic truth. But this truth is found, plainly, in the pages of your Bible!

As we have seen, there is a wealth of historical and archeological evidence attesting to the reliability of the Scriptures. There is the remarkable and unparalleled phenomenon of fulfilled biblical prophecy. So why do educated scholars continue to doubt and criticize the Bible? A Yale archeologist probably summed it up best when he said, "The excessive skepticism of many liberal theologians stems not from a careful evaluation of the available data, but from a predisposition against the supernatural" (McDowell, p. 66).

Such skepticism—such philosophical prejudice against the very idea of God—has permeated schools and the media to the point where God's existence is widely doubted, and millions consider the Bible "just another book." However, you will not be confused or misled if you are willing to examine the evidence for yourself. The evidence proves that you *can* believe the Bible! ■

The Real God: Proofs and Promises

Can you prove for yourself that God exists, and that He has a plan for your life? You can, if you know how!

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The Twelve Months of Christmas?

Christmas has come and gone, but for countless millions it left behind a powerful reminder—year-round consumer debt. Last December's "Joy to the World" is today's joy to VISA or MasterCard or American Express.

The complete results are not in yet, but it looks like Americans loaded up on holiday personal debt at a record pace in 2005. According to one news-magazine: "Despite a devastating hurricane season and worries about rising home utility bills, American consumers spent heartily for the holidays—8.7 percent more than in 2004 according to a study by SpendingPulse" (*Newsweek*, Jan. 4, 2006).

The *Newsweek* article reports that much of the spending was done with credit cards. As 2005 ended, a Visa USA report revealed that its cardholders spent \$32.2 billion in the final week before Christmas and Hanukkah. That was a whopping 26.9 percent increase over the final shopping week in 2004.

It may have been a deliriously merry Christmas in Canada, but the Retail Council of Canada reports that the average Canadian spent nearly \$2,000 last year on Christmas-related items. As in the United States, much of that amount was put on credit cards.

Meanwhile, in the United Kingdom, early 2006 finan-

cial reports show that the British spent even more lavishly—U.K. credit card spending hit a record £29 billion in December. Personal debt in the U.K.—the highest in Europe—has increased by 41 percent, from £2,151 to £3,034 per person, in the past five years.

Not only is individual debt growing; national debt is also increasing. *The CIA World Factbook* reports that worldwide debt reached \$12.7 trillion in 2004. The U.S. makes up the largest share of that debt, which topped \$1.4 trillion as far back as 2001.

Holiday shopping binges certainly add to huge personal debt, but the sad truth is that much indebtedness is fueled by year-round spending beyond our means, with that extra "holiday" kick thrown in.

While worried experts point to out-of-control "consumerism"—people buying things—we must ask the obvious questions: What drives this insatiable appetite for material possessions? Why are we never satisfied with what we have? Why do we continue to strive for even more?

The Great God of the Universe has given us laws to live by. If kept, these laws would bring total satisfaction to our lives. In rejecting these laws, human beings have given themselves over to unrestrained desire for things.

What we do not have, we covet. The Apostle James wrote of this nagging hunger: "Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures" (James 4:1–3).

Put simply, this means breaking God's tenth commandment: "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's" (Exodus 20:17).

Life is more than the accumulation of things. It is more than the shallow saying, "He who dies with the most toys wins." The Bible cautions us to keep our minds on the things of God, not on wealth, power or physical possessions: "Do not wear yourself out to get rich; be wise enough to desist. When your eyes light upon it, it is gone; for suddenly it takes wings to itself, flying like an eagle toward heaven" (Proverbs 23:4–5, *NRSV*).

God's way brings the gift of true wealth—the only wealth that will last.

—Gary F. Ehman

Can You Prove What You Believe?

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of the *many* who would claim to come “in Jesus’ name.”

Frankly, it is easy for religious teachers to *use* the Son of God’s name as a cloak for their personal doctrine, whether or not it has any relationship at all to the real Jesus’ life or teachings! That is why the Apostle Paul tells us: “**Prove** all things; hold fast that which is good” (1 Thessalonians 5:21, KJV). Each one of us is responsible to “check up” on the doctrines we are taught—whatever the source. **Do not** make careless assumptions! *Be sure you know what the Bible really says!*

Paul further admonishes: “For if he who comes preaches **another Jesus** whom we have not preached, or if you receive a **different spirit** which you have not received, or a **different gospel** which you have not accepted; you may well put up with it!” (2 Corinthians 11:4). In other words, Paul feared that some Church members in his day would fall prey to “counterfeit” ministers and would come to accept a *false* gospel about a *false* Christ!

What about you? Is it possible that *you* have put up with “another Jesus”? Might *you* have been deceived into believing in a false portrayal of Christ—along with a *false message* merely *purported* to have come from the true Jesus? How can you know what is true and what is not?

You and I must diligently *study* the Bible to attain genuine understanding. We need to be willing to open-mindedly consider *if* we have been following the “traditions of men” rather than the *commandments of God* (Matthew 15:3).

As we study the Bible, we must learn to let the *Bible interpret the Bible*. In other words, if something seems unclear, then we should let the plain, clear verses help us understand those verses that are not clear. We must also be willing to study books of the Bible *straight through* like we would any other books. Many people simply skip around and read, sentimentally, just a few verses of encouragement. While this may help at times, it does *not* give genuine understanding of the whole plan and purpose of God, which He reveals in the Bible—His “instruction manual” for all human beings.

You could begin by studying the Gospel of Matthew—the first book of the New Testament. Read

right through Matthew slowly, marking what you feel are the important verses. Then, the next day, review the verses you have studied, and read and mark a few more chapters, meditating on what you have read. In this way, you will become familiar with what the Bible actually says—*not* what misguided preachers may *tell* you that it says!

Pray for Understanding

In fervent personal prayer, ask God for *understanding*. Be willing to follow the true Christianity of Christ *no matter what*. Always remember the Apostle Paul’s vital statement, “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ *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).

Through the promised Holy Spirit, will Christ live the *same* kind of life in you that He lived more than 1,900 years ago in the human flesh? Hebrews 13:8 tells us, “Jesus Christ is the *same* yesterday, today, and forever.” Did Christ keep the Ten Commandments while He was in the human flesh? John 15:10 recounts Christ’s words, “I have *kept* my Father’s commandments.”

If you need help in studying the Bible, please write or call immediately to enroll in the *Tomorrow’s World Bible Study Course*, or order it online from our Web site, www.tomorrowworld.org. This thorough 24-lesson course will not just lead you through a lot of sentiment. Rather, it will help you genuinely *understand* our Creator’s great *plan* for humanity. It will help you *prove* from *your own Bible* what you should do to fulfill *your part* in God’s plan. If you wish to enroll, the addresses and phone numbers of our regional offices are listed at the bottom of the page, below this “Personal” message. Your enrollment and all lessons are *free*—as is all our literature!

As the end of this age approaches, may God help you genuinely *study* His inspired word and *prove* what you believe *from the Bible*. Then, you will be on a solid foundation. And you will come to genuinely know God—and the resurrected Jesus Christ at God’s right hand—in a way you have never experienced before.



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