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What Is Ahead for America?

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

In the very thick of the United States' election season, many Americans have lost sight of the Big Picture! Where is the U.S. *really* headed? Are *any* of the current presidential candidates even remotely capable of solving the truly massive problems that will certainly confront the next U.S. President?

Furthermore, those few Americans who are genuinely willing to believe and trust the God of the Bible may ask: is our vaunted "democratic process" really the *best way* to run a nation?

Few realize that—partly *because* of democracy—the U.S. is headed for a financial catastrophe unless major changes occur! As Election Day approaches, will either the Democratic or Republican nominee have the boldness to tell citizens just how serious the problem really is—and how it *must* affect each of them in the pocketbook?

Four years ago, neither major candidate had such nerve. As *USA Today* pointed out in a front page article shortly before the 2004 election: "American taxpayers have a hidden debt of at least \$53 trillion [Emphasis ours] in government obligations, mostly from Medicare, Social Security and the federal debt. This debt equals \$473,456 per household, dwarfing the \$84,454 in personal debt per household owed for mortgages, car loans and other borrowing. The federal government would have to double taxation or cut benefits in half immediately to make good on its promises of providing health care and pension benefits for retirees in the coming decades. Both major political parties and the presidential candidates have avoided confronting the problem for fear of angering voters" (October 4, 2004).

Has anything really changed? Of course, the actual debt has grown larger—*USA Today* not long ago reported that the debt figure had increased to \$516,348 per household. A colossal financial "iceberg" is about to hit "Battleship America," and possibly even sink it, but the "fear of angering voters" will likely keep this issue out of public view again this election year!

Why?

Because, in our modern "democracies" (whether pure democracies or representative republics), politicians must be very selective about which facts they tell the voters. Generally, they must tell people only what

they want to hear—whether it is true or not. When politicians confront the public with too much reality, it usually amounts to committing political suicide! The most successful politicians are usually the ones who promise the most: "I'll cut your taxes and still give you greater benefits." *That* is "democracy at work."

Many of the original American leaders—George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Alexander Hamilton, Benjamin Franklin and others—were extremely intelligent, highly educated and thoroughly familiar with English common law and the principles upon which American democracy was built. Their background made them capable of establishing and sustaining "democratic" institutions—at least for a while. By contrast, the vast masses of uneducated and mis-educated people around the world, who have never had the slightest experience with democratic values or institutions, cannot reasonably be expected to make democracy successful. Many of the early American leaders recognized this fact. John Adams, second President of the U.S., actually stated: "We have no government armed with the power capable of contending with human passions, unbridled by morality and true religion. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

What constitutes a "moral and religious people"? Millions of Muslims around the globe feel that "American democracy" has flooded the world with wretched films, magazines and music glorifying illicit sex and violence, tearing apart families and blaspheming God. It is hard to argue with that! Americans should remember that a recent Chief Executive, faced with evidence of his own immorality, had a hard time defining what "is" is! He artfully weaved and dodged when answering questions about his actions, but in the end he still became known as a philanderer—a *deeply immoral* person—who set a truly horrible example as President of our nation.

More recently, the state of New York lost its Governor, who resigned when he was confronted with evidence of his involvement with a "high class" prostitute! Then, amazingly, the former Lieutenant Governor

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SEVEN REASONS WHY CHRIST MUST RETURN!

By Roderick C. Meredith

Is the second coming of Christ a myth or an allegory—or is it the key to understanding your future?

Jesus Christ told His followers to pray, “Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven” (Matthew 6:10). With the terrible problems of society all around us, it should be obvious that the Kingdom of God is not here yet! But there *is* hope! For, from one end of the Bible to the other, God’s word tells us that the literal Kingdom of God *will* be set up on earth at the end of this age!

God is training today’s Christians to prepare to be part of that Christ-led government. Yet millions of professing Christians seem completely oblivious to this paramount truth. They have been taught to “just believe” on the person of Jesus Christ and to trust that they will “go to heaven” when they die.

Countless millions believe that the Bible’s plain statements about Jesus Christ’s literal return to this earth are found only in a few vague Old Testament

passages or obscure lines from the mysterious book of Revelation. Since they prefer to read the “easy to understand” or “inspirational” parts of the gospels, or maybe the Psalms, they often do not know—or care—what the rest of the Bible actually teaches. Such people fail utterly to realize that the message of Christ’s second coming and the Kingdom of God permeates *almost the entire Bible!* For it is our hope. It is a key to our destiny!

Notice how Jesus encouraged the Apostle Peter and the other disciples. Peter had exclaimed to Jesus, “See, we have left all and followed You. Therefore what shall we have?” So Jesus said to them, “Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel!” (Matthew 19:27–28).

Jesus was obviously talking about a literal government to be established here on earth! That is why He told us to pray, “Your Kingdom come... on earth.”

Near the end of Jesus’ physical life, His disciples asked Him, “Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?” (Matthew 24:3). Jesus then gave them several “signs” to watch for which would indicate His second coming was imminent. But in spite of traumatic world events fulfilling these signs, millions obviously still “won’t get it.” For Jesus also explained, “But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be” (Matthew 24:37–39).

Christ’s Return Prophesied

The Apostle Paul described Christ’s second coming in this way: “For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord” (1 Thessalonians 4:16–17).

It is important to note that although the true saints meet the descending Christ “in the air”—the air of this earth’s atmosphere—God does not promise His saints eternal life “up in heaven.” Rather, as we see in Acts 1:11, Christ will “come in like manner” right back to the Mount of Olives from whence He rose. In fact, God’s word is very specific on that exact point. For the

prophet Zechariah was inspired to write, “Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle. And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives” (Zechariah 14:3–4). So Christ literally will set His feet once again on that big hill just east of Jerusalem! Then what?

“And the LORD shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be—‘The LORD is one,’ and His name one” (v. 9). Christ the King will be ruling this earth from Jerusalem. And “all the nations” (v. 16) shall come up to Jerusalem during Jesus’ earthly reign and learn to observe God’s commanded festivals. Jesus will obviously be ruling over physical nations here on this earth. But why should Christ return to the earth? Surely we are getting along pretty well, yes? Surely most people are relatively prosperous, healthy and happy? From the point of view of an all-knowing, all-loving God, is there a real need for Jesus Christ to return and rule this earth as King of kings? Of course there is!

Let us now examine seven key reasons why God will send the living Jesus Christ back to this earth again—this time in total power and magnificent glory—to save humanity from destroying itself and to teach all men the right way to live.

Reason 1: Our Capacity for Cosmocide

As far back as the 1950s, the world became aware that mankind could soon destroy itself. President Dwight Eisenhower stated, “Science now seems ready to confer upon us, as its final gift, the power to erase human life from this planet.”

That time came a few years later. In recent decades, science has developed several means of destroying all human life. These include atomic and hydrogen weapons, chemical and biological weapons

and no doubt other weapons that are being developed even as I write.

“Rogue states” such as North Korea have been developing nuclear weapon technology, and Islamic militants are looking for ways to get “the bomb” to carry out their destructive plans.

Whether through biological, chemical or nuclear means, human beings now have the power to destroy all life on earth. Speaking plainly of our time—just before His second coming—Jesus Christ prophesied, “For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened” (Matthew 24:21–22).

Until the last few decades, it would have been virtually impossible for humanity to annihilate itself. Nowadays, it is not only possible; it is a *certainty*, as Christ indicated—unless God soon intervenes powerfully in human affairs. For the “elect’s” sake—for the sake of those who have genuinely surrendered to God and are being led by the Holy Spirit—God will intervene. That is a key reason why Jesus Christ must return to this earth!

Reason 2: Unprecedented Drought and Famine

Referring to the time just before His second coming, Jesus said, “For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places” (Matthew 24:7).

Terrible famines have occurred in recent years across Africa and Asia. Large areas of Texas and other parts of the United States have experienced serious droughts in

recent years, reminiscent of the “dust bowl” years. Thankfully, actual famine and human starvation have not yet been often experienced in the United States or the other developed nations. But according to Jesus Christ, that will all change!

The book of Amos gives us a warning. Addressing all twelve tribes of Israel, not just “Judah” or the Jewish people, God says: “Hear this word that the LORD has spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying: ‘You only have I known of all the families of the earth; therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities’” (Amos 3:1–2).

Later: “‘So two or three cities wandered to another city to drink water, but they were not satisfied; yet you have not returned to Me,’ says the LORD. ‘I blasted you with blight and mildew. When your gardens increased, your vineyards, your fig trees, and your olive trees, the locust devoured them; yet you have not returned to Me,’ says the LORD” (Amos 4:8–9).

A time of alternating drought, floods and famine is clearly prophesied to affect the modern descendants of ancient Israel—unless they repent and turn to the true God in a way they have never done before! These plagues will be awesome in their effect, devastating hundreds of millions of lives worldwide!

If you do not yet understand how these prophecies relate ancient Israel to the United States and the British-descended nations—as well as the Jewish state of Israel—please write to the regional office nearest you (listed on page 30 of this magazine) to request your free copy of our powerful booklet, *The United States and Great Britain in Prophecy*. You

truly need this booklet to understand the prophecies directly affecting America and the British-descended peoples in the very near future!

Reason 3: Horrifying Disease Epidemics

Scripture warns that “there will be famines, pestilences” (Matthew 24:7). So right after the alternating floods and droughts produce famine and mass starvation, along will come disease epidemics of unprecedented proportions!

In our modern, scientific age, how can this be?

The answer is simple. When there is polluted water and polluted food—inherent in the prophecies regarding worldwide drought and famine—these are nearly always



followed by disease epidemics. Add to this the

dangers of diseases such as AIDS and the increasing horrors of virulent bacteria that are almost completely resistant to any kind of antibiotic treatment, and you have a recipe for unchecked spread of terrifying disease epidemics!

Describing the punishment that is soon coming to the United States, Britain, Canada and other modern descendants of ancient Israel, God inspired Ezekiel to write: “And you, son of man, take a sharp sword, take it as a barber’s razor, and pass it over your head and your beard; then take scales to weigh and divide the hair. You shall burn with fire

one-third in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are finished; then you shall take one-third and strike around it with the sword, and one-third you shall scatter in the wind: I will draw out a sword after them” (Ezekiel 5:1–2).

God explains exactly what this means: “One-third of you shall die of the pestilence, and be consumed with famine in your midst; and one-third shall fall by the sword all around you; and I will scatter another third to all the winds, and I will draw out a sword after them” (v. 12).

These end-time plagues will affect the whole world, not only Israel. For, after describing the “four horsemen” of false prophets, wars, famines and horrifying disease epidemics, John writes: “And power

was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth (Revelation

6:8). Most scholars recognize that John was not writing about one-fourth of the earth’s land or sea surface, but about one-fourth of the entire population of this earth at the time of the end. Since the earth’s population is approaching seven billion people, this prophecy is speaking of the coming destruction of more than 1.5 billion human beings!

Reason 4: Massive Earthquakes and Weather Upheavals

Every year, it seems that new records are being set for weather and geologic extremes. The world was shocked by the terrible devastation that occurred when the Sumatra-Andaman earthquake

rocked Southern Asia in December 2004. The magnitude 9.1 earthquake and the resulting tsunami led to an estimated 230,000 deaths, and more than 1.6 million people were displaced.

Bible prophecy shows that as we come closer to the end of the age, more and more of these disasters will strike—and they will increasingly strike the American and other British-descended nations. We remember

the terrible devastation of Hurricane Katrina, which in August 2005 caused more than \$80 billion in damage and displaced more than 1.5 million people—making it the costliest Atlantic hurricane in recorded history.

In ways large and small, we are again and again seeing more instances of “wild and crazy weather” where we would never have expected it. It might be easy to call it “coincidence”—if you do not understand the biblical prophecies pointing to what is happening! However, those who understand can see that we have so far experienced just a mild portent of what is yet to come. For, describing Christ’s second coming and the magnificent Temple that will be built at that time, God says, “For thus says the LORD of hosts: ‘Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,’ says the LORD of hosts” (Haggai 2:6–7). Eventually, all nations will be shaken by the Almighty God in the most monumental shaking imaginable. For He says that “every mountain and every island” will be moved out of its place (Revelation 6:14).

Because of rebellion against God and His physical and spiritual laws,



human beings will literally have to be shaken to their senses. But, in His mercy, God will cut short the days of that terrible punishment so that Christ may come as King

of kings to teach humanity how to live by God’s physical and spiritual laws before society

becomes any more depraved than it already is!

Reason 5: Escalating Terror

Not that long ago, Americans who worried about “terrorism” mostly feared domestic radicals. In recent years, however, militant Islam has been galvanizing hundreds of millions of people in opposition to the Western democracies, even as the U.S. military finds itself pushed to its limits in the “war against terrorism.” We need to understand that it is the ultimate goal of many radical Muslim leaders to “conquer” the world in the sense that all human beings either become Muslims, totally submit to Muslim domination or ultimately be wiped out!

Note what historian Bernard Lewis—a Princeton University professor world-renowned as one of the top experts on Islam—tells us about the growing Muslim threat. In his powerful book, *The Crisis of Islam*, Lewis describes how “a significant number of Muslims—notably but not exclusively those whom we call fundamentalists—are hostile and dangerous, not because we need an enemy but because they do.” He explains: “In recent years, there have been some changes of

perception and, consequently, of tactics among Muslims. Some of them still see the West in general, and its present leader the United States in particular, as the ancient and irreconcilable enemy of Islam, the one serious obstacle to the restoration of God’s faith and law at home and their ultimate universal triumph. For these there is no way but war to the death, in fulfillment of what they see as the commandments of their faith” (p. 28).

Because God “rebukes and chastens every son He loves,” the Almighty will allow terrorists to have greater and greater successes in attacking the Western nations—desiring that we will change our ways, and knowing that He will soon intervene in order to shake us out of our rebellious and miserable ways!

Reason 6: Mankind’s “Last Hope for Peace” Has Failed!

Delegates assembled in San Francisco in the spring of 1945 to form the United Nations, hoping to avoid the mistakes that led the post-World War I League of Nations to fail. As the meetings opened, General Jan Smuts of South Africa declared: “If San Francisco fails, then I see nothing but stark disaster before mankind.”

More than 60 years later, most objective observers would have to agree: mankind’s legacy of “stark disaster” has not ended. The United Nations failed to stop the killing fields of Cambodia, the massacres in Rwanda, the bloodshed across the former Yugoslavia, and countless other instances of mankind’s inhumanity to man.

More than 50 years ago, U.S. General Douglas MacArthur summed up the problem, in a famous speech to the U.S. Congress. He said: “The problem basically is

theological and involves a spiritual recrudescence, and improvement of human character that will synchronize with our almost matchless advances in science, art, literature, and all material and cultural developments of the past two thousand years. It must be of the spirit if we are to save the flesh" (*The World's Great Speeches*, p. 596, Dover Publications, 1958).

Humanity's real hope is found in the word of God. The book of James reveals part of our problem: "Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures" (James 4:1-3).

Reason 7: Jesus Promised To Return!

Ultimately, it all comes down to whether you actually believe what the Bible clearly says. The prophet Zechariah was inspired to write, "Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle. And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives..." (Zechariah 14:3-4). And verse 9 continues: "And the LORD shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be—'The LORD is one,' and His name one."

Christ will rule over the nations on this earth after He returns—not up in heaven. Jesus Himself makes that clear: "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides

his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world'" (Matthew 25:31-34).

Do you believe Him?

A Vital Part of the "Good News"

Actually, the belief in a literal thousand-year reign of Christ on earth with the resurrected saints was part of the original Gospel—the message preached by the original Apostolic Church and preserved among God's faithful people for many generations! However, it was gradually stamped out of professing Christianity by the reasonings and imaginations of various bishops and monks during the Dark Ages. Even the highly respected secular historian, Edward Gibbon, discovered this in his massive research of that time period. In his landmark work, *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, he 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 labor and contention, which was now almost elapsed, would be succeeded by a joyful Sabbath of a thousand years; and that Christ, with the triumphant band of the saints and the elect who had escaped death, or who had been miraculously revived, would reign upon earth till the time appointed for the last and general resurrection" (*The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, Gibbon, Vol. I, p. 403).

Within the lifetimes of many of us, this part of the "Lord's Prayer" will be answered, "Your Kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10).

Speaking in the first person, Jesus promises to return quickly, "And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work" (Revelation 22:12). God grant that our "works" may be pleasing in His sight so that our "reward" may be truly fulfilling. For Jesus Christ is coming soon. We have seen seven vital reasons why Christ must return to save mankind—not the least of which is that He promised to do so. God speed that day! ■

Fourteen Signs Announcing Christ's Return

Christ told His followers to "watch" for the signs of His imminent return. Those signs are becoming more and more visible, if you know where to look!

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Questions & Answers

Question: *I have always understood that when Christians die, their souls go to heaven right away to be with Jesus. How, then, should I understand scriptures like Ecclesiastes 9:5, which say, "the dead know nothing"? What happens when we die?*

Answer: People often misinterpret several key scriptures when trying to understand the truth about what happens at death. Jesus told one of the criminals being crucified next to Him: "Assuredly I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise" (Luke 23:43). Does this mean Jesus and the criminal went to heaven together that day? It cannot! Christ plainly taught that He would spend three days and three nights in the grave—He called this "the sign of the prophet Jonah" (Matthew 12:39–40). If Jesus and that criminal went to heaven on the day of the crucifixion, Jesus did not fulfill the sign He had promised!

What, then, did Jesus mean? The Bible's Greek language lacks the punctuation we expect in English text. Translators have imposed their doctrinal misunderstandings on the plain Greek text. Indeed, Jesus told the criminal that he would be with Him in His realm, but the word "today" refers not to "Paradise" but rather to "I tell you." Jesus was assuring this criminal of his future hope, not denying the sign of His Messiahship.

In the New Testament, we read that God called ancient King David "a man after My own heart" (Acts 13:22). David is counted among the heroes of faith in Hebrews 11. Yet the Apostle Peter said this about David: "Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day" (Acts 2:29). He went on to emphasize: "David did not ascend into the heavens" (v. 34).

We read: "No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven" (John 3:13). Does this mean that others have ascended to heaven after Him? No! The dead are now unconscious, and will remain so until God restores them to consciousness, when "those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt" (Daniel 12:2). Only Jesus Christ has ascended to heaven.

When the Apostle Paul wrote 2 Corinthians, he still expected Christ to return during his lifetime. This is why he wrote, "For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven" (2 Corinthians 5:2). Paul eagerly anticipated receiving the Spirit-composed body Christ would give him at Christ's return. It is in this context that Paul wrote of his longing. He did not write, as some mistakenly assume, that "to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord." Rather, anticipating his change from matter to spirit, he wrote that he would be "well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord" (v. 8).

Paul eventually understood that Christ's return would be later than he had at first assumed, since it had to occur only after certain prophesied events had taken place (2 Thessalonians 2:1–12). But he never wavered from his understanding of what happens at death. Paul wrote: "But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen asleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus" (1 Thessalonians 4:13–14). This "sleep" is not some mystical kind of semi-consciousness. Jesus, who died, described His death this way: "For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth" (Matthew 12:40). Is heaven the "heart of the earth"? No! When one dies, as the psalmist tells us: "His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; in that very day his plans perish" (Psalm 146:4). Jesus made no plans when He was dead. Neither will we. The dead are not waiting around as disembodied consciousnesses in heaven. They are unconscious (Ecclesiastes 9:5), and will remain so until God raises them.

To learn more about this often-misunderstood subject, please write for your free copy of our booklet, *Your Ultimate Destiny*. It will show you the plain truth of your Bible and reveal vital information you may never have understood before.



The End of the Universe?

By Richard F. Ames

Human beings have a natural desire to know the origin and future of the universe. We would love to reach out to its farthest limits. But we also realize that there are dangers facing our planet. Will life on Earth survive? Will the universe itself survive? Is there hope for our future?

Ancient King David marveled at his place in the cosmos. As a shepherd boy, he saw the glory of the heavens night after night. He asked the same questions many philosophers have considered through the millennia: “When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him?” (Psalm 8:3–4).

Have you ever considered your place in the universe—now, and in the future? You should! When you look out at the night sky, what do you see? If you live in a large city, you might see only a handful of stars. If you live in the countryside, where it is darker at night, you may see hundreds or thousands of stars. But those stars are only a tiny few of the billions in our Milky Way galaxy.

Scientists estimate that our galaxy contains more than 200 billion stars—some more than 13 billion years old! Astronomers say there are at least 50 billion potentially visible galaxies in our universe, with several times that many not visible to our best telescopes.

Can we even begin to comprehend such immense numbers, and such a vast scale, in our universe? We can thank science for the glimpse it can give us of these amazing facts. Yet science remains powerless to answer the great questions of life. What is the meaning and purpose of life? What is the ultimate future for humanity? As a reader of *Tomorrow’s World*, you know that we look to the Bible for those answers.

Does science support—or even demand—the conclusion that God did not create the universe? No! Countless honest scientists, whether or not they consider themselves Christians, agree that scientific truth can be reconciled with the idea of a Creator God. Many share the perspective of Harvard University Ph.D. Patrick Glynn, who in his important book, *God: The Evidence*, observed: “The most basic explanation for the universe is that it seems to be a process orchestrated to achieve the end or goal of creating human beings.”

Ancient King David went a step further, recognizing the Orchestrator and Creator of the universe. Marveling at the cosmos, he appreciated it as God’s handiwork, and recognized mankind’s place in it. He wrote: “For You have made him [mankind] a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen—even the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea that pass through the paths of the seas. O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is Your name in all the earth!” (Psalm 8:5–9).

God gave human beings dominion over Earth and its creatures. We are supposed to be learning how to manage, govern and serve as faithful stewards. If we cannot be responsible stewards over this planet, how can we expect to be responsible stewards over the Moon, Mars, or any other part of the universe?

As human beings, we recognize that we are very limited by time and space. But we have an insatiable desire to explore our universe. That desire led to the Apollo space exploration missions in the 1960s and 1970s. Many of you older readers will still remember how amazing it felt to see Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin walking on the moon on July 20, 1969. They spent 21 hours on the moon’s surface, and returned to Earth with 46 pounds of lunar rocks.

Five more Apollo missions would go on to land on the moon. In December 1972, astronauts Eugene Cernan and Harrison Schmitt became the last of twelve Americans to set foot on its mysterious surface. Since then, no one has been back.

War in Space?

Scientists see space as a field of exploration; military and political leaders often look to it as a base for war. As U.S. Senator Sam Brownback, chairman of the Senate Commerce Subcommittee, told reporters, “You always want the [strategic] high ground” (*Reuters*, January 15, 2004).

Military goals were even a key part of the 1960s “space race” between the U.S. and the Soviet Union. Mankind has a history of war, and we should not be surprised to see that warring nature look to space.

Just how warlike is the human race? Historians Will and Ariel Durant researched that question, and concluded: “In the last 3,421 years of recorded history only 268 have seen no war” (*The Lessons of*

History, p. 81). Futurists Alvin and Heidi Toffler have made a similar point, observing: “In fact, in the 2,340 weeks that passed between 1945 and 1990, the earth enjoyed a grand total of only three that were truly war-free. To call the years from 1945 to the present the ‘postwar’ era, therefore, is to compound tragedy with irony” (*War and Anti-War*, p. 14).

Concerned about the dangers of global nuclear war, the *Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists* has for more than 50 years maintained what it calls the “Doomsday Clock,” measuring how close we have come to worldwide nuclear destruction. Less than 18 months ago, on January 17, 2007, the *Bulletin* moved the clock two minutes forward, to five minutes before midnight. Their news release stated: “The major new step reflects growing concerns about a ‘Second Nuclear Age’ marked by grave threats, including: nuclear ambitions in Iran and North Korea, unsecured nuclear materials in Russia and elsewhere, the continuing ‘launch-ready’ status of 2,000 of the 25,000 nuclear weapons held by the U.S. and Russia, escalating terrorism, and new pressure from climate change for expanded civilian nuclear power that could increase proliferation risks.”

Yes, we live in a dangerous world. This is one reason why human beings look outward to the cosmos. We hope we can escape our Earth-bound problems. But will we merely bring Earth’s problems to the universe?

Crack, Crunch or Heat Death?

The Hubble telescope has given us amazing views of galaxies and supernovae. Most scientists estimate that our Milky Way galaxy is 100,000 light years in diameter, and 1,000 light years “thick” from top to bottom. Can we even conceive of that vast expanse of space? And can we

conceive of the speeds at which the galaxies are moving? Astronomers have demonstrated that some galaxies are moving further out into space at about 100 million miles per hour!

Most of us have heard of the “Big Bang” theory, which scientists use to explain the universe’s present expansion. But is it possible that the universe might someday reverse its expansion, or simply expand outward and fall apart? Cosmologists have proposed scenarios with exotic names like the “Big Freeze” and the “Big Crunch.” The “Big Freeze” theory suggests that as the universe expands, its dissipation will lead to reduced temperatures, too cold to sustain life. The “Big Crunch” suggests that the universe’s expansion will reverse, and that it will eventually implode upon itself. Others expect a scenario of “Heat Death” in which all the universe’s energy will eventually turn into heat. Another possibility is called the “Big Crackup.” In this scenario, the universe expands at an accelerating rate until all its matter becomes diffuse and dark.

As a Stanford University physicist told *New Scientist* magazine, “A few years ago, nobody would even think seriously about the end of the world within the next 10 to 20 billion years, especially since we learned that the Universe’s expansion is accelerating... Now we see it is a real possibility” (September 6, 2002).

Not all researchers offer such bleak scenarios. Dr. Ruth A. Daly, author of a Princeton University study, looked at the maximum size of distant radio galaxies and concluded: “We can say, with 95 percent confidence, that the universe is open and will continue to expand forever.”

But even if the universe survives, what will be the future of Earth?

The End of the Earth?

Our planet faces many threats. Which threat is the deadliest? Physicist

Stephen Hawking gave his opinion to an interviewer from the ABC News program *20/20*: “Nuclear war is still probably the greatest threat to humanity at the present time. Even after the end of the Cold War, there are still enough nuclear weapons stockpiled to kill us all several times over, and new nuclear nations will add to the instability. With time, the nuclear threat may decrease, but other threats will develop, so we must remain on our guard” (August 30, 2006).

What other deadly threats did the program offer? It warned of nuclear war. It explored gamma ray bursts from space that would destroy Earth’s atmosphere and all life. It detailed the danger from supervolcanoes such as the caldera basin in Yellowstone National Park. It outlined the risks of disease plagues and climate change, and it noted the likelihood of an asteroid colliding with Earth.

An asteroid colliding with Earth is not just the stuff of a science fiction movie. As the BBC Two telecast *Averting Armageddon* reported in January 2003, an asteroid known as 1950DA is “expected to collide with, or come perilously close to the Earth in 2880. Its impact could kill hundreds of millions of people. It seems that in a mere 877 years, less than the blink of a cosmic eye, we have a date with Armageddon and we may not even have that long. Asteroid hunters estimate there could be up to 600 kilometre-sized asteroids still undiscovered near Earth and any one of these could be heading straight for us.”

In 1962, the world came precariously close to nuclear war during the Cuban Missile Crisis. The United States and the Soviet Union actually considered launching nuclear strikes. Thankfully, the Soviets finally removed their nuclear missiles from Cuba. But the Soviet Union continued to exercise its

superpower status for many years afterward.

Do you know how, or if, Russia will be involved in end-time Bible prophecy? Scripture shows that nations east of the Euphrates River will invade the Middle East. We read: “Then the sixth angel poured out his bowl on the great river Euphrates, and its water was dried up, so that the way of the kings from the east might be prepared” (Revelation 16:12).

The Asian forces will encounter a new superpower—called the “Beast”—at Megiddo in Israel. These powers will join in the climactic battle often called the “Battle of Armageddon.” Evil forces, incited by the Beast and the False Prophet, will gather the kings of the earth at Megiddo, or Armageddon. The kings of the east will move westward across the Euphrates to join other forces. Look on any world map and see where the Euphrates River is located. It begins in Turkey, passes through Syria, then through Iraq to the Persian Gulf. And what nations lie east of the Euphrates? Those nations include Iran, India, and China.

Notice carefully where the kings of the earth gather. “And they gathered them together to the place called in Hebrew, Armageddon” (v. 16). Just what is Armageddon? The word Armageddon is a transliteration of the original Hebrew *har megiddo* which means the “hill of Megiddo” or “the mountain of Megiddo.”

Megiddo is located about 55 miles north of Jerusalem in Israel. In ancient times it guarded the main trade route between Egypt and Damascus. It also overlooks the largest plain in Israel, the Plain of Esdraelon (called the Valley of Jezreel

in the Bible). Scripture records several major battles that took place there.

After the world’s armies gather at Megiddo, they proceed south to fight at Jerusalem, in what Scripture calls “the battle of that great day of God Almighty” (Revelation 16:14). Here is what Scripture tells us: “Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, and your spoil will be divided in your midst. For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; the city shall be taken, the houses rifled, and the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, but the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle. And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east” (Zechariah 14:1–4).

The Messiah, Jesus Christ, will return from heaven to destroy these armies. You can read about that in



Revelation 19:19–21. Then the King of kings will reign on earth with the saints—faithful Christians—for a thousand years. We look forward to the millennium, tomorrow’s world, when the world will experience genuine, lasting peace! Each of us needs to prepare for that glorious time. To learn more about it, write to the regional office nearest you (listed on page 30 of this magazine) for your free copy of our informative booklet, *Armageddon and Beyond*.

Yes, Bible prophecy reveals the ultimate end of this age. The Messiah, Jesus Christ, will bring peace to Earth. He is called the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6). During the Millennium of His rule on Earth, the deserts will blossom like a rose (Isaiah 35). All nations will come up to Jerusalem to learn God's way of life (Micah 4; Isaiah 2). Animals' nature will turn from violence to peace (Isaiah 11:6–9; Isaiah 65:25).

After the Millennium?

At the end of the Millennium, God will resurrect the dead for what is called the Great White Throne Judgment. Billions of human beings, who lived and died without ever hearing the true Gospel of Jesus Christ—most of whom never even heard the name “Jesus Christ”—will have their first opportunity for salvation. You can read more about that judgment in Isaiah 65:17–25.

At the end of the White Throne Judgment, all the incorrigibly wicked will be thrown into the Lake of Fire. “Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire” (Revelation 20:14–15).

Then, God's plan of salvation will move into another phase. Notice: “Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, ‘Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away’” (Revelation 21:2–4).

Yes, the Earth will be renewed, and the New Jerusalem will come to earth from heaven! You will want to be there. What an awesome inheritance Almighty God has planned for us!

Inherit the Universe?

And there is more! As we noted earlier, human beings have an innate desire to reach out into space. Our loving God has promised us that we can do exactly that, if we are faithful. Notice this amazing promise: “For in that He [God] put *all* in subjection under him [human beings], He left nothing that is not put under him” (Hebrews 2:8).

The Greek word for “all” in verse 8 is *ta panta*, which literally means “the all.” As Greek lexicons explain, in the absolute sense, *ta panta* means “the universe.” God wants to give His sons and daughters dominion not only over Earth, but also over *the entire universe!*

God calls His children heirs: “The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glo-

rified together” (Romans 8:16–17, KJV). But we will only be able to receive that dominion when we inherit eternal life—when we become God's immortal children.

What will we inherit? We will inherit the earth (Matthew 5:5). And we will inherit “all things.” Christ is called the heir of “all things”—the universe. God has appointed Him “heir of the universe, as it was by him that he cre-



ated the world” (Hebrews 1:2, *Moffatt*). As “joint heirs” with Christ, we will inherit the universe!

God has demonstrated His great love toward His children, and He confirms our inheritance: “He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things [Greek, *ta panta*]?” (Romans 8:32).

No, the universe will not end—and it is waiting for you and me! ■

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Prophecy Comes Alive

Times of the Gentiles

Are we approaching a *pivotal turning point* in history? Are ancient prophecies *coming alive today*? When Jesus was asked, “What will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?” He did not avoid the question! He told His disciples to watch for a constellation of specific events: the rise of militant religious activity, the spread of ethnic violence and war, the turbulence of weather (droughts, floods and natural disasters), the tragedy of food shortages and famines, and the tumult of economic disruptions.

Many Bible prophecies describe this troubled end of the age as “the times of the Gentiles”—a time when resurgent Gentile nations will again dominate the global stage. Those ancient prophecies are coming alive today. What do they mean?

Ancient Prophecies

Many end-time prophecies focus on events that will occur in the Middle East and involve the city of Jerusalem. Here is how Jesus described one crucial end-time event: “When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near... for these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled” (Luke 21:20–22). Christ also foretold that, “Jerusalem will be *trampled* by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled” (Luke 21:24). The Greek word for *trampled* means “trodden down, under the heel of” and this phrase has been variously translated, “Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the heathen... by foreigners... pagan feet will tread Jerusalem” and many of the city’s inhabitants will be carried captive into other nations (Luke 21:24). The phrase “until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled” is also translated: “until their day is over,” or “until the time granted to the Gentile nations has run out” or “until the time of heathen domination will have come to an end” (see *The New Testament from 26 Translations*). The Apostle John writes that near the end of the age, the outer court of the Temple in Jerusalem will be “given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city under foot for forty-two months [1,260 days or 3½ years]” (Revelation 11:1–2). The word translated “Gentile” refers to those not descended from the ancient tribes of Israel and Judah, and thus refers to nations such as Germany, Russia,

China and Egypt, which will play a part in the fulfillment of end-time prophecy.

These New Testament prophecies reiterate and expand ancient prophecies found in the Old Testament. Zechariah foretold that during the “Day of the Lord” at the end of the age, God will “gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; the city shall be taken... Half of the city shall go into captivity” (Zechariah 14:1–2). The “half” that goes into captivity will probably be East Jerusalem—the Jewish half! Ezekiel described the “Day of the Lord” as a “day of clouds, the time of the Gentiles” (Ezekiel 30:3). Daniel prophesied that just before Jesus Christ’s return, the world will be dominated by the final revival of a Gentile power with historical roots in the Roman Empire (Daniel 2:40–45). Daniel foretold that

an evil end-time leader of this European-based “Beast power” will stop the daily sacrifices in Jerusalem, and will set up a “transgression of desolation” (Daniel 8:13), in which the sanctuary and people of Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot—just as Jesus warned (Matthew 24:15; Luke 21:24).

Perilous Times Ahead

What will the “times of the Gentiles” be like? Will a world dominated by Gentile governments bring peace to the earth? Notice how Jesus predicted that the end of the age will see religious and ethnic strife, wars and rumors of wars, the spread of disease, natural disasters and the persecution of those who believe in the truth of Scripture (Matthew 24:3–10). Jesus warned that during this period of Gentile domination, “there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved”—unless God intervenes in world affairs (Matthew 24:21–22).

The Apostle Paul warned: “In the last days, perilous times will come”—times characterized by selfishness, greed, callous and inhuman actions, loose morals, pursuit of sensual pleasures, superficial religiosity and hatred of biblical values (2 Timothy 3:1–5). Paul also foretold that “in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to *deceiving spirits and doctrines of*



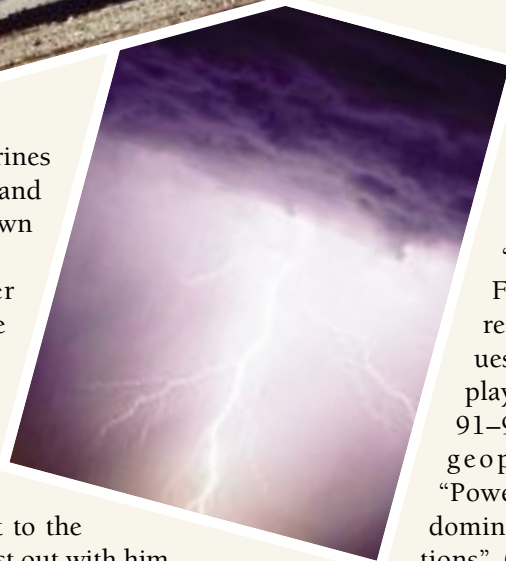
demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy... forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods" (1 Timothy 4:1-3). Paul foresaw that in the times of the Gentiles, demonic spirits and deceptive ideas would lead people to pervert the truth of Scripture, and to invent their own non-biblical doctrines instituting celibacy, vegetarianism and other practices in place of God's own plain laws.

The Apostle John adds another prophetic detail, explaining why the times of the Gentiles will be so terrible: "And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon.... that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels [demons] were cast out with him.... Woe to the inhabitants of the earth... For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time" (Revelation 12:7-12). Jesus will need to return, to stop total disaster on the earth!

Return of the Gentiles

Are "the times of the Gentiles" *really* approaching? Have we arrived at a crucial turning point in history? Are biblical prophecies actually coming alive today? When we look at the grand sweep of history, and consider what scholars in international relations understand, the answer should be obvious. Over the last 400 years, the nations of Western Europe and the ideas of Western civilization have dominated and shaped the world. England amassed a global empire, and the United States became not only the richest, most powerful nation the world has ever seen, but also the guarantor of global stability. The dramatic rise to power of England and the U.S. is unique in world history, and fulfilled Bible prophecies about the Israelites—the descendants of Jacob and Joseph (see "Does God Guide World Affairs?" on page 22 of this issue).

In recent decades, however, this picture began to change, and another dramatic shift is now underway.

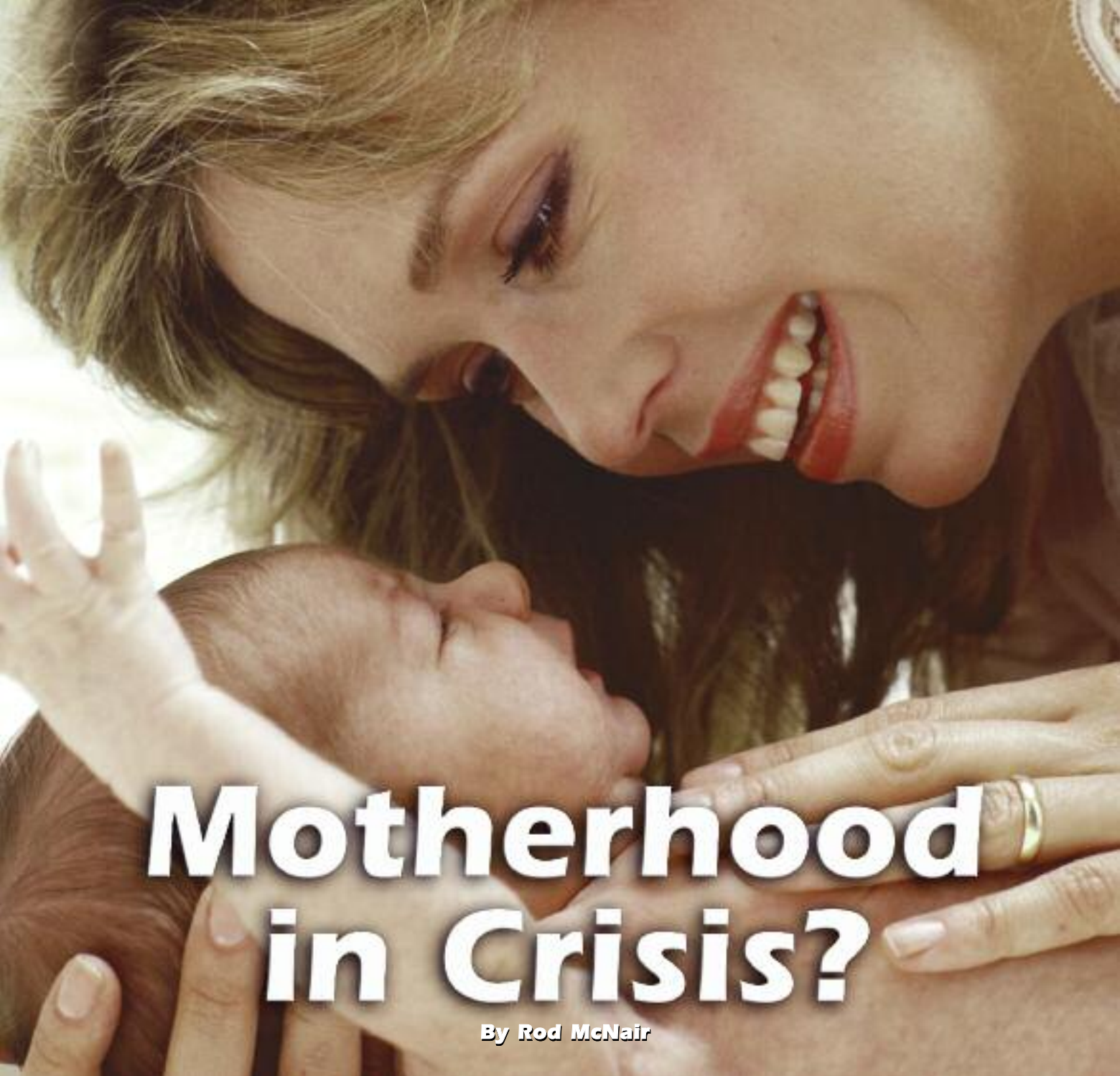


As historian Samuel Huntington has noted, scholars acknowledge that in the last 50 years "the expansion of the West" came to a close and "the revolt against the West began" (*The Clash of Civilizations*, p. 53). Regarding the "fading of the West," Huntington wrote: "European colonialism is over; American hegemony is receding... We are witnessing 'the end of the progressive era' dominated by Western ideologies and seeing instead a 'revolt against the West'—the "re-Islamization" of Muslim societies, the "Hinduization" of politics in India and the "Asianization" of countries in the Far East—as non-Western nations reassert the *superiority* of their values and strive to become powerful players on the world stage (*ibid.*, pp. 91-95). Looking at present-day geopolitics, Huntington states, "Power is shifting from the long predominant West to non-Western civilizations" (*ibid.*, p. 29). An Asian critic of the West observes, "For the first time

since... 1948, countries *not* thoroughly steeped in the Judeo-Christian natural law traditions are in the first rank. That unprecedented situation will define the new international politics of human rights. *It will also multiply the occasions for conflict*" (*ibid.*, pp. 196-197).

For scholars who study world affairs, the years just ahead appear ominous. Huntington concludes, "On a worldwide basis, civilization seems in many respects to be yielding to *barbarism*, generating the image of an unprecedented phenomenon, a global Dark Ages, possibly descending on humanity... clashes of civilizations are the greatest threat to world peace" (*ibid.*, p. 321). Zbigniew Brzezinski, who served as National Security Adviser to U.S. President Jimmy Carter, has written that "the only real alternative to American global leadership... is *international anarchy*" (*The Grand Chessboard*, p. 195). Such conclusions about the decline of the West—primarily about the fall of nations descended from ancient Israel—echo end-time biblical prophecies about the "times of the Gentiles" that will mark the end of this age. *We are living at a pivotal turning point of history as these prophecies come alive today!*

—Douglas S. Winnail



Motherhood in Crisis?

By Rod McNair

Our nations are in a cultural and moral crisis. If you are a mother, what can you do to protect your children from the coming calamities?

Across the United States, millions of families will celebrate Mother's Day on May 11. Nations around the world honor mothers at different times for their love and their nurturing nature, and for the sacrifices they make for their children and families.

Certainly we should thank our mothers—and the mothers of our children—for their life-long love and support. We are living in a time of crisis when each mother's role is vitally important. The Western nations are at a pivotal crossroads, leading the world in divorce and encouraging immorality. Drug abuse and crime are rampant. Sexual perversion and addic-

tions are not only corroding national character, but are being exported at an alarming rate. Morality and religion have become increasingly irrelevant to millions.

Why does this matter? Bible prophecy shows that our nations will face total societal collapse unless we repent as a people. Jesus Christ foretold that the *worst time of warfare in human history* would come just before His return to the earth: “For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be” (Matthew 24:21). The prophet Jeremiah explained that this time would be so terrible that “none is like it; and it is the time of Jacob’s trouble” (Jeremiah 30:7). To reverse our present course, there must be a *drastic change in our attitudes toward God and the true religion of the Bible*.

The role of fathers is crucial and cannot be emphasized enough. But neither can the role of mothers—who have a *unique and profound* effect on their children’s growth and spiritual development. Great leaders have attested to the importance of a wise and loving mother. United States President Andrew Jackson praised his mother as being “gentle as a dove and brave as a lioness” (*Mother o’ Mine: A Mother’s Treasury*, p. 106). Inventor Thomas Edison honored his mother, saying, “My mother was the making of me,” and U.S. President Abraham Lincoln said, “All that I am or hope to be I owe to my mother” (*ibid.*, pp. 107).

A mother’s role has always been important, but her role is even more vital when she is a child’s only parental influence. This is the sad fact for millions of children in the

Western nations today. Author David Blankenhorn points out that because of rampant out-of-wedlock pregnancy and divorce in the U.S., “before they reach the age of eighteen, more than half of our nation’s children are likely to spend at least a significant portion of their childhoods living apart from their fathers” (*Fatherless America*, p. 1).

Disaster on the Horizon?

One of the earliest calls for celebration of a Mother’s Day in the United States came from Julia Ward Howe. In 1870, Howe wrote a “Mother’s Day” proclamation, focusing on the plight of mothers who lost their husbands and sons

in wars of the mid-nineteenth century.

Although men have historically borne the brunt of warfare, war also has a terrible effect on women and children. In World War II, whole families died in Nazi concentration camps. Human beings were herded

into railcars to be humiliated, de-humanized and finally exterminated.

In war, the almost-unthinkable can become routine. Scripture describes the dehumanizing effect of war on desperate parents. Moses warned the Israelites: “**You shall eat the fruit of your own body, the flesh of your sons and your daughters** whom the LORD your God has given you, in the siege and desperate straits in which your enemy shall distress you...” (Deuteronomy 28:53). History also records that some parents killed and ate their children during the 70AD Roman siege of Jerusalem. Is this unthink-

able in our modern day? Ask yourself: how many **millions of refined, “enlightened” people in Western society today condone the murder of unborn children for the mere convenience of the parents?**

Parents today should realize that without God, their children and families can suffer incredibly. Moses recorded this warning from God: “Then, if you walk contrary to Me, and are not willing to obey Me, I will bring on you seven times more plagues, according to your sins. I will also send wild beasts among you, **which shall rob you of your children**, destroy your livestock, and make you few in number; and your highways shall be desolate” (Leviticus 26:21–22).

Mothers are naturally concerned about the direction of our nations. A godly mother wants only to see the best for her family. She cares about her community’s future, because it will directly affect her children’s future.

But what can a mother do to keep her children safe and prepare them for a happy and successful future?

Teach Children To Walk with God

Without a wholesale, complete repentance and turning to God, our nations will not avoid a horrible end. But how can children know how to do this unless they are taught?

One of a mother’s primary responsibilities is to teach her children about the true worship of God. As Dr. Jeffrey Fall writes in *Successful Parenting: God’s Way*: “For Christian parents, the ultimate goal is to lay a foundation in their children’s young impressionable years, so they will always desire to fully seek God as *their* Father” (p. 2). Moses told the Israelites that “you shall teach [the words of God]



diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up” (Deuteronomy 6:7).

Sadly, many mothers—and fathers—have forgotten this God-given role. In their book *Passionate Housewives: Desperate for God*, authors Jennie Chancey and Stacy McDonald note that “many times, without a scriptural model, the ‘professional mom’ creates a child-centered home—a fantasy household that is best described as an ultimate playground” (pp. 24–25). Motherhood is not just about providing recreational and educational experiences for one’s offspring—it is about instilling moral and spiritual principles in the next generation.

The Bible shows that it is only through parents’ convicted and dedicated religious teaching that the next generation will prosper and thrive. David wrote: “Give ear, O my people, to my law.... **We will not hide them from their children**, telling to the generation to come the praises of the LORD.... That the generation to come might know them, the children who would be born, that they may arise and declare them to their children, that they may set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments” (Psalm 78:1–2, 4–7).

If you want your children to escape the coming disasters ahead—and to prepare for God’s Kingdom as well—are you setting the example yourself? Are you living a genuine Christian life? Dr. James Dobson writes, “If the salvation of our children is really that vital to us, then our spiritual training should begin before children can even comprehend what it is all about. They should grow up seeing

their parents on their knees before God, talking to Him. They will learn quickly at that age and will never forget what they’ve seen and heard” (*Parenting Isn’t for Cowards*, p. 104).



And yet, author Carla Barnhill notes that many women mistakenly believe that “their ultimate worth is found in motherhood, not in their relationship with God” (*The Myth of the Perfect Mother: Rethinking the Spirituality of Women*, p. 14). That is a mistake. If a mother wants to bring up godly children, her first priority is to be a *godly mother*, practicing Christianity and walking with God in her personal life.

God promises blessings for those who obey Him with all their hearts. In Deuteronomy 6, Moses warned Israel to “fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged” (v. 2). If you want your children to prosper and grow, teach them to look to and follow God in their lives.

Teach Children To Respect Their Father

In our increasingly father-neutral and fatherless society, many children today simply do not have a meaningful relationship with a father. And yet, a positive relationship with a child’s father is fundamental to healthy growth and development. It

also forms the foundation for a child’s relationship with his eternal Father, God.

If you are a mother, are you teaching your children to respect their father? Mothers can have a role in helping to turn the hearts of their children to their Heavenly Father, as well as to their physical fathers. But what if you, as a wife, feel you cannot respect your husband? What if you do not feel he is worthy of admiration? Dobson notes: “You as a mother hold the keys to the relationship between your boys [or girls] and their father. If you show respect to him as a man, they will be more inclined to admire and emulate him. If you think he is a wimp or a dope or a loser, those attitudes will translate directly into their interaction” (*Bringing Up Boys*, p. 94). Do you set an example that helps your children respect their father, despite his human frailties?

The Apostle Paul wrote, “Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ‘Honor your father and mother,’ which is the first commandment with promise: ‘that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth’” (Ephesians 6:1–3). Today, many parents are embarrassed to require obedience and honor from their children. Many parenting techniques today encourage only tolerance and self-expression from young people, and the building of youthful self-esteem. Parents are often made to feel it is selfish and self-serving to require respect and obedience from their children. And yet, God wants children to learn self-control and godliness, and to grow in His image. As Paul noted, to honor and submit to parents is one of the Ten Commandments. And it is a commandment with *promise of a long and bountiful life*.

What if yours is a troubled home? Seek to reconcile, if at all

possible. Work on working it out. A less-than-perfect marriage consisting of a father and mother is generally better for all parties involved than separation and divorce. Researchers Paul Amato and Alan Booth came to the conclusion that “at most a third of divorces are so distressed that the children are likely to benefit. The remainder, about 70 percent, involve low-conflict marriages that apparently harm children much less than the realities of divorce” (“Two parents, even unhappy, are better,” *Today*, January 7, 1998).

What if you are a single mother? Do not try to turn your children against their father. Teach them to respect him as much as they are able. This does not mean tolerating his wrong behaviors; it means teaching them to respect him as a fellow human being. Even if their father is completely absent, or is an unfit role model in every way, you can teach your children to respect other male authority figures. This will help them gain a greater sense of security as they navigate their way through life, and it will pave the way for a relationship with their Heavenly Father. It will help them *turn to repentance* in their own relationship with God. This may save them from great suffering in the years ahead (Proverbs 30:17).

Build Your Home

As a foundation for teaching children to honor God and respect their parents, a mother has a special responsibility to make her house a home. We read: “The wise

woman builds her house, but the foolish pulls it down with her hands” (Proverbs 14:1). Are you building a home life of peace, tranquility and happiness, where children can grow in a secure and nurturing environment?

Proverbs 31 describes a mother striving to build a warm, peaceful and godly home. She is not an idealized “super-Mom” but rather is a

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“Researchers [find] that early bonding is vital. It is even related to physical health forty or fifty years later. Incredibly, 91 percent of college men who said they had not enjoyed a close relationship with their mothers developed coronary artery disease, hypertension, duodenal ulcers, and alcoholism by the midlife years. Only 45 percent of the men who recalled maternal warmth and closeness had similar illnesses. Even more surprising is the fact that 100 percent of participants in this study whose parents were cold and distant went on to suffer numerous diseases in midlife. In short, the quality of early relationships between boys and their mothers is a powerful predictor of lifelong psychological and physical health. When certain needs are not met in infancy, trouble looms down the road” (*Bringing Up Boys*, Dobson, p. 85).

woman exercising her God-given talents to the full. She fears God (v. 30), respects her husband so that he can trust her (vv. 11–12), provides clothing and food for her family (vv. 13–15, 21–22), guards her tongue and speaks with kindness (v. 26). Godly motherhood is not an unattainable ideal—it should be the goal of every mother seeking to follow God.

In modern America, “home” is often little more than a building where related individuals sleep—where there is little meaningful interaction between family members. Television and the Internet now consume much of adults’ time at home—about 20 hours a week, according to recent polls. Children have observed and emulated this pattern in their own lives. In 2005, a poll by the National Institute on Media and the Family reported that children aged 8 to 18 spent 44.5 hours per week in front of a computer, television or game screen.

As a mother, you have a unique opportunity to encourage your family to interact together—to build your home through real family connections. How can you do this? Is there one simple key?

Eat together. This is a simple step, but has far-reaching results and will help prepare your children to face their future courageously. Dr. Blake Bowden of the Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Center conducted a survey of 527 teenagers, to learn what family and lifestyle characteristics were related to mental health. “What they observed, once more, is that adolescents whose parents ate dinner with them five times per week or more were the least likely to be on drugs, to be depressed, or to be in trouble with the law. They were also more likely to be doing well in school and to be surrounded by a supportive circle of friends....

Family mealtimes continue to be great settings in which to impart the truths of our faith. As the blessings of the day are recounted, children see evidence of God's loving, faithful care and the importance of honoring Him with a time of thanks" (*Bringing Up Boys*, pp. 92–93).

A mother can also facilitate communication within the family. Dr. Dobson gives this advice: "Let me urge you mothers to talk regularly to your sons (and, of course, to every other member of the family). It is a skill that can be taught. Work hard at keeping the lines of communication open and clear. Explore what your children and spouse are thinking and feeling.... When you sense a closed spirit developing, don't let another day go by without bringing hidden feelings out in the open. It's the first principle of healthy family life" (*ibid.*, p. 96). Do not let your house be just a junction where related family members come and go—*be the catalyst for real communication* and you will be helping them grow into strong young men and women.

In modern society, motherhood is both "undervalued and overly romanticized" (Barnhill, p. 14). It should be neither—it is simply the role God gave to ensure that truth and right values would be passed to the next generation, and that children would be nurtured in an environment where they could develop godly character (Malachi 2:15). Sadly, modern society often gives little encouragement and support to mothers who want to be "keepers at home" (Titus 2:5, KJV). Dorothy



Patterson, a homemaker and an adjunct faculty member at Criswell College, explains this double-standard: "Of course, much of the world would agree that being a housekeeper is acceptable as long as you are not caring for your own home; treating men with attentive devotion would also be right as long as the man is the boss in the office and not your husband; caring for children would even be deemed heroic service for which presidential awards could be given as long as the children are someone else's and

not your own." Fewer and fewer mothers train their young daughters at all in how to manage a home. After all, "who has time for learning to run a home—especially when you don't plan to spend much time there anyway?" (Chancey and McDonald, pp. 24–25).

In a crisis-filled world, mothers have the unique privilege of creating a place of peace for stressed-out family members by making their home inviting, warm and welcoming. Mothers can foster an environment where family members learn

to communicate at regular intervals, and with respect and courtesy. They can help their children learn godly morality, talk about God's ways and learn how to approach life.

The Apostle Paul warned that at the end of this present age, Christian parents would be bucking the prevailing trend in society, as many around them become "lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God" (2 Timothy 3:2–4). Mothers today can do much to keep their children from falling into this pattern.

Can mothers make a difference? Your parenting may not be able to save the world. But you can nurture and encourage your children, teach them to obey God and respect their parents. Not only will you be helping them along the right path toward a happy and godly adulthood; you may even save them from being destroyed with a disoriented and sinful generation (Proverbs 23:13–14). Yes, mothers, in this time of crisis, you can make a difference! ■

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Finishing the *Bible Study Course* published by your organization has helped me immensely. Compliments and ovations go to you and your staff for doing such a superb job on presenting the true gospel of Jesus Christ. The *Tomorrow's World* magazine and booklets have enlightened me in ways I can't begin to express in writing. While studying the course I've found that I've been worshiping on a Sunday rather than the Sabbath. Obedience to God's word is a top priority for me. Thank you from the deepest part of my spirit for helping me get ready for the coming Kingdom of God and preparing for the return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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D. W., Waverly, MO

I am writing to applaud your article, "Early Christianity and Europe's Western Isles" (March-April 2008). I consider this to be an extremely excellent source of material to share with others, and is why I initially subscribed to your magazine almost two years ago. Mr. Winnail's citing of reference sources was highly useful and enlightening, lending credibility with its factual basis. Please keep up the fine work.

S. B., Terre Haute, IN

Reading *Tomorrow's World* magazine, and your booklet *The United States and Great Britain in Prophecy*, was like a refreshing drink of water in a dry and arid place. God bless you, and thank you for providing these resources!

D. G., Chicago, IL

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K. K., Yuma, AZ

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Does God Guide World Affairs?

By Douglas S. Winnail

What does the future hold for the nations of the world? Does God have anything to do with that future?

Does God actually intervene in human affairs? Does He determine the rise and fall of nations? Or do human beings determine their own fate by their own decisions? Today, many wonder whether there really is a God—especially a God who guides history. Yet, while they doubt God, they do not doubt the dominance of Western ideas and military power—emanating especially from northwestern Europe and England, and then from the United States—and, as English historian John M. Roberts points out, they have struggled to understand “the source of the West’s mysterious power” (*The Triumph of the West*, p. 21).

Twenty-five years ago, Italian journalist Luigi Barzini pondered a question that occupied the minds of historians and statesmen for decades: What caused England to become a great power? Barzini asked, “How had the British done it? How... did a peripheral island rise from primitive squalor to world domination?” (*The Europeans*, p. 47). Barzini, like many others, speculated but had no real answers. Philosophers have asked similar questions about America’s ascent to greatness. What allowed 13 struggling colonies to overcome England’s

military might and become the world’s most powerful nation? Was it merely coincidence? An accident of history? The result of purely human decisions and actions? Or were these important world events part of an overall plan that God is working out on the earth?

Scholars may scoff, but the Bible contains scores of prophecies that long ago predicted the rise and fall of certain nations, and it provides a framework for understanding the course of events in our modern world. Historical records show how prophecies have been fulfilled—on schedule and in detail—over the last few centuries. When we honestly examine the big picture of world history, Bible prophecies demonstrate beyond a shadow of a doubt that God is working out His purpose by bringing to pass the events He foretold in Scripture several thousand years ago.

Bible prophecies provide an accurate and sensible explanation of why the world is the way it is today—why certain modern nations have risen to prominence and others have declined. Your Bible also reveals what is ahead for the leading nations of the West, and for other key nations around the world.

Prophecies, Promises and Identities

To grasp the significance of major events that determined or changed the course of modern history, we must first notice what God has revealed about how He operates on the earth. Notice how He worked with Egypt's Pharaoh. To show the world's most powerful nation the identity of the real God, He hardened the Pharaoh's heart against letting Moses and the Israelites leave Egypt (Exodus 7:3–5). When Pharaoh's magicians could not duplicate miracles performed by Moses and Aaron, they told Pharaoh, "This is the finger of God" (Exodus 8:19). In Scripture, God proclaims that He can predict the future and bring it to pass. "I am God, and there is no one like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things which have not been done, saying, 'My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure'" (Isaiah 46:9–10, NASB). This is an easy claim to verify by comparing specific Bible prophecies and the facts of history.

Bible prophecy can even help us understand what has happened to modern nations, when we understand how they have descended from ancient nations mentioned specifically in Scripture. For example, Scripture labels the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob a "chosen" people, who became the "children of Israel." God promised Abraham that as a reward for his obedience, his descendants would become great and be a source of blessings to the people of the world (Genesis 12:1–3). God promised that Abraham would become the father of many nations and the progenitor of kings (Genesis 17:4–6), and that his descendants would spread abroad to the north, south, east and west and gain control of the

gates of their enemies (Genesis 22:17–18; 28:14). These promises were passed on to Jacob, who in turn had twelve sons—the forefathers of the twelve tribes of Israel (Genesis 35:23–26).

God made even more amazing promises to Joseph's sons Ephraim and Manasseh, who along with their brothers would be called "Israelites" after their father Jacob, whose name was changed to Israel (Genesis 32:28; 48:16). God promised that Ephraim's descendants would become a multitude of nations, as the British Commonwealth became. He promised that the descendants of Manasseh would become a single great nation, as the United States became (Genesis 48:18–20). Other prophecies reveal that the descendants of Ephraim and Manasseh would become a colonizing people who would gain possession of the choice places of the earth (Genesis 49:22; 49:25–26; Deuteronomy 33:13–16), would be targeted by jealous enemies yet prevail (Genesis 49:23–24), and would dwell "separate from his brothers" (Genesis 49:26; Deuteronomy 33:16).

God also gave the children of Israel His laws—and a mission. They were to be lights and examples to the world, by demonstrating that obedience to God's laws would bring blessings (Deuteronomy 4:1–10). Sadly, the ancient Israelites failed to live up to their responsibilities and went into captivity without inheriting all the prophesied blessings. The ancient Israelites never gained possession of the gates of their enemies, nor did they possess the choice places of the earth or become great nations with their own kings.

Does this mean God did not fulfill His promises? No! He merely delayed them, in a biblically explained manner. In the books of Daniel and Leviticus, we find prophecies that provide a *time frame*

to explain how the prophesied blessings would ultimately come upon the children of Israel. Daniel was given a prophecy about a "seven times" or seven year period of punishment for the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar (Daniel 4:16, 25). Moses was given a similar prophecy, that if the Israelites did not obey God, they would be punished seven times and then seven times more (Leviticus 26:18, 21, 23–24). A "time" can mean a year (of 360 days), and seven "times" can be seven years—as in the case of Nebuchadnezzar. However, seven times can also mean a prophetic period of 7 x 360 years (a day for a year; see Ezekiel 4:6)—a period of 2,520 years.

Is it merely an "accident of history" that the nation of Israel was carried captive to Assyria about 720BC and that America and Britain began their rise to world prominence about 1800AD—approximately 2,520 years after their ancestors went into captivity for their sins? Is it another "accident of history" that the nation of Judah went into captivity about 604BC—and Jerusalem was liberated from the Turks in 1917—about 2,520 years later?

While skeptics can dismiss these prophetic fulfillments as interesting coincidences, many other prophecies relating to the modern descendants of ancient Israel began to be fulfilled around and after this same period. Specific prophecies and promises have been fulfilled in recent centuries in amazing detail by America (Manasseh) and Britain (Ephraim) and the peoples of British and Northwest European descent, who spread out to colonize the choice places of the earth, to gain the gates of their enemies and to carry Western ideas around the globe.

As prophecy describes, the children of Joseph (Ephraim and Manasseh)—Britain, America, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and

South Africa) do dwell *separately* from their European brothers (France, Holland, Belgium), their Scandinavian brothers (Denmark, Norway, Sweden and Finland) and from the Jewish nation of Israel. The prophecies of Genesis 49 and Deuteronomy 33 provide keys for identifying the various Israelite nations “in the last days.” By noting the prophesied characteristics and looking at history, we can recognize which nations at the end of the age have fulfilled specific aspects of these detailed prophecies and promises.

Rise and Fall of Nations

In the 1400s and 1500s, Portuguese and Spanish navigators set out to explore and claim parts of the world and spread their Roman Catholic faith. From Rome, the pope in 1500AD intervened to settle their competing claims to the “new world.” He awarded most of the new territory to Spain, but what is now Brazil and most of Africa went to Portugal. Over the next century, the Dutch, French and English also explored and claimed new territories.

The nations that have dominated our modern world began to emerge as powers when Philip of Spain launched his Armada against Britain in 1588. Philip sent 130 ships, 2,500 cannons and 30,000 men in an attempt to bring Protestant England back into the Roman Catholic fold. But a heavy storm pummeled the Armada before it arrived, and faster English ships with longer-range cannons peppered the Armada as it moved up the English Channel, causing the Spanish ships to flee north toward Scotland—trailed by English ships that had nearly run out of ammunition. As they sailed around



Scotland and Ireland, many of Spain’s ships floundered and were lost in a north Atlantic storm—a storm that the English viewed as God’s intervention. “The defeat of the Spanish Armada marked the decline of Spain and the rise of England as a world power” (*The Battle 100*, p. 54, Lanning).

Remember, God foretold the descendants of Joseph would become great—and the Spanish are not descendants of Joseph. God was beginning to fulfill His ancient promises.

In the mid-18th century, competing claims in Canada and the Ohio Valley led to conflict between the English and the French. At the Battle of Quebec in 1759, English troops defeated the French and by treaty gained all the land France had claimed east of the Mississippi River and north of the Great Lakes. This meant that all of Canada belonged to England. Between 1759 and 1805, the English navy decisively defeated the French navy at Quiberon Bay and Trafalgar. In 1815, a combined army of British, Dutch, Belgians and Prussians, led by the British Duke of Wellington, defeated Napoleon at the battle of Waterloo.

A rainstorm on the night before the battle forced Napoleon to delay his attack, which allowed time for the Prussians to arrive and tip the balance of power to the British. Napoleon’s defeat, aided by a rainstorm, brought an end to French domination of Europe.

In a prophetic sense, the contests at Quebec, Quiberon Bay,

Trafalgar and Waterloo were contests between Ephraim (Britain) and Reuben (France). God foretold that Ephraim would become great and prevail, but that Reuben “shall not excel” (Genesis 48:19; 49:3–4), according to God’s plan.

At about the same time, the United States was beginning its ascent to greatness. During the late 1700s, the American colonial army under George Washington withstood and outmaneuvered the more powerful British, often with the help of favorable changes in the weather at just the right time (as at the battles of Long Island and Yorktown), and by a combination of bold decisions by Washington (as at Trenton) and bad decisions by British commanders (as at Saratoga). The 1781 surrender of the British at Yorktown, one of the most influential battles in history, led to the independence of the United States and launched America on the road to becoming the world’s most prosperous nation and eventually the only superpower.

In prophetic terms, Manasseh (America) and Ephraim (England) were to become two separate nations—a great nation and a great company of nations—which is exactly what happened as a result of the American Revolution.

In spite of losing the American colonies, England continued to amass an overseas empire “upon which the sun never set”—becoming a great company or commonwealth of nations—just as God predicted thousands of years earlier.



Miracles and World War

Some of modern history’s most stunning examples of divine inter-

vention occurred during the “dark days” of World War II. In the summer of 1940, the German blitzkrieg had pushed 400,000 Allied troops to the European coast near Dunkirk, France, where British military planners were expecting the greatest military disaster in their history. Yet, in a tactical blunder, Hitler suddenly halted the advance of the German tanks just as they were closing in for the kill. The King of England announced a National Day of Prayer, and thousands flocked to churches. During the nine days of the Dunkirk evacuation, the normally stormy English Channel remained as calm as a millpond—while a storm broke over Flanders, grounding Germany’s Luftwaffe. These unexpected events allowed nearly the whole Allied army of 338,000 irreplaceable soldiers to survive and fight again—an amazing development which British Prime Minister Winston Churchill called a “miracle of deliverance,” when thousands of Englishmen gave the credit to God, as Walter Lord wrote in *The Miracle of Dunkirk* (pp. 272–274).

The British thanked God, and appealed to Him for His intervention. During the Battle of Britain, as German and British planes fought in the skies over Britain and the English Channel, the King declared another National Day of Prayer. Prime Minister Churchill announced on a radio broadcast, “Bearing ourselves humbly before God, *but conscious that we serve an unfolding purpose*, we are ready to defend our native land...” (*We Have a Guardian*, Grant, p. 13). After the Battle of Britain, the commander of the Royal Air Force observed, “I say with absolute conviction, that I can

trace the intervention of God, not only in the battle itself, but in events leading up to it... it was all part of a mighty plan” (Grant, p. 19).

When British troops were massed in Egypt for the Battle of El Alamein, another National Day of Prayer was called in Britain. General Bernard Montgomery, who led the British army at El Alamein, exhorted his troops that, “The soldiers must have faith in God,” and he proclaimed: “Let us pray that the Lord, mighty in battle, will give us the victory” (Grant, pp. 30–31). The British saw the hand of God in how events transpired—not only was German commander Erwin Rommel away in Germany as the battle began, but his temporary replacement General Georg Stumme died of a heart attack on his way to the front. The German Africa Corps later withdrew after suffering heavy losses.

When the Allies landed troops on the Atlantic coast of Morocco, the shores of Sicily and the beaches of Normandy, the hand of God was visible in the remarkable circumstances of these endeavors. For the invasion of North Africa in late 1941, a fleet of 650 ships from America and Britain sailed to Casablanca, *unnoticed* by German planes or submarines, because many of the ships were obscured by “a squall that seemed to be traveling with our ships” (Grant, pp. 31–34, 49). Bad weather had been predicted, which would have made the landings difficult or unsuccessful—yet the Allies’ ships arrived to find a calm, smooth sea! The Allied naval commander termed it “incredible”—and many recognized the hand of God at work.

In July 1943, U.S. General Dwight Eisenhower launched his

invasion of Sicily with a prayer and a comment: “The die is cast, and the events are in the hands of God” (Grant, p. 38). During the night, gale force winds buffeted Allied ships, but the wild weather also caused Italians defending Sicilian shores to discount any signs of enemy activity. By the next morning, however, the sea suddenly calmed in a way that “seemed miraculous” (Grant, p. 39) and Allied troops could easily take the beaches.

Similarly, in July 1944, a temporary break in nearly a month of stormy weather allowed the Allies to mount their D-Day invasion at Normandy on July 6, while the Germans were still caught off guard by the continuing bad weather. On D-Day, Rommel was once again in Berlin—this time celebrating his wife’s birthday. Considering these dramatic events, the soldiers who planned the invasion and the writers who recorded it spoke of “The Miracle of D-Day” (*Daily Telegraph*, April 7, 1947) and observed: “Only the thoughtless can fail to realize how great a part Providence has played in the swift and successful transformation of the great war” (*Daily Mail*, November 14, 1942).

There may be no better example of a sudden turn of events than the Battle of Midway in the Pacific in June 1942. A Japanese task force of four heavy carriers, 80 support ships, and hundreds of technically superior aircraft flown by experienced pilots had begun to attack and bomb the strategic American-held island of Midway. They faced an American force consisting of outdated planes, inexperienced pilots and three older carriers. Waves of American planes attacked Japanese carriers without scoring a hit, and many American squadrons were nearly destroyed by Japanese gunfire. Yet when the Japanese

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Watch and Warn

Are We Running Out of Clean Water?

“Water, water, everywhere, nor any drop to drink.”

More than 200 years ago, the poet Samuel Taylor Coleridge penned those poignant words in his poem *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner*, to describe the plight of sailors adrift in a small boat in the midst of the salty ocean. Shockingly, if current trends continue, increasing millions of people *on land* will soon be joining in this refrain.

“Safe water is essential for health, yet remains one of the most critical problems facing the world today,” says Kenneth Behring of the Global Health and Education Foundation. Behring’s organization recently gave a \$600,000 grant to the Marian Koshland Science Museum of the National Academy of Sciences, for the development of a Web-based resource to educate the world’s decision-makers about what can be done to meet the world’s growing demand for safe drinking water.

“One out of every five people lacks access to clean drinking water. We must create innovative, sustainable approaches that can make a significant impact on the world’s water crisis,” says Behring.

With its grant, the Koshland Science Museum created an exhibit titled “Safe Drinking Water Is Essential.” The exhibit was released on DVD, and the Web site www.drinking-water.org hosts an online version. It surveys a range of strategies and technologies for increasing the quality and quantity of drinkable water worldwide.

International experts agree that humanity is facing a global water crisis, yet all the efforts being expended to solve the problem are no more than “a drop in the ocean.” In this modern age of air travel, water-borne diseases in any part of the world can easily be transmitted to another continent in a matter of hours. In the days of ocean travel, a contagious passenger often became ill and either recovered or died before reaching the ship’s destination, thus slowing or stopping the spread of water-borne infection. Today, however, a traveler can be half way around the world, even before exhibiting any symptoms or actually becoming ill from drinking polluted water, thus endangering populations living far from the source of the infection.

Contaminants are substances that make water unsafe to drink—and sometimes even unfit for bathing. Some contaminants can easily be identified by taste, odor or

appearance. But most cannot be detected without special equipment, so testing is needed to show whether a water source is contaminated. Left unchecked, contaminated water supplies can cause a range of water-related diseases that can take a terrible toll on human health, and often can even cause death!



Ruining Our Water

Some contaminants are organisms like bacteria, viruses, and parasites such as microscopic protozoa. These tiny living entities are spread through contact with human and animal waste. Good sanitation and personal hygiene can help prevent the spread of these organisms.

Other contaminants are the man-made byproducts of industry and agriculture, such as heavy metals like lead and mercury, and toxic chemicals such as pesticides and fertilizers.

Even some naturally occurring elements can contaminate water. Arsenic is present at dangerously high levels in the water supplies of some Asian countries, particularly Bangladesh and India, where more than 100 million people regularly consume water tainted with toxic levels of the contaminant.

Unless it is treated, contaminated water is not safe to drink. Some communities use centralized water treatment facilities, where a wide range of technologies can be used to purify drinking water. In many poorer areas, any treatment must occur at the point of use.

Wealthy nations in the industrialized West have many affordable options for water treatment. But what happens when those nations do not apply the available options? The town of Alamosa, Colorado, found out earlier this year. Last March, salmonella somehow entered the city’s water supply. Within a week of the March 8 discovery, about 250 of the town’s 10,000 residents had become ill, with many of those illnesses confirmed as salmonella poisoning. For several days, even bathing was off-limits. Crews had to flush the city’s waterworks with massive quantities of chlorine to kill the bacteria and restore the city’s access to clean water.

Alamosa is not alone; millions of other Americans must cope with less dramatic—but just as serious—contamination of their water supply. A recent Associated

Press report showed that 41 million Americans receive tap water containing “a vast array of pharmaceuticals” (March 9, 2008). Antibiotics, anticonvulsants, mood stabilizers and sex hormones were found in U.S. water supplies, along with over-the-counter drugs such as acetaminophen and ibuprofen.

Utilities insist that their water is safe, and say only minute traces of these chemicals reach the public, but some scientists are alarmed about the consequences for human health over the long term. Drugs find their way into the water supply when people eliminate the substances through toilets into sanitation systems. After the sewage water is treated, and then is released into reservoirs, rivers or lakes, municipal and private waterworks then treat and pipe it to consumers as potable water. Researchers do not know the precise risk people are facing from decades of exposure to these chemicals, but recent studies have found alarming effects on human cells and on wildlife. “We recognize it is a growing concern and we’re taking it very seriously,” says Benjamin Grumbles, assistant administrator for water at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The U.S. government does not have any regulations for, nor does it require testing of, the amounts of drug residue in the nation’s water supply.

Without treatment, an increasing number of the world’s rivers, lakes and reservoirs are becoming unsafe as sources for drinkable water. A surprising number of water sources are even too dangerous for recreational use. Each year, even in North America, some beaches are closed to swimmers because of toxic water conditions.

No Water To Treat?

Toxic water is a problem, but what can be done when there is no toxic water to treat? Drought is becoming a key factor in the shortage of potable water for the world’s billions. When arid regions become un-farmable, and

then unlivable, populations are forced to move away. These migrations in turn create political problems that can place an unbearable strain on already limited water supplies. One example of this phenomenon is found in the Middle East’s Jordan River Valley, where Syria, Israel, Jordan and the Palestinians are facing the double-consequences of overuse and drought. People in that region are already living on the constant edge of armed conflict—drought and water shortage in this volatile region can only increase the likelihood of all-out war.

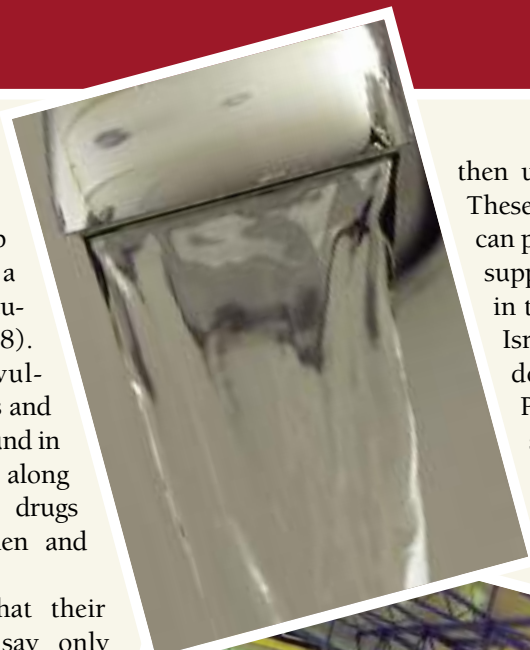
Governments and relief agencies will continue to strive to provide clean water for the world’s growing population. But will they succeed? God’s word warns us of what will occur—sooner than many of us may expect: “I also withheld rain from you, when there were still three months to the harvest. I made it rain on one city; I withheld rain from another city. One part was rained upon, and where it did not rain the part withered. So two or three cities wandered to another city to drink water, but they were not satisfied; yet you have not returned to Me,” says the LORD” (Amos 4:7–8).

To shake sinning mankind out of its complacency, God even now is beginning to withdraw His blessing of ample rain in due season. “Therefore the heavens above you withhold the dew, and the earth withholds its fruit. For I called for a drought on the land and the mountains, on the grain and the new wine and the oil, on whatever the ground brings forth, on men and livestock, and on all the labor of your hands” (Haggai 1:10–11).

Will human beings repent? Individually, yes, many will. You can turn to God and be spared much suffering in the years ahead. But Scripture prophesies that before Jesus Christ returns to rule on the earth, the water that is left will be turned to blood (Revelation 8:8–11; 11:6; 16:3–4).

Why is God allowing all this to happen? What is He trying to accomplish? Request your free copy of our powerful booklet, *Who Controls the Weather?*, to learn more about God’s plan for the world—and how you and your loved ones can stay close to Him and remain protected from the terrible catastrophes yet ahead, including the water calamity that is fast overtaking the world.

—Don Davis



There It Was, Right Behind Me...

In the dark hours of a recent morning, I found myself trying to wake up a bit more as I placed my personal effects into the cubbyhole of our local gym. Only a few other people were there so early in the morning, so I was looking forward to some pleasant and meditative isolation. Or so I thought.

I moved my personal effects to the shelf, and looked up at the security monitor screen, hooked up to a camera pointed right at my back. It was then that I saw it, coming out of nowhere, right behind me.

It was my bald spot.

Okay, maybe it is not yet a full-fledged bald spot. Maybe the grass is just a bit thinner on that patch of the lawn. But sometimes, when I catch a rare glimpse, it looks more like a good place for the kids to dig in the dirt, unobstructed.

Yep, a bald spot.

Not that I mind so much. My grandfathers' hairlines had warned me that this day would come. I have consoled myself with thoughts of decreased hair maintenance, planning all I would do in the extra hours gained each day. But I digress.

It occurred to me that although I have only seen it a couple of times, my wife has seen it often. As have my children, and my neighbors, and anyone else who has recently seen the back of my head.

Then it struck me: here was something that is always with me, but even though others can see it easily, it is almost impossible for me to see without help (angled mirrors, security cameras and the like). I was reminded of a Bible verse. "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked; who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9).

No, we do not all have bald spots. But we all have areas where others can see us better than we can see ourselves. Our own flaws can remain

almost invisible to us. Think of the guy who, when told he has a bad temper, yells in response: "No, I don't!"

How do you react when another person points out some flaw in your character or behavior? We may be quick to say that the other person is "too sensitive" or "doesn't understand" the situation. Sometimes our critics can be wrong. But is there a way—a truly objective way—to know when they are right? Is there a perfect mirror that can help us see the "bald spots" in our lives?

There is! God's word, and His law, can help us see what we normally cannot, as long as we are willing to act on what He shows us. We read: "For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in

it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does" (James 1:23–25). God's word can dispel the illusion cast by our self-deceiving heart, for "the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12).

Maybe you cannot see it, but that does not mean it is not there—just like the little bald spot on my head. Never let your spiritual bald spot catch you off guard! If you would like help in using the wonderful mirror of God's word to show you how to improve your life, please request your free copy of our booklets *The Ten Commandments* and *What Is a True Christian?* With God's help, you may even be able to mend your bald spot!

—Wallace G. Smith



Does God Guide World Affairs? (Continued from page 25)

admiral finally spotted American ships, he ordered his pilots to return to their carriers for more fuel and torpedoes. Then, suddenly—as if out of nowhere—a group of American dive-bombers dropped out of the sky to deliver their bombs onto the wooden flight decks of Japanese carriers littered with bombs, torpedoes and fully fueled airplanes. In just five or six minutes, three heavy carriers—the pride of the Japanese fleet—were ripped by tremendous explosions, engulfed with smoke and flames and headed for the bottom of the Pacific. A fourth carrier soon fell, along with 275 airplanes and 4,000 irreplaceable soldiers—including experienced pilots and one of Japan's brightest commanders who chose to go down with his ship. This sudden, dramatic and unexpected reversal changed the course of the Pacific war in a matter of minutes. "Before Midway, Japan experienced only victory; after the battle, they met a succession of defeats" (Lanning, p. 150).

Many modern writers describe these incidents as amazing bits of luck. However, when viewed as part of a bigger picture, it illustrates how God has repeatedly intervened to guide the outcome of world events to accomplish His purpose.

God's Divine Purpose

Many of the leaders who saw God's repeated and miraculous interventions on their behalf during World War II developed a strong conviction that they were part of a *divine plan* much larger than themselves. Today, however, the children and grandchildren of World War II veterans often find it fashionable to deny divine purpose in their lives.

Most of the people in today's nations that descended from ancient Israel—nations God has blessed and delivered from serious trials—have forgotten vital lessons of their own history. Manasseh and Ephraim—America and Britain, as well as the peoples of Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa—are caught up in a "post-Christian" world where millions not only doubt that God guides world affairs, but even that He exists at all. Other Israelite nations, including France, Holland, Belgium and Scandinavia, have joined their brothers in embracing behaviors and attitudes that the Bible clearly condemns as abominations. The West's libertine lifestyles, violent and sexually explicit films and crass music are exported around the world.

The modern Israelite nations are woefully unaware of Bible prophecies that foretell a dire future for nations that turn away from God. Moses warned the children of Israel, "Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments.... if you despise My statutes, or if your soul abhors My judgments, so that you do not perform all My commandments... I also will do this to you: I will even appoint terror over you, wasting disease and fever.... I will set my face

against you, and you shall be defeated by your enemies... I will break the pride of your power... I will scatter you among the nations and draw out a sword after you; your land shall be desolate and your cities waste... you shall have no power to stand before your enemies. You shall perish among the nations" (Deuteronomy 8:11–20; Leviticus 26:15–17, 19, 33, 37–38).

We have seen how God has intervened in the past. What does the Bible tell us He will do in the future? God warns that He will send the Assyrian (Germany) against the modern nations of Israel (the American and British-descended nations). Scripture reveals that the modern descendants of ancient Israel will stumble—along with the Jewish nation of Israel—and become desolate as a result of their sins (Isaiah 10:5–6; Hosea 5:1–12). This is the sobering future that awaits us, unless we are willing to repent and turn from our God-rejecting ways that deny His laws and His purpose. Just like the ancient Egyptians who experienced the plagues, soon the whole world will be unable to deny that God is real, and that He is working out His purpose here on earth. If we are wise, we should strive now to put ourselves in harmony with that purpose. ■

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What Is Ahead for America? (Continued from page 2)

admitted, upon taking office as Governor, that he and his wife had had extramarital affairs! Most citizens seem to be “going right along” with so many immoral situations in government—and, in fact, *throughout our entire society*. For because of the constant drumbeat of the media—promoting fornication, adultery, homosexuality and other perversions that encourage a loose standard of living—such behaviors are becoming pretty much “standard” in our supposedly “Christian” nation!

We must quit kidding ourselves!

If the God of the Bible is real—and *He is!*—He will not bless such an immoral nation much longer! “Western democracy” is no longer producing the kinds of leaders that it once did, and our leaders are being overwhelmed with catastrophes they will be increasingly unable to manage, which will greatly weaken the prestige and power of the U.S. and the British-descended nations. A loving God will use these catastrophes to **shake** people into an awareness of how vulnerable they are. For the peoples of America and its British-descended allies are destined to be *brought down*—to be truly **humbled** by national tribulation *beyond anything they have ever experienced!*

The Eternal God tells us, “Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets. A lion has roared! Who will not fear? The Lord GOD has spoken! Who can but prophesy?” (Amos 3:7–8). We in this Work of the living God have for many years been telling you *exactly* what will happen! Many of you realize that. But do you realize how the prophesied end-time events are now seeming to speed up—affecting our daily lives, our standard of living, our government and our sense of security in ways they never have before?

So, then, *what* really is just ahead for America?

Within the lifetimes of most of you reading this magazine, the real Jesus Christ of the Bible will return to sit on a throne in Jerusalem and rule this entire world! The Bible speaks of this clearly from one end to the other—though most professing Christians have never been taught about it. Christ will be the “King of kings and Lord of lords”—ruling *right here on this earth*, guided and empowered by Almighty God the Father (Revelation 19:15–16).

At that time, what will Christ’s **government** actually be like, and what will today’s true Christians—*true saints* of God—be doing? Will they be off in heaven *doing nothing*, or idly playing on harps?

Your Bible says: “**No!**”

Rather, God’s word clearly describes the genuine government to be set up on this earth, and the part you readers may then be playing in it—if you become a genuine Christian and “overcomer” with God. The Apostle Paul was inspired to write: “Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?” (1 Corinthians 6:2–3). Paul then went on to explain how the Christians in Corinth were supposed to learn to *practice God’s government* in the Church by correctly “judging” problems among themselves. We who are truly Christian must learn and practice the *correct form of government*—for *that* kind of government will soon be ruling this entire earth! Will it be a “democracy”? No! From Genesis to Revelation, Scripture shows that positions in God’s government have always been filled *by appointment*—not by politicking or making deceptive promises to “buy” votes.

Jesus promised, “And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—‘He shall rule them with a rod of iron; they shall be dashed to pieces like the potter’s vessels’—as I also have received from My Father” (Revelation 2:26–27). So, we who are willing to obey our Creator must learn to overcome our human selfishness, and through God’s Spirit learn to **practice** God’s government *right now!*

May we begin to *yearn* for God’s truly *fair* and **loving** form of government, which will bring genuine peace and prosperity to every human being on this earth! And may each of us do our part to prepare to be *in* that government and fulfill the purpose for which God is calling true Christians at this time.

Christ’s Kingdom—*His government*—is coming soon. **That** is what is just ahead for America, and for a very confused and suffering world. May God speed that day!



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SA, Adelaide: Access—Ch 31, SUN 11:30 am; THUR 8:30 pm
VIC, Melbourne: MCTC—Ch 31, SUN 11:30 pm
WA, Perth: Access 31—Ch 31, SUN 9:30 am

—BARBADOS

St. Michael: CBC—Ch 8, SUN 9:30 am

—JAMAICA

Kingston: TVJ—Ch 7, 9, 11 & 13, SUN 7:00 am

—NEW ZEALAND

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AL, Troy/Montgomery: WRJM—Ch 67, SUN 6:30 am
AR, Fayetteville: KNWA—Ch 51, SUN 6:30 am
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AR, Fort Smith: KFTA—Ch 24, SUN 6:30 am
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AZ, Lake Havasu City: KLUH—Ch 45, SUN 10:30 am
AZ, Phoenix: KAZT—Multi, SUN 11:30 am
AZ, Prescott: Cable—Ch 13, SAT 5:30 pm; SUN 12:30 pm
AZ, Tucson: Access—Ch 73/98, SAT 12:30 pm; SUN 7:00 pm
CA, Chatsworth: Time Warner—Ch 34, SUN 9:00 pm
CA, Eureka: Sudden Link Cable—Ch 12, SUN 8:00 pm
CA, Garden Grove: Time Warner—Ch 6, SUN 9:30 am & 6:30 pm
CA, Glendora: Adelphia—Ch 3/99, TUE 7:00 pm
CA, Livermore: Comcast—Ch 26, THUR 2:30 pm
CA, Modesto: Community Media—Ch 8, TUE 5:00 pm; FRI 1:30 pm
CA, North Orange County: Time Warner—Ch 95/97/98 SUN 3:30 pm
CA, Redding: RCAC—Ch 11, SUN 8:30 am
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CA, San Diego: Cox—Ch 18 & 23, THUR 6:00 pm
CA, San Diego: Cox Media—Ch 4, SUN 8:30 am
CA, San Diego: Time Warner—Ch 19, SUN 6:00 pm
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CA, San Jose: Community TV—Ch 15A, SAT 11:30 pm
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CT, Naugatuck: Tele-Media—Ch 10, TUE 9:30 pm
FL, Davie: Comcast—Ch 76, SUN 8:00 am
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FL, Gainesville: Cox—Ch 55, SUN 10:00 am
FL, Hialeah/Coral Gables: Comcast—Ch 19, SUN 7:30 pm
FL, Jacksonville: WTEV—Ch 47, SUN 7:00 am
FL, Key West: Comcast—Ch 19, SUN 8:30 am
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FL, Miramar: Comcast—Ch 19&76 SUN 7:30 am
FL, North Dade: Comcast—Ch 19, SUN 7:30 am
FL, Ocala: Cox—Ch 71, SUN 10:00 am
FL, Panama City: GBN—Multi, THUR 8:30 pm; FRI 1:30 pm; SAT 10:00 pm; SUN 1:30 am, MON 11:00 am, TUE 7:30 pm, WED 4:00 am
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FL, South Broward: Comcast—Ch 79, SUN 8:00 am
FL, Tallahassee: WITWC—Ch 40, SUN 7:30 am
FL, Tampa: WTTA—Ch 38, SUN 8:00 am
GA, Atlanta: PTV—Ch 24, TUE 4:30 pm
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LA, Baton Rouge: KZUP—Ch 44, SUN 8:00 am
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LA, New Orleans: WHNO—Ch 20, SUN 8:30 am
LA, Shreveport: KSHV—Ch 45, SUN 8:30 am
MA, Boston: WBXP—Ch 68, WED 7:00 am
MA, Cambridge: CCTV—Ch 22, FRI 11:00 am; SUN 3:00 pm, WED 9:00 am
MA, Everett: Community TV—Ch 3, TUE 1:00 pm
MA, Malden: Access TV—Ch 3, SUN 11:00 am
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MD, Baltimore: Community Media—Ch 75, SUN 9:00 am
MD, Rockville: Community TV—Ch 19, SAT 5:30 pm
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ME, Auburn: GFTV—Ch 11, SAT 9:00 am; SUN 8:00 pm
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MI, Kalamazoo: CACTV—Ch 9, 20-22, 95, SUN 11:30 am; MON, WED, FRI 5:00 pm
MI, Portage: Access—Ch 19, 20, FRI 10:30 am, TUE 2:00 pm
MI, Saginaw: Charter Media—Ch 16, THUR 2:00 pm
MI, Traverse City: CTCV2—Ch 2, SUN 5:30 pm
MI, 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: HCYN—Ch 10, FRI 4:00 pm; TUE 4:00 pm
MN, Minneapolis: Metro Cable—Ch 6, SAT 8:30 am, SUN 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
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MO, Joplin: KOAM—Ch 7, SUN 7:00 am
MO, Kansas City: KCWE—Ch 29, SUN 8:00 am
MO, Kansas City: Time Warner—Ch 4, SUN 10:00 pm
MO, Springfield: KSPN—Ch 33, SUN 8:30 am
MO, St. Louis: Double Helix—Ch 22, MON 4:00 pm
MO, St. Louis: WRBU—Ch 46, SUN 7:30 am
MS, Jackson: Time Warner—Ch 18, SUN 10:00 am; WED 4:00 pm
MS, Jackson: WAPT—Ch 16, SUN 8:30 am
NC, Burlington: Time Warner—Ch 5/10, SUN 9:00 pm
NC, Charlotte: WAXN—Ch 64, SUN 7:00 am
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NC, Greensboro: GCCTV—Ch 8, SAT 7:30 am; SUN 10:30 pm
NC, Wilmington: Time Warner—Ch 4, MON 10:00 pm
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NH, Audubon: Comcast—Ch 2, WED 6:30 pm
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NJ, Trenton: Comcast—Ch 16, MON 11:00 pm
NJ, Union: Comcast—Ch 27/81/93, SAT 5:00 pm; SUN 6:00 pm
NM, Albuquerque: CCC27—Ch 27, SUN 6:30 pm
NM, Rio Rancho: Cable One—Ch 51, THUR 7:00 pm
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NV, Gardnerville: Community Access—Ch 16, SAT 4:30 am & 4:30 pm; SUN 4:30 am & 4:30 pm
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NY, Albany/Troy: Time Warner—Ch 18, THUR 5:00 pm
NY, Amsterdam: Public Access—Ch 16, TUE 6:00 pm
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NY, Binghamton: Time Warner—Ch 4, FRI 5:00 pm
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NY, Rockland County: Cablevision—Ch 76, SAT 12:30 pm

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NY, Syracuse: Community Access—Ch 98, SUN 7:30 pm
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OH, Centerville: MVCC—Ch 23, FRI 2:30 pm
OH, Cincinnati: Time Warner—Ch 8 & 24, TUE 1:00 pm; THUR 8:30 am; SUN 7:00 pm
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TN, Knoxville: WVLR—Ch 48, SUN 7:30 am
TN, La Follette: WLAF—Ch 12, WED 6:00 pm
TN, Memphis: WPTY—Ch 24, SAT 6:30 am
TN, Nashville: WZTV—Ch 17, SUN 6:30 am
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TX, Midland: KMID—Ch 2, SUN 9:00 am
TX, Temple: KPLE—Ch 31/45, SUN 7:30 pm
TX, Tyler: KLTU—Ch 7, SUN 6:30 am
TX, Waco: KWYK—Ch 44, SUN 7:00 am
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VA, Norfolk: WSKY—Ch 4, SUN 9:00 am
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VT, Bennington: CAT—Ch 15, WED 9:30 am & 12:00 am; THUR 12:00 am & 9:30 pm; SAT 8:00 am & 4:30 pm
VT, Burlington: Community Access—Ch 15, THUR 11:30 am & FRI 12:00 pm
VT, Montpelier: Community Access—Ch 15, SUN 9:30 am
VT, Richmond: Community TV—Ch 15, SUN 6:00 am, 9:00 am, 12:30 pm, 7:00 pm; MON 7:00 am, 1:00 pm
VT, Springfield: SABA TV—Ch 8, THUR 10:00 pm; MON 12:00 pm
WA, Everett: Comcast—Ch 77, WED 4:30 pm
WA, Kennewick: Charter—Ch 13/99, SUN 8:00 pm; TUE 8:00 pm
WA, Seattle: Community Access—Ch 29, SAT 9:30 am
WA, Vancouver: FVCT—Ch 11, SUN 8:30 am
WI, Wausau: Charter—Ch 10, THUR 9:00 pm; FRI 7:30 am
WV, Charleston: WLXP—Ch 29, TUE 7:00 am
WY, Casper: KTWO—Ch 2, SUN 10:00 am
WY, Cheyenne: KLWY—Ch 27, SUN 10:00 am

■ Nationwide Cable

WGN—SUN 6:00 am ET
 WORD—FRI 1:30 am ET

■ DirecTV

WGN—CH 307, SUN 6:00 am ET
 WORD—CH 373, FRI 1:30 am ET

■ Canada

VISION—SUN 5:30 pm ET; MON 1:30 am;
 MON—FRI 3:00 am ET
 ON, Toronto: *The Christian Channel*—Cable,
 SUN 4:00 pm ET, WED 12:00 ET

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WGN: SUN 6:00 am ET

WORD: FRI 1:30 am ET

VISION, CANADA: SUN 5:30 pm ET; MON 1:30 am ET;
MON-FRI 3:00 am ET

NEW U.S.A./CANADA SUPERSTATION:

BET: MON 3:00 am ET & PT

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Airs May 29-June 4

God created you for an amazing purpose. Do you know what it is?

The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse

Airs June 5-11

Can you understand the prophecies in this mysterious book?

The Bible: Great Mysteries Revealed

Airs June 12-18

What does the Bible mean to your life? You need to know!

When Will Christ Return?

Airs June 19-25

Will Jesus return tonight? Will He come anytime soon?