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Make Each Day Count!

As most of you who follow the news know, increasing numbers of analysts and pundits are now commenting on *how quickly* world events and societal changes are occurring. For we are truly approaching the “end of the age” as all Bible-believing Christians should know. For we as Christians are instructed to “watch and pray” (Luke 21:36). We should all be aware of the fast-moving changes around the world—especially in the light of Bible prophecy.

Still, even in this fast-paced world, we have just 24 hours each day in which to conduct our lives. Our time is limited and precious. Moreover, any of our lives could be cut short by an accident or major upset in the world, as the Bible predicted (Matthew 24:6–8). So, how much time do *you* have to live?

Have you asked yourself, “Am I *using* my time and my energy on this earth to fulfill the real *purpose* for my life?” The inspired Word of God tells us: “The days of our lives are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years, yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, so is Your wrath. So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom” (Psalm 90:10–12).

With this in mind, each of us should “number” our days and be sure that we really—*really*—are putting “first things first” as we use our precious time. As the acknowledged dean of management experts, Peter Drucker, wrote in his landmark book, *The Effective Executive*:

“Time is totally irreplaceable. Within limits we can substitute one resource for another, copper for aluminum, for instance. We can substitute capital for human labor. We can use more knowledge or more brawn. But there is no substitute for time.

“Everything requires time. It is one truly universal condition. All work takes place in time and uses up time. Yet most people take for granted this unique, ir-

replaceable and necessary resource. Nothing else, perhaps, distinguishes effective executives as much as their tender loving care of time” (p. 26).

Although you may not be a top corporate executive, *your time* is just as important in God’s eyes as that of the “big shots” of the world. We should all learn to properly use the precious time that God has given each one of us. As the Word who



became flesh, Jesus Christ set us His example and was in fact the “light” of the world. Part of His example included *waking early* in the morning to “seek God” and have His mind on the things of God before anything else would interfere. Notice what He did: “Now

in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed” (Mark 1:35). Similarly, if we are truly to put first things first, it is vital in our *own lives* that we **seek God**—and set aside enough **time** to do this effectively and powerfully—as a daily habit of highest importance.

Make Time for Study

Along with prayer, we are told to **study** the Word of God. Notice that the Apostle Paul considered the new Christians in Berea “more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word of God with all readiness, and *searched the Scriptures daily* to find out **whether** these things were so” (Acts 17:11). How important is Scripture? Jesus Christ com-

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manded all Christians: “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by **every** word of God” (Luke 4:4).

In our day of biblical illiteracy, how can people possibly live by *every* Word of God if they *do not even study it*? As the end of this age approaches—and as our world increasingly faces **massive** upsets caused by wars, diseases, natural disasters, etc.—it is vital for you and *your very life* to be sure to get to *know* and *understand* the inspired Word of God.

Again, to do this effectively means to dedicate a regular, habitual allotment of your precious **time!** This may seem obvious to most of our more than half a million *Tomorrow's World* subscribers. Yet I know that many others of you have **never** developed this kind of habit. For the first two decades of my own life, in the “mainstream” church in which I grew up, I did not have this habit either—nor did *any* of my friends. But I came to develop this vital habit, and it has sustained me over the decades even in difficult times. So, let me urge you from my own experience, especially as you see prophetic events taking place in the *specific way* we are telling you in *this magazine*, please “wake up” and use your **time**—while you have the opportunity—to really put first things first.

The Apostle Paul was inspired to tell us, “See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil” (Ephesians 5:15–16). To “redeem” something means you must “buy back” what you are already in the process of losing. For most people—certainly including most of you readers—it seems that time just *slips away* from us before we realize what is happening. And then it is *gone*. Our life comes to an *end*—often sooner than we have thought and perhaps in an unexpected manner.

We in this Work of the living God hope and pray that *all* of you will truly “check up” on us. We sincerely want you to **prove** what you believe and **why**. Do not believe what I am telling you just because I am telling it to you. Check it out in your own Bible. As you well know, most other preachers do **not** emphasize this. But because we at *Tomorrow's World* have come

to understand the **truth**, we can and do *challenge* you to be like the Bereans and study the Scripture on the topics we teach, so you will be absolutely sure we are teaching you to understand and practice what the *Bible actually says*.

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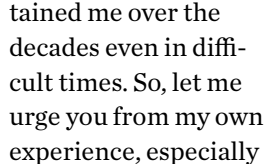
If you do want to go deeper and *fully understand* and **prove** what God's word says about the *purpose* for your life, be sure to write us or call us and request your *free* enrollment in the *Tomorrow's World Bible Study Course*. Take **time** to make this important request *right now* before you become too busy or forget about it! For it is one of the best uses of your time that you could hope to find.

Almighty God wants you to learn to *appreciate* the opportunity He is giving human beings to become His full sons and to be resurrected to immortal life, as Mr. Richard Ames explains in his article starting on page 12 of this magazine. The God of the Bible wants you to learn to “seek” His Kingdom and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33). Nothing else other than the Kingdom of God is “the answer” to our current world problems, as I explain in my article “The Answer” on page 5 of this magazine.

Near the end of his life, the Apostle Peter told Christians: “Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you **do these things** you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 1:10–11).

Truly, each one of us needs to learn to take **action**. As the Apostle Peter was inspired to tell us, “if you **do** these things you will never stumble” and so you will have an entrance into the ever-lasting Kingdom of God. This will not be accomplished by a mere empty faith. It takes *action* and the willingness to “**seek God**” with all your heart and use your precious **time** to do this each and every day of your life. Do it! *Take action now!*

Roderic C. Meredith



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‘Death is swallowed up in victory.’”

I Corinthians 15:54

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THE Answer

Why are our nations in such turmoil? Will wars ever cease? Will humanity soon destroy itself? Is there any hope for our world—and for you? There is an answer—and it will change your life forever!

By **Roderick C. Meredith**

Our present human society will soon come to an absolute **end**. The true Jesus Christ of your Bible predicted that at the “*end of the age*” God’s *true* people would have to take “flight” to a Place of Safety (Matthew 24:20; Revelation 12:14). Then, Jesus stated there would come a time of *Great Tribulation*, “such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened” (Matthew 24:21–22). The ways of mankind will soon lead to the obliteration of all human life on this planet—**cosmocide**. Only the intervention of the Creator—the *true* God of the Bible—will solve this problem and will bring it to an end.

But *why? How? When?* What is the **answer?**

Thoughtful people all over the world are beginning to realize that **something** is *terribly wrong*. But they do not understand *why—how—when*. Right here in America there is increasing anxiety, concern and deep confusion about what is just ahead. As reported in the *Wall Street Journal*: “The election year is upon us, and Republican pollster Kellyanne Conway describes the nation’s mood heading into it this way: ‘Sour and dour. Nervous, on edge, a feeling of vulnerability and a lack of control.’ Democratic pollster Fred Yang sounds similar tones: ‘Anxious, dissatisfied, impatient and basically any other word that connotes uncertainty.’.... On one item there was unanimity: America is in an anxious and unhappy mood” (“Voters’ Dour Mood Is Clear, Consequences Much Less So,” January 5, 2016).

All over the world, millions are beginning to realize more than ever that the world around them—the *entire*

human society—is coming apart and coming to a *bitter end* unless massive changes come about soon. For entire governments are being overthrown right and left throughout the Middle East, Africa and elsewhere. The terrorist group widely known as ISIS has overthrown several governments and undermined the stability of others. Their model of governance is essentially a dictatorship, which rules under Sharia Law—a legal system derived from a particular medieval understanding of the Muslim holy book, the Quran, and subsequent commentaries. In practice, as millions can attest from personal suffering, this is a harsh and bitter way of life that *oppresses* not only women but in fact the healthy family and every part of society.

In North Korea, an absolute dictator has **crushed** the people under his sway and apparently is now planning to develop a **hydrogen** bomb and delivery system—which, if he succeeds, will give him power to destroy entire American cities with a single blow! Leaders in America, the United Kingdom and elsewhere are in absolute **confusion** about how to handle this—while continuing to wallow in total confusion by allowing and even promoting the agendas of sexual perverts of all kinds, financial predators and even Islamists, at the expense of long-held traditional values that for centuries held Western society together.

The “mainstream” religious groups in our Western nations are increasingly allowing an “anything goes” way of life to take over. There are *no standards*, absolutely **no laws** of God that most people today consider *absolute*. The sanctity of sex in marriage is watered down and the total breakdown of increasing thousands of families is going on *right now*. Therefore, increasing *millions* of young people grow up in absolute **confusion**. They do not know right from wrong. They become insecure, lawless and quite often descend

into alcoholism, illegal drug use, illicit sex and other deadly lifestyles. They are often in despair—deeply in anguish and hurting inside—and edging on *suicide* with increasing frequency!

A *false educational system* has taken over much of the Western world. It is involved in *all of the above* and brings about a world where there are *no absolute values*. It breeds *confusion*. It fosters absolute god-



lessness and immorality. The increasing sexual violence on America's college campuses, the rebellion

and riots of students against the administration and even the *closure* of various parts of our educational systems are increasing the damage they cause our entire society. The “fruits” of this system are very obvious to those who look into it. Jesus Christ said, “You will know them by their **fruits**” (Matthew 7:16). What are the “fruits,” what are the *results* of “higher education” here in America? The results are growing worse and worse as we go along—and now long articles are coming out in our mainstream press indicating that it may not even be **worth it** anymore to obtain a college education. Between our religious system and our educational system, our entire Western society is in *terminal trouble*.

What IS the Answer?

For decades, world leaders have dreamed of, and planned for, a *one-world government*. To date, humanity's best efforts have always failed, but attempts continue and the goal remains. Your Bible reveals that there *will be* a New World Order soon—and that it will surprise and shock most of mankind!

Yes, a genuine New World Order will before long be set up on this earth. Most religious people do not understand this. Most ministers do not understand this either. But it is coming *soon*! It will *dramatically* affect your life. It is coming whether people like it or not. In fact, *most will not* like it at first—and they will directly fight the coming Ruler of this earth when He arrives!

Why? How?

The great God who gives us life and breath *is* beginning to intervene, *powerfully*, in human affairs. The God of the Bible **will** do exactly what His in-

spired word clearly says—*whether we believe it or not*. Strange as it may seem, the world dominance of the American and British-descended peoples is coming to an *end*—as we will increasingly understand within the next decade! This will change the entire complexion of world affairs. And our lives will *never again* be the same.

Concurrent with the ultimate fall of the English-speaking peoples, a Great Tribulation that Jesus Christ prophesied will *totally shatter* the present order of human society (Matthew 24:21–22). Then, after dramatic “signs” (vv. 29–30), the *real* Jesus Christ of the Bible will return to the earth. He will come as *King* over all the other rulers of this earth: “Then the seventh angel sounded: and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!’” (Revelation 11:15).

Will the nations of this earth be glad? *No way!* Many of us in the Western, Christianity-professing nations tend to *assume* that most people around us are “Christian.” And we sometimes *assume* that most professing Christians really *believe the Bible*. However, neither assumption is true!

If you read the results of various polls of religious people, you will quickly realize that even most Catholic and Protestant churchgoers have **very little** biblical knowledge. Many pollsters call America a “nation of biblical illiterates.” A recent report from *Christianity Today* had this to say: “Christians claim to believe the Bible is God's Word. We claim it's God's divinely inspired, inerrant message to us. Yet despite this, we aren't reading it. A recent LifeWay Research study found that only 45 percent of those who regularly attend church read the Bible more than once a week.



Over 40 percent of the people attending read their Bible occasionally, maybe once or twice a month. Almost 1 in 5 churchgoers say they *never* read the Bible—essentially the same number who read it every day” (Ed Stetzer, “The Epidemic of Bible Illiteracy in Our Churches,” July 6, 2015). All this is no surprise since, scandalously, many churchgoers cannot even *name* the four Gospels—let alone truly *understand* what they say!

This should not surprise us. For *your own Bible* clearly reveals—again and again—that this *entire world* is **deceived!** Of course, being deceived, most people *do not realize*

they are deceived. If they **knew** they were deceived, they would not be deceived—*would they?*

Notice these inspired verses: “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). *After* Christ’s return, Satan will be bound and put in a place of restraint “so that he should **deceive the nations no more**” (Revelation 20:3). Remember, as the Apostle Paul wrote, Satan has **blinded** this world: “But even if our gospel is *veiled*, it is *veiled* to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has **blinded**, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them” (2 Corinthians 4:3–4).

We had better quit **assuming** that the Bible’s warning of the “whole world” being deceived means only a few folks **somewhere else!**

The Real Gospel of Jesus Christ

If you will carefully read Matthew 24:30, you will see that—rather than rejoice—the nations of this earth will **mourn** at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. The Bible also clearly reveals that when Christ returns, the ten kings of the coming Beast power *and their vast armies* will **fight** the returning Son of God! “The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive author-

ity 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).

How could this *possibly* happen? How *could* the armies of a “Christian” Europe *directly attack* Christ at His coming? Because the Bible *says so!*

The *truth* is that the *entire Bible* points us toward a time of *world government* under Christ at the end of this present age. In an

inspired sermon delivered soon after Pentecost, the Apostle Peter said that God would send Jesus Christ back to earth, “whom *heaven must receive* until the *times of restoration* of **all things**, which God has spoken by the mouth of **all** His holy prophets since the world began” (Acts 3:20–21).

So Peter tells us in the *New Testament* that **all** the prophets of the *Old Testament* described the coming time of “restoration.” What, then, does the Bible clearly reveal about this soon-coming time? It is indeed a message most people have heard precious little about! But it plainly describes **an awesome future** for our children and grandchildren *after* Jesus Christ returns to earth. It is a *vital part* of the Good News that Christ and His Apostles preached. For Jesus Christ came preaching *not only* about personal salvation, but also about a coming **world government** that would bring peace and joy to this entire earth!

The real Jesus of your Bible came preaching the message of the Kingdom of God (Mark 1:14). It was *not* a gospel about some vague warm feeling in your heart, or about just **accepting** the *Person* of Christ. Rather, it was about the soon-coming *government of God*, which will bring genuine peace, prosperity, health and happiness to this sick and confused world. Jesus *promised* His original Apostles: “But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. And I bestow upon you a *kingdom*, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, that you may eat and drink at

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My table in My kingdom, and *sit on thrones* judging the twelve tribes of Israel” (Luke 22:28–30).

Many theologians try to **spiritualize away** the dozens of plain statements like this throughout the Bible. But if Jesus said what He meant and meant what He said, it is very *clear* that a magnificent **New**

WHY DO THE MAINSTREAM CHURCHES FAIL TO PREACH THE POWERFUL MESSAGE ABOUT THE SOON-COMING KINGDOM OF GOD ON THIS EARTH?

World Order is indeed coming—a *literal* kingdom or **government**, which Scripture calls “the Kingdom of God,” to be set up *here on earth* at His Second Coming,

Notice what the Apostle John was inspired to write, describing Jesus’ return to the earth at the **last trump**—“Then the seventh angel sounded: and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!’” (Revelation 11:15). Note that the returning Jesus Christ will rule over the “kingdoms of this world”—**not over** people in heaven!

Also, read the inspired “Song of the Saints” recorded in Revelation 5:9–10: “And they sang a new song, saying: ‘You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; and *we shall reign on the earth.*’” So a time is coming when the true saints of God will definitely reign with Christ on the earth. There is not *one single verse* in your Bible, **anywhere**, which tells us that the reward of the saints is to “roll around heaven all day” with nothing to do. No! The saints will have **work to do** under the returned Christ, ruling here on planet Earth!

Why do the mainstream churches fail to preach the powerful message about the soon-coming Kingdom of God on this earth? **Why** do they insist on talking about the *Person* of Jesus and yet almost *totally neglect* the powerful message that He brought from the Father about a coming **world government**?

Why?

The Apostle Paul tells us very clearly that the goal of the true Christian is to be part of that literal government to be set up on this earth: “Do you not know that *the saints will judge the world*? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Do you not know that we shall

judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?” (1 Corinthians 6:2–3). In this passage, Paul explains that true Christians must prepare to rule this entire earth. As the Apostle

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

An Awesome Goal

What an exciting future! What an awesome goal! What a wonderful **reason** to serve God, to overcome our sins—and to *fully surrender* our lives, to let Christ live within us and build within us the very *character of God!* (cf. Galatians 2:20). Then, and *only then*, will we be fit to rule with Christ in His coming Kingdom.

God’s word tells us: “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” (Daniel 7:27). We must learn to **believe** Paul’s inspired words: “*Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters?*” (1 Corinthians 6:2).

Yet most professing Christians *do not* believe this, because they have never been *taught* it. They do not remotely understand the supreme **purpose** for which we have been put on this earth—which goes even beyond what I have described here!

Speaking in the first person, Jesus Christ tells us: “And he who **overcomes**, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—‘He shall rule them with a rod of iron; they shall be dashed

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Common religious customs reveal mankind's fertile imagination!

Question: Every Easter, I wonder: What do colored eggs and bunny rabbits have to do with Christ's death and resurrection?

Answer: Biology makes it plain: rabbits do not lay eggs! So, what do rabbits and eggs have in common? Rabbits are noted for their reproductive fecundity. Eggs are considered a symbol of fertility.

But what does fertility have to do with Easter? Many who celebrate the holiday do not recognize that Easter is not a biblical holiday at all—it is derived from pre-Christian celebrations of springtime fertility, devoted to pagan goddesses with names such as Ishtar, Astarte and Ostara, from whom the name “Easter” is derived. Also, those who make a pun on “Son rise” and



“sunrise” may not be aware that their Easter morning “sunrise” service—facing the direction of the rising sun

during their worship—has its origins not in Scripture but in pagan sun goddess worship.

“Well, we’re just ‘baptizing’ a pagan custom and making it Christian,” some will say. But what does God say about that approach? The prophet Jeremiah recorded God’s very plain and straightforward command: “Do not learn the way of the Gentiles” (Jeremiah 10:2). The passage in Jeremiah goes on to describe the crafting of wooden idols, making it clear that God does not want pagan worship practices imported into His own worship.

So, does God want Christians to observe Easter Sunday? You may be surprised to learn that there is no biblical record of Easter Sunday worship, and no command for us to conduct such worship today! As regular readers of this magazine know, Christ died and was put in the tomb shortly before sunset on a Wednesday, just before the start of the annual Holy Day known as the First Day of Unleavened Bread (see Leviticus 23:6). Scripture shows that Jesus was in the grave for three days and three nights—72 hours—which means He rose right before sunset on Saturday! By the time the women came to the tomb on Sunday morning, He had **already** risen (Matthew 28:1–8)!

When the Scribes and Pharisees demanded to see a sign of Christ’s Messiahship, He said He would give them “the sign of the prophet Jonah” (Matthew 12:39; John 2:19). Indeed, He said that it would be the only sign He would give. Jonah was in the belly of the great fish for three days and three nights, and Christ would be in the grave for that same length of time. Note that this also exposes the later “Good Friday” custom as an unbiblical fiction, since a Friday burial would have kept Christ in the grave until Monday evening, though Scripture clearly show the grave was already empty when the women arrived on Sunday morning.

So, if Easter Sunday is a false custom, how should Christians memorialize Christ’s sacrifice? Again, Scripture reveals the answer. The Apostle Paul told Christians in Corinth: “For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us” (1 Corinthians 5:7). During His

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final Passover meal with His disciples after sunset on Nisan 14, Christ instituted new symbols of bread and wine, symbolizing His body and His blood, (Matthew 26:26–28). Paul reminded the Corinthians that the Passover is the annual memorial of Christ’s sacrifice. “For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, ‘Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.’ In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.’ For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes” (1 Corinthians 11:23–26).

Christ’s body was broken for our physical healing (Isaiah 53:5), and His blood was shed in remission for our sins (Matthew 26:28). So, Christians should not be celebrating a non-Christian holiday using bunnies and eggs and other pagan symbols of fertility. They should be observing the Passover as the true memorial of His sacrifice.

h Canada!

Who Owns the North?



"The True North strong and free!" This exclamation from Canada's national anthem has long illustrated the feeling this vast nation holds for what it so deeply values as its northernmost territory. In recent years, however, this patriotic assertion has come under fire, with neighbouring nations making similar proclamations of ownership regarding the North Pole.

Several claims now sit before the United Nations in an effort to answer an important question: Who owns the North Pole—and, perhaps more importantly, the resources that lie under the northern tip of our planet?

With the majority of Canada's population settled along its southern border, less than 1 percent of Canadians live above the Arctic Circle. Most Canadians will never even visit these distant and majestic northern lands, yet they are widely seen as a core aspect of Canada's national identity. Stretching deep into the Arctic Ocean, the Canadian Arctic Archipelago covers more than 1.4 million square kilometers and includes three of the world's ten largest islands. It is home to the Northwest Passage, a shipping lane treated as international waters by the United States and the European Union, but claimed by Canada as sovereign territory—a dispute of growing importance if Arctic ice continues to melt.

As early as 1925, Canada declared sovereignty over the waters between the 60th and 141st western meridians, an immense area of the Arctic Ocean culminating at the North Pole. Soon after, other nations—first the USSR, then Norway, the United States and Denmark—made similar claims to portions of the Arctic. To Canadians, not only is their claim a way of asserting control

of the valuable Northwest Passage; it upholds a vital point of national pride.

Modern Claims to the North

Currently, the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea allows nations to claim the waters extending 200 nautical miles (370 kilometers) from their coast. A nation can submit a claim to extend its boundaries if it can prove the continental shelf stemming from their coast extends beyond the current border. Scientists from Canada, Russia and Denmark are each now trying to prove that the Lomonosov Ridge—running 1,800 kilometers from the top of Ellesmere Island across the North Pole and back south through Russian waters—is an extension of their continental shelf.

In 2002, Russia submitted a formal claim seeking recognition of Russian sovereignty over an extended northern boundary. This claim was quickly sent back for lack of scientific evidence (*CBC News*, "Russia Submits Claim for Vast Arctic Seabed Territories at U.N."). Russia further attempted to stake its claim in 2007 when a submersible planted a Russian flag on the seabed at the North Pole. At the time, Boris Gryzlov, Chairman of the State Duma, declared that "our country remains the leader in conquering the Arctic" (*National Post*, "Russian Sub Plants Flag Under North Pole").

Not to be outdone, Canada filed a partial claim with the United Nations in December of 2013, outlining the extent to which the government believed Canada's jurisdiction should be extended while indicating that "it will make a pitch for the North Pole in a later submission" (*Toronto Star*, "Why Canada's Race to Claim the North Pole Could Backfire").

The U.N. commission faces such a backlog of submissions that a best-case scenario could see a decision reached in ten years.

Oil, Gas and Putin's Ambition

Why has sovereignty over this region become such a highly contested issue? The answer—as is often the case in today's world—involves natural resources. Immense oil and natural gas deposits have given increased value to the region. A 2008 U.S. Geological Survey reported: "These resources account for about 22 percent of the undiscovered, technically recoverable resources in the world. The Arctic accounts for about 13 percent of the undiscovered oil, 30 percent of the undiscovered natural gas, and 20 percent of the undiscovered natural gas liquids in the world" (*USGS Newsroom*, "90 Billion Barrels of Oil and 1,670 Trillion Feet of Natural Gas Assessed in Arctic"). The USGS estimate of 90 billion barrels of oil would be valued, even at a modest \$35 per barrel, at \$3.15 trillion! It is no wonder that Canada, Russia and others are in a hurry to lay claim to a portion of this wealth. While many consider these resources too expensive to secure, at current oil prices, further instability in the Middle East, Russia or Ukraine leading to a spike in the cost of oil or natural gas could thrust these deposits into even greater limelight.

With such valuable resources at stake and any U.N. resolution at least a decade away, is there any doubt nations will seek other means to establish dominance over the north? While many focus on Russia's aggressive actions in the Ukraine, Georgia and now into the Middle East in Syria, few have noticed the emphasis being placed on increasing military capabilities in the



Untapped Arctic oil and gas is valued at \$3.15 trillion or more!

north. Exerting power in the Arctic has been a priority for Russian president Vladimir Putin. Last March, Putin "oversaw the largest Arctic war games ever: 35,000 Russian troops, 50 surface ships and submarines along with 110 aircraft" (*CBC News*, "Forget Syria, Russia's Muscle is Moving Closer to Canada's Doorstep"). He has recently set up an "Arctic Joint Strategic Command North, consisting of two motorized brigades and Pantsir-S1 anti-air missiles. Moscow is also constructing four Arctic outpost bases as well as airfields and new radar stations" (*ibid.*). Gryzlov's proclamation of Russia as "the leader in conquering the Arctic" has suddenly become much more relevant.

Who Really Owns the North?

Nations stake claims to territory in a variety of ways. Planting flags, declarations of sovereignty, submissions to United Nations commissions and flexing of military



muscle are but a few. What does God think of such declarations? It is prudent for a Christian to try to see world

events from the perspective of the Almighty. Speaking of Jesus Christ, scripture tells us that "by Him all things were created that are in heaven and on earth... All things were created through Him and for Him" (Colossians 1:16). We also understand that "the Most High God rules in the kingdom of men, and appoints over it whomever He chooses" (Daniel 5:21). God is not persuaded by the planting of flags or flexing of military might.

Tomorrow's World looks forward to Jesus Christ returning to inherit all of His creation—including the North Pole (Zechariah 14:9)! He will give rulership to His saints (Revelation 5:10) even giving some individuals responsibility over tribes (Matthew 19:28) and nations (Ezekiel 37:24). Ezekiel 47-48 even describes Christ setting national boundaries. It is only under His authority and by His direction that disputes over territory, waterways and resources will ultimately come to an end. So, we have our answer to the question: "Who owns the North Pole?" Jesus Christ does, and He is looking for humble men and women with whom he can work, who will submit to Him and develop in themselves His holy and righteous character, that they too may inherit it (Psalm 37:11, 22; Matthew 5:5) in *Tomorrow's World!*

—Michael Heykoop

Victory Over Death



By **Richard F. Ames**

We mourn at the death of loved ones. Thousands of young men and women have lost their lives in military service, some even before they reach the age of 20. Others have fallen victim to accidents or disease. As we mourn, one of life's greatest mysteries is the question: "What will happen when we die?"

In recent years, atheists and agnostics have attacked the Bible and the reality of God Himself. One such author calls life after death an "illusion." In his article titled "Hope, Despair, Dread, and Religion," author Ronald A. Lindsay asserts that "religious promises of immortality offer only a false hope" (*Free Inquiry*, April-May 2010, p. 12).

Lindsay goes on to make this sad admission: "We cannot wish away the finality of death or other ir-retrievable losses. Nor can we provide acceptable answers to those who demand wish fulfillment. But if we have achieved the understanding that religion and belief in immortality are illusions, we can resist the temptation to yield to wishful thinking at times of crisis. With our gaze firmly fixed on the facts of reality, we can appreciate what life can and cannot offer" (*ibid.*).

To Lindsay, like many other atheists, the only "hope" is a kind of despairing acceptance of a sad and empty future. But is that really what awaits us? Or will there be a time of reward and punishment, when "good people" go to Heaven and bad people burn forever in Hell?

The good news is that the very Giver of life, the Creator God, has a glorious plan for all human beings that includes the inheritance of the earth, and the inheritance of the universe. Our Father in heaven has given us awesome evidence that we can have victory over the greatest enemy of all, the enemy of death. You can have that victory!

Is There Hope for the Dead?

Over the past several thousand years, billions, yes, billions of people have lived and died. Were their lives of no value? We all have lost loved ones to death, some at a very young age, and some who lived long lives. Some died as practicing sinners and paid the penalty of their actions and behaviors. Others were victims of accidents. Many millions have died in the hundreds of wars around the world over the past several thousand years. Millions have lost their lives in the holocaust and in other genocidal horrors. Is there hope for these millions, many of whom never converted to Christianity?

The answer is: "Yes!" There is a future hope for millions and billions of human beings who died without having any opportunity for salvation. God reveals that there is a resurrection from the dead for those who were blinded to the truth. That resurrection takes place after the Millennium in what is called The White Throne Judgment described in Revelation 20. The Bible describes death as an "enemy." But God will give a great victory over death to those throughout all history, who in the future will repent and be bap-

tized in the name of Jesus Christ as the Apostle Peter made plain in Acts 2:38. The Apostle Paul described the ultimate great victory over death in 1 Corinthians 15:54–57: “So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: ‘Death is swallowed up in victory. O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?’ The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

You **can** have victory over death in the great resurrection. Your Bible gives the inspiring hope for the future.

There is hope for the thousands of disaster victims whose lives were cut short. There is hope for your deceased loved ones.

What happens when you die? Many scientists, atheists, and agnostics believe that life permanently ends at death. On the other hand, many religious people believe that when the body dies, the soul goes straight to heaven or hell. Can you imagine the false teaching that billions of people who never heard the name of Jesus Christ are now burning in hell? Is God that unfair? Of course not! Acts 4:12 states that only through the Savior, the Messiah, Jesus Christ can anyone be saved, that “there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Yet, since billions of people throughout history have never even heard the true gospel, how could they have even had an opportunity for salvation? Does God have a plan for them? Some religions wrongly teach that the vast majority of them are tormented in hell even to this day. Is that what your Bible teaches? What is the truth?

Hope and Resurrection

What does the Bible reveal about life after death for human beings? At one time, the Apostle Paul was being judged and examined by the Jerusalem Sanhedrin. Paul made the resurrection from the dead the major issue. He spoke to the assembly of both Pharisees and Sadducees: “But when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, ‘Men and brethren, I am a Pharisee, the son of a Pharisee; concerning the **hope and resurrection** of the dead I am being judged!’” (Acts 23:6).

Was Paul saying that he would go to Heaven when he died? Absolutely not! Paul was looking forward to the **resurrection from the dead** at the return of Christ! Read it in your own Bible! In the book of Philippians, the Apostle Paul wrote of his faith in Christ and his future goal of the resurrection. Paul strongly desired to “know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead” (Philippians 3:10–11).

Your Bible teaches that the dead **remain dead** until the resurrection. Death is an enemy, but God will give us a great victory over death, if we are faithful to Him through Jesus Christ. Many professing Christians assume that when a person dies, he or she goes immediately to heaven, hell, or purgatory, but is that what Jesus Himself taught? Remember the miraculous revival of Jesus’ friend Lazarus? When Lazarus died, did he go to heaven? Lazarus had been in the tomb four days, and Jesus brought him back to life! Jesus resurrected Lazarus from the dead to live out his natural, physical life! Our Savior proclaimed, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes



in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die” (John 11:25–26).

Do we really believe His words? Lazarus was dead. Did Lazarus go to the glories of Heaven, only to have Jesus force him back into a physical body upon resur-

WHO WILL BE IN THAT SECOND GENERAL RESURRECTION? FRIENDS AND RELATIVES MANY THOUGHT WERE LOST FOREVER!

rection? Of course not! Lazarus did not go to Heaven or to a burning hell-fire when he died. Lazarus simply died and had no consciousness! Jesus said very plainly, “Lazarus **sleeps**... Lazarus is **dead**” (John 11:11, 14).

Lazarus had been in the tomb four days before Jesus brought him back to natural, physical life. But the resurrection of deceased faithful Christians will be to eternal, **immortal** life. That will take place at Christ’s return: “For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the **dead** in Christ will rise first” (1 Thessalonians 4:16).

Immortality Is a Gift!

The resurrection is the hope of a Christian. If one already went to heaven at death, there would be **no need** for a resurrection. Human beings are not **born with** immortality, or eternal life. Believe it or not, the Bible teaches that a soul can die. The soul is not immortal! Read it for yourself: “The soul who sins shall die” (Ezekiel 18:4). The Hebrew word for “soul” is *nephesh*, which indicates physical or natural life. Rather, we learn that at the resurrection, immortality begins, when “this **mortal** must put on immortality” (1 Corinthians 15:53).

Yes, you and I right now are mortal, but faithful Christians will receive the **gift** of immortality at the resurrection! This resurrection of faithful Christians is also mentioned in Revelation 20:4, “And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.” But notice the very next verse, which reveals that there will be a **second** general resurrection: “But the **rest of the dead** did not live again until the thousand years were finished” (v. 5).


Who will be in that second general resurrection? It may include friends or relatives of yours, whom you thought were lost forever. Is this hard for you to believe? Just ask yourself—what will happen to all those billions of people who will not be in the first resurrection? Consider the history of the world. In the past six

thousand years, billions of people all around the world have lived and died. The vast majority have never even heard the name of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. Yet the Apostle Peter plainly stated, “Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we

must be saved” (Acts 4:12). So, what will happen to the billions of people who never even heard His name?

The prophet Ezekiel had a vision described as the Valley of Dry Bones. You can read it for yourself in Ezekiel 37. It describes what will take place at the second resurrection. Billions of people will be resurrected to physical life. The Book of Life will be opened to them, and they will have their **first** opportunity to learn the truth about Jesus Christ and His offer of salvation. This is not a “second chance” as some would like to dismiss it. Rather, it will be the first opportunity for countless billions to see their sins, repent

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of those sins, accept Jesus Christ as Savior and live His Way. It is God’s purpose to give everyone who has ever

lived a genuine, fair opportunity to become part of His divine Family for all eternity. He has made that purpose plain: “The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that **all** should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9).

We need to study what the Bible plainly teaches. Are billions who never heard the name of our Savior lost forever? Is God that unfair? Throughout the history of the world, there have been billions of people who never even heard the actual teachings of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. Is God so unfair as to condemn them to suffer in hellfire forever? Of course not! The “rest of the dead”—mentioned in Revelation 20:5—will be in the second general resurrection. They will face the judgment. But it will be a judgment in which they will



have an opportunity to repent and be baptized. That may include some of your friends and relatives.

Three Resurrections

There are three general resurrections. The first general resurrection from the dead is the resurrection in which Christians from this present age will be given immortal life as members of the Family of God. The second general resurrection from the dead will occur after the Millennium at the start of what is called the White Throne Judgment (Revelation 20:12), when the billions of so-called “unsaved” human beings will have their one true opportunity to learn God’s ways and to face judgment. As Scripture tells us, “it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment” (Hebrews 9:27).

Sadly, some will reject God’s grace and salvation. They will refuse to repent of their sins and will reject the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. God will destroy these incorrigibly wicked people in the lake of fire. The third general resurrection will consist of these rebellious sinners being punished by receiving eternal death in the lake of fire. Though God is merciful, He is also just. We read: “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord” (Hebrews 10:30). Those who reject salvation will be tormented as they stand before the lake of fire, then they and all the other wicked souls will be cast into the lake of fire and burned up, as it tells us in Revelation 21:8. They will live no longer. This is the **second death**, from which there is no resurrection. As we read: “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23).

Yes, faithful Christians can have victory over death. Be sure to read in your Bible the resurrection chapters, 1 Corinthians 15 and 1 Thessalonians 4. We all need to prepare for the return of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. We need to look forward to the resurrection of faithful Christians at Christ’s return when the last trumpet sounds. As it tells us in 1 Corinthians 15:52, “For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”

No Illusion!

No, life after death is not an “illusion” as atheists will say. When doubting Thomas placed his hand into the spear wound of the resurrected Christ, this was no illusion (John 20:24–28). The 500 witnesses who testified to Christ’s resurrection were under no illusion (1 Corinthians 15:5–6).

Truly, God has an awesome plan for all humanity. There is hope for the billions of dead people around the world who never had a genuine opportunity for salvation. Yes, there is a wonderful hope for genocide victims, and for the spiritually blinded billions. That hope is the second general resurrection in the White Throne Judgment we read about in Revelation 20:11. As for today’s Christians, we need to pray as Jesus taught us “Your Kingdom come!” Look forward to the return of the Messiah, Jesus Christ, and our great victory over death! Let us all be able to say, “thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 15:57). ^{TW}

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The Year of Shakespeare



William Shakespeare, playwright, author, poet and wordsmith extraordinaire, imparted to the world exquisite exposition and powerful (though at times bawdy) prose. The year 2016 marks the 400th anniversary since Shakespeare's death. Celebratory events are scheduled throughout England in honour of this national icon for his inestimable contributions to English culture, arts and language.

Generations have admired Shakespeare's nimble ability to wield English word and phrase. He marshalled what is sometimes considered the largest vocabulary of any writer—some 24,000 words! His prowess with a pen was only further enhanced as he uniquely invented or repurposed hundreds of English words—many of which are still in use today.

What can we learn from Shakespeare's life and work? What connection, if any, exists between Shakespeare and English-language translations of the Holy Bible? Language was the playground for William Shakespeare, but what does Bible prophecy reveal regarding a future restoration and purification of language?

Laying the Foundation

William Shakespeare, born in the rural township of Stratford-upon-Avon in late April 1564, spent his formative school years being introduced to the mechanisms of "persuasive, elegant and powerful" expressions of thought, focusing heavily on the ancient Latin language, which was then the *lingua franca* of the most educated Europeans.

In his book, *Shakespeare*, director and author Jeremy Lemmon describes how young Shakespeare would

have been taught "50 ways of saying 'I think it's going to rain'" from Erasmus's *De copia verborum* (p. 10). Young Shakespeare grew "aware of the resources and possibilities of language" (*ibid.*, p. 12). Such intense concentration on verbal and written expression laid the foundation for Shakespeare's enormous edifice of literary effort.

In the summer of 1582, just four years after leaving school, Shakespeare married Anne Hathaway. Together they would have three children—two girls and a boy. Sadly, the boy would die at age eleven. Around 1587, Shakespeare left Stratford, his family remaining in his hometown as the gifted writer ventured forth to explore the opportunities and face the challenges awaiting him in London.

London and Legacy

London was Shakespeare's home when he wrote all of his great plays. Under the employ of the Chamberlain's Men, also known as "the King's Men," the talented Shakespeare—along with his lively troop of actors—enjoyed such success as to be able to build the Globe Theatre. Tourists today can visit a modern reconstruction, Shakespeare's Globe, in Bankside on the River Thames.

Over the span of 23 years, from 1590 to 1613, Shakespeare wrote five poems, 154 sonnets and some 38 plays—an astounding 884,647 words in all! The cause of his death on April 23, 1616 is unknown, yet in his 52 years he compiled a legacy of plays such as *Hamlet*, *King Lear*, *Othello*, *Macbeth* and *The Tempest*, to name just a few, that have survived him and etched their significant mark on four centuries of human

thought—a remarkable achievement by anyone’s standards.

The Rise and Dominance of the English Language

It is commonly said that echoes of the Holy Bible sound throughout Shakespeare’s work. However, it

A major factor in the spread of English was the printing and widespread distribution of the King James Bible

would be hyperbole to credit Shakespeare with significant influence on English-language translations of the Bible. Rather, it was the work of William Tyndale in the 16th century, and before him John Wycliffe in the 14th century, that brought the Bible into the language of the same Englishmen who would attend

Shakespeare’s plays and notice the biblical cadence of his most affecting works.

All told, Shakespeare’s writings played a vital part in the growth of the English language from the parochial tongue of one European island into a worldwide medium of communication that would displace Latin and become truly the common second language of most of the world. One other major factor in the spread of English was the printing and widespread distribution of the *King James Bible*, translated between 1604 and 1611. As the British Empire expanded, its colonies received not just the legacy of Shakespeare, but also of the *King James Bible*—especially after the Battle of Waterloo in 1815 saw the English language hurled ever more prominently to the far corners of the earth.

Prophesied Purification

Shakespeare may not have been an overtly religious man, but his writings did show an appreciation for many of the vibrant and memorable expressions found throughout Scripture. Nevertheless, his plays were written for a common and often coarse audience, and as such were at times littered with what some considered vulgarities and prurient ideas and situations. Because of these perceived “blemishes” on Shakespeare’s legacy, English philanthropist and physician Dr. Thomas Bowdler sought to paraphrase and expurgate what he considered inappropriate while retaining all the “beauties” of Shakespeare’s writings. His “bowdlerized”

volume titled *The Family Shakespeare*, first published in 1807, no doubt brought Shakespeare to an even wider audience. Yet it is the original words of the “Bawdy Bard” that have endured, while Bowdler’s efforts are now for the most part scorned.

But what about the idea of purity in language? In a prophecy concerning the coming earthly reign of Jesus Christ, Zephaniah writes, “For then I will restore to the peoples a *pure language*, that they all may call on the name of the LORD, to serve Him with one accord” (Zephaniah 3:9). The Hebrew word used here for “language” is elsewhere translated as “lip” in scores of other scripture passages. It implies that in the Kingdom of God, what comes out of the lips will be pure (cf. Zephaniah 3:13). God desires external pureness of language, but also—and more importantly—purity of heart from whence one’s words arise (Matthew 12:34).

Bowdler’s cleansing of Shakespeare’s work was



William Shakespeare

ridiculed as tampering and censorship; however, the time is coming when God will seek to clean and purify all language, and therefore thought, enabling humanity better to praise Him apart from the “blemishes” of perverted words and concepts, double meanings, and pagan references so com-

mon to all languages today.

The Bible describes a time, yet future, when knowledge of God’s way of life will fill the earth (Isaiah 11:9). Christ will ensure peace and justice (Isaiah 9:6–7). The cleansing of language will be just one aspect of the greater restoration to come (Acts 3:20–21). To learn more about this wonderful future, read our inspiring booklet, *The World Ahead: What Will It Be Like?*

As celebrations continue throughout the “Year of Shakespeare,” lauding his influence upon the English language, let us pause to appreciate the soon-coming reality of Jesus Christ’s restoration and purification of language worldwide upon His triumphant return.

—Adam West



**EUROPEAN
MIGRATION:**
Crisis and Consequences

“Europe will soon have more physical barriers on its national borders than it did during the Cold War. The ongoing refugee crisis, combined with Ukraine’s conflict with Russia, saw governments plan and construct border walls and security fences across the continent in 2015.... Since the fall of the Berlin Wall, over 40 countries around the world have built fences against more than 60 of their neighbours. The majority have cited security concerns and the prevention of illegal migration as justifications.”

*“More neighbours make more fences,”
The Economist, January 7, 2016*

By **John Meakin**

Disconcerting and horrific images of an extraordinary modern phenomenon continue to dominate our television screens and haunt our memories: the mass migration of hundreds of thousands of desperate people forcing their way from war-torn Muslim nations into Europe—a migration that shows no sign of stopping.

Small inflatable rubber boats, packed precariously to overflowing with migrants cheating death to cross the Mediterranean and Aegean Seas; crowds of frustrated and hungry people incensed by attempts of officials to contain and control them; snaking columns of migrants plodding resolutely along roads and pathways, across fields and down railroad tracks; thwarted migrants enraged by razor-wire fences blocking their passage to freedom; the emotional relief of distressed fathers and distraught mothers, along with their precious children, to be on safe ground at last.

Who can forget April 2015, during which five boats carrying almost 2,000 migrants sank near Lampedusa (an Italian island southwest of Sicily) and 1,200 people drowned; or August 27, when an abandoned and foul-smelling truck on a highway in Austria was found to contain 71 deceased migrants, including several children; or the harrowing picture in September of the lifeless body of little *Alan Kurdi*, the 3-year-old Syrian boy who was washed up on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea near Bodrum, Turkey?

Nearly 4,000 people tragically drowned during 2015 in their struggle to reach Europe. People traffickers and organized crime played a major part in this lucrative, illegal movement of peoples, with scant regard for safety. Yet they keep on coming and a relentless, seemingly unstoppable tidal wave of humanity continues its passage to Europe.

In 2015, more than one million came by illegal routes mainly through the EU member countries of Greece, Bulgaria and Italy (with a few coming through Spain, Malta and Cyprus). In January, the flow (50,000 for the month) showed no sign of abating even as weather deteriorated, temperatures plunged, people became ill and many others tragically drowned. The UN has predicted yet another million will likely arrive in 2016, while the EU Commission suggested it could be as many as 3 million more.

The media unsurprisingly dubbed 2015 the “Year of the Migrant,” as a veritable exodus of biblical proportions continued to dominate world headlines. Migration into Europe became a virtual tsunami, as desperate people, consumed with escaping the violence and privation of their native countries, came looking for a better life for themselves and their families.

This mass migration has become Europe’s **defining political challenge**, creating huge stresses, major political divisions, and incessant squabbling about how best to deal with and resolve the crisis. And, it understandably raises important questions. Why is this vast migration happening and what are its causes? In what ways will its impact change Europe? And



More than a million refugees have fled to Europe, by land, sea or air, since Islamic State fighters began to destabilize the Middle East.

can we place this extraordinary movement of peoples in a wider biblical context? These are the questions we will examine in the rest of this article.

Anatomy of a Modern Exodus

There has always been a healthy level of legal and managed immigration into the nations of Europe, but this current migration is entirely different and bypasses normal immigration procedures. It is composed entirely of irregular, “illegal” immigrants, who come in the desperate hope that they will not be turned away. It is part of an ongoing and worsening crisis—part *genuine refugees* fleeing for their lives, and part *economic migrants* seeking a more prosperous life.

Between 2007 and 2011, large numbers of illegal immigrants from the Middle East, Africa and South Asia attempted to reach Europe via Turkey and Greece, but the construction of a border fence between these two countries effectively closed the door to that route. Boat voyages then became the norm for migrants desperately hoping for a safer, peaceful and more prosperous life elsewhere. The aftermath of the Libyan Revolution in 2011, in particular, generated a marked increase in migrant traffic from the Libyan coastline across the Mediter-

anean Sea to Italy—a route deemed the deadliest in the world.

After a notable migrant shipwreck in 2013 near Lampedusa, which resulted in more than 360 migrant deaths, the Italian government established a large-scale naval operation involving search and rescue. After this operation exhausted available Italian funds, the EU frontier agency *Frontex* took on the task. However, both operations were marred by lack of funds, as some EU member nations objected, based on fears that the operation would encourage even more people to make the dangerous crossing and lead to more tragic and unnecessary deaths. In 2015, the EU decided to launch a new border-control operation for the Mediterranean in order to more effectively deal with the problem.

Despite that, and despite the major lessening of Mediterranean traffic from North Africa as better ways of reaching Europe were found, overall numbers of migrants have continued to increase massively. The route of current preference is through Turkey into Greece by boat, and from there the overland journey into southeast Europe. For many, the preferred destination is Germany, especially after Chancellor Angela Merkel declared that her

country would effectively have an open-door policy, accepting everyone who wanted to come. Unsurprisingly, the flow of migrants dramatically quickened as the news spread; it represented a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for a fresh start and a more prosperous future.

Getting an accurate grip on numbers can be confusing and challenging as the crisis remains fast moving, but latest figures at the time of writing suggest that 821,000 migrants arrived through Greece in 2015, nearly all by boat. A further 150,000 arrived in Italy, also by boat, while over 30,000 traveled overland from Turkey via Bulgaria. In the main, they come from war-ravaged, failed societies where competent and consensual government has collapsed to be replaced by the bomb and the bullet, and where hatred and enmity thrive on an epic scale.

Underlying Causes

The progression of the so-called *Arab Spring* across North Africa, beginning with Tunisia in December 2010, then through Libya, Egypt, Yemen, the Gulf States and then into Syria, led to extensive internal conflict and in some cases governmental collapse in each of these countries. What began as protests against poverty and rising food prices in Algeria, against autocratic rule in Libya (leading to the demise of Colonel Gadhafi) and in Egypt with the ousting of President Hosni Mubarak in 2011, soon became a struggle for the Islamic soul, and initiated a series of crises across these nations.

The continuing meltdown in Afghanistan and Iraq, as well as African conflicts in Somalia, Sudan, Eritrea and Nigeria, have also contributed to the migration situation. However, the events in Syria have unleashed the greatest numbers of migrants.

What began as a *civil uprising* in 2011 soon became an *armed rebellion*, and then turned to outright *civil war*. In 2013, jihadi groups formed the extreme Sunni Islamic State (IS) and established an Islamist caliphate in northern Syria stretching into Iraq. This greatly added to the violence, repression and to people's fears. In 2015, overall violence increased as Turkey joined the aerial fight against Assad, and Russia intervened with air power to prop up Assad against both IS and the growing Free Syrian Army coalition. What had begun as a major U.S.-led military coalition of ae-

rial bombing in Iraq soon expanded to include Syria in an attempt to degrade and destroy the barbaric Islamic State caliphate in Syria and Iraq, avoiding so far the need to put "boots on the ground."

By the end of 2015, some 250,000 Syrians had died in the war. By some estimates, as many as 9 million Syrians had been displaced from their homes, with 4 million having left the country—2 million to Turkey; more than a million to Lebanon and 630,000 in Jordanian refugee camps. It is from this catastrophic reality that people are fleeing to Europe for a fresh start to their lives.

Impact on the European Union

All this has the potential to transform Europe in many ways, some rather obvious, and some that are harder to predict. Clearly, however, the migrant crisis **threatens the very survival** of the EU in its current form.

Following Chancellor Merkel's compassionate example, Germany has been recast as more caring, more welcoming, more self-confident and strong and this has had a positive effect on other EU countries. Positive or not, however, the strains on housing, social services, education and employment availability are showing, and will only grow much worse. The crisis is attracting increasing levels of criticism for being overly soft on migrants. Chancellor Merkel is playing with fire and has had to toughen up her policies. If things take a turn for the worse, as may well happen, the German electorate may turn against her.

The EU, and Germany, will have to radically slow down the migrant flow before the EU comes apart at the seams. Initially, *all Syrian migrants were au-*



tomatically classified as refugees deserving of being granted asylum, but this may well

change as European nations react to being overwhelmed by the sheer numbers of refugees. Far tougher and speedier policies are being introduced, registering, sorting and settling migrants, and tightening social benefits. "Economic" migrants seeking greater wealth rather than refuge, especially those coming from largely peaceful areas, are increasingly being refused asylum status and sent elsewhere. Migrants who flout the law, as several hundred did on New Year's Eve,

with robbery and sexual attacks in several German cities, will not be tolerated.

What we are starting to see implemented are far stronger measures to *strengthen the EU's external borders*. If the almost sacrosanct free movement of peoples across Europe is to be preserved (viz. the *Schengen Agreement* of a passport-free, borderless area shared by 26 European nations), there must be secure external borders. If borders cannot be made secure, migrants will continue to pour in and threaten national stability, which could lead to the EU tearing itself apart. We have already seen *temporary* suspension of the Schengen Agreement, with national border fences being erected, and tighter national border controls established. Britain (an

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island, and non-member of Schengen), for example, has almost completely blocked migrants coming from France via Calais and the Channel Tunnel, while accepting migrants it chooses directly from refugee camps in and around Syria.

The EU wants to establish a *centralized migrant quota system* whereby the number of migrants is more fairly shared among member countries, but this has met with much opposition. How the EU deals with this thorny issue will determine whether the EU survives in its current form or not. The challenge of *financing the migrant crisis* equitably is another hot issue, with responses widely varying between member nations.

Most migrants entering the EU are Muslims by religion. The addition of potentially *one to three million more Muslims within the area of the EU holds enormous political, social and security consequences*. Most Muslims, of course, are law-abiding and responsible people, who are hard working and make upright citizens. Even so, they will take time to assimilate and adjust to living in the EU. However, a small minority may hold more extreme views. A great lesson of the appalling Paris atrocity was that some terrorists had entered Europe masquerading as migrants. *Is Europe*

unwittingly stoking the fires of future terrorist out-rages? This possibility no doubt keeps some officials awake at night, and will require utmost vigilance.

Yet another urgent political priority is *how the EU can address the fundamental problems in the migrants' home countries* that kicked off the migration crisis in the first place. This requires enormous vision, sound thinking and may involve substantial economic and even military assistance where necessary. Expect to see more EU—and more German—initiatives in this area in the months ahead.

In his September 2015 State of the Union Address, EU Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker made farsighted and wide-ranging comments about *the future direction and performance of the EU*. He

called for more politics, more Europe and more Union. He called for much more reform, faster progress on many fronts, and better management—particularly of the migrant crisis. Measures for a stronger single currency, a more competitive economy, a stronger presence in the world, and a fair deal for the UK were all highlighted. Widely anticipated,

but being held under wraps until 2017, are as yet little-publicized EU plans for a major treaty provision defining **an inner core of nations** happy with the idea of a federal Europe, and an outer fringe of nations with a looser arrangement. Europe is changing fast and the migrant crisis has begun to act as a major catalyst for such change.

The UK, which is extremely sensitive to the issue of immigration, will hold a referendum by the end of 2017 on whether to continue as part of the EU. Britain's putative departure would have an enormous impact on the EU as well as the UK itself. A British exit (sometimes called a "Brexit") would likely intensify Scottish Nationalist calls to leave the UK and go it alone, yet remain within the EU.

In this environment, the very survival of the EU in its current form is threatened **from multiple sides**. In particular, a strong Germany will provide stiff opposition to any policies that destabilize the union and that punish the EU's strongest nation in order to subsidize the weak. Given a sufficient crisis, a "core" group of the current EU nations could readily separate itself and become a powerful European nationalist force, shifting to the political right in reaction



In Serbia, a Syrian child seeks shelter at a Belgrade park migrants have turned into a small city.

against external economic and religious forces seen as alien to Europe's historical roots.

Unprecedented World Crisis Ahead!


From a scriptural perspective, all this speaks to the approaching end of an age: a time of “wars and commotions” (Luke 21:9), a time of growing “distress of nations” (v. 25). The European migrant crisis is a direct result of wars—of humanity’s inability to sort out its affairs peaceably. Yet this is part of an even wider picture of global malaise and distress. According to the UN, at the end of 2015 there were 60 million forcibly displaced people worldwide—the *highest level since World War II!* Signs are that things are growing progressively worse. We are not wholly there yet, but the Bible predicts a time when the world will arrive at its time of supreme crisis, from which only the returning Jesus Christ will deliver us alive (Matthew 24:21–22).

Mankind’s efforts at self-governance have proven themselves flawed at best, disastrous at worst. Despite the siren song of moral relativism, let it be said: some governments are better than others. But what is God’s perspective on government? What every nation and the entire world needs is effective godly

government based on the laws of God! This would bring lasting peace, prosperity, contentment and true happiness. We can be thankful that such government is coming! God is already setting into motion the preparations for that government.

Consider that when Jesus Christ returns to this earth, an entirely new chapter of global governance will quickly emerge. “For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end” (Isaiah 9:6–7). Revelation 11:15 tells us that one day true Christians will joyously say, “The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever!” Pray for that kingdom to come. And do your part to prepare. To learn more about this glorious time in the not-so-distant future, read our informative and inspiring free booklet, *The World Ahead: What Will It Be Like?*

Thy Kingdom Come!

Make no mistake. You and I might wish it were otherwise, but according to Bible prophecy, we *are* approaching a *grand climax* to the history of the world. God Himself lays out the terminal progression of events that will inexorably lead to the end of this age. Though most who call themselves Christian remain unaware, this is the message that Jesus Christ preached so strongly while He was on the earth and the message that He has tasked His followers with proclaiming. Jesus called it the Gospel of the Kingdom of God (Mark 1:14–15). It is a profound message of hope for a distinctly better world than the one we occupy right now—a world without wars, violence, hatred and enmity. It will be a world of right government, where peace will prevail and people will not feel compelled to flee their countries and seek refuge elsewhere—in short, a world where the great problems Europe is facing today will no longer exist. Thank God that His Kingdom will come soon, before mankind brings itself to the brink of destruction—and beyond! 

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Iron Sharpens Iron

What traits do you look for in a friend? Is how a person looks most important to you? Is it because you consider people “cool” because of how they behave or dress? Or, do you give more importance to the person’s character and qualities, and their influence on your life?

The Bible offers good advice on what to look for—and what to avoid—when choosing friends. One well-known principle of positive friendship is given in the Old Testament book of Proverbs: “As iron sharpens iron, so a person sharpens his friend” (Proverbs 27:17, *New English Translation*). What does this scripture mean, and how can this idea direct your friendships?

According to *The Bible Knowledge Commentary*, “When iron is rubbed against another piece of iron it shapes and sharpens it. Similarly people can help each other improve by their discussions, criticisms, suggestions, and ideas.” The image of a chef using a rod of steel to sharpen a knife is a good example of using strong metals to improve the instrument.

Relating directly to friendship, *The Life Application Study Bible* states, “There is a mental sharpness that comes from being around good people. Two friends who bring their ideas together can help each other become sharper.”

This scripture emphasizes the importance of making friends with quality people who help improve us. Such friends can greatly broaden our understanding and worldview, plus offer feedback that can improve our behavior. Without this type of personal help, we can develop an inaccurately inflated view of our own ideas and conduct.

Why Is This Important?

Choosing friends can be one of the most important decisions a young person will make. The influence exerted by our closest relationships will tend to determine the course of our lives—whether opening up new options and possibilities and encouraging us to grow, or directing us down pathways that restrict our growth and lead us into trouble.

For those who aspire to follow God’s teachings, this choice is vital. The Bible warns, “The righteous should choose his friends carefully, for the way of the wicked leads them astray” (Proverbs 12:26). As this scripture indicates, the “wicked” often bring down the “righteous.” This point is reiterated in 1 Corinthians 15:33, “Do not be deceived: ‘Evil company corrupts good habits.’” We should not take it for granted that we can become close to a bad influence without that influence changing us for the worse.

This is why finding “iron sharpens iron” relationships is important. We increase the opportunity for success by surrounding ourselves with those who raise us up. It is a good thing when our friends expect excellence. We then tend to expect it of ourselves.

Personal Example

As I look back on my formative years, I realize that much of my life was influenced by the quality of my friends. There were times when their direct guidance and counsel helped me to make necessary changes in my approach to life.

When I was in college, a close friend had to confront me because I had been exhibiting generally obnoxious behavior. I was oblivious as to how irritating I had be-

come, and my friend needed to point this out to me. It was painful to hear, and I was defensive at first, but as he explained my various infractions it became obvious that I needed to hear his words and act on them. Today, I appreciate that my friend cared enough to challenge me, because what he pointed out has helped me through the rest of my life. In that way, he “sharpened” me.

Yet this is just one of the many ways in which a friend has helped improve me. There have been countless times when participating in engaging conversations with friends has stretched my thinking in ways I would never have experienced by myself. This is perhaps the most important aspect of “sharpening” that I have found. Even my most closely held Christian beliefs have been shaped and clarified as I have had the benefit of refining my thoughts with close friends who were also seeking a better understanding of God’s way.



Your Turn!

There are obvious benefits to being around friends who help prod us into becoming better people. However, as the phrase “iron sharpens iron” suggests, there should be mutual contributions to improving one another. In other words, our friends should benefit from being around *us* as much as we benefit being around *them*. So, it can be helpful to analyze whether this is true in your relationships. Does your influence improve others? If not, there are steps you can take to begin sharpening those around you:

1. Improve yourself—Strive to become a person of quality by developing your intellectual and spiritual capacity. This can be achieved by obtaining *wisdom* and *understanding*. A good place to start is in reading and living by the book of Proverbs, which has personal improvement as its stated purpose: “To know wisdom and instruction, to understand words of insight, to receive instruc-

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tion in wise dealing, in righteousness, justice, and equity; to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the youth— Let the wise hear and increase in learning, and the one who understands obtain guidance” (Proverbs 1:2–5, *ESV*).

2. Set the right example—Knowledge is of little value if it does not improve your life. If you live by the wisdom you acquire, the positive example you set should automatically follow. People will naturally come to respect you as they see you are a person of upstanding character, not a hypocrite. Your example should stand as a testimony to how a positive, giving and serving person should act. Jesus Christ set the ultimate example by serving His disciples, whom He called friends: “For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you” (John 13:15, cf. John 15:15).

3. Love your neighbor—Humbly seek ways to help others, maintaining a genuine desire to see them succeed. Remember the “give and take” dimension of iron sharpening iron that encourages back-and-forth interaction through which each person benefits. If others discern that your motivation is to love and serve others, your opportunities for mutually satisfying relationships will increase due to the care for others you demonstrate. “Let **nothing** be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself” (Philippians 2:3).

As many successful people have discovered, the quality of our closest personal relationships makes a tremendous difference in shaping who we are. We should be grateful when we are challenged by caring friends who polish away our rough edges, improve our minds and help us aspire to be our best. At the same time, we should strive to do the same for them. So, as an important part of your personal development, endeavor to fill your life with such iron-sharpening-iron relationships.

—Phil Sena

BECAUSE HE IS RISEN, I DO NOT KEEP EASTER

Should Christians egg on a pagan festival?

I believe in the risen Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior of mankind. I believe that after His crucifixion on Passover, He was three days and three nights in the heart of the earth—as He said He would be. I believe He was then resurrected by His Father, restored to the glory He had with His Father before the world was.

He was the perfect Passover Lamb. He also became the perfect wave-sheaf offering, accepted by His Father as the first of the firstfruits. In His resurrection, I see confirmation of the promise made to all those who truly follow Him that they, too, will one day be resurrected, to live forever as He now does.

Consequently, I do not keep Easter.

How can I make such a statement? It may not make sense to those who take Easter for granted as a celebration of Jesus Christ's resurrection. However, any unbiased look at the history of the Easter holiday, and at the customs now surrounding it, will reveal plainly that the Easter observance is of pagan origin, introduced long ago into "Christian" worship as established Christians more and more began failing to "contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered" (Jude 3).

Most who call themselves "Christians" today are unaware of how "Christianity" has "evolved" over the years—even in the very first centuries of its existence. For instance, we could speak of ancient Polycarp and Anicetus, of Polycrates and Victor, and of how the

churches of the East strove to maintain the apostles' practice of observing Passover and the Days of

Unleavened Bread. Polycrates wrote of the Apostles Philip and John and others who "always observed the day when the people put away the leaven," as opposed to the corruption of Rome and others who wished to blend Christian doctrine with heathen practice. The history of it all is fascinating reading, to be sure.

But history is not Scripture. And it is the Bible—and the word of Jesus Christ—that compels me not to keep Easter. My human mind can come up with lots of reasons to ignore the Bible and to discount

its scriptures (Jeremiah 17:9 has a lot to say about that), but every argument I have ever heard, whether from others or from my own imagination, is always rooted fundamentally in faulty human reasoning that ultimately contradicts God's word. And Scripture reminds me that "the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high

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thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:4–5). I cannot honor Christ by disobeying Him.

If you are interested in reviewing some of the pagan elements associated with the keeping of Easter, nearly any reputable encyclopedia will reveal a history behind the holiday that many will find shocking. Unlike the biblical Holy Days, Easter is plainly pagan in origin. Despite—or, actually, in a sense, **because of**—its pre-Christian roots and widespread popularity with non-Christians, it was seized upon as a Passover alternative by a great false church that considered itself qualified to overrule God's own biblical injunctions in order to gain new members.

From the Bible's perspective, the choice is simple. Jesus Christ told us never to violate God's laws and commandments in favor of human traditions, regardless of how sincere or "religious" those traditions might be (Mark 7:6–9). God clearly does not want us to adopt pagan customs to worship Him (Deuteronomy 12:29–31; Jeremiah 10:1–2).

So, it may seem contradictory given popular "Christian" culture and practices, but I see no alternative. I passionately believe in the risen Christ, and in the power and truth of His resurrection. And to believe in Christ as Lord is to believe in His teachings, to desire to follow Him, and to seek to obey Him. Therefore, I do not keep Easter. And neither will you, I hope.

—Wallace G. Smith



to pieces like the potter's vessels'—as I also have received from My Father" (Revelation 2:26–27). Those true Christians who overcome Satan, the world and themselves will be given **awesome** responsibilities under Jesus Christ in ruling the nations and in straightening out the wretched problems of this world's society.

Will we rule directly under Jesus Christ—or does the living Christ already have a plan in mind—an *entire governmental structure* that He and the Father will use in Tomorrow's World?

The prophet Abraham is called the "father" of the faithful (Romans 4:1, 11–12, 16). He, along with Isaac and Jacob, will be in top positions—perhaps akin to cabinet ministers or key advisers in today's society—in Christ's coming government (Matthew 8:11). Other outstanding servants of God from ancient times will also be in top positions. In one scriptural **vision** of the coming Kingdom of God (Matthew 17:1–9), both Moses and Elijah were shown to be key figures in that coming Kingdom.

Then there is King David of ancient Israel, one whom God described as "a man after My own heart, *who will do all My will*" (Acts 13:22). What will David do in Christ's world-ruling government? Many scriptures give us the answer. As Hosea tells us, in a prophecy for the **latter days**: "For the children of Israel shall abide many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar, without ephod or teraphim. Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They shall fear the LORD and His goodness in the latter days" (Hosea 3:4–5).

God tells us that after the ten-tribed **house of Israel**—along with the Jewish people (the tribe of Judah)—all return from their coming captivity: "For it shall come to pass in that day," says the LORD of hosts, "That I will break his yoke from your neck, and will burst your bonds; foreigners shall no more enslave them. But they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up for them" (Jeremiah 30:8–9). Ezekiel 34:23–24 and Ezekiel 37:24–25 describe David as the coming king over the tribes of Israel—with the Jews and Israelites finally **reunited** as *one nation* again (vv. 19–22). There will be no more "anti-Semitism" when all the tribes of Israel finally realize that they are truly brothers!

Serving directly under King David, and ruling each individual tribe or *nation* of Israel, will be the Twelve Apostles. Jesus Himself promised His Apostles: "Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve **thrones**, *judging the twelve tribes* of Israel" (Matthew 19:28).

The True Saints Given Rulership

If you and I truly *surrender to God* and Christ uses us in His coming government, what might *we* be doing? In the inspired parable of the minas (or "pounds" in the *KJV*, describing a unit of currency), God's *faithful* servants were given rule over cities in Christ's government: "Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, *have authority over ten cities*" (Luke 19:11–19).

"**But**," some of the liberal scholars will exclaim, "This was just a parable. You surely don't think Jesus was talking of actual rulership over real cities here on earth, do you?"

Yes! I certainly do!

For even the Apostle Paul—**not** speaking in parables—clearly explained that *we will be judges and rulers* over important matters (1 Corinthians 6:2–3)!

For nearly 2,000 years, various scholars, monks, bishops and theologians have desperately tried to **water down** the consistent teaching of Scripture that a literal **government** will be set up *on this earth* under the direct rulership of Christ and the resurrected saints! Yet the early Christians all understood and believed this inspired truth. Describing the beliefs of the early Church in his monumental work, *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, the renowned historian Edward Gibbon wrote:

"The ancient and popular doctrine of the Millennium was intimately connected with the second coming of Christ. As the works of the creation had been finished in six days, their duration in their present state, according to a tradition which was attributed to the prophet Elijah, was fixed to six thousand years. By the same analogy it was inferred that this long period of labour and contention,

which was now almost elapsed, would be succeeded by a joyful Sabbath of a thousand years; and that Christ, with the triumphant band of the saints and the elect who had escaped death, or who had been miraculously revived, would reign upon earth till the time appointed for the last and general resurrection” (p. 100).

So one of the most preeminent historians on this period admits that the original Christians believed *exactly* what we have been telling you in this magazine! They certainly believed that the true saints “*would reign upon the earth.*”

Back in the book of Daniel, Almighty God revealed that at the time of the end: “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” (Daniel 7:27). Indeed, as the Apostle Peter stated, God has spoken of Christ’s coming rule over the earth and the “times of restoration of all things” by “the mouth of **all** His holy prophets since the world began” (Acts 3:21).

We have also seen that Christ and the Father have a specific **governmental structure** planned with definite responsibilities outlined for Abraham, Moses, David, the Apostles and other true saints of God. We, the **saints**—**if** we will yield to let Christ rule our lives—will also be given positions of responsibility ruling individual cities or perhaps departments in Christ’s government—ruling from the new world capital in Jerusalem. What an **exciting** life we have just ahead of us in Christ’s soon-coming Kingdom!



Christ’s Glorious Kingdom

In Zechariah 14:1–4, God’s word gives us a detailed description of Christ’s return and the early years of His Kingdom: “Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, and your spoil will be divided in your midst. For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; the city shall be taken, the houses rifled, and the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, but



the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle. And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives.” Then God reveals in verse 9: “And the LORD shall be King over all the earth.” So Christ and the saints will be *on the earth*—**not** up in heaven!

Next, immediately after Christ’s return, He will *punish* all the nations that fought against Jerusalem (vv. 12–13). Then, “the **wealth** of all the surrounding nations shall be gathered together: gold, silver, and apparel in great abundance” (v. 14). God will bless the physical peoples of Israel and Judah with awesome **wealth** once they have repented and have been brought to the land of Israel after their national captivity.

What then?

What happens next, after Christ’s return, is something most “mainstream Christians” have heard nothing about, because they have never been taught about the Sabbath and the religious festivals given by God for **all** of humanity through all ages. Notice: “And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. And it shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, on them there will be no rain” (vv. 16–17).

The professing Christian peoples of the world have been taught that **God’s** Sabbaths and Festivals are “Jewish”—and so ought not to be observed. The living Christ will *shake* these people by literally cutting off their water, and finally sending **plagues** on

them, if they stubbornly refuse to come up and “keep the Feast of Tabernacles” (v. 18).

Egyptians, Chinese, Americans and others—all will learn to **keep** all the annual Festivals of God, including this inspiring Festival that pictures the millennial rule of Christ and the great resulting “fall harvest” of souls when God’s truth will permeate the earth. When God first gave these Feasts to ancient Israel, this fall Festival was called the “Feast of Ingathering” (Exodus 23:16). Jesus and the Apostles kept this Festival (John 7:1–14) and *all* of God’s Festivals, which picture His great plan. Soon, God will teach the whole world to keep them. Please write for our very informative booklet, *The Holy Days: God’s Master Plan*, if you would like to learn more about this vital subject.

It may now be difficult for us to imagine the *thrill* and the **joy** of untold numbers of people from all over the world coming to Jerusalem to **keep** the Holy Days. For they will know that Christ the King will literally *be there in Person*—not only in Spirit. They will come up to rejoice in God’s blessings in Tomorrow’s World, and to worship the King of kings!

God is the author of beauty and of all good music. He guided King David and King Solomon and others to organize magnificent choirs to sing praise to God on special occasions (1 Chronicles 15:16; 2 Chronicles 5:12–13). Can you imagine the awesome music that will accompany the Festivals of God and the worship of the living Christ at Jerusalem? Can you imagine the magnificent processions of dignitaries, and of men and women from all walks of life, streaming into the Holy City—**thrilled** with the opportunity

to see and to directly worship their Creator? Many will bring beautiful gifts for Christ the King. Nearly all will bring precious items with which to worship the **Lord of Hosts** sitting *in person* on His throne in Jerusalem!

Since Jesus Christ is “*the same yesterday, today and forever*” (Hebrews 13:8), there will undoubtedly be many such occasions like the one cited above during His thousand-year rule. The throngs of singers and musicians were in perfect harmony singing, praising and worshiping God when “the house of the LORD was filled with a cloud, so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the **glory** of the LORD filled the house of God” (2 Chronicles 5:14)!

Obedience Brings Blessings

The prophet Isaiah tells us: “Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the LORD’s house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, ‘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 shall go forth the **law**, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem” (Isaiah 2:2–3).

God’s great spiritual **law**—the Ten Commandments—will be the basis for Christ’s rule in Tomorrow’s World. Through the teaching and guidance of Christ and His resurrected saints, the whole world will learn **how** to love and worship God, and *how* to



genuinely love and care for their neighbors. God's word describes that time: "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea" (Isaiah 11:9).

Isaiah describes what will transpire when thousands of Israelites are brought back from slavery and even many of their children are restored to them: "Lift up your eyes all around, and see: they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be nursed at your side. Then you shall see and become radiant, and your heart shall swell with **joy**; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you" (Isaiah 60:4–5).

Notice the physical blessings that will be poured out on regathered Israel and Judah: "Surely the coastlands shall wait for Me; and the ships of Tarshish will come first, to bring your sons from afar, their silver and their gold with them, to the name of the LORD your God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because He has glorified you. The sons of foreigners shall build up your walls, and their kings shall minister to you; for in My wrath I struck you, but in My favor I have had mercy on you. Therefore your gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day or night, that *men may bring to you the **wealth of the Gentiles, and their kings in procession***" (Isaiah 60:9–11).


It will be as when God restored to Job **double** of what He had taken from him (Job 42:10). Truly, the spoiled and arrogant descendants of the so-called "Lost Ten Tribes" of Israel are today found among the American and British-descended peoples, and the *peace-loving* nations of northwestern Europe. Be sure to request and *study* our **free** booklet, *The United States and Great Britain in Prophecy*, if you do not yet understand this basic truth.

Unless an unprecedented national **repentance** soon occurs, our peoples are to be humbled, chastened and *taken into national **slavery!*** Then, when we have begun to **learn our lesson**, God will bring our peoples back to the land of Israel and **bless** them in a truly awesome manner.

Then, as we have seen, the **law** will go forth from Jerusalem. The Ten Commandments will be *taught* and *practiced* all over the world as the **basis** for Christ's coming Government! As God's Spirit is poured out on *all nations*, every person on earth will *be taught **how*** to love *God* and *how* to love his neighbor! The entire world will learn God's true **ways**—and **peace** and **joy** will at last permeate the entire earth! Finally, the "New Covenant" will be understood and *practiced* by both the house of Israel and the house of Judah (Jeremiah 31:31). For God says: "But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My **law** in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people" (v. 33).

When Satan is banished at the beginning of Christ's rule (Revelation 20:1–3), people will soon get over their hostility to God and His great spiritual **law**. There will then be outward **peace** over the entire earth. And an **inner peace**—the "peace of God, which surpasses all understanding" (Philippians 4:7), will descend on human beings in a manner never before experienced in all human history.

For Christ's soon-coming **world government** will be in charge. You and I can be *part of* that government **if** we are willing to genuinely *surrender to God* and actually do what He commands! We can be **pioneers**, assisting Christ in *reorganizing* this confused world and teaching the nations *God's ways*. A **glorious** future awaits this entire earth at the return of Jesus Christ!

This is the true **answer** to all the suffering and anguish which we humans—under Satan's evil influence—are bringing on ourselves. My friends, when Jesus Christ actually *returns to this earth within the lifetimes* of many of **you**, the feeling of "emptiness" and *lack of purpose* will quickly *disappear*. For *all* will finally understand **why** we were *born*. *All* will finally have a wonderful and inspiring **purpose** for their very lives. *This* will be the ultimate solution to *all* the hate, suffering, confusion and emptiness that permeates human society today. Yes, *this* is the **answer!** 

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I took my new *Tomorrow's World* out of the mailbox and saw what I was looking for. Is there an unpardonable sin? I rushed home to read it twice with tears. I was certain the living God would destroy me. At the same time I could not find fault with God for my sins. It's taken me years to learn. Thank you for the knowledge. May God bless you all.

B.R., Mobridge, South Dakota

I want to tell you how much I enjoy reading *Tomorrow's World* from cover to cover and how much I anticipate the next issue to see what you will write about next. Everything in the magazine has been educational and enlightening for me. By the time I get done going through an article, it has underlines and highlighted marks all through it. Of course I do this to "test the spirits" and look up in scripture what I am reading about. It has really helped me get a better grip on scripture, grow and understand what some of the Bible is talking about. Thank you so much for providing me with your literature. If it weren't for people who love Christ and work to get His Word out here to people like me, the world would be a darker place. I thank God for all of you and the work that you do. God bless you all at *Tomorrow's World*.

S.O., Nashville, Tennessee

Thank you much for the teaching by Wallace Smith on the falseness of Christmas ("Is Christmas Christian?" which aired from December 24–30, 2015 and is now available at *TomorrowsWorld.org*). I would appreciate the booklet *Is Christmas Christian?* as I would like to learn more of this topic. Most churches refuse to acknowledge such spiritual truths. I appreciate the fact men like Wallace Smith have the backbone to speak out on issues such as Christmas.

J.S., Tenterfield, NSW, Australia

I quickly put pen to paper after reading the article "A Wake-up Call to Protestants" in the September-October 2015 issue of *Tomorrow's World*. Thank you so much for your continued generosity in forwarding this magazine of prophecy. You help me make sense of the world I am living in and I am truly grateful. There is no way I will be part of "Babylon the Great."

Z.M., Aberfoyle Park, SA, Australia

I have to stop between sessions studying my *Tomorrow's World Bible Study Course* to say thank you for the free course and all the free literature. If I didn't receive it I sure would be in the dark. I did not know we had the Kingdom of God to look forward to. I'm also learning about the Feast days, which I knew nothing about. Now I'm learning the truth. It's like seeing the scriptures for the first time since I've become acquainted with *Tomorrow's World*. Thank you again for the time and literature for reaching people like me. This *Tomorrow's World* is a true gift from our Savior Jesus Christ.

J.M., Summerfield, Florida

Thank you for your "Simple Principles" insert on page 21 of the January-February 2016 issue. I particularly appreciate your mention of the biblical instruction to use **running** water for cleansing purposes, referencing Numbers 19. It wasn't until the 18th or 19th century that surgeons figured out they needed to wash their hands in running water instead of merely a basin to avoid the spread of bacteria and disease, but here it has been in God's Word all along for thousands of years if we would only read and heed! Please keep up the great work!

T.C., Fort Worth, TX

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TURNING POINTS *in* WORLD HISTORY



Five Books that Changed the World

Many believe that Western civilization was built on Roman law and Greek ideas of democracy that date from more than 2,000 years ago. However, few today realize that much of the culture and civilization of the Western world rests on the foundation of five books written 3,500 years ago by a man named Moses. Though skeptics claim that Moses is a fictional character and assert that taking his writings literally has been a detriment to humanity, such claims ignore the remarkable content and undeniable impact the books of Moses have had on the course of world history.

The five books of Moses, also called the *Pentateuch*—Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy—are part of the Hebrew Scriptures (the Old Testament) and claim to be the *inspired* words of God (Exodus 3:4–6; 2 Timothy 3:16). In striking contrast to other “holy” books, the Bible—including these five most ancient books—contains unique, internal self-authenticating evidence in the form of nearly two thousand prophecies that *confirm* its divine inspiration. No other text than the Bible—not the Quran, not the Upanishads, not the Tao Te Ching—can rightly claim to contain such specific prophecies that correctly foretell future events.

Did Moses Borrow?

Some critics say the Law of Moses was copied or borrowed from the code of laws proclaimed by Hammurabi, a Babylonian king who lived several centuries earlier. However, the laws of Hammurabi were essentially *civil laws* to govern the commercial city-state of Babylon; they included barbaric punishments administered by judges subject to the king (see “8 Things You May Not Know

About Hammurabi’s Code,” *History.com*). By contrast, the Law of Moses is a much more comprehensive set of civil and religious instructions related to every aspect of life. The books of Moses provide a theological perspective on the origin of the universe, the creation of life on earth, the origin of marriage, the purpose of gender, the origin of language and the origin of nations—and also contain laws that govern human relationships.

The perspectives on God, the universe and mankind contained in the sacred books of the Hebrew people have had an incalculable influence on the history and culture of the Western world. God revealed the Mosaic laws in a stunning manner at Mount Sinai (Exodus 19:16–18)—laws that are based on a religious orientation toward the one true God, not obedience to an earthly king. The laws God revealed to Moses also contain concepts of sin and forgiveness that are *totally absent* from the code of Hammurabi.

It is also instructive to notice that God gave Moses the law written on two tablets of stone (Exodus 31:18), and that Moses wrote “all the words of the LORD” in a “Book of the Covenant” or “Book of the Law”—leaving a permanent set of divine instructions for the nation of Israel (Exodus 24:4–7; Deuteronomy 31:24–26). Historians have noted a “close association of books with some crucial transitions in history” because *books* preserve ideas that can influence the minds of later generations and mold entire civilizations (*Eight Decisive Books of Antiquity*, F. R. Hoare, pp. 7, 13).

Purpose and Scope of Mosaic Laws

The laws God revealed to Moses were *purposefully designed* to set the nation of Israel apart so its people

could be a light and an example to the surrounding pagan nations of the ancient world (Deuteronomy 4:1-10, 40). This was in line with promises God made to Abraham (who also obeyed the laws of God—see Genesis 26:5) that his descendants would be a blessing to “all the nations of the earth” (Genesis 22:18). The laws of Moses are remarkable in their scope, especially when compared to the laws of Hammurabi. The Ten Commandments define mankind’s relationship to God (commandments 1-4) and how to love one’s neighbor (commandments 5-10). The moral dimensions of the Mosaic Law define right and wrong for all mankind, and protect the fundamental unit of society, the institution of marriage between man and woman. Commandments against lying and stealing protect against the corruption that so permeates human societies.

The books of Moses include stipulations for weekly and annual Holy Days (Leviticus 23). The biological law

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recorded in Genesis 1:11, 24-25 states that each living organism reproduces “according to its kind”—a fact that

agrees with the discoveries of science but contradicts modern macroevolutionary theories. Other Mosaic laws outlined an economic system and provided for debt relief (Deuteronomy 14:22-29; 15:1-2), guided agricultural practices (Exodus 23:10-11) and instituted wildlife management (Deuteronomy 22:6-7). Health laws in the Mosaic Code forbade tattoos and self-mutilation (Leviticus 19:28), outlined quarantine practices, identified appropriate sources of food (Leviticus 11; Deuteronomy 14) and prescribed proper sanitation and the prevention (far more economical than mere treatment) of infectious disease (see Leviticus 11-15). The fact that Jewish communities in the Middle Ages suffered less from disease epidemics is one demonstration of the benefits of observing the biblical health laws.

Another interesting fact is that biblical writers *never* call the Mosaic Laws a *burden*; rather, they are revealed as a source of liberty, wisdom, truth and happiness (Deuteronomy 4:40, Psalm 119; 1 John 5:2-3) whose value extends far beyond the ancient nation of Israel. Legal authorities even today acknowledge that “the Ten Commandments have had a significant impact on the development of secular legal codes of the Western world” (*The Ten Commandments & their Influence on American*

Law, Federer, p. 14). In America, “Twelve of the thirteen colonies adopted the entire Decalogue [Ten Commandments] into their civil and criminal laws” (*ibid.*). An American legal scholar has stated, “To ignore the influence of the Ten Commandments in the founding and shaping of American law and government would require significant historical revision” (*ibid.*, p. 11). In summary, “The direct and indirect influence of the Ten Commandments on American law goes back in time to the development of English Common Law, and before that to the origins of Western Civilization” (*ibid.*, p. 183).

The books of Moses contain a dimension of knowledge that has had a profound influence on the world, yet is *non-existent* in the writings of other ancient religions and philosophers. They give unique information about the purpose and meaning of life. As British writer Paul Johnson wrote regarding the ancient Israelites: “No people has ever insisted more firmly... that history has a purpose and humanity a destiny,” that God has a “providential plan” and a “divine scheme for the human race” (*A History of the Jews*, p. 2). These ideas came from the books of Moses. The concept that human beings are made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26), that all human life is sacred (Exodus 20:13), that God is working out a grand plan on earth (Genesis 17:1-7; 22:15-18; 49) and that He has given mankind a divine set of laws to live by were recorded long ago by Moses in five books that changed the course of world history.

—Douglas S. Winnail



Handwritten copy of the Five Books of Moses (the “Torah”) as found at Cologne’s Glockengasse Synagogue, destroyed by Hitler’s forces on Kristallnacht, 1938

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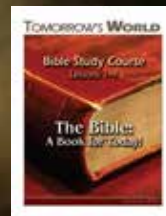
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