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# When Will the END Come?

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

We have all seen cartoons of a funny-looking old man in a white robe carrying a sign that reads, “The end is near!” It makes us smile, and helps us realize how many misguided religious people have made predictions about the *end* of the world—*predictions that were absolutely wrong!*

*We all need to learn from that!*

But does that mean that the Creator God *will not* supernaturally intervene in human affairs, or that the living Jesus Christ *will not* return to earth as King of kings as many biblical prophecies clearly say He will? Does this mean that we are to quit “watching” the end-time prophetic events as they unfold right in front of our eyes?

*Of course not!*

God’s word specifically warns us about this very foolish approach: “Knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, ‘Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation’” (2 Peter 3:3–4).

With the entire pattern of prophetic events we have foretold for decades now coming into clear focus, we dare not assume that “things will just keep going on as they always have!” *It really is different this time!* For the “breaking” of the pride of the British-descended and American peoples is already well underway. All over the world, more and more nations and situations are turning against our people and our plans. Now, the frightening state of affairs in the Middle East grows worse almost every year. Now, China and India are giving the Anglo-American nations increasing competition in world trade and world dominance. Now, the dollar is slowly but surely declining in value compared to many other currencies. And an extremely powerful European Empire is looming *right on the horizon*, as we have predicted for years.

Additionally, weather-related disasters are growing worse, and will *continue to worsen!* And the biblically prophesied “pestilences” (Matthew 24:7) or disease epidemics are about to make their appearance. What will be surprising to many people is that the coming devastation from alternating *drought, fires, storms, floods* and *earthquakes*, plus raging *disease epidemics*,

will not occur primarily in Bangladesh, Ethiopia or other “far off” places! Rather, these coming catastrophes will strike the Anglo-American nations far more than ever before in history! Many events that *absolutely confirm* this prophetic understanding are *already* taking place on the world scene.

The Bible clearly reveals a 6,000-year period during which human beings follow their *own ideas* apart from the Creator. This will be followed by Jesus Christ’s thousand-year reign on earth, during which He and the resurrected saints will literally *teach the entire world* God’s true ways. Notice: “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).

Just after creating mankind upon this earth, God ended His work by blessing the *seventh day* of the week as a sanctified day of rest (Genesis 2:1–3). This began a weekly cycle in which human beings are to work for six days and rest every Sabbath (Exodus 20:9–10). In the book of Hebrews, the Apostle Paul explained how the Sabbath pictures a wonderful era of peace that will follow the current age of human society on this earth (Hebrews 4:3–11).

The Jews of Jesus’ day understood well the concept of each day of the week representing a *thousand years* in the Plan of God. Peter explained this principle: “But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day” (2 Peter 3:8). So, the seven-day week represents God’s 7,000-year plan, with six days of the week representing the time of our present human society, followed by the thousand years of Christ’s reign as King of kings (Revelation 11:15).

In his world-renowned history, *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, 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

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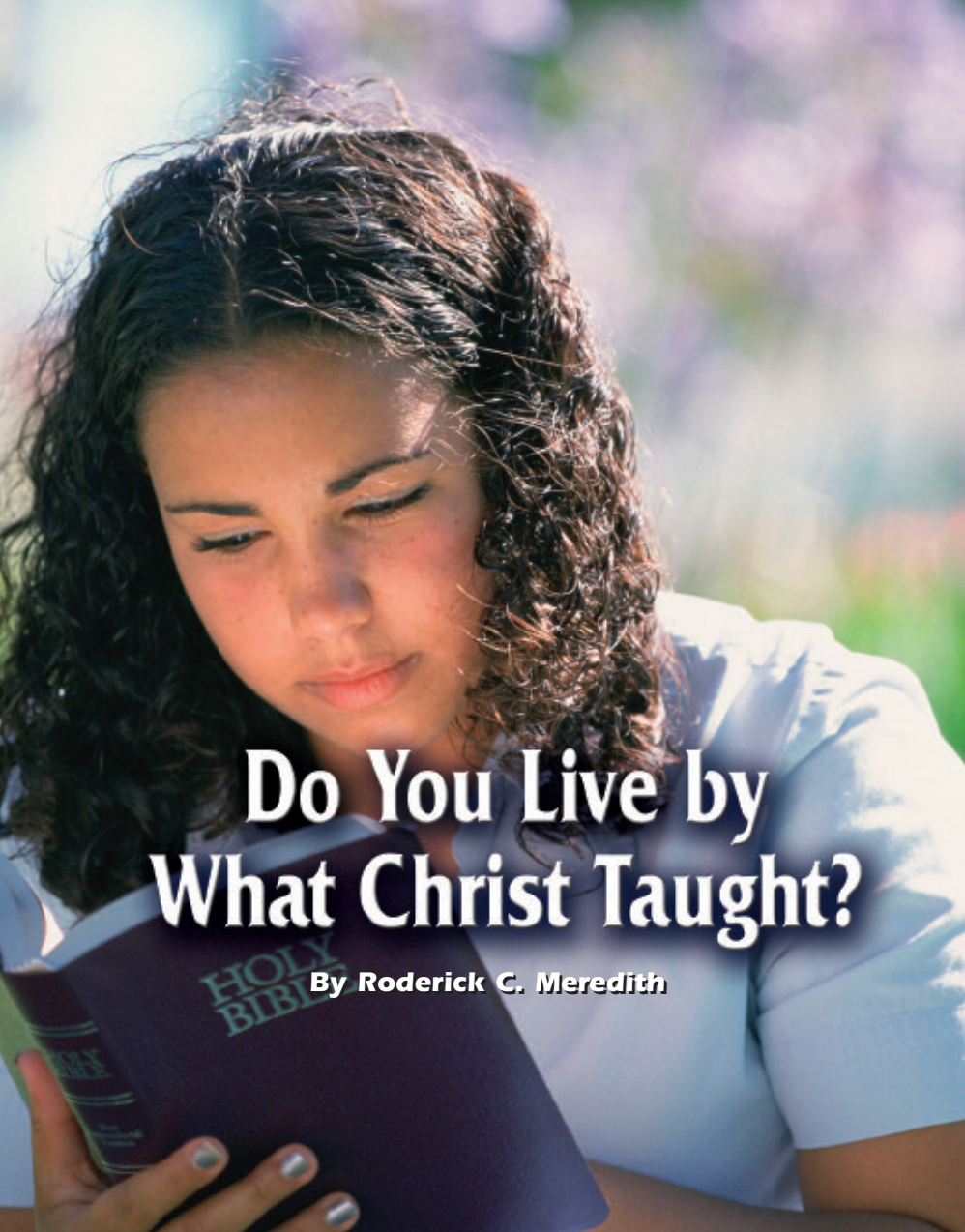
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# Do You Live by What Christ Taught?

By Roderick C. Meredith

What was the Christianity of Jesus Christ and the apostles *really* like? Would Jesus even recognize the doctrines and practices of today's "mainstream" Christianity?

**T**he kind of Christianity you believe and practice may spell the difference between life or death—much *sooner* than you realize! Jesus Himself predicted a massive Great Tribulation so awful that “no flesh would be saved” unless God Almighty intervened in human affairs (Matthew 24:21–22). If you are not following His true ways, your very life, and the lives of your loved ones, may be at stake.

Describing this soon-coming Great Tribulation, Mark's inspired gospel states: “For in those days there

will be tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the creation which God created until this time, nor ever shall be. And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake, whom He chose, He shortened the days” (Mark 13:19–20).

Do *you* really believe what the Bible clearly and repeatedly says? If you do, you should be alert to Jesus' plain warnings about following the *traditions of men*. For Jesus rebuked the religious leaders of His day with these meaningful words: “You have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition. Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: ‘These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men’” (Matthew 15:6–9).

So, for *your sake*—for the sake of the Eternal God's favor, and His divine protection for you and your loved ones—it is absolutely vital that you do *not* follow the “commandments of men” *instead* of the commandments of God!

*Let me explain.*

Most of you *Tomorrow's World* readers are undoubtedly sincere in your desire to find and to fulfill the real *purpose* for your lives! By now, I trust, you already *understand* that we at *Tomorrow's World* are *not* a part of “mainstream” Christianity. You perhaps realize that we are different for a *reason*. You may realize that most of us in this Work grew up in mainstream churches and practiced the customs of the average churchgoer. We eventually *proved to ourselves* that we had to “come out” of this

system in order to obey and to serve the true God of the Bible. Many of us had to give up family, friends or jobs in order to do this.

Why?

Because we came to realize that Jesus Christ absolutely insists that we follow *His* true Christianity, *not* just any false Christianity or other religion in which we just happened to be reared. We came to realize that God's inspired words actually *condemn* those who put Christ's very *name* on all kinds of pagan doctrines and customs that they have somehow put together. Over and over, *in many different ways*, the Jesus Christ of your Bible challenged His followers, "Why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and *not* do the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46).

Growing up in a "mainstream Christian" church, going to Sunday school and even as president of my Sunday school class, I did not realize how *absolutely vital* it is that all who call themselves "Christian" must be willing to *obey* Christ's clear and consistent teachings, to *surrender their lives* and truly strive to "*live by every word of God*" (Luke 4:4). Jesus Christ *insists* on it! Most of you reading this article do sincerely want to honor Christ and God the Father. In the past, you may have felt (as I did) that you were *obeying* the God of the Bible. Yet, if you will honestly and thoroughly "check it out"—as I, personally, had to do—you will probably find that you have believed in dozens of doctrines and concepts that have *no basis whatsoever* in the Bible. In like fashion, you will find that you have—probably unwittingly—been following all kinds of *pagan* customs and practices that Jesus and the original apostles *would have condemned!*

## Get Back to the TRUTH!

The Apostle Paul warned the Christians of his day: "For I know this, that after my departure *savage wolves* will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears" (Acts 20:29–31).

Dear friend, for *your own sake*, **please consider** whether you are truly following the "*whole counsel of God*," to which Paul had just referred earlier in his inspired writings! Certainly most of you may understand part of the Bible, part of Christ's true teachings—and perhaps a *little bit* regarding prophecy and the awesome **purpose** for which God created you. However, just "accepting Jesus," joining some church down the street, and hoping to "float off to heaven" when you die is **not** what *true* Christianity is all about! Most who call themselves "Christians" have **never** been taught the full **purpose** of human existence! It is *vital* that you come to fully understand and follow the "whole counsel" of Almighty God (Job 15:8; Acts 20:27).

We have just read Paul's warning that "savage wolves" would come in and "draw away" many from the Truth of God. Paul also urgently warned God's people about a great "falling away" (2 Thessalonians 2:1–12). He wrote: "For the *mystery of lawlessness* is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way. And then the **lawless one** will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume

with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming" (vv. 7–8).

What did Paul mean by "lawlessness"? In his day, people traveled by foot or on an animal. Paul was obviously referring to something more than "traffic laws" being violated. Paul was describing a religious system—the "*mystery of lawlessness*"—that was slowly but surely taking over the *name* of Christianity, perverting Christ's teachings and practices, convincing people to abandon God's *great spiritual law!*

Nearly all respected mainstream historians know that a *massive change* came over the professing Christian church within a century after Christ and the original apostles died. One historian writes: "For fifty years after St. Paul's life a curtain hangs over the church, through which we strive vainly to look; and when at last it rises, about 120AD with the writings of the earliest church-fathers, we find a church in many aspects very different from that in the days of St. Peter and St. Paul" (Jesse Lyman Hurlbut, *The Story of the Christian Church*, p. 41).

On *whose authority* did the early bishops make these drastic changes? Did God or Jesus Christ tell them to make the true church *very different* from the original church of Christ and the apostles?

*No way!*

Rather, even *after* His death, Jesus told the apostles, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe **all things** that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the **end** of the age..." (Matthew 28:19–20).

On *whose authority* did the so-called "church fathers" do



away with—and virtually destroy for their followers—the teachings of Jesus Christ and the original apostles? The real answer is that they *had no such authority!* That is why God inspired the Apostle Jude to exhort true Christians: “Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you *exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.* For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the *grace* of our God into *lewdness* and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ” (Jude 3–4).

Jude tells us that we will literally need to “contend”—*fight*—for the “faith which was *once for all* delivered to the saints.” He warns about certain men who “crept in” to turn the concept of grace into “licentiousness”—into a license for deceived people to think that they can disobey God’s great spiritual law and still somehow enter the Kingdom of God!

This, my friends, is exactly what most “mainstream” Christians believe today. Many churches *talk* about the Ten Commandments as a good general guideline. But if you pin them down, the vast majority of mainstream ministers will say that a Christian is *not bound* to keep the Ten Commandments as a way of life! This is *one reason* why God inspired Jude to exhort us to contend for the true faith which was “*once for all* delivered to the saints.”

## RESTORE True Christianity!

What would it mean to restore the **original** Christianity of Christ and the apostles? What differences would we find if the “original Christianity” of the New Testament was genuinely taught and practiced once again?

**Wow!** This restoration would involve *far more* than most of you



probably realize! Because, as we have seen from history, by 120AD historians find a professing Christian church “in many aspects **very different** from that in the days of St. Peter and St. Paul.”

Respected historian Will Durant wrote, “Christianity did not destroy paganism; it adopted it. The Greek mind, dying, came to a transmigrated life in the theology and liturgy of the Church; the Greek language, having reigned for centuries over philosophy, became the vehicle of Christian literature and ritual; the Greek mysteries passed down into the impressive mystery of the Mass. Other pagan cultures contributed to the syncretist result. From Egypt came the ideas of a divine trinity... and a personal immortality of reward and punishment; from Egypt the adora-

tion of the Mother and Child, and the mystic theosophy that made Neoplatonism and Gnosticism, and obscured the Christian creed...” (*The Story of Civilization*, Vol. 5, Durant, pp. 595, 599).

For hundreds of years during the Dark Ages, the genuine Christianity of Christ and the apostles was indeed “obscured.” Men wrongly taught, *in Jesus’ name*, a *totally different* way of life and approach to God. False teachers replaced the original Holy Days—commanded by God, and observed by Christ and the apostles—with **pagan** days and worldly concepts. As historian Jesse Lyman Hurlbut wrote: “The forms and ceremonies of paganism gradually crept into the worship. Some of the old heathen feasts became church festivals with change of name and of worship. About 405AD images of saints and martyrs began to appear in the churches, at first as memorials, then in succession revered, adored, and worshipped” (*The Story of the Christian Church*, p. 73).

At that time, false Christians gradually introduced “heathen feasts” such as Christmas, Easter and All Saints Day into the professing Christian church. But what about the fourth commandment of Almighty God? What about the commanded *weekly* day of rest and worship? “As long as the church was mainly Jewish, the Hebrew sabbath was kept; but as it became increasingly Gentile the first day gradually took the place of the seventh day” (*ibid.*, p. 45).

Was this God’s idea? Did God *gradually* change His divine law so His worshipers could honor the “day of the sun”—*Sunday*—as the **pagans** had done for centuries?

*No way!*

As scores of authorities acknowledge, the true Christians—Gentiles and Jews alike—all worshiped on the seventh day Sabbath. Historians agree that this continued for at least a generation or two after the deaths of the Twelve Apostles! God did *not* change His law.

The Apostle Paul instructed Christians: “Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ” (1 Corinthians 11:1). The Apostle John observed: “He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked” (1 John 2:6).

These two apostles, like all the others, knew that Jesus Christ came to show the perfect example, and that Christians ought to follow His example, strengthened by the Holy Spirit. This was the commonplace understanding in the Apostle Paul’s day, as Christianity spread across the Roman Empire. Historians acknowledge this fact, as the following meaningful quotation reminds us:

“Everywhere, especially in the East of the Roman Empire, there would be Jewish Christians whose outward way of life would not be markedly different from that of the Jews. They took for granted that the gospel was continuous with [the religion of Moses]; for them the New Covenant, which Jesus had set up at the Last Supper with His disciples... did not mean that the covenant made between God and Israel was no longer in force. They still observed the feasts of Passover, Pentecost and Tabernacles... the weekly Sabbath and the Mosaic regulations concerning food. According to some scholars, they must have been so strong that right up to the fall of Jerusalem in

AD70 they were the dominant element in the Christian movement (*Judeo-christianism*, “Paul and Jewish Christianity,” Davies, 1972, p. 72, quoted in Bacchiocchi, *From Sabbath to Sunday*, p. 151).

So, for about the first 40 years of Christianity, guided by the Holy Spirit, the *dominant element* in the Church of God was still following Christ’s example of keeping the weekly and annual Sabbaths commanded by God. Christians were still following the example set by the Jerusalem Church of God!

Who dared to change all of that?

### **What Was Original Christianity Like?**

The inspired Apostle Paul told the Ephesian elders, “For I have not shunned to declare to you the **whole** counsel of God. Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the **church of God** which He purchased with His own blood” (Acts 20:27–28).

If one could have looked in on the “**church of God** which is at Corinth”—as Paul addressed

the church—what *way of life* would one have observed among these Gentile Christians? What laws of God and biblical teachings would stand out as being *different* from mainstream “Christianity” as it is practiced today?

First, even to be present with the early Christians when they met, one would have to grasp the vital importance of obeying all ten of the Ten Commandments—including the **fourth** commandment. For the fourth commandment states, “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the **seventh day** is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates” (Exodus 20:8–10).

This commandment, above all others, reminds the believer that the *true* God is the **Creator**. God made the *seventh* day “holy time”—**not** Sunday, which is the *first* day of the week. He did this right at the *time of creation*—long before there were any Jews. For the Sabbath was **not** made for the Jews! Jesus Christ Himself said, “The Sabbath was made for

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man” (Mark 2:27). It was made *when* human beings were made, then later was made part of the codified spiritual law—the Ten Commandments—which God Himself wrote on two tablets of stone (Exodus 34:28).

Worshiping regularly on the seventh day—the day that begins at what we today call Friday at sunset, and continues until sunset on Saturday—the early Christians were always mindful that the true

God was the Creator of heaven and earth, who gave the Ten Commandments that reveal the basis of the **right way** of life! And the early Christians *also* observed the seven **annual** Holy Days—seven annual festivals directly commanded in the Bible. For Christ and the apostles taught Christians to “live by every word of God” (Matthew 4:4; Luke 4:4)—and the only written word of God then available was what we call the Old Testament. From the Old Testament book of Zechariah, the early Christians would have read and understood that when the Messiah returns to earth as King of kings, He will direct **all** nations—Jews **and** Gentiles alike—to keep the Feast of Tabernacles, one of the seven annual festivals that God commanded His people to observe.

As Zechariah wrote: “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*” (Zechariah 14:16). Then the prophet goes on to tell us that God will shut off the rain from *any* nation refusing to keep the Feast of Tabernacles! This, my friends, is going to occur during the soon-coming rule of Jesus Christ!

Does it sound as though the *genuine* Christ of your Bible means business when He commands obedience to God’s Laws? Yes,

it does! And, “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever” (Hebrews 13:8). Are you familiar with that aspect of the biblical Jesus Christ?

Meeting with the original Christians at Corinth, one would also note that they were *not* observing Easter. Rather, they kept the *Passover* and Days of Unleavened Bread, two of God’s commanded annual observances (1 Corinthians 5:6–8). After reminding them that Jesus Christ was sacrificed as our Passover, Paul instructed the Christians at Corinth, “Therefore let us **keep** the feast” (v. 8). Since Paul’s whole context here involves the Passover and Unleavened Bread, it is obvious that he was exhorting these *Gentile Christians* to keep the Feast of Unleavened Bread—the Feast observed in connection with, and occurring just after, the Passover!

Also, if we met regularly with the early *Church of God* at Corinth, we would hear one of the elders reading Paul’s first letter to them, in which he wrote,

“But I will tarry in Ephesus until **Pentecost**” (1 Corinthians 16:8).

Pentecost? Perhaps you thought that Pentecost was a one-time event when the Church began, when Peter preached to a massive crowd and 3,000 people were converted (Acts 2).

No. Pentecost was also one of the seven annual festivals that the early Christians observed. These festivals point out and help us commemorate the great **Plan** that God is working out here on earth. Without observing these true *biblical* Holy Days—which Christ and the early Church observed—most of today’s churchgoers are in total ignorance of the **Plan** which God is working out among humanity today. We have prepared a well-documented booklet which *fully explains* these God-given festivals and their meaning, titled *The Holy Days: God’s Master Plan*. Please write for your free copy.

## **An OVERVIEW of God’s PLAN**

God’s seven annual commanded festivals teach us *how* He is working out His purpose among mankind. First, the Passover clearly focuses on Jesus Christ as the “Lamb” of God. This is the *first step* for true Christians—*repenting* of sins and *accepting* Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Next come the Days of Unleavened Bread, in which the act of “putting out leaven” focuses on the next step in true Christianity—the absolute necessity to put sin *out* of our lives, to “grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18).

God’s third commanded annual festival is *Pentecost*—or, as it is called in the Old Testament—the Feast of “Firstfruits” (Exodus





23:16; 34:22). As Old Testament scholars know, this festival celebrates the spring harvest of barley—the *small* harvest. This reminds us that God is now only harvesting the “firstfruits” of salvation. For the *major* harvest of souls will occur during Christ’s millennial reign and during the *Great White Throne Judgment*. Pentecost reminds the true Christian of the need for God’s *power* through His Spirit, and of His *blessing* on the small number of people He is now calling out of this deceived world.

The last four annual Holy Days all occur in the seventh month—seven being the number of “completion” or *perfection*. The festival of “Trumpets” is God’s festival that comes on the first day of the seventh month. Ancient Israel used trumpets as a signal or *alarm of war!* And the entire Bible is replete with scriptures showing us that Jesus Christ will return to this earth at the “last trumpet” (1 Corinthians 15:52; Revelation 11:15). Therefore, year after year, this festival reminds Christians about this vital part of God’s Plan—Jesus Christ’s return and His establishing the Kingdom of God over the entire world!

The Day of Atonement comes next, on the *tenth day* of the seventh month. It pictures Satan’s *banishment from the earth* after Christ’s Second Coming. The entire world will then be brought to the full knowledge of the Truth, and Satan’s presence and his power to “*deceive the nations*” (Revelation 20:1–3) will cease.

Next comes the joyful and exciting Feast of Tabernacles, when “all the nations will come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles” (see Zechariah 14:16–19). This festival is also called the “Feast of Ingathering”

(Exodus 23:16). It pictures the time when God will finally set His hand to “save *all* the nations of the earth,” and all people around the world will live under Christ’s rule, learning and living by the Truth throughout their lives.

But what about the **billions** of human beings who have died without ever being truly “called” of God—who never really understood God’s magnificent Plan and the supreme *purpose* for human existence? *This* is what God’s seventh annual festival pictures. This festival—the “Last Great Day”—pictures that time described in Revelation 20:11–13 when *every* human being who has ever lived will be given a **genuine** opportunity to learn the Truth and to respond. God is *not* unfair! He describes a coming “day of judgment” when even the vile sinners of Sodom and Gomorrah will be given a chance they never had before (Matthew 11:20–24).

So, through observing God’s Holy Days and learning and reviewing God’s great Plan through these days, the original Christians would have understood the great *purpose* our Creator is working out among humanity.

### **WHY the Weekly Sabbath?**

Every human being truly *needs* to have one day a week to genuinely *rest* and have the oppor-

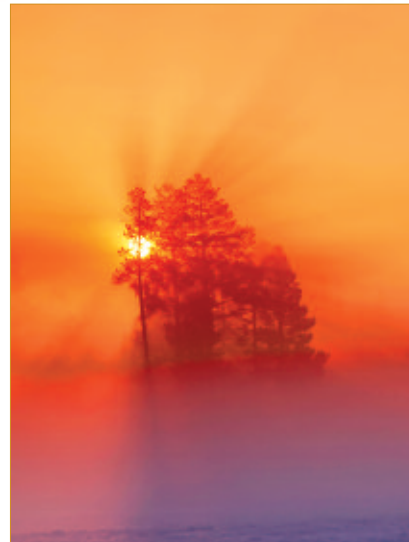
tunity to meditate and contemplate on life’s lessons. As we have seen, “the Sabbath was *made for man*” (Mark 2:27). It was made *when* mankind was made—*long before* the old covenant, and long before the Jews even existed as a people. It was made for *all* human beings. The weekly Sabbath was also given as a “convocation”—a *commanded assembly* (Leviticus 23:1–3). The Bible tells us that in Tomorrow’s World, when Christ is fully in charge as King of kings, “from one *Sabbath* to another, **all flesh** shall come to worship before

Me, says the LORD” (Isaiah 66:23). True Christians today are, in a sense, “pioneers” in being willing to learn and obey God’s teachings, and to keep holy the days He *made* holy. The God of the Bible tells us even now to “convoke”—to *assemble*—on His Sabbath. And the writer of Hebrews

reminds those of us living in these last days, “And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching” (Hebrews 10:24–25).

But do you know *where* to assemble with people who *really understand* what this is all about?

A third lesson the biblical seventh day Sabbath teaches us is that it is a *type* of the coming Millennium—the rule of Jesus Christ over the earth for a thou-



sand years. Many secular historians regard Edward Gibbon's *Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire* as the definitive history of the Roman Empire's later years. Describing the early Christians, 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 the earth till the time appointed for the last and general resurrection" (p. 403).

Those of us who keep the biblical Sabbath are constantly reminded of the *ultimate* "rest" God will give His people—the coming millennial reign of Christ as "King of kings" over this earth (Revelation 19:16), and eternal life in the Kingdom of God.

By contrast, those who observe the pagan "day of the sun" and the annual pagan holidays—so artfully woven into the fabric of professing "Christianity"—are accepting a *totally different* concept of Christ and God. They are learning to disregard God's **command** to keep the seventh-day Sabbath as "holy time," and are unable to learn all the spiritual lessons this involves. By *neglecting* to keep the true biblical Holy Days of God, they *never* understand the great Plan of God, which is revealed and

rehearsed through His commanded Holy Days. Believers in "mainstream Christianity" are usually taught about "floating off to heaven" with *nothing* to do! However, as historian Gibbon explained, the early Christians looked forward to being part of that "triumphant band of saints" who would *rule this world* under Jesus Christ for the thousand-year "Sabbath" of the Millennium! *That* was their goal—not floating off to heaven! The Apostle John reveals to us the "prayer of the saints" in these words, "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have *made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth*" (Revelation 5:9–10).

Somewhere on earth today is the *true* "Church of God"—called by that name *a dozen times* in the New Testament. Its members *do understand* the real *meaning* of life. They *are* being taught and prepared to be those kings and priests under Jesus Christ in Tomorrow's World. Somehow, *you* have been brought into contact with the true Church through reading this very magazine—published by the

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May God grant you the *understanding*, the *faith* and the *courage* to take the necessary actions to show yourself to Him as one who *genuinely* desires to be in His eternal Kingdom and fulfill the *purpose* for which He has created you! ■

## Which Day Is the Christian Sabbath?

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# Questions & Answers

**Question:** Jesus Christ described people going to a place called “hell” where “their worm does not die.” What does this mean? Are there worms in hell, with eternal life, tormenting sinners?

**Answer:** Mark’s gospel quotes Jesus as saying: “It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched—where ‘Their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched’” (Mark 9:43–44).

People often misinterpret this passage, in which Jesus was quoting from the book of Isaiah. Some believe that it describes ever-burning fires endlessly torturing the damned. Many assume that the “worm” refers to a condemned sinner’s pained conscience torturing him for all eternity.

What, then, is the truth of the matter? First, we should look at the word translated as “hell” in this verse. That word is *gehenna*—a Greek word referring to the Valley of Hinnom, just south of Jerusalem, where trash was dumped to be burned up and destroyed forever. Bodies of executed criminals were thrown into *gehenna*, where they would be consumed in the fire or eaten by maggots.

What about the worm? *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance* explains that the “worm” being described (in Greek *skolex*, in Hebrew *tolá*) is “a maggot, as voracious.” The life cycle of these creatures is that they do not “die” as maggots—they pupate and become flies which, in turn, lay eggs that become maggots and repeat the cycle.

What does this have to do with the fate of sinners? Jesus was quoting from Isaiah 66, which gives us the context of His warning. Isaiah 66 describes a future time when “‘all flesh shall come to worship before Me,’ says the LORD” (v. 23). Verse 24 describes “the corpses of the men who have transgressed” against God, and states that “their worm does not die, and their fire is not quenched.” Isaiah was plainly describ-

ing that these corpses would be consumed by maggots, and burned until the fire had destroyed them completely. These corpses would not live forever in eternal torment. Jesus, quoting this verse in Mark 9, was describing the destruction—not the torture—of sinners.

The *gehenna* fire was kept going by a constant supply of fuel from Jerusalem’s refuse—including the bodies of executed criminals, which were considered cursed and unfit for normal burial (Joshua 6:18; 7:11, 25). For any garbage thrown into that fire, complete destruction was assured. Yet, as any visitor to Jerusalem can verify, that *gehenna* fire south of Jerusalem is not burning today. With nothing else to burn, that fire has run its full course.

Similarly, no sinner can escape the result of unrepented sin—death in the “lake of fire” (Revelation 20:14–15). Those who reject Christ will be destroyed forever, just like the corpses in Isaiah 66 and Mark 9. As God tells us, the “soul who sins shall die” (Ezekiel 18:4, 20). Souls will die forever in the lake of fire, where those who reject God’s gift of eternal life will reap eternal **punishment**—not eternal **punishing**—for their rebellion against Him. They will become ashes, as we read in Malachi 4:3. Ashes do not burn eternally, and neither will the souls of those whom God has destroyed forever.

Satan is angry at God, because he knows he is destined for the lake of fire. He wants to convince human beings that they are immortal **by their nature, rather than through the future gift that God has promised Christians at the resurrection**. If Satan succeeds in this deception, he can pervert people’s understanding of God’s love, His justice and His true plan for mankind. Do not be deceived—study your Bible, and prove the truth for yourself!





# An Islamic Europe?

By Dexter B. Wakefield

***In the southern Spanish town of Granada, on July 10, 2003, a remarkable event marked a dramatic milestone in European history. Yet it achieved few headlines, and even today only a handful understand its full significance.***

**W**hen the Great Mosque of Granada opened its doors in 2003—built on a site once occupied by a church—mosque spokesman Abdel Haqq Salaberria told *BBC News* that the new facility was “a symbol of a return to Islam among the Spanish people.” Salaberria expressed his hope that the mosque would “act as a focal point for the Islamic revival in Europe.”

For more than 700 years—from the early eighth century AD to nearly the end of the fifteenth—Muslim rulers had governed Spain, and Islam had been a thriving force on the Iberian Peninsula. In 732AD, a Muslim army under

Emir Abd al-Rahman almost reached Paris before being stopped near Tours, France. Islam’s spread across Europe reached its zenith in the eighth century. Then, over hundreds of years, non-Muslim forces gradually chipped away at Islamic rule. Finally, in 1492, the armies of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella conquered Spain’s last Muslim stronghold, Granada. For the first time in centuries, no part of Spain was under Muslim rule. Within a few years, Spain’s remaining Muslim population had converted to other faiths, and Islam no longer held sway where it had once ruled supreme.

Five hundred years later, with new Spanish converts joining Muslim immigrants to celebrate the opening of Granada’s new Great Mosque, many Europeans wondered, “Could it all happen again?” In the years ahead, Europe’s history of violent conflict with Islam will have a growing influence on current events. We need to be aware of the history—and of where the Bible tells us the conflict will inexorably lead.

## **A Re-Reconquista?**

The Great Mosque was Granada’s first new mosque in five centuries. European observers found it especially noteworthy because Granada had been Islam’s last stronghold in Spain. “The powers that be didn’t want the mosque built because Granada was a symbol of the reconquest,” said Abdelkarim Carrasco, head of the Spanish Federation of Islamic Religious Entities. The reconquest—or “reconquista”—is what historians call the cen-



turies-long struggle that drove Muslim rulers from Spain. The new mosque spurred fears of a reversal—an “Islamic reconquista.” Malik Abderraman, president of the foundation that runs the mosque, said bluntly, “It’s clear that Islam is eating into Catholic turf” (“Islam’s Global Gains Pressure Catholics to Rethink Strategy,” *Wall Street Journal*, April 19, 2005).

Islam had once reached into Europe far beyond Spain; Muslim armies sacked Rome in 846AD, and in the eighth century had even come close to capturing France. In 732AD, Muslim forces marched through France, toward Paris, only to be stopped by the Frankish army under Charles Martel, the grandfather of Charlemagne. Near Tours, France, the Frankish army fought a great battle that historians today recognize as a pivotal moment in the history of western civilization. Although outnumbered, Martel rallied his Frankish troops to hold the line against the onslaught of Abd al-Rahman’s horsemen—and Frankish forces won the day. The noted historian Edward Gibbon describes what would have happened to Europe if Martel and his Franks had failed to halt and reverse the Muslim drive:

“A victorious line of march [by the Muslim forces] had been prolonged above a thousand miles from the rock of Gibraltar to the banks of the Loire; the repetition of an equal space would have carried the Saracens to the confines of Poland and the Highlands of Scotland; the Rhine is not more impassable than the Nile or Euphrates, and the Arabian fleet might have sailed without a naval

combat into the mouth of the Thames [near London]. Perhaps the interpretation of the Koran would now be taught in the schools of Oxford, and her pulpits might demonstrate to a circumcised people the sanctity and truth of the revelation of Mahomet” (*Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, Vol. 5, Ch. 52, Part II).

#### A Muslim France?

Historically, it nearly happened. But as a result of Martel’s fierce opposition, which ended Muslim advances and set the stage for centuries of war thereafter, Islam moved no farther into Europe. European schoolchildren learn about the Battle of Tours in much the same way that American students learn about Valley Forge and Gettysburg. For today’s Europeans, however, yesterday’s battles remind them of the modern challenge posed by Islam.

#### **A Peaceful Invasion?**

There is a new Muslim conquest of Europe underway—but this time, it is a peaceful invasion. Millions of Turks, Arabs, Algerians and other Muslims have immigrated to European countries, seeking employment and a better life. Often they begin as guest workers before becoming permanent residents. For years, these workers were largely welcomed by nations that needed their lower-cost labor. Increasingly, however, immigrant Muslim populations in Europe are growing to the point that they have become a major cultural and political force affecting their host countries. Rather than assimilate, they are testing the limits of European tolerance—and social tensions are growing.

In 1970, according to the *World Christian Encyclopedia*, there were 20 percent more Roman Catholics around the world than there were Muslims. By 2000, this proportion had almost reversed; there were 1.20 billion Muslims worldwide, compared to just 1.06 billion Roman Catholics. And Islam is growing, both through births and conversions, at a rate far greater than Roman Catholicism.

This shift is particularly visible in France. Demographers note that among French youth, the percentage of Muslims is much higher than among the general French population. In a recent column, commentator Cal Thomas speculated, “At current rates, the Muslim population will grow... to a majority in 25 years. French culture, possibly French secularism and liberty, cannot be sustained in the face of such demographic facts” (“Lessons Learned,” January 11, 2006).

Europeans who once assumed that Muslim terrorism was an American problem are now discovering that it is their problem, too. Spain and Great Britain have experienced bombings. France has seen widespread rioting by radicalized young Muslims. A Danish newspaper found itself at the hub of international uproar when it printed cartoons that some Muslims found offensive—and this controversy is galvanizing Muslim sentiments around the world. As *Voice of America* reporter Benjamin Sand recently noted, “Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf says the controversy over editorial cartoons of... Islam’s prophet, Muhammad, is *uniting moderate and radical Muslims*. As he spoke, thousands of Pakistanis protested, and there were several instances of violence,

as the caricatures continue to fuel anti-western rage across the Muslim world.” (*Voice of America News*, February 13, 2006).

Although there are many voices urging moderation, controversy over the Danish cartoons is fanning anti-Muslim sentiments as well. Some of Europe’s non-Muslim commentators are no longer as keen on tolerance as they once were—and other Europeans are listening. Italian journalist Oriana Fallaci echoed an increasingly common sentiment: “Europe is no longer Europe. It is a province of Islam, as Spain and Portugal were at the time of the Moors. It hosts almost 16 million Muslim immigrants and teems with mullahs, imams, mosques, burqas, chadors. It lodges thousands of Islamic terrorists whom governments don’t know how to identify and control. People are afraid, and in waving the flag of pacifism—pacifism synonymous with anti-Americanism—they feel protected” (“The Rage, the Pride and the Doubt,” *Wall Street Journal*, March 13, 2003).

## Europe, Rome and Islam

In 2004, when the European Union added ten new member states—primarily from Eastern Europe—the Vatican took note. Pope John Paul II observed: “If the unity of the European peoples is to endure, *it cannot be merely economic and political*... The history of the formation of the European Nations keeps abreast with their evangelization. Consequently, despite the spiritual crises that have marked the life

of the Continent in our day, its identity would be incomprehensible without Christianity... Only a Europe that does not eliminate but rediscovers its Christian roots, will be able to take up the challenges of the third millennium: peace, intercultural and inter-



**Danish cartoons depicting Muhammad have provoked the anger of Muslims in Europe and around the world.**

religious dialogue, the safeguarding of creation. All believers in Christ of the European West and East are required to make their own contribution through open and sincere ecumenical cooperation” (*Regina Caeli*, May 2, 2004).

Despite Vatican wishes, Europe has continued its drift toward secularism. When the European Union was codifying its proposed constitution, debate raged as to whether it would make reference to Europe’s “Christian roots” as the Vatican had urged. Noting the degree of European opposition to such a reference, Vatican public affairs chief Joaquin Navarro-Valls lamented:

“The Holy See cannot but express its distress over the opposition of some governments to the explicit recogni-

tion of the Christian roots of Europe. It is a question of disregard of the historical evidence and of the Christian identity of European peoples. The Holy See expresses heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to those governments that, aware of the past and of the historical horizon in which the new Europe is taking shape, worked to express concretely its recognized religious heritage. Not to be forgotten is the intense commitment of different entities to have the Christian heritage of Europe mentioned in this treaty, stimulating the reflection of political leaders, citizens, and public opinion on a question that is not secondary in the pres-

ent national, European and world context” (“Pope Disappointed Christian Roots Not Recognized,” *Catholic Information Office*, June 22, 2004).

Navarro-Valls was surely pleased that after the French and Dutch rejections of the proposed constitution last year, European Union officials chose to suspend the ratification process. Some see the suspension as a renewed opportunity to add a “Christian identity” clause to the EU constitution—a sentiment that may increase as a reaction to Muslim assertiveness sweeping across Europe. Yet such a clause would further worsen tensions between Islam and Europe.

What will be the result of the increasing tension between Europe and Islam? Bible prophecy



tells us what to look for. Jesus Christ told His followers to watch world events, so that they could observe the signs that would indicate His soon return. He said: "Then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. And then He will send His angels, and gather together His elect from the four winds, from the farthest part of earth to the farthest part of heaven. Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender, and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So you also, when you see these things happening, know that it is near—at the doors!... And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!" (Mark 13:26–29, 37).

Bible prophecy reveals that the rise of a "king of the South" will be one key sign leading up to Christ's return (for more on this topic, see page 22 of this issue). In Bible terminology, "south" here refers to a kingdom south of Jerusalem. Although Iran and Iraq may be part of, or allied with, this kingdom, simple geography demonstrates that the "head" of this kingdom will be to the south of these nations.

Is the Muslim world likely to unite under one autocratic ruler? Some consider this farfetched, and point to increasing democratic tendencies in such countries as Egypt, Iraq, Afghanistan and the Palestinian Authority. Even Iran has elections, though candidates must first be approved by Muslim religious authorities. But what have these elections produced? In Egypt, when elections were made more free, the radical Islamist group—the Muslim Brotherhood—quickly won 84 of the 454 seats in the nation's parliament. In Iraq, votes were split largely along sectarian lines, and many observers fear that

ruling Shiites will try to institute an Islamic government as they did in Iran. And even though Iraq has held elections, the most powerful man in Iraq may be the unelected Shiite leader, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani.

Palestinian moves toward "democracy" have also been problematic. Last January, the world was shocked when Palestinian voters rejected the more moderate Fatah party and instead gave a solid majority in Palestine's legislative assembly to Hamas, a radical Islamic terrorist group that calls for the destruction of Israel and the imposition of a Muslim republic.

In Iran, the election of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has worsened tensions between Europe and the Muslim world. Ahmadinejad has described the Holocaust as "a myth" and has called for Israel to be "wiped off the map." He also anticipates the coming of a "Mahdi" or "Twelfth Imam" who will unite world Islam.

Muslim cleric Abu Hamza al-Masri, from his mosque in London, England, has told his followers that the world should be run by a Muslim caliphate "sitting in the White House." Such comments obviously make Europeans nervous about the Muslim influence in their midst.

Why are Muslims using democracy to install leaders who oppose democracy? Analyst Thomas L. Friedman writes: "You cannot go from Saddam to Jefferson without first going through Khomeini. Why? Because once you sweep away the dictator or king at the top of any Middle East state, you go into a free fall until you hit the mosque—as the U.S. discovered in Iraq. There is nothing between the ruling palace and the mosque. The secular autocratic regimes, like those in Egypt, Libya, Syria and Iraq never allowed for the emergence of any truly independent judiciary, media, progressive secular parties or civil society groups—from women's organizations to trade associations.... That is why the minute any of these Arab countries hold free and fair elections, the Islamists burst ahead" ("Addicted to Oil," *New York Times*, February 1, 2006).

Another way of looking at it is that, no matter how fervently Western governments seek to promote "democracy" or "reform" or "moderation" in these nations, it is God—not man—who sets up governments and takes them down (Daniel 2:21). Despite the

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## The Middle East in Prophecy



Islam is emerging from the Middle East to change world history. You need to understand how dramatic events in this region will affect Europe and the whole world!

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## The Return of Germany



In the last 20 years, dramatic changes have swept across Europe. The Berlin Wall, which had divided East and West Germany, came down.

The Soviet Union broke into pieces, bringing an end to the Cold War. This allowed the two Germanys to reunite, to become one powerhouse nation of 80 million people in the heart of Europe.

These swiftly moving events changed the whole complexion of the continent, and presented sobering implications for the future. Many understand that Europe is undergoing great geopolitical change. However, only a few realize that Bible prophecy foretold these events thousands of years ago!

Bible prophecy indicates that Germany, which took the world to war twice in the 20th century, will continue on its path to becoming the most powerful nation in Europe. Your Bible shows that this nation will make one more attempt to dominate the continent—and the world—just before Jesus Christ returns to this earth to establish the kingdom of God. The stage is now being set for these climactic end-time events!

### Behind the Scenes

Europeans, reeling from the effects of two world wars in the last century, sought to guarantee future peace and unity by voluntarily surrendering their national sovereignty to a central authority in Brussels. The modern idea of European union was conceived by several Roman Catholic thinkers, including Frenchmen (Jean Monnet and Robert Schuman), a Belgian (Paul-Henri Spaak) and an Italian (Alcide de Gasperi). British and American leaders supported the idea of a unified Europe, thinking that if Germany were tied firmly into a European confederation, it

could not rise again as a dangerous power (*The United States of Europe*, Reid, pp. 36–37). French officials preferred to think of European unification through the metaphor of “the skillful French rider, controlling and directing the powerful German horse” (*The Question of Europe*, Gowan & Anderson, p. 77).

However, events of the last two decades have not worked out in the way many had expected. The German horse has regained its strength, thrown its French rider, and headed to Berlin! The planners of a united Europe did not see this coming, and they have little idea of what is ahead.

The groundwork for today’s European Union was laid just after World War II, with the European Coal and Steel Community. This was a German-inspired plan to administer the coal and steel resources of France, Belgium and West Germany as a single unit. This was not a new plan; Germany had implemented such a unified administration twice before, for its own benefit—as a result of conquest in two world wars (see Gowan & Anderson, p. 86). The modern idea of a federal Europe controlling a common market also reflects the ideas of Albert Speer, a chief Nazi economic planner who revealed to Europeans “how punitive German economic primacy could be” (*ibid.*, p. 88).

Germany’s emergence as Europe’s leading nation has been in the works for some time. Unification made Germany the most populous nation in Europe. Europe’s currency, the euro, is essentially the *deutschemerk* by a different name. The European Central Bank is located in Frankfurt. With the third-largest economy in the world, Germany is the economic engine of Europe, casting a powerful cultural and economic shadow over Eastern Europe—the EU’s eastward expansion was largely a German project. Germany has invested heavily in the Galileo satellite navigational system, which will end Europe’s dependency on navigation satellites controlled by the United States. Germany’s army is widely considered “the best, best trained, and most powerful in western Europe” (*The Europeans*, Barzini, p. 99). A key turning point came in 2001, when German armed forces fought *outside* their nation (with United Nations forces in Serbia) for the *first time* since World War II. “By late 2002,

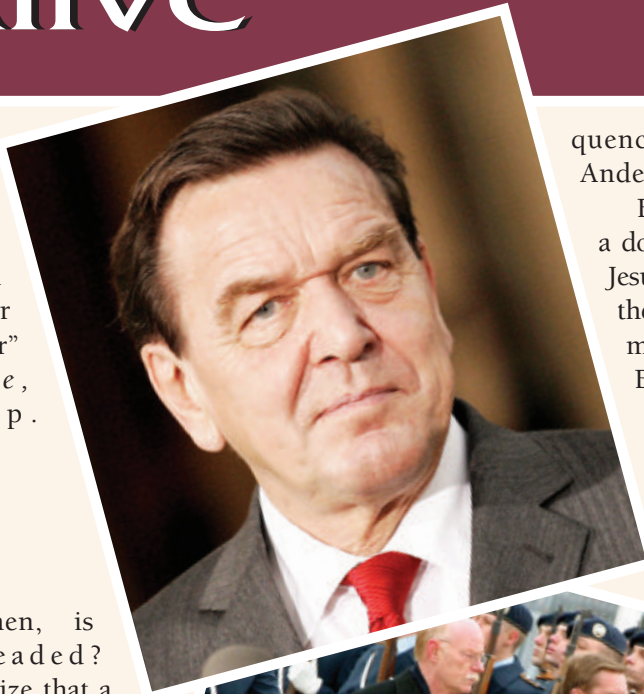


Germany had more 'peace-keepers' in the field around the world than any other European power" (*Superstate*, Haseler, pp. 178–179).

## Germany's Future

Where, then, is Germany headed? Analysts recognize that a resurgent Germany is "not prepared, forever, to remain an economic giant but a military worm" (Reid, p. 178). When the United States was gearing up for its invasion of Iraq in 2003, Germany reached another momentous turning point. Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder denounced U.S. policy, and then sided with France to counter U.S. invasion plans—opposing the U.S. after nearly 50 years of close cooperation (*ibid.*, p. 7). Germany then led the way in urging other European nations to adopt plans for a European defense force that would be independent of American-led NATO. Germany's tendency to make sudden changes in direction has been noted before (see *The Europeans*, Barzini, chapter 3).

America's post-war ally is now seen as a *potential rival*. As Zbigniew Brzezinski, former National Security Advisor in the Carter Administration, has observed, an "increasingly powerful Germany is bound to be the most difficult to manage" (*The Grand Chessboard*, Brzezinski, p. 63). Even France, also once considered part of Europe's central core, has begun to seek allies to counter rising German influence in Europe. Europe is also witnessing a surge in nationalism, spurred by the flood of immigrants from the south and east, and by government elites' efforts to surrender more sovereignty to the EU bureaucracy. If these forces awaken the "sleeping giant" of nationalism in Germany, the conse-



quences will be serious (see Gowan & Anderson, pp. 83–84).

Bible prophecy shows that Germany will play a dominant role on the world stage just before Jesus Christ returns to this earth. The Bible calls the nation by its ancient name—*Assyria* (for more information about Germany's place in Bible prophecy, please write for our free reprint, *A Fourth Reich?*). Scripture shows that ten nations in Europe will surrender their sovereignty to a revived version of the Roman Empire (Revelation 17:12–18). This "beast" power will be aided by a prominent religious figure and organization linked with Rome

(Daniel 7:24–25; Revelation 13:11–18). The leaders of this "revived" beast power (which is also called "the king of the North") will persecute true Christians. This power will punish Israelite nations that have abandoned God's ways (America, Britain and other nations of north-west European descent), and will launch military

operations in the Middle East and against powers to the north and east on the Eurasian continent (see Daniel 11:40–45; Hosea 11:1–11). The Bible clearly identifies *Assyria*—modern Germany—as the leading nation of this end-time beast power, and indeed modern Germany is taking a place on the world stage that matches what the Bible has long prophesied.

However, this German-led federation will hold power only briefly. Bible prophecies indicate that after 3½ years, the returning Jesus Christ will crush this final phase of a revived Roman Empire (Daniel 2:44–45; Isaiah 10:12–17; 14:24–27). Once the Messiah establishes the kingdom of God on this earth, and nations of this world begin to learn the way to peace, the German peoples will use their many gifts and talents for the service of all humanity, and will become a leading nation in *Tomorrow's World*—as more prophecies *come alive* (Isaiah 19:23–25).

—Douglas S. Winnail

# The Promises of God

By Richard F. Ames

**The spiritual treasures in your Bible are far more valuable than anything physical. Are you searching for those treasures?**

**M**ovies, books, and television programs excite the imagination when they present stories about hunting for treasure. The pirates of old amassed fortunes in gold, silver and jewels. Some of those riches are still hidden to this day. But there are treasures far more valuable than anything you can find in a buried treasure chest or a sunken pirate ship. Those treasures are found in the Bible. We call them the *promises of God*, and their value is beyond measure!

More than 40 years ago, author David MacDonald wrote an article titled “Oak Island’s Mysterious Money Pit” (*Reader’s Digest*, January 1965). It told the story of how, in 1795, 16-year-old Daniel McGinnis went hunting on Oak Island, south of Halifax, Nova Scotia. He found a 12-foot depression, with a block and tackle hanging from a tree overhead,

and returned the next day with two friends to begin digging. About 10 feet down, they hit a wooden plank. At 20 feet, they reached a second plank, and at 30 feet they discovered a third plank. The boys gave up their digging and went back to their farms, but returned to the site nine years later, and began digging again in earnest.

This time, they sank a steel rod into the ground, which hit

**God promises peace of mind. *Philippians 4:6-7***

what they thought was a treasure chest about 95 feet down. But they could not reach the treasure; the next day, they returned to the site and found the shaft filled with water. It seems that whoever buried the treasure had used ingenious engineering techniques to build flood tunnels above the treasure, to safeguard it against discovery. One estimate suggests that it would have taken 200 men

as long as two years to build the elaborate system of tunnels.

McGinnis and his friends died without ever reaching the treasure. Since then, other treasure hunters have poured millions of dollars into the “money pit” but have recovered just three links of gold chain and a scrap of ancient parchment. Still, treasure hunters speculate that amazing pirate riches may be buried there—perhaps the booty of Captain Kidd, or of the infa-

mous Blackbeard or of the pirate Henry Morgan. Some think the elaborate pit may hold Inca treasure stolen by Spanish explorers, or that it may contain the French crown jewels that once belonged to Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette.

For more than 200 years, wealth-seekers have spent their fortunes and exhausted their lives seeking the treasure at Oak Island. One treasure hunter was said to



have remarked, “I have seen enough to know there is treasure down there, and enough to know that no one will ever get it.”

## A Promise of Real Treasure

There is one treasure hunt that will always yield immense riches—if you are willing to dedicate yourself to the search. That

### God promises to meet our needs. *Philippians 4:19; Matthew 6:33*

treasure hunt begins in your own Bible, where we find wonderful treasures of truth, and the priceless *promises of God*.

If you are like most English-speaking people, you probably already own at least one Bible. A 1993 poll by the Princeton Research Center discovered that 93 percent of Americans own a Bible, and 27 percent of these own four or more. In the U.S., even most atheists have a Bible in their household. A 2005 Barna Research poll reported that 45 percent of Americans read the Bible at least once per week. Of course, many—including many Tomorrow’s World subscribers—read the Bible daily. Just as Jesus encouraged us to pray, “Give us this day our *daily bread*” (Matthew 6:11), we should feed on God’s word *every day*.

If you are looking for a Bible, or trying to decide which of your Bibles to use, we at *Tomorrow’s World* generally recommend the *New King James Version* as the most accurate English-language translation overall. Of course, other translations can also be helpful as you go deeper into your study of the Bible.

However, merely owning a Bible is not enough. Even though most Americans own one or more Bibles, their knowledge of

Scripture is sadly lacking. A 1997 Gallup poll found that only 46 percent of Americans could name all four Gospels, and only 42 percent could name five or more of the Ten Commandments.

Americans are not the only ones losing touch with God’s word. A 2004 survey in Great Britain found that the British are forgetting God’s commandments. In an article titled: “The

(forgot)ten commandments” Jeremy Reynolds reported: “According to a new British poll, the country is quickly forgetting the Ten Commandments. Only three of the laws—passed to Moses on tablets of stone in Old Testament times—made any showing in the poll... Less than half of the population remembered the admonitions not to steal, murder or commit adultery, but it appears that commandments such as ‘don’t take the Lord’s name in vain’ are fast

### God promises to answer prayer. *Matthew 7:7-8; John 14:12-14*

becoming a distant memory. Only 9 percent of those polled recalled the commandment not to lie. Worst remembered of all the commandments was ‘keep the Sabbath day holy,’ which was correctly identified by only 4 percent of those polled” (*London Assist News Service*, September 17, 2004).

Like so many Americans and Britons, many of us need to get back to the faith of the Bible! We need to *read* the Bible—and *study* the Bible. Doing so will help open your eyes to the great truths of God. One of those great truths is that God has *promised* to give us eternal life. In Matthew, a young man asked Jesus what he should do to gain eternal life. Jesus answered, “if you want to enter

into life, keep the commandments.’ He said to Him, ‘Which ones?’ Jesus said, ‘You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself’” (Matthew 19:17–19).

Jesus told the young man to obey the Ten Commandments! He listed five of the Ten Commandments—and, in case anyone might think that He was giving permission to break other laws not mentioned, He finished by quoting from the book of Leviticus: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Leviticus 19:18).

Here, Jesus showed that the Ten Commandments are vital not only in our physical lives, but in our receiving eternal life from God. We should notice that the Ten Commandments are not just prohibitions; the Fifth Commandment is even called “the first commandment with *promise*” (Ephesians

6:2). God tells us that those who obey the Fifth Commandment will receive blessings!

Sadly, the young man in Matthew 19 “went away sorrowful” (v. 22), choosing not to obey Christ’s words. He was too attached to his “great possessions” and could not realize that he had neither obeyed the Ten Commandments nor obeyed Jesus Christ, who had given him those commandments.

## God’s Promised Kingdom

Treasure hunters may spend a lifetime seeking riches. Many fail. But even if they succeed, what have they gained? Will they become like the rich young man

of Matthew 19, who valued his wealth more than his God? Jesus' followers, by contrast, seek an eternal treasure—the Kingdom of God. Christians need to seek God with even greater zeal than treasure hunters seeking gold and jew-

### God promises to fulfill our desires. Psalm 37:4–5

els. Jesus said, “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you” (Matthew 6:33). Those who seek physical, material treasures often fail in their search. But if we seek God's kingdom and His righteousness, we will find the greatest treasure of all—and God *also promises* to provide us with what we need.

When you are truly seeking God's will, He will answer your prayers. “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!” (Matthew 7:7–11).

Of course, we must do our part. We need to “seek” and “knock.” Are you searching for a job? Yes, pray for a job. But God may expect you to research potential employers, and make some phone calls. Seek God's righteousness—and through God's Spirit, do what is righteous.

The Bible compares God's kingdom to a valuable pearl. “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who, when he had found

one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it” (Matthew 13:45–46). The pearl of great price represents spiritual riches. Human beings are still learning the hard lesson that no amount of material wealth will

provide lasting happiness. We see this in the lessons King Solomon learned. He had it all, but throughout the book of Ecclesiastes we find the theme repeated, “Vanity of vanities, all is vanity” (Ecclesiastes 1:2). Solomon was the wealthiest man on earth, but his wealth did not bring him contentment. After searching for happiness in so many ways, what did he conclude? “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all” (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

As Christ taught, and as Solomon learned, the true riches are available even to those who may be financially poor. Are you one of those people who gives

### God promises the Holy Spirit. Luke 11:13

honor and attention to those with healthy bank balances, while neglecting those in financial difficulty? Are you neglecting those whom God is honoring? The Apostle James reminds us: “Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He *promised* to those who love Him?” (James 2:5).

God has *promised His Kingdom* not to those who have great financial resources, but rather to those who love Him. Though they may be poor in the eyes of this world, those who are rich in faith have the true wealth—the true treasure. They

are seeking God's way in their lives. God's way is treasure, as we read in the book of Proverbs. “My son, if you receive my words, and treasure my commands within you, so that you incline your ear to wisdom, and apply your heart to understanding; yes, if you cry out for discernment, and lift up your voice for understanding, if you seek her as silver, and search for her as for hidden treasures; then you will understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom; from His mouth come knowledge and understanding” (Proverbs 2:1–6).

Those who receive the treasure of godly wisdom are receiving *wonderful promises* that can change their lives—and their eternity. As the Apostle Peter wrote: “Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us

exceedingly great and precious *promises*, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust” (2 Peter 1:2-4).

### God's Promise to You and Your Children

Do you want the divine nature in your life? Christians, having received God's Holy Spirit, have been given a measure of that divine nature. This is one of the Bible's *most precious promises*. On the day of Pentecost, the Apostle Peter stood before thousands to preach. “Then Peter said to them,



‘Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the *promise* is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call’ (Acts 2:38–39).

As Peter said, *God’s promise is “to you and to your children*, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call.” If God is calling you, you need to respond to His calling. Repent, count the cost of commitment (Luke 14:28), and go to God in prayer, asking for His guidance. Perhaps you feel ready for baptism. If you would like counsel about baptism, just contact the regional office nearest you, listed on page 30 of this magazine, and a true minister of Jesus Christ will get in touch with you, at a time and place convenient to you, to counsel you and help you prepare for baptism.

Without God’s Spirit, we cannot inherit His Kingdom. As the Apostle Paul wrote, that Spirit is the spirit “of power and of love and of a sound mind” (2 Timothy 1:7). Through God’s Spirit, your human nature can be changed, and you can truly begin to follow God and obey Him. As Paul wrote: “And hope putteth not to shame; because the love of God hath been shed abroad in our hearts through the Holy Spirit which was given unto us” (Romans 5:5, ASV). Through God’s Holy Spirit, you can replace your selfish human nature with God’s loving nature.

Christians receive the gift of God’s Holy Spirit, *according to His promise*, after repentance and acceptance of Christ’s shed blood for the remission of sins. This gift includes God’s wonderful *promise of salvation* through the living Jesus Christ. “For when we were

still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life” (Romans 5:6–10). Yes, *God’s awesome promise* is that He will save us through the living Jesus Christ!

As we have seen, the Bible is a *treasure chest of divine promises*.

buy you peace of mind. But God can give you His peace, which “surpasses all understanding.” How can you claim this promise? By fervent prayer. As you read the Bible, you will find *countless promises* that God has made to you. On your knees, in prayer, tell God how much you want—how much you need—what He has promised. Pray boldly. Remember the scripture: “Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need” (Hebrews 4:16).

Christians can pray with confidence, knowing that they have a great High Priest to intercede on their behalf. God is love, and He is the greatest giver (James 1:17).

### **God’s promises can be relied on. 2 Corinthians 1:20; 1 Kings 8:56**

One of the most precious, yet often-overlooked, is found in the book of Philippians. If you want peace of mind, *you will want to act on this promise*. “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:6–7).

As Solomon discovered, all the world’s riches and treasures cannot

He even wants to give us the earth as an inheritance (Matthew 5:5). Eventually, God plans to give us an even greater gift: “He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son” (Revelation 21:7).

*God’s promises are for you*. Search your Bible daily, and as you draw closer to God, thank Him for the many great and priceless treasures—including God’s very Truth—He wants you to have, now, and in Tomorrow’s World. ■

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# Bible Prophecy and the European Dream

By Douglas S. Winnail

**Is the unification of Europe the pathway to a peaceful future—or is it a nightmare in the making? Bible prophecies show that big surprises are ahead for Europe and will affect the whole world.**

**W**hat is so important about Europe? Why should people in North America, Africa or Australia be concerned about events taking place on a continent halfway around the globe? The answer is simple—we are witnessing a *turning point* in human history that will dramatically change the course of world events. T.R. Reid, former London bureau chief for the *Washington Post*, observes, “At the dawn of the twenty-first century, a *geopolitical revolution of historic dimensions* is taking place across the Atlantic: the unification of Europe... Europe is a more integrated place today than at any time since the Roman Empire” (*The United States of Europe*, p. 1).

Reid notes that Americans, like many others, have “largely ignored this European revolution” although European leaders have openly stated that in the coming century “the united Europe is

determined to challenge American claims to global supremacy and gain equal standing with the United States on the world stage” (*ibid.*, pp. 6, 228). He relates how British Prime Minister Tony Blair summarized the goal of Europe’s politicians: “We are building a *new world superpower*. The European Union is about the projection of collective power, wealth, and influence. That collective strength makes individual nations more powerful—and it will make the EU as a whole a *global power*” (*ibid.*, p. 4). Reid concludes, “A *geopolitical earthquake* is taking place in Europe that will have a profound effect on the world of the twenty-first century and America’s place in it—but so far most Americans [and Britons, Canadians and Australians] have chosen to *overlook the tremors*” (*ibid.*, p. 227).

Tony Blair is not the only political leader with grand visions for Europe. Romano Prodi, former head of the European Commission, has stated, “*Europe’s time is almost here*. In fact, there are many areas of world affairs where... Europe is already the superpower” (*ibid.*, p. 25). Though Europe occupies only 6 percent of the earth’s surface and has only 12 percent of the earth’s population, it holds 40 percent of the world’s wealth and conducts more than 50 percent of the world’s commerce. The euro is the world’s strongest currency, and the EU is the world’s largest trade market. Bureaucrats in Brussels now make business regulations that govern industries around the globe. European consortiums such as Airbus are overtaking former industry leaders like Boeing. Based on such developments, French President Jacques Chirac has grandly proclaimed, “Europe can become the *number one power* in the multi-power world of tomorrow” (*Superstate*, Haseler, p. 67). Chirac is merely echoing the dreams and ambitions of another famous French leader, Charles de Gaulle, who proclaimed



that a united Europe “from the Atlantic to the Urals will *decide the fate of the world*” (*ibid.*, p. 68). In addition to becoming a major civilian and economic power, Europe is also “located in a *pivotal global position*... crucially placed at the center of a web of civilizations” between America, Africa, Russia, the Middle East and China (*ibid.*, p. 70). For all these reasons, and more, a unified Europe will be a power to be reckoned with in the years ahead.

## A Fanciful Hope

The idea of a united Europe is more than just a quest for economic stability and prosperity. It is a long-standing *vision* that has captured the imagination of intellectuals who have wanted *something to believe in* as they attempt to build a better world. European unification was devised as a way to eliminate war from the continent. By tying the countries of Europe together with common laws, a common currency, a European Court, a Central Bank and a host of other intertwined institutions, Europe’s planners hoped to keep age-old rivalries from resurfacing and tearing Europe apart.

Optimists consider the attempt to build a united Europe a “bold new experiment” and a “bridge” to a new global era of supranational governments and the path to a secular humanistic utopia of peace, harmony, economic stability and ecological sustainability (*The European Dream*, Rifkin, pp. 3–8). Some even see the European Union as a model for a future world government. American author Jeremy Rifkin, a student radical in the 1960s, is now an advisor to former Italian prime minister (and EU enthusi-

ast) Romano Prodi. Rifkin writes idealistically that “my hope for the future pulls me to the European Dream, with its own collective responsibility and global consciousness... *The fledgling European Dream represents humanity’s best aspirations for a better tomorrow*... The world is looking to this grand experiment in transnational governance, hoping it might provide some much needed *guidance* on where humanity ought to be heading in a globalizing world... *The European Dream is a beacon of light in a troubled world*” (*ibid.*, pp. 8, 358, 385). For some today, the quest for the European Dream has practically become a *new religion*—a quest for a secular “holy grail.”

However, the *reality* of life inside the EU is quite different from these idealistic sentiments. Mark Gilbert, a professor of contemporary history at the University of Trento in Italy, writes: “The weight of expectations placed on the EU in Rifkin’s book *verges on the ridiculous*. If the EU is a beacon for humanity, it is a *smoky one*” (“Europe: Paradise Found?,” *World Policy Journal*, Winter 2004-05, p. 9). Gilbert lists a series of problems facing the EU: high taxes that support Europe’s extensive welfare states, reams of regulations that stifle economies and produce high unemployment, opposition to an unpopular constitution, a hopelessly cumbersome decision-making apparatus, recurring budgetary battles and corruption charges, and a swelling population of immigrant workers spawning far-right protest movements. French analyst Laurent Cohen-Tanugi states that when the electorate in two of the EU’s founding members (France and Holland) chose to reject the proposed EU constitution, this was a “crisis of unprecedented serious-

ness” for the EU that “reflects and deepens a profound crisis in the process of European unification” (“The End of Europe?,” *Foreign Affairs*, November-December 2005, p. 55). Cohen-Tanugi believes that “the 25-member union of today is an *unworkable and unreasonable project*” and that “the *worst* outcome of the EU’s current crisis would be the *gradual undoing* of European unification... as a result of declining EU legitimacy and *rising nationalism*. Such a development would generate political instability and tensions in and around Europe” (*ibid.*, pp. 64–65). Cohen-Tanugi observed that “the political leadership required for change is unlikely to come from Brussels” (*ibid.*, p. 62). Many observers expect future European leadership to come from a re-assertive Germany (for more on this topic, see page 16 of this issue).

## Danger and Uncertainty

Misgivings about European unification have surfaced, because of its failure to improve European economies and reduce unemployment. There are also disagreements about the EU’s future direction. Even EU enthusiast Rifkin admits, “I’m not sure how thick the European Dream is” (Rifkin, p. 383). He wonders whether the European commitment to cultural diversity and peaceful coexistence will remain firm in the face of terrorist attacks by foreign agents, or whether Europeans will remain committed to the principles of inclusivity and sustainable development if there is a serious economic downturn or a global depression (*ibid.*, p. 384). Other observers note that Europeans are “participants in a vast and far-reaching political, economic, and

cultural *experiment*” and that “no one has any clear idea of the outcome” (*The Idea of Europe*, Padgen, p. 3). Historians recall that when Napoleon and Hitler attempted to unite Europe through a common currency and a common code of laws enforced by a central government, their efforts ended in failure and bloodshed (*ibid.*, pp. 122, 191).

While many EU analysts are unsure about possible outcomes of the European experiment, some are quite firm in their views. Connor Cruise O’Brien, a former pro-chancellor of the University of Dublin, wrote, “The idea of a United States of Europe is a *dangerous mirage*” (*The Question of Europe*, Gowan & Anderson, p. 84). Former UK Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher believes that the drive to create a European superstate is “a classic utopian project, a monument to the vanity of intellectuals, a programme whose inevitable destiny is *failure*: only the scale of the damage done is in doubt” (*Statecraft*, Thatcher, p. 359). But what will actually happen in Europe, and where are current events leading? Can we really know?

## What Prophecies Reveal

Few today understand that Bible prophecies describe major events that will mark the end of this age and signal Jesus Christ’s imminent return to set up the kingdom of God on this earth. In fact, Jesus told His disciples to “watch” world events so that they would not be surprised by these rapidly developing events (see Matthew 24–25).

One key event that will announce the approaching end of this age will be the appearance of a powerful—*yet fragile*—federal-

tion of ten nations in Europe with links to the ancient Roman Empire (Daniel 2:40–45). Bible prophecy illustrates the *unstable nature* of this union through an image with feet and toes made of a *mixture of iron and clay*. This is an accurate description of what is developing in Europe today. The EU nations lack the bonding power of a common language, common customs or common history. Policy decisions often pit small European nations against larger ones. Interests of the two so-called *core nations* of Europe—France and Germany—often diverge and conflict. Analysts are aware that as long as “member states remain ‘sovereign,’ unity will remain *temporary and fragile*” (*Superstate*, p. 75). British journalist Timothy Garton Ash comments: “The *great gamble* of this continental project is that the Franco-German core will indeed be a magnet, that where Bonn and Paris lead, others will sooner or later follow... *The trouble is that this project is very likely to fail*” (*The Question of Europe*, p. 123). More than 2,500 years ago, the Bible prophesied the *fragile* nature of this end-time European experiment!

Other prophecies describe four empires that would arise to dominate the Mediterranean world. The fourth empire, recognized as the Roman Empire and pictured as a beast with ten horns—was to be “*different from the first ones*” in that it would exist as a succession of *ten kingdoms* (the *ten horns* of Daniel 7:24). Efforts currently underway to unite Europe will mark the *final* revival of this Roman system. The leaders of the EU have made no secret of their desire to link the unification of Europe to the legacy of Rome. It is also

interesting that the transnational governance of the EU has been described as “something new” that “*differs qualitatively... from any previous arrangements of European states and from any current arrangement of states on any other continent*” (*The Question of Europe*, p. 120).

Bible prophecies describe the *final revival* of the Roman system as a **mysterious beast** (Daniel 7:7, 19–20; Revelation 13:1–10; 17:3–8). The Hebrew and Greek words for “beast” can also be translated “creature” or “wild animal” (see *Strong’s Concordance*). The EU has been called, “a thing... this maze... an impenetrable labyrinth” (*The Question of Europe*, pp. 120, ix). The EU is shrouded by an *air of mystery* in that its decisions are made “behind closed doors” in secrecy, the institutional arrangements are complex and unfamiliar, and its treaties are written in convoluted language that is unintelligible to the average person (see Padgen, p. 27). The EU has also been referred to as a *chimera*—defined as “a fire-breathing monster with body parts from various different animals; a fantastic hybrid; an impossible folly” (*ibid.*, p. 77; *English Dictionary*, Geddes & Grossett). This definition *matches* the biblical description of the end-time creature that was prophesied more than 2,000 years ago (see Daniel 7:7; Revelation 13:1–2).

British journalist Christopher Booker actually refers to the EU as “**The Federal Monster**” that is steadily—and *stealthily*—eating away at British sovereignty (*Daily Mail*, December 10, 2005). He writes: “The chief reason why this massive takeover of national sovereignty has not been more widely noticed is that the EU exercises its control from *behind the scenes*, so



carefully disguised that even many of those directly affected still think that their own national ministers and agencies are still in charge... Instead of sweeping away all the existing national institutions in each country, these have all been left standing while being hollowed out from within... We have become victims of a slow-motion *coup d'etat*" (*ibid.*). Others have noted that during the 1930s and 1940s, the Nazis operated in a similar manner in Denmark and in

granted power to *give breath* [life] to the image of the beast" (Revelation 13:11–15). Amazingly, one EU policy paper has used the same biblical terms, projecting that in constructing a political Europe, "it is for the Union [the EU] to *give life* to its model on the international stage" (*Building a Political Europe: 50 proposals for tomorrow's Europe*).

Bible prophecies reveal how *religion* will ultimately play a decisive role in bringing to life this

Parliament—which, the Bible indicates, ten leaders will ultimately do. In the years just ahead, we will probably see a *reshuffling* of the 25 current members of the EU into a *new configuration* that has a more solid *core of ten politically federated nations in central Europe, bound together by a common religious belief in Roman Catholicism*. Surrounding this smaller unified core will be other more loosely affiliated nations. This idea of a *smaller core of nations* leading the rest of Europe resurfaces periodically when the drive to unite Europe stalls over disagreements among the member nations. Bible prophecy indicates that the *final revival* of the European Dream will be a federation built around a core of *ten nations!*

The prophet Daniel states that a vile and deceitful leader (referred to as "king of the north") will gain control of this revived Roman system under the guise of being a peacemaker. He will *militarize* this end-time European federation, and will invade the Middle East—under the pretext of promoting peace and stability, or as a reaction to a provocation from an Islamic power to the south (see Daniel 11:21–25, 40–43). The Bible also indicates that "Assyria"—modern-day Germany—will lead this revived European power (Isaiah 10:5–19). To learn more about Assyria's role in prophecy as modern-day Germany, please request our free reprint article, *A Fourth Reich?*. God will use this final revival of the Roman Empire to punish the backsliding Israelite nations, including the U.S., Canada, Australia, Britain and other nations of northwest Europe. This episode of national punishment will wipe out two-



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France (*The Question of Europe*, pp. 86–87). Many in Europe will be *shocked and surprised* when they realize that they are no longer in charge of their own governments, and have been deceptively corralled into a transnational European government—a government that has talked of peace, harmonization and human rights, but has taken away their cherished national rights and freedoms (see Daniel 11:21).

### Fate of the Dream

The prophetic books of Daniel and Revelation provide sobering views of the European Dream's ultimate destiny. Scripture reveals that a *miracle-working religious figure* will help bring about the final end-time revival of a political-economic-military beast created in the *image* of the ancient Roman Empire. The Apostle John wrote that this religious figure "was

end-time European federation. The Bible also indicates that unless people in Europe conform to certain religious-inspired legislation (the "*mark*" of the beast—which will probably *preclude* the observance of the biblical Sabbath), they will not be able to function within this trans-European social-economic-political system that will be part of a global trading network (Revelation 13:15–18; 18:10–15). History records that in the past, church councils have influenced civil laws to bar "heretics" from participating in social and economic activities.

Scripture also reveals that eventually "*ten kings* [leaders, nations]... will *give their power and authority* to the beast" for a short time—about 3½ years (Revelation 17:12–13; 13:5). The main mechanism for uniting Europe today involves *surrendering national sovereignty* to trans-European governance—the EU Commission and the EU

thirds of the population of modern Israelite nations (Ezekiel 5:12).

The European beast power, in league with an influential religious leader, will persecute those who actually live by biblical precepts (Daniel 7:21, 25; Revelation 13:7, 15; 17:6). The leader of the beast power will also enter an agreement—which he will later break, ending a peri-



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od of religious tolerance—that will for a time allow the Jews to begin sacrifices in Jerusalem (Daniel 9:26–27; 8:11). Eventually, this deceptive political leader will engage in a devastating conflict with nations to the north and east (e.g. Russia and China) that will claim the lives of one-third of the human race (Daniel 11:44–45; Revelation 9). He will also clash with his ally—the powerful religious leader—in a struggle reminiscent of conflicts between medieval emperors and popes. The political leaders of this revived federation of ten European nations will then turn on and destroy the religious organization that once gave it life (Revelation 17:16–17). Thus, Bible prophecies reveal that the European Dream, after a short span of 3½ years, will turn into a horrible nightmare—and will crumble when Jesus Christ returns to set up the kingdom of God (see Daniel 2:44–45;

11:44–45; Revelation 17:15–18; 18:1–24). This is the ultimate fate of the secular utopian dream that is driving European planners who ignore the biblical admonition, “unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it” (Psalm 127:1).

But how does all this relate to you? The God of the Bible reveals the future so that human beings today can *know and prepare* for

what lies ahead (Isaiah 46:9–10). Scripture also tells us that it is not God’s will that any should perish, “but that all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9). If we are actually willing to study the Bible, and begin to live by the instructions God has placed in His word, it is possible to escape much of the turmoil that lies ahead for the nations and peoples of this world. This is why Jesus told His disciples, “Watch... and

pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:36). These promises can apply to you, if you are able to see through the mirage of the secular European dream and avoid becoming entangled with the beast that is rising in Europe.

The historic move to unite Europe will not become a “beacon of light” to a troubled world. Rather, it is a *warning sign* that dramatic, long-propheesied events are about to erupt on the world scene and bring human civilizations to the brink of disaster. You need not be surprised, because Bible prophecies revealed thousands of years ago that this end-time scenario would occur just before Jesus Christ returns to establish the Kingdom of God on this earth. The return of Christ and the kingdom of God are the *real hope* and the *real beacons of light* for our troubled world. When the prophecies of the kingdom become reality, the European Dream and the short-lived European experiment will seem naïve by comparison. May God speed that day. ■

## The Beast of Revelation

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Your magazine has been nothing less than inspiring to me. None of this backsliding and two-stepping and dodging the truth! You tell it like it is. I am particularly impressed with the article, "Classrooms In Chaos" by Douglas Winnail (January-February 2006). Please keep up the good work, and may God bless you all. I pray for you daily.

C. A., Phoenix, AZ

Please drop my name off your mailing list. I have been receiving your subscription for about a year now. My eyes were opened up when I read "Who Is Burning In Hell?" (January-February 2006). You have twisted the Word of God. You have taken away the real meaning of Hell. What are you teaching? It is a deceiving lie and I won't be a part of it.

A. T., Jolo, WV

I really enjoyed the article, "Who Is Burning in Hell?" I had wondered how a good, loving God would punish someone forever. Thanks so much.

L. A., Eunice, LA

I have read your magazine. All I can say is, "Wow!" I was so confused about so many subjects in the Bible, and you have so far done a very good job in clarifying some. My belief in "hell"—Wow, what a lesson from "Who Is Burning in Hell?" Thank you so much.

D. A., Allentown, PA

I am writing to you concerning the booklet *Revelation: The Mystery Unveiled!*. I loved the way the booklet brought out the words of the Bible. Before I read this booklet I was a striving Muslim. But, after reading your booklet and the Bible, how could I be so foolish to give up my Christianity? I would like to get back on the

right track by receiving your *Bible Study Course*.

W. T., Atlanta, GA

Thank you very much for the booklet *Which Day Is the Christian Sabbath?* I found it to be very revealing about issues a whole lot of people do not know about. You are doing a great job. Keep up the good work.

J. M., Hillsboro, TX

I have noticed more troubles in the world, but I do not think they are bringing people any closer to God. What I have really noticed is that churches continue to preach about Jesus Christ, but they never seem to preach His message about the Kingdom of God. I really get upset with these churches. I feel they are doing people a disservice.

J. B., North Augusta, SC

Thank you! That is really the best thing I can say. Your Bible teachings are indispensable. I am very grateful for your *Bible Study Course*. I am always amazed at what it brings into my life. I have learned a lot about God and the Bible. Keep up the good work. And I am so blessed to have the word of God explained. Thanks, once again, for sharing the truth of the gospel.

G. T., Valley Village, CA

My mother gave me a copy of your magazine and I couldn't put it down. I was thirsting for more than what I was reading in my Bible. I needed help understanding all the recent events and their places in prophecy. I can honestly say I learned more in reading your magazine from front to back than I have ever learned in a church service. I am still hungry for more. I want to learn all there is about God so that I can serve Him better.

D. B., Nitro, WY

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## An Islamic Europe? (Continued from page 15)

continual attempts—and failures—of those who want to make the Muslim world into something it is not, God will carry out His plan. When it is time for the prophesied king of the South to rise, it will happen—whether or not analysts understand the reasons why.

### North vs. South

Daniel, a prophet from the tribe of Judah, lived in Babylon and Medo-Persia (near modern-day Iraq) in the sixth century BC—long before the Greek and Roman empires, and more than a thousand years before Muhammad. Daniel 11, which was written during the reign of the Medo-Persian Empire, contains some remarkable prophecies, including those of the king of the South and the king of the North. Daniel's prophecies accurately foretold the history of Judea during the rise of the Greek empire—and they also foretell amazing events that will take place in our time.

When Alexander the Great died, his kingdom was divided among his four main generals—as Daniel had prophesied long before (Daniel 8:21–22; 11:4). One of those generals, Ptolemy-Soter, became ruler of a kingdom centered in Egypt, and is foretold as a king of the South (Daniel 11:5). Remember that Egypt is to the south of Jerusalem, and Syria is to the north. The prophecy also foretells specific events in the life of Ptolemy Philadelphus of Egypt (a king of the South) and his contention against Antichious II (Theos) who ruled a Syrian kingdom and is called the king of the

North (v. 6). Daniel then describes that another generation of Egyptian kings (Ptolemy III) would wage war against the king of the North in Syria, invading through Judea (vv. 7–9). These specific events—and many others like them, described in Daniel 11—took place in the recorded history of the Greek empire. Daniel's prophecies continue forward through the transition from a Greek empire to the Roman Empire, at which point we see the

and the Ethiopians [indicating kingdoms south of Jerusalem] shall be at his steps" (Daniel 11:40–43, ASV).

Daniel's remarkable prophecy foretells the rise of a great Middle Eastern power that will challenge a great European power. Regular readers of this magazine know that shortly before Jesus Christ returns, a powerful European leader will unite ten European kings or nations into a powerful political-religious system that will

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Roman Empire identified as the king of the North in prophecy.

Beginning at verse 40, Daniel's time frame jumps to the "time of the end"—the time in which we now live. He writes: "And at the time of the end shall the king of the south contend with him; and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass through. He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many [countries] shall be overthrown; but these shall be delivered out of his hand: Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries; and the land of Egypt shall not escape. But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; and the Libyans

enforce its will fiercely on all who try to oppose it.

This great power will go to war against the king of the South—certain nations of the Middle East. But rather than going to war to end tyranny or spread democracy, this power will seek its own ends through force that is anything but benevolent.

Will this war be spurred by the contention between Europe and Islam? When a provocation as mild as a newspaper cartoon can bring many of the world's Muslims together in violent rage, how much more will major political and religious developments stoke the fires of anger between the historically Roman Catholic nations of Europe, and the nations of resurgent Islam? Watch world events in the light of Bible prophecy, and you will see this long-prophesied conflict set the stage for Jesus Christ's return and the establishment of His kingdom on earth. ■



# Abortion: A Deadly War of Words

What do *thalamocortical pathways*, *nociception* and *peripheral sensory receptors* have in common? They are all terms that the medical community now uses to frame its pro-abortion stance.

Last year, the *Journal of the American Medical Association* published an article asserting that fetuses in the womb do not feel pain during their first months of development. Abortion supporters laud the study as showing that since the developing fetus does not feel the pain of an abortion, it is not fully human—so an early-term abortion does not really kill a human being.

The August 2005 *JAMA* article, "Fetal Pain: A Systematic Multidisciplinary Review of the Evidence," puts it this way: "Pain perception requires conscious recognition or awareness of a noxious stimulus. Neither withdrawal reflexes nor hormonal stress responses to invasive procedures prove the existence of fetal pain, because they can be elicited by nonpainful stimuli and occur without conscious cortical processing. Fetal awareness of noxious stimuli requires functional thalamocortical connections."

The *JAMA* authors assert that these connections in the human nervous system begin to form when the fetus is between 23 and 30 weeks old, and electroencephalography shows that an unborn baby does not feel pain "before 29 or 30 weeks."

As a result, the authors conclude: "Evidence regarding the capacity for fetal pain is limited but indicates that fetal perception of pain is unlikely before the third trimester. Little or no evidence addresses the effectiveness of direct fetal anesthetic or analgesic techniques. Similarly, limited or no data exist on the safety of such techniques for pregnant women in the context of abortion. Anesthetic techniques currently used during fetal surgery are not directly applicable to abortion procedures."

Put bluntly, the study suggests that doctors can comfortably kill a fetus up to six months old, without having to trouble their consciences about anaesthetizing the victim.

Since the baby cannot feel pain without a mind—and has no mind, by their definition—its death does not end a human life.

Arguments continue on both sides of the issue. If you were not a *Tomorrow's World* subscriber in March 2005, you may want to visit [www.tomorrowworld.org](http://www.tomorrowworld.org) to read Douglas S. Winnail's article, "Abortion: A Modern Holocaust?" in our March–April 2005 issue.

But while the medical and political arguments wage on, the simplest argument of all is often ridiculed or scorned. Simply put, any fertilized egg implanted in the human womb will, if left undisturbed, grow into a sentient human being. Upon reaching adulthood, this human being will be able to reproduce itself through the same process by which it came into existence. This

process is the process of life, which God Himself began when He breathed the breath of life into the first human being (Genesis 2:7).

What, then, is human life? Does it have a transcendent purpose? Does God define what life really is? "Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.' So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth'" (Genesis 1:26–28).

Yes, there is a Creator God who defines what human life is—and reveals why He created it. Vain mankind will soon have to give up its self-aggrandizing word games, and its failure to exercise proper dominion over this earth, when God sends Jesus Christ—the living Word of God—back to earth, to establish His millennial rule in Tomorrow's World.

—Gary F. Ehman



## When Will the END Come?

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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" (Vol, 1, pg. 403).

Gibbon went on to explain how this doctrine taught by the early Church of God was gradually "laid aside" and eventually *stamped out* by the leaders of the evolving Roman Catholic church. As they rejected many of God's laws and teachings, they also rejected this *fundamental doctrine* that would have helped them understand why mankind seems to have been cut off from God for the past 6,000 years but will finally be rescued by the Creator and taught His ways for the following 1,000 years! This is a *vital* part of the true "Gospel"—which means "Good News!" What *wonderful* good news it is! And what a tragedy, *humanly speaking*, that it was crushed through the vanities and intellectual arrogance of misguided professing "Christian" leaders near the beginning of the "Dark Ages."

Additionally, nearly all historians and those who study biblical chronology know that Christ was born approximately 4,000 years after Adam was created, and that approximately 2,000 years have passed since the time of Christ, making a total of nearly 6,000 years—or six millennial days—from Adam.

Most biblical chronologists realize that the probable end of the 6,000 years since Adam will occur *around* the years 2015–2025. And, **remember**: There is a 3½-year Great Tribulation foretold to occur *just before* Christ's return! So the above dates indicate an *approximate* starting time of the Tribulation as early as the spring of 2015. That is *nine years* from now as I write. And even this period could be "cut short." So *all* of us need to *really draw close to God* and act on the Truth!

But the point is not to set an *exact date*. These facts and these figures, rather, should help us realize that we are finally nearing a definite end to the time when carnal

human society will *keep right on* going the way it always has. In fact, as most of us who believe the Bible deeply realize, human society is growing *worse* and worse as more vile and degenerate sex activities are countenanced, as more violence and brutality is occurring all over the earth and as carnal men invent—and *will soon use*—more horrifying weapons of mass destruction.

So all genuine, Bible-believing Christians should fully recognize that, yes, the "end is near!" We can do this *without* setting an exact date. We can do this *without* being hysterical or fearful. For when Jesus Christ described a number of end-time events, He told His disciples, "Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near" (Luke 21:28).

We should be genuinely thankful and grateful that Christ's coming is soon! But God's word makes it very clear that He does not give His Holy Spirit—or *spiritual understanding*—to those who *disobey* His commandments and worship Him according to their *own* ideas and theories. Near the end of the apostolic age, the Apostle John was inspired by God to write, "He who says, 'I know Him,' and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him" (1 John 2:4). A person does not truly "know" God or understand His ways unless he is willing to specifically *obey* the Ten Commandments as a way of life! Although many religionists just want to talk about "love," they usually *misunderstand totally* what genuine spiritual love is all about. For God's Word tells us, "For this is the love of God, that we *keep His commandments*. And His commandments are not burdensome" (1 John 5:3).

People have predicted Christ's return before. But *this time*—near the end of 6,000 years of human turmoil—it *really is* different! Christ's coming *will* occur within *this generation*! God truly does want *you* to understand and act upon this precious knowledge in fully turning your minds and hearts and lives to Him. God wants you to become willing to obey His way of life, become involved with those who are *truly* serving Him, and be *preparing actively* to become a king and priest in the magnificent government of God that will *soon* be set up on this earth!



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**VIC, Melbourne:** Nine Network—Ch 9, SUN 5:00 am  
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**AR, Fayetteville:** KNWA—Ch 51, SUN 6:30 am  
**AR, Fayetteville:** Access TV—Ch 8, SUN 8:30 pm  
**AR, Fort Smith:** KFTA—Ch 24, SUN 6:30 am  
**AR, Little Rock:** KASN—Ch 38, SAT 8:00 am  
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**AZ, Phoenix:** Access—Ch 22, TUE 9:00 pm  
**AZ, Prescott:** Cable—Ch 13, SAT 5:30 pm; SUN 6:30 am  
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**CA, Eureka:** Cox—Ch 10, MON 8:00 pm  
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**CA, Sonora:** TCCCA—Ch 8, SUN 8:00 pm  
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**FL, Ft. Lauderdale:** Comcast—Ch 76, SUN 8:30 am  
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**FL, Hialeah/Coral Gables:** Comcast—Ch 76, SUN 7:30 pm  
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**FL, Ocala:** Cox—Ch 71, SUN 10:00 am  
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**FL, South Broward:** Comcast—Ch 79, SUN 8:00 am  
**FL, Tampa:** WTIA—Ch 38, SUN 8:00 am  
**GA, Atlanta:** AIB—Cable, THUR 9:30 pm; SAT 1:30 am  
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**GA, Macon:** Cox Cable—Ch 18, SUN 5:00 pm;  
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**IA, Davenport:** Mediacom—Ch 19, MON 4:30 pm; WED 8:30 am  
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**KY, Latonia:** PEG 17—Ch 17, WED 5:30 pm; THUR 12:00 am  
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**LA, Lafayette:** KATC—Ch 3, SUN 9:00 am  
**LA, New Orleans:** WHNO—Ch 20, SUN 8:30 am  
**LA, Shreveport:** KSHV—Ch 45, SUN 8:30 am  
**MA, Cambridge:** CCTV—Ch 22, FRI 11:00 am; SUN 3:00 pm,  
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**MA, Malden:** Access TV—Ch 3, SUN 11:00 am  
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**ME, Auburn:** GFTV—Ch 11, SAT 9:00 am; SUN 8:00 pm  
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**MI, Traverse City:** TCTV2—Ch 2, SUN 5:30 pm  
**MN, Bird Island:** BICC—Ch 7, MON 6:30 pm; WED 6:30 pm  
**MN, Duluth:** Public Access—Ch 24, SAT 11:00 am; SUN 7:00 pm  
**MN, Hutchinson:** HCVN—Ch 10, FRI 4:00 pm; TUE 4:00 pm  
**MN, Minneapolis:** Metro Cable—Ch 6, SAT 8:30 am  
**MN, Minneapolis:** MTN—Ch 75, THUR 6:30 pm  
**MN, Minneapolis:** NW Community—Ch 19, SAT 10:30 pm;  
 SUN 4:30 am, 10:30 am & 4:30 pm  
**MN, Roseville:** CTV—Ch 14, TUE 8:00 pm; WED 4:00 am & 12:00 pm  
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**NE, Omaha:** KPTM—Ch 42, SUN 8:00 am  
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**NJ, East Windsor:** Comcast—Ch 27, WED 5:30 pm  
**NJ, Oakland:** Cablevision—Ch 76, SUN 11:30 am; Thur 5:00 pm  
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**NV, Reno/Sparks:** SNCAT—Ch 30/16, SUN 8:30 pm  
**NY, Albany:** Time Warner—Ch 18, THUR 5:00 pm  
**NY, Batavia:** Time Warner—Ch 19, TUE 5:30 pm  
**NY, Binghamton:** Time Warner—Ch 4, FRI 5:00 pm  
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**NY, Brooklyn:** BCAT—Ch 35/68, SUN 7:30 am  
**NY, Buffalo:** Adelphia—Ch 20, THUR 10:30 am  
**NY, Canandaigua:** FLTV—Ch 12, SUN 11:00 am  
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**NY, Utica:** Adelphia—Ch 3, MON 9:00 pm  
**NY, Webster:** WCA-TV—Ch 12, SUN 11:00 am

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**RI, Providence:** WPXQ—Ch 69, MON 11:30 am  
**TN, Chattanooga:** WDEF—Ch 12, SUN 8:30 am  
**TN, Knoxville:** WWTB—Ch 8, SUN 6:30 am  
**TN, La Follette:** WLAF—Ch 12, TUE 10:30 pm  
**TN, Memphis:** WPTV—Ch 24, SUN 6:30 am  
**TN, Nashville:** WZTV—Ch 17, SUN 6:30 am  
**TX, Austin:** Community Access—Ch 11, WED 7:00 pm  
**TX, Bryan:** KYLE-TV—Ch 44, SUN 7:00 am  
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**WA, Seattle:** TCI—Ch 29, SUN 9:00 am  
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**WA, Vancouver:** FVCT—Ch 11, SUN 9:30 am  
**WI, Wausau:** Charter—Ch 10, THUR 9:00 pm; FRI 7:30 am  
**WY, Casper:** KTWQ—Ch 2, SUN 10:00 am  
**WY, Cheyenne:** KLVY—Ch 27, SUN 6:00 am

## RADIO STATIONS:

**Argentina, Bahia Blanca:** Vida—107.7 FM, WED 10:00 am;  
 THUR 8:00 pm; SAT 2:00 pm  
**Argentina, Buenos Aires:** La Nueva Radio—650 AM, SUN 8:30 am;  
 WED 12:00 pm  
**Argentina, Rio Grande:** Radio FM Aire Libre—96.3 FM, SAT 8:00 pm  
**Colombia, Medellin:** 1350 AM, SAT 10:30 am  
**Costa Rica, San Jose:** Radio La Gigante—800 AM, SUN 8:00 am  
**Grand Canary Islands:** Radio Emisora—93.6 FM, SAT 10:30 am  
**Guyana, Georgetown:** NCN—560 AM, TUE 7:30 pm  
**Martinique:** Radio Banlieue-Relax—103.4 FM, SUN 6:15 am  
**Peru, Cerro de Pasco:** Radio Altura—97.7 FM, SAT 7:00 am;  
 SUN 1:00 pm  
**Philippines, Cebu City:** DYLA—909 AM, SUN 6:00 am  
**Philippines, Davao City:** DXUM—See Local Listing  
**Philippines, Manila:** DWBL—1242 AM, THUR 10:30 pm;  
 SUN 3:30 pm  
**Philippines, Ozamiz City:** DXOC—1494 AM, SUN 5:00 am  
**USA, La Follette, TN:** WLAF—1450 AM, SAT 3:00 pm

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

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

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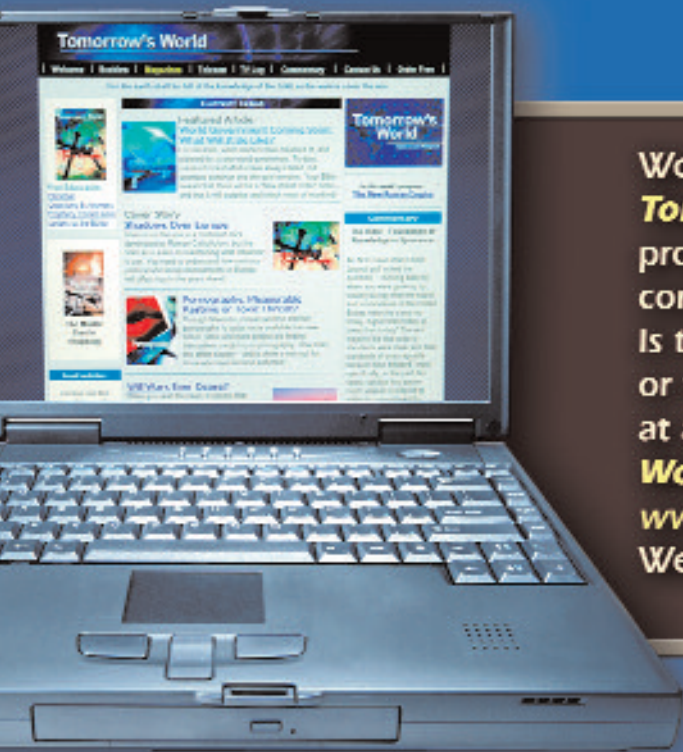
**VISION, Canada:** SUN 5:30 pm ET; MON–FRI 3:00 am ET

## NEW TELEVISION STATIONS:

**NY, Buffalo:** *Adelphia*—Ch 20, THUR 10:30 am

**NY, Seneca:** *Adelphia*—Ch 20, MON 11:35 pm

**OR, Willamette Falls:** *WFTV*—Ch 23, FRI 4:00 pm; SAT 8:30 am; WED 4:00 pm



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