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destroy itself? The Bible reveals that there will be a "World War

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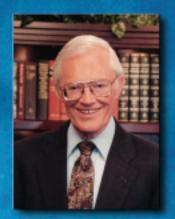
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## Personal

## By Roderick G. Meredith, Editor in Chief

## Two Contradictory Views

Most of you subscribers sincerely want to learn about the ways of God—and how to serve the true God and His Son, Jesus Christ. Otherwise, you probably would not be reading this magazine.

There was a time when *many* would argue about differences in religious doctrines and practices. People generally recognized that *huge differences* exist between the various churches and religious organizations. They were willing to *study* the Bible and try to find out what it actually said. But in recent years, it seems, most just assume that we are "all the same," and that it really does not make much difference what we believe. Instead, people have "nice warm squishy" feelings about God. They try to find a church that is friendly and has lots of activities, youth programs and good music—and they leave the doctrinal discussions to the preachers.

Yet your Bible commands you to "prove all things; hold fast what is good" (1 Thessalonians 5:21, *KJV*). The Berean Christians were commended because "they received the word with all readiness of mind, and *searched the Scriptures* daily to find out whether these things were so" (Acts 17:11).

Have *you* honestly "searched the Scriptures" to be fully sure that your religious beliefs are correct? Have you put forth the mental effort to thoroughly **prove** the religious doctrines you believe?

It is vitally important to realize that, even among professing Christians, there are a number of absolutely *contradictory views* about God, about the teaching of Jesus Christ and about the entire **purpose** of human existence! Roman Catholics, for instance, have an entirely *different* view from most Protestants regarding the authority of the Bible, the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ and even the nature of God.

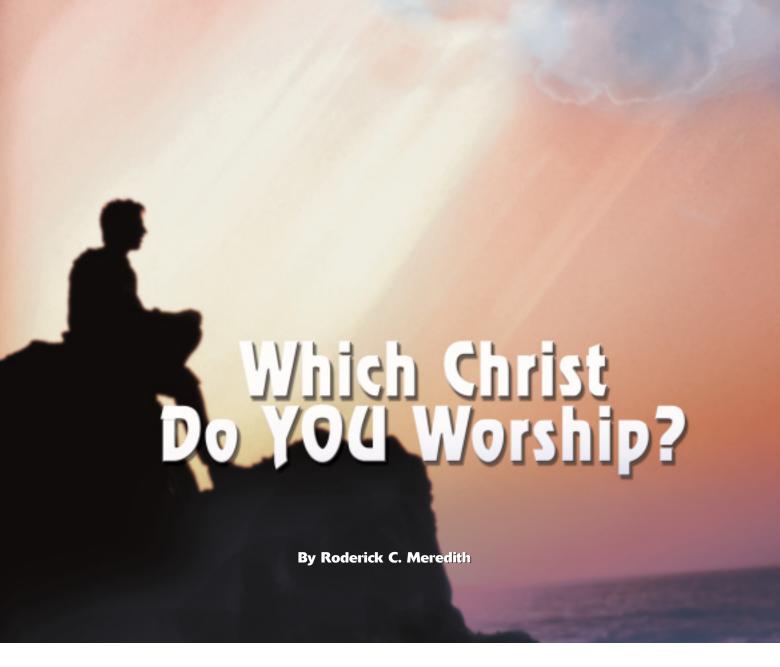
In visiting a number of Catholic churches as a tourist over the years, I have noticed many people on their knees before statues of the Virgin Mary and other "saints"—praying their hearts out to these statues. Many evangelical Protestants say that they would *never* pray before such a statue, picture or idol. Their idea is that Christians need only to "invite Jesus into your life today, and your search will be over. Jesus will do everything for you, and there is nothing more you need to do. Accept Jesus now and, no matter what happens later, you will go to heaven when you die."

"What's wrong with that?" you might ask. Well, for starters, the common "mainstream" concept of "heaven" is totally false and totally contrary to God's Plan. The Bible never describes heaven as the eternal reward of the saved. It speaks of the "kingdom of heaven"—not a kingdom up in heaven. It describes that God is preparing our reward in heaven, but never says that we will go there to get that reward! Rather, as Jesus said: "Behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work" (Revelation 22:12).

Does Jesus Christ, the Son of God, know about heaven? *Of course!* And He said: "No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven" (John 3:13). Where does this leave Abraham, the "father of the faithful"? And where does it leave David, "a man after God's heart"?

The very real *danger* of this "floating off to heaven" idea is that it *directly contradicts* Christ's clear and consistent teaching that Christians are to be "overcomers" preparing to assist Him in ruling this entire earth! Jesus said: "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).

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s the *end* of this present age approaches, it is absolutely vital that you and your loved ones are in tune with the God of Creation. He is the *only* One who can truly protect you and guide you through the traumatic years just ahead. Your friends, your family and others may be very helpful and wish you well—but *only* the great Creator God who inspired the Bible can protect you from the holocaust that lies just ahead. So it is absolutely *vital* that you learn the full *Truth* of the way of God.

Most of you reading this really want to worship the God of creation. You want to honor Jesus Christ and serve Him in the way He says. But you may have been *seriously misled by others*, who have taught you wrongly how to seek and serve God. Do you have the intellectual and spiritual honesty—and the courage—to consider this objectively?

Millions of sincere professing Christians simply *do not realize* that they are believing and practicing ideas and traditions that are in *total contradiction* to what Jesus Christ taught and practiced. Unwittingly, no doubt, most of you now reading this are in that condition.

The Bible itself—if you will let the Bible interpret the Bible—makes this very clear. Are you, personally, willing to let the Bible tell you about the condition of this world even the religious condition of many who claim to follow Jesus Christ? God inspired the Apostle Paul to warn us about Satan the Devil—the "serpent" who deceived Eve and led mankind off from God at the very beginning: "But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it" (2 Corinthians 11:3-4).

Today, there are all kinds of approaches to purported "Christianity," ranging all the way from "New Age" thinking, to Roman Catholicism, to hyperemotional "charismatic" groups. Although all may use the term "Jesus" in their worship, they often have totally different understandings of what Jesus actually stood for and what He taught. Each, in one sense, is worshiping a "different" Jesus Christ. Each is preaching a "different gospel." Each will often follow human traditions and ideas rather than the clear instructions of Almighty God in His inspired Word.

Jesus spoke of this situation when He rebuked the Pharisees for their emphasis on human tradition as opposed to the law of God. Describing how their tradition caused them not to honor their father and mother as God commanded, Jesus said: "thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your

tradition. Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophecy about you, saying: 'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men" (Matthew 15:6-9).

Most of these Pharisees were presumably sincere. They thought they were worshiping the God of the Old Testament—who actually was standing right in front of them as Jesus Christ, the "Word," now come in the human flesh! But they were worshiping Him "in vain" because of following the "traditions and the commandments of men." Therefore, according to Jesus Christ Himself, it is possible to worship Him in vain!

#### **Sincerity Is NOT Enough**

Some will object: "But aren't all 'sincere' Christians going to have the same opportunity for eternal life?" What did the Christ of your Bible actually say? "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!" (Matthew 7:21-23).

Notice that some people who call Jesus their "Lord" will not be granted entrance into Kingdom of God because—perhaps misled or deceived—they are practicing "lawlessness"! Many have been misled into focusing only on the Person of Jesus Christ, and not on understanding what He really taught, and on obeying the laws of God as He constantly commanded that all Christians must do!

Believe me, my friends, I understand! I grew up in a "mainstream" Protestant church and was president of my Sunday School class. I regularly worshiped on Sunday, observed Christmas and Easter and enjoyed the "family associations" connected with many of these practices.

Years later, however, I came to realize that the Bible clearly means what it says when it tells us about "the Devil and Satan, who whole world" deceives the (Revelation 12:9). I found that the Apostle Paul warned the Corinthians: "But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them" (2 Corinthians 4:3-4).

Upon deep reflection, and through hours of prayer and study, I came to understandaccording to hundreds of clear passages in the Bible—that I had been deceived!

Do these scriptures indicating that the "whole world" deceived mean "all except you"? Has Satan cleverly misled countless millions—but somehow excluded you and your family from this massive deception?

Please consider this!

It is significant that scores of scholars acknowledge that mainstream "Christianity" today has gone completely away from the foundational teachings of Jesus Christ and the early Apostlesand established an entirely different way of life that they still call "Christian." Renowned scholars

and leading Christian historians acknowledge the profound change that came about. Notice this striking quotation from The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire—long recognized as the landmark history of this period. Edward Gibbon writes: "The first fifteen bishops of Jerusalem were all circumcised Jews; and the congregation over which they presided united the laws of Moses with the doctrine of Christ" (vol. 1, p. 389). This is a truly remarkable statement! For it clearly indicates that many generations passed during which the Apostles and other Christian leaders were guided—by the living Jesus Christ (Matthew 28:20)—to continue observing God's law and emphasizing it as a way of life.

Gibbon continues: "It was natural that the primitive tradition of a church which was founded only forty days after the death of Christ, and was governed almost as many years under the immediate inspection of his apostle, should be received as the standard of orthodoxy. The distant churches very frequently appealed to the authority of their venerable Parent and relieved her distresses by a liberal contribution of alms" (Gibbon, p. 389). Again, Gibbon shows that the Jerusalem Church of God was the "parent" and was respected as the "standard" of orthodoxy in early Christianity for a number of generations.

It was **not** Rome, but *Jerusalem*, to which the early Christians looked for leadership!

If we are honest, we ought to ask ourselves, *who* was given authority to **change** the teachings of Christ, and of the original Apostles who were guided by God's Spirit to teach true Christians this way of life?

#### **HOW** the Apostasy Began

Gibbon observes: "The Jewish converts, or, as they were afterwards called, the Nazarenes, who had laid the foundations of the church, soon found themselves overwhelmed by the increasing multitudes that from all the various religions of polytheism enlisted under the banner of Christ" (*ibid*.). Gibbon explains that as the polytheistic Gentiles took over the "name" of

### The "Test" Commandment

God's inspired Word reveals that Jesus is the "light" of the world: "In Him was life, and the life was the **light** of men" (John 1:4). Over and over, we are told to *follow Christ's* **example** (1 Peter 2:21). Near the end of the New Testament Era, His disciple, the beloved Apostle John, wrote that "whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked" (1 John 2:5–6).

The above passage tells us that a follower of Christ "ought himself also to walk just as He walked." What, then, was *Christ's example*? What was it about the basic **way of life** Jesus Christ taught that ought to capture our special attention?

Jesus plainly lived by **all** of God's Ten Commandments, including regular observance of the *seventh day Sabbath*. Jesus Christ and *all* the original Apostles **always** kept the Sabbath and **never** taught that it was done away! As George Price Fisher, professor of Ecclesiastical History at Yale University, wrote: "The Jewish Christians at first frequented the synagogues. They continued to observe the festivals appointed in the law, and only by degrees connected with them Christian ideas and facts. They kept the Sabbath on Saturday" (*History of the Christian Church*, p. 40).

Jesus said: "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath" (Mark 2:27–28). The Bible clearly reveals that the Sabbath was made long before there was a Jew to keep it! For the Creator sanctified the Sabbath as a day of rest and worship for all mankind. It was created immediately after the creation of man: "Thus the heavens and the earth, and all the host of them, were finished. And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made" (Genesis 2:1–3).

Note that God blessed and sanctified "the seventh day" **not** just any day in seven! Today's "mainstream" churches admit this, even while "keeping" Sunday. As prominent Roman Catholic prelate James Cardinal Gibbon wrote: "You may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and you will not find a single line authorizing the

Christianity, it somehow was changed and taken completely away from the foundation that Christ and the original Apostles had established!

In his widely published and highly respected manual on church history, Jesse Lyman Hurlbut tells us: "For fifty years after St. Paul's life a curtain hangs over the church, through which we strive vainly to look; and when at last it rises, about 120 A.D. with the writings of the earliest churchfathers, we find a church in many aspects very different from that in the days of St. Peter and St. Paul" (Story of the Christian Church, p. 41).

The professing Christian church—under the guidance

of the early "Catholic Fathers" during the Dark Ages-became very different because it completely forsook the foundational



First-century Christians looked to Jerusalem for leadership. ©Photos.com

teachings of Jesus and the original Apostles. It forsook the clear emphasis on obeying the Ten Commandments as a way of life. Then the Protestant reformers came along and, perhaps unwittingly, followed this same approach of abandoning the authority of the Ten

> Commandments in Christian lives. History shows that a great deal of anti-Semitism arose, and that the very laws given by the hand of God came to be regarded as "Jewish" and "unnecessary" for Christians to follow.

With this perspective, notice carefully one of the foundational passages of the entire Bible in the "Sermon on the Mount." Jesus said: "Do not think that I came to destroy

the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or

sanctification of Sunday. The Scriptures enforce the religious observance of Saturday, a day which we never sanctify" (in Faith of Our Fathers, 1876).

Many sincere Christians forget that God made the observance of the true Sabbath a special identifying "sign" between Him and His people. Any church or any nation that—knowingly or unknowingly—rejects this identifying "sign" will lose its understanding of who the true God is, and lose sight of the authority, the power and the reality of the eternal God who created and now sustains the heavens and the earth!

God told our spiritual ancestors, the children of Israel: "Surely my Sabbaths you shall keep, for it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the LORD who sanctifies you" (Exodus 31:13). When polytheistic Gentiles all over the world were observing the venerable "Day of the Sun"—Sunday—God told His people to observe the seventh day as a memorial of creation. It became a "sign" between God and His people. It identifies the true God as Creator. It identifies those who keep this "sign" as His people—a people separate from the world.

God's Word tells us that even the Gentiles were to be blessed if they kept God's holy Sabbath. "Also the sons of the foreigner who join themselves to the LORD, to serve Him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be His servants—everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, and holds fast My covenant—even them I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations" (Isaiah 56:6-7). Isaiah was inspired to tell us that during the soon-coming 1,000-year reign of Christ on earth, everyone will be keeping God's Sabbath: "And it shall come to pass that from one New Moon to another, and from one Sabbath to another, all flesh shall come to worship before Me, says the LORD" (Isaiah 66:23).

Sadly, in our modern, paganized society, the Sabbath is usually looked on as difficult to keep. It has become a test of one's willingness to truly surrender oneself to live by every word of God. So it is that only a few million Jews and Christian Sabbath keepers even attempt to keep the biblical Sabbath in our modern society. But Jesus—the "light of the world"—set us the example in observing the Sabbath, as did all His Apostles and followers for many decades after His death. Who gave others the authority to change this divine command?

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one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:17–19). Even the "least" of the Commandments must be obeyed—according to *Jesus Christ*—for one to be considered great in *God's eyes*!

It is clear that Jesus was talking here about the Ten Commandments. For throughout the rest of this passage, Jesus is discussing the great *spiritual* law of God, the Ten Commandments. He refers to murder—prohibited in the sixth commandment. Then, He discusses "hate" which often *leads* to murder. And in verses 27–28, Jesus refers directly to the seventh commandment: "Thou shall not commit adul-

tery." In verses 28–32, He describes how Christians must avoid breaking even the *spirit* of the law by lusting after someone.

When we allow the "Bible to interpret the Bible," it is clear that Jesus Christ is making the Ten Commandments even more binding on New Testament Christians than they had been in the past. For Christians are to fully surrender their lives to Christ so that He will live within us through the power of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 2:20). When a young man asked Jesus, "What good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?" Jesus replied: "If you want to enter into life, keep the commandments" (Matthew 19:16-17). Then Jesus proceeded to name some of the Ten Commandments!

Contrary to the theological arguments and convoluted reasonings of so many Bible commentaries, Jesus was **not** talking about the "ceremonial" or "ritual" laws

of Moses. He was talking about His true followers obeying the great *spiritual* law of God, the Ten Commandments. This was the law—and the only law—that God spoke with His own voice from the top of Mount Sinai. "These words the LORD spoke to all your assembly, in the mountain from the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness, with a loud voice; and *He added* no more. And He wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me" (Deuteronomy 5:22).

God even directed that those tablets be placed inside the ark of the covenant—the very representation of His glorious throne in heaven, the "holy of holies." *No other law* or instruction was placed in this sacred context! The Ten Commandments are **not** merely "moral" law, as some misguided scholars teach. They are the direct, "handwritten" **spiritual** law of the great Creator of

### Mankind's BLINDNESS

Satan the Devil often cleverly deceives men to base their reasoning on **faulty assumptions**. Once these assumptions are accepted, everything else seems to fall into place. If you read the typical commentaries or theological treatises, you will quickly discover that most professing Christian scholars try to equate the Ten Commandments with the *ceremonial* laws of ancient Israel—or perhaps even the *civil* laws of that nation.

How blind these "scholars" are! For the Ten Commandments were a totally separate spiritual law given by the very hand of God. The other laws of ancient Israel were generally referred to as statutes, judgments or ordinances. These additional laws—given to the physical nation of ancient Israel—were never placed inside the ark. They were never considered on the same plane as the Ten Commandments. These statutes, judgments and ordinances were plainly not the commandments to which Jesus referred when He told the earnest young man: "if you want to enter into life, keep the Commandments."

"But," many of you will wonder, "don't **all** the churches teach that we should obey the Ten Commandments?" That is *another false assumption*!

The *truth* of the matter is that the vast majority of churches and professing Christian ministers teach that the Ten Commandments are not required as a standard of behavior for Christians to follow, although they may be a good "moral guide." If you doubt this, just ask your minister. And the comparatively few churches that *really claim* to teach and follow the Ten Commandments have an extremely difficult time explaining how they can do so while "watering down" the first, second, seventh and tenth commandments—and completely *abrogating* the fourth.

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heaven and earth! Why, then, do so many professing Christian ministers and writers insist that they are somehow "done away" or no longer necessary?

## The Original Christianity of Christ

If you were able to "look in on" the worship and practice of Christ Himself and the original Christian church, you would find a group of dedicated people who really tried to follow Jesus' command: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God" (Luke 4:4). Instead of keeping the "Day of the Sun," Jesus and His followers would be keeping the true Sabbath, which God gave for all mankind. For this day points to God as the Creator, setting Him apart from all the "gods" men have imagined through the ages. Jesus and His followers kept, and keep, the biblical Holy Days that picture the great Plan of God. These days were continually observed not only by Christ but also by all of the Apostles. We find references to this in Jesus' observance of the Feast of Tabernacles (John 7:1–14), and in His observance of the Passover (Mark 14:14). Remember that the Holy Spirit itself was given to the early Christians on another of God's Holy Days, the day of Pentecost (Acts 2), which the Christian Church and the Apostle Paul himself observed regularly (Acts 20:16; 1 Corinthians 16:8).

Clearly, the early Christians all based their lives on following the great spiritual law of God—the Ten Commandments. They tried to "live by every word of God." They did not just talk sentimentally about Jesus Christ's *Person*; they

also revered His *message*. When they said, "The *Lord* Jesus Christ," they recognized that the word "Lord" means "Boss"—the One you should *obey*! Jesus reminded them of this vital relationship in many passages including Luke 6:46: "But why do you call Me

covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God" (1 Corinthians 6:9–10).

The real Christianity of Christ is a way of life! It consists of one's total surrender to God, of accepting the Jesus Christ of the Bible as

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'Lord, Lord,' and **not** do the things which I say?"

Magnifying God's law in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said: "But I say to you that whoever divorces his wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who is divorced commits adultery" (Matthew 5:32). Today, however, millions of professing Christians divorce for almost any reason! Millions of churchgoers regularly lie, cheat, commit adultery and are integral parts of our modern society with its hedonism, violence and lust, and its acceptance of almost every perverted form of behavior known to man!

The Apostle Paul was inspired to warn us: "Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites. nor thieves, nor

Savior and as Master—and of yielding oneself to Him to live His life within us through the power of the Holy Spirit. God's Word tells us: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). So Jesus will live within us today the same kind of obedient life He lived in the human flesh almost 2,000 years ago.

The Apostle Paul wrote: "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but *Christ liveth in me*: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Galatians 2:20, *KJV*). The true Christ of the Bible will live within us *if* we truly

#### To Learn More...



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surrender and accept Him as both Savior and Lord. Then, it is not the physical person who is keeping God's commandments in his own strength; it is the living Jesus Christ within us! As Paul wrote: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

Probably within this generation, the Christ of the Bible will return as King (Revelation 11:15). His true saints are described in this way: "Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus" (Revelation 14:12).

In this soon-coming government of God on earth, there will be no more "reasonings" and arguments about whether we should obey God's eternal, spiritual law, the Ten Commandments. They will be the very foundation of the entire culture and way of life. There will be no more war. Society will shun pornography, perversion and illicit drugs. Poverty and disease will virtually disappear. Divorce will be rare—for almost all people will have the genuine fear of God and want to honor Him in every phase of their lives. And there will be an outward, radiant joy and a constant inner teach and put into practice on this earth when He returns as King of kings. Will you now begin to seek and to obey this Jesus Christ—the Jesus Christ of your

You now have the opportunity to prepare yourself to be a "pioneer"—a teacher and leader under Christ in His soon-coming Kingdom. But you must truly surrender to let Him live His holy and obedient life within you through the Holy Spirit. You must genuinely study and "feed on" His Word with a renewed awareness of what it is all about. You must *pray* to God continually and ask for the

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Having been genuinely obedient to God's laws in this present deceived world, these "overcomers" will then join Christ in ruling over nations here on earth (Revelation 5:10). God's word tells us: "Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills: and all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, 'Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore" (Isaiah 2:2-4).

peace of mind beyond anything most human beings have ever experienced.

The veil of spiritual blindness will be stripped away from all peoples and all nations at last: "And He will destroy on this mountain the surface of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations. He will

swallow up death forever, and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces: the rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; for the Lord has spoken" (Isaiah 25:7-8).

This is the Christianity that the true **Jesus Christ will** 

spiritual strength and guidance you will need. You must then "grow in grace and in knowledge" and let the Father and Jesus Christ increasingly put their divine nature within you so that you may live and reign with them forever.

May God grant you the understanding and the courage to do just that.

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# Questions Answers

I have heard the Fourth Commandment (Exodus 20:8–11) described as the "test" commandment. What does this mean for Christians?

To succeed in school, students learn to follow their teachers' instructions, and learn their lessons carefully. But few realize that God is testing us in a special way every week. Are we following our Teacher's instructions (Matthew 19:17) and absorbing His lessons for us?

God's Word tells us that He rested on the *seventh* day of creation week (Genesis 2:1–3; Exodus 20:11). He created or "made" (Mark 2:27) the first day of rest by resting, while He made all else by working. He did not need to rest because He was tired (Isaiah 40:28); He is Spirit, and never tires. By resting on the seventh day of the creation week (from sunset Friday to sunset Saturday), God *set the example* for Adam and his descendants to follow.

The One who became Jesus Christ (John 1:1-5, 10–14) is the One who ceased from His labor of creation (Colossians 1:13–16; Mark 2:28). Jesus made it clear that the seventh day was made *for mankind* (Mark 2:27; Exodus 20:8–10). God intended the weekly "Sabbath" (this word means *rest* in Hebrew) to be a refreshing blessing for mankind (Deuteronomy 5:14; Exodus 23:12). God knew that human beings would need periodic rest and change from work.

But the purpose for keeping God's Sabbath goes far beyond simply resting on that day. We need that time each week to have close spiritual contact with God through prayer, Bible study and fellowship with other believers.

God's Sabbath is not to be treated lightly or forgotten. We are commanded: "Remember the Sabbath day" (Exodus 20:8). It is a memorial of God's restoration of the earth and the creation of man, reminding us who the Creator is.

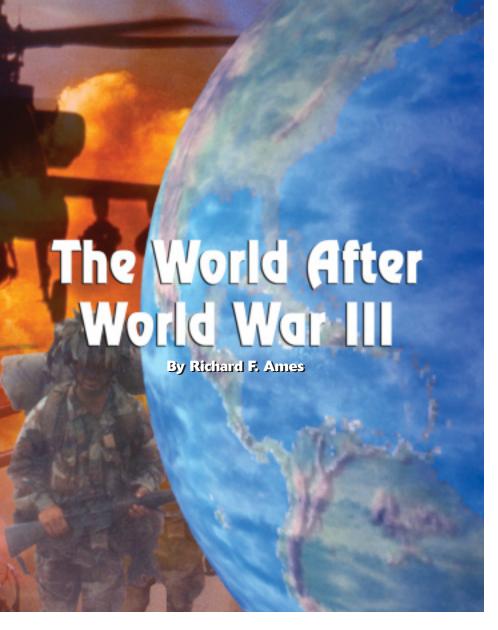
How is keeping the weekly Sabbath a "test"? It is a *test of our obedience to God!* Real *belief* in God means active *obedience* (Acts 5:29, 32; Romans 16:25–26). Those who *really* believe God will keep His Sabbath! Sabbath-keeping was a "test" to see if the ancient Israelites would obey God (Exodus 16:4–5, 22–23), even before He revealed all Ten Commandments to them in codified form (Exodus 20:1–17).

Observing the Sabbath day was also to be a special sign of identification between God and His people (31:13, 16–17). God wanted ancient Israel to remember that He is Creator, Sustainer and Supreme Ruler over all His creation, so He singled out Sabbath observance as the one great sign by which they would always be reminded of who He is and who they were—His chosen people.

Many professing Christians are willing to acknowledge that the other nine commandments should be kept in some way today, but reject and refuse to literally obey just one commandment: the fourth! So we see that the Sabbath command is a crucial test of obedience, for it identifies those who have surrendered to God and are striving to obey all of His commandments.

Jesus regularly attended religious services on the Sabbath day "as His custom was" (Luke 4:16, 31). He obeyed His own command to meet every Sabbath (Leviticus 23:3). This is the day He would naturally have observed, because He originally made the Sabbath by resting and ordained that it be kept holy from that time forward. It was also the Apostle Paul's custom to keep the Sabbath (Acts 17:1–2). Other evidence shows the early Church of God observed the Sabbath (13:13–15, 42, 44; 18:1, 4, 11).

Those who are striving to obey God today, and *do what He says* (Luke 6:46), are also keeping the same day that Jesus, Paul and the entire true Church always kept. They are *passing* God's "test" every seventh day of the week!



Mankind continues to invent and produce weapons of mass destruction. The weapons of World War I killed ten million people. The weapons of World War II killed 55 million. Will humanity be able to survive World War III, or will it regress to Stone Age conditions? Bible prophecy reveals a hope-filled answer!

e in the Western world profess to value the life of each individual. But when we review the history of mankind, we count the millions of dead soldiers and civilians in the never-ending cycle of escalating war. Do we realize the numbers of casualties that nations have inflicted on one another, and on themselves? The United States' Civil War caused more than 630,000 deaths. World War I resulted in 10 million deaths; World War II saw 55 million deaths. The Iran-Iraq War caused nearly 1 million deaths. Man's inhumanity to man bloodies our history with genocide. Millions have died in the Holocaust of World War II, under the Khmer Rouge in Cambodia, and as victims

of atrocities in Rwanda, Bosnia and Kosovo, to name just a few.

Bible prophecy clearly reveals that, eventually, all nations will fight in World War III. That war would lead to total cosmocide—death to everyone and everything on the earth—unless God intervened. The earth and life on it will barely survive World War III. But God will intervene.

What will the earth be like afterwards? We need to know the good news beyond the bad. There is a new world coming: tomorrow's world. What will it be like? What will the future be, beyond World War III? The Bible reveals that you can have hope beyond the traumatic events that are yet to come. You can have a part in the wonderful world of tomorrow, full of peace, abundance and God's love.

But in the meantime, we must face the reality of perilous times ahead. Will *you* be prepared for the future? You *can* be, if you seek the God of the Bible and learn His ways. As you do so, you will be preparing for the coming age of peace, by bringing a foretaste of that peace into your own life *now*, even as the world around you moves toward the brink of disaster.

#### An Age of Cosmocide?

The nuclear age began during World War II. On August 6 and August 9 in 1945, the United States dropped the first-ever atomic bombs on the cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan. The age of potentially *instant* global mass destruction had begun.

Has the danger of nuclear war diminished? We need only to read our newspapers to understand that terrorists and rogue nations still threaten our world. Then add the threat of nuclear nations themselves. You may be acquainted with the "Doomsday Clock" kept by the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists. It reflects the danger of living in the nuclear age. After years unchanged, the Bulletin in June 1998 moved the "minute hand" of its clock ahead five minutes to just nine minutes before midnight. This was a jump of five full minutes! Two more nations had joined the "nuclear club": India and Pakistan, which the Bulletin labeled a "failure of world diplomacy in the nuclear sphere."

Then, in February 2002, the Bulletin advanced the clock's minute hand from nine to seven minutes before midnight. They reported: "Since the end of the Cold War in 1991, this is the third time the hand has moved forward." The Bulletin warns of "troubling trends: More than 31,000 nuclear weapons are still maintained by the eight known nuclear powers, a decrease of only 3,000 since 1998. Ninety-five percent of these weapons are in the United States and Russia, and more than 16,000 are operationally deployed. Even if the United States and Russia complete their recently announced arms reductions over the next 10 years, they will continue to target thousands of nuclear weapons against each other." (Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, February 27, 2002).

#### **World War Is Coming**

The ultimate war yet lies ahead of us. We experienced two world wars in the 20th century, and World War III looms in the 21st century! The next war will be catastrophic. The great scientist Albert Einstein once said: "I do not know with what kind of weapons World War III will be led, but the fourth world war will be fought with sticks and stones."

History documents the evil nature of human beings, and their insane destructiveness in war after war. Where will it all lead? Jesus of Nazareth, who will return to save the world from itself, stated this awesome reality: "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).

Here is the Savior's guarantee that life on earth will not end in World War III. Many years ago, during the Cold War, I personally worried about the end of the world. All I could see on the horizon was a total nuclear conflagration that would leave the earth

as an incinerated relic. The good news is that Jesus Christ will return to stop World War III from causing total cosmocide. As He said: "For the elect's sake those days will be shortened." That news should be reassuring. But we need to know what lies ahead, so we can face the future with faith and courage.

What events lead up to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ? The book of Revelation describes the tribulations produced by the famous Four Horsemen and their ride. War and famine will directly devastate one-fourth of the earth, as it tells us in Revelation 6:7-8. The Apostle John used first century language to describe 21st century warfare. For example, in the latter phase of World War III, during the sixth trumpet plague, John describes a massive army invading west across the Euphrates River, which runs from Turkey through Syria and Iraq to the Persian Gulf. John writes: "Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, 'Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates.' So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind. Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them" (Revelation 9:13-16).

John sees in vision a massive invasion westward across the Euphrates River. What will this army do to the populations of the earth? It will kill one-third of mankind. At least two billion human beings will be killed in this phase of World War III! If we want to escape this calamity, we need to wake up now! We need to seek God for life, protection and salvation.

If the Western nations do not turn from their lawless and anti-God ways of living, God will punish us in a great tribulation. Regular readers of this magazine know that the American and British-descended peoples are among the descendants of the House of Israel. We are the descendents of the patriarch Jacob, whose name was changed to Israel. Jeremiah's prophecy directly refers to the Western nations: "Alas! For that day is great, so that none is like it [this is a unique period in human history]; and it is the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it" (Jeremiah 30:7). God will punish the Western nations in World War III if they do not repent! Bible prophecy indicates that just a small percentage will survive, but God will save the remnant of the Western nations.

We can thank God that Jesus Christ will be coming back to save the earth, and to establish His kingdom. The world after World War III will be renewed physically and spiritually. There is hope for the future. There *is* a new world coming!

We live in a dangerous world. Human nature and warring nations will escalate those dangers into World War III. Bible prophecy reveals that, during this war, an army of 200 million from east of the Euphrates will kill one-third of all human life. Unless mankind repents from its rebellion against God and His ways, we will see the greatest tribulation that the world has ever experienced!

You can also read about the ecological devastation that takes place during the Day of the Lord. The first four trumpet plagues affect the environment: "So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound. The first angel sounded: And hail and fire followed, mingled with blood, and they were thrown to the earth. And a third of the trees were burned up, and all green grass was burned up. Then the second angel sounded: And something like a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and a third of the sea became blood. And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the ships were destroyed. Then the third angel sounded: And a great star fell from heaven, burning like a torch, and it fell on a third of the rivers and on the springs of water. The name of the star is Wormwood. A third of the waters became wormwood. and many men died from the water, because it was made bitter. Then the fourth angel sounded: And a third of the sun was struck, a third of the moon, and a third of the stars, so that a third of them were darkened. A third of the day did not shine, and likewise the night" (Revelation 8:6-12). The environment will be devastated. The fifth and sixth trumpets reveal military actions and events leading up to the return of Christ.

#### **Christ Returns, Bringing Peace**

Finally, the seventh trumpet announces the news that all nations need. The Kingdom of God will bring lasting peace to this earth. "Then the seventh angel sounded: and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, 'The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" (Revelation 11:15).

This is the good news for which we all pray! Yet carnal, rebellious nations will not find it good news. Incredibly, they will fight against Christ at His coming. As Scripture tells us, "the nations were angry" at His return (v. 18). Revelation 19 goes on to describe that battle and its results. The nations will learn that they cannot win against the Commander of Heaven's armies, Jesus Christ.

What happens next? Everyone on the earth will see the return of Christ: "Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen" (Revelation 1:7). Most human beings who survive World War III will come to understand that man's ways lead to death (cf. Proverbs 14:12; 16:25). They will repent, and will come to understand God's love for them. They will realize that Jesus Christ's crucifixion, and His shed blood, will pay for their sins. They will be teachable, and will learn a new way of life.

There will be a second Exodus. Captive survivors from the Western nations will begin a new life in a new land: "Therefore, behold, the days are coming,' says the LORD, 'that they shall no longer say, "As the LORD lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt," but, "As the LORD lives who brought up and led the descendants of the house of Israel from the north country and from all the countries where I had driven them." And they shall dwell in their own land" (Jeremiah 23:7–8).

Humbled by World War III, survivors will turn to God and accept His blessings and His ways: "For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God" (Ezekiel 36:24–28).

This is the time when all the resurrected and immortalized saints will rule with Christ. King David, a man after God's own heart, will rule over and shepherd these returning refugees. Remember the great tribulation is the time of Jacob's trouble, or Israel's trouble. What will happen then? "For it shall come to pass in that day,' says the LORD of hosts, 'that I will break his yoke from your neck, and will burst your bonds; foreigners shall no more enslave them. But they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up for them" (Jeremiah 30:8–9).

Yes, the Kingdom of God will rule on this earth. "And they sang a new song, saying: 'You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood

out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth" (Revelation 5:9-10).

The immortalized saints will be kings and priests, ruling over nations and cities. They will teach the nations God's way of life. The coming world-ruling Kingdom of God will govern all nations on earth. The prophet Isaiah proclaims that coming government under the Messiah: "For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. and His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice bear shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea" (Isaiah 11:6–9).

God created human beings for a wonderful purpose: to be a part of His divine family for all eternity. He created us in His own image. And He gave human beings the power, the freedom to choose between good and evil. Relatively few in the history of man have found the way to life, so freely offered by God through His Son, Jesus Christ. Mankind has generally gone its own way, experimenting with every form of government, religion, philosophy, education,

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from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this" (Isaiah 9:6-7).

The ruined cities will be rebuilt. The desolate farms will be revitalized. "Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God. I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. I will call for the grain and multiply it, and bring no famine upon you. And I will multiply the fruit of your trees and the increase of your fields, so that you need never again bear the reproach of famine among the nations" (Ezekiel 36:28–30).

#### A Beautiful New World

The glorious Kingdom of God on earth will produce beauty and productivity the world has never known. We can get a glimpse of God's greatness, and a foretaste of tomorrow's world, in the creation about us. God has blessed the earth with awesome, majestic mountains, fertile valleys, and productive plains. We marvel at pristine lakes and churning oceans. We appreciate the variety of flowers, plant life, birds, animals and sea life. In tomorrow's world, the very nature of animals will change. Isaiah gives us this millennial vision: "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the entertainment, science, technology, business and commerce. Where will it all lead? To World War III!

But the Creator God has a plan to save humanity. And that plan includes a new world, tomorrow's world. Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, will govern all nations on earth and teach all peoples the way to lasting peace. The weapons of warfare will be turned into instruments of peace. All nations will come to the new world capital, Jerusalem. They will worship the true God, and they will learn that the laws of God—the Ten Commandments—will instruct everyone in the way of God's righteousness. "Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, 'Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem" (Isaiah 2:2-3). That is the world to which we look forward. After the devastation of World War III, many peoples will be humbled, and they will be teachable. The King of kings will exercise loving power to ensure peace and prosperity around the world. Continuing, Isaiah

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# Real peace in the Middle East remains as elusive as ever. Will peace ever come to the Middle East—and to the rest of the world?

fter successfully toppling Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq, the United States unveiled a comprehensive "road map for peace" in the Middle East. Meeting not far from the patriarch Abraham's birthplace, leaders of Iraq's competing factions came together to create, under American and British auspices, the framework for a stable and democratic nation.

Soon it became clear that it had been far easier to win the war than it would be to "win the peace." What *are* the chances of finally bringing long-term peace and stability to this ancient land? Recent history and Bible

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prophecy agree—mankind's best plans are doomed to founder on the shoals of Middle East realities.

Recognizing that peace in Iraq could not be maintained without peace elsewhere in the Middle East, the U.S. moved quickly to pressure Israel into accepting a comprehensive settlement with the Palestinians. The U.S. plan, also supported by Russia, the European Union and the United Nations, was touted as a way to defuse Middle East tensions, reduce the threat of future terrorism and ensure the smooth flow of oil to Western nations, helping to prevent disruption of the entire world economy.

Will this plan succeed where others before have failed? Will the Bush administration find the key to peace that has eluded its predecessors? Indeed, is there such a thing as a "road map" to real peace?

### Earlier Attempts For Peace

For all of the violence that characterized the 20th century, it never lacked for peace plans! U.S. President Woodrow Wilson sold the 1914–18 "Great War" to the American people as "the war to end all wars" that would make the world "safe for democracy."

Iraq's very existence today is the result of an earlier "road map to peace." When the Ottoman Empire collapsed at the close of the Great War, the British government sought to redraw the map of the Middle East. Nations such as Iraq, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and Israel all have their origins in the

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Middle East settlement of that time. Maps drawn by British and French diplomats, and approved by the League of Nations in the years immediately following the Great War, set the boundaries of most of today's Middle East nations. But inherent in yesterday's solutions were the seeds of today's problems.

The Balfour Declaration was issued in late 1917, shortly before the British captured Jerusalem from the Turks. It announced Britain's decision to "look with favor" upon the creation of a Jewish homeland. The Palestine Mandate, an outgrowth of the Balfour Declaration approved by the League of Nations, allowed the trickle of Jewish settlement into Palestine—which had started in the 1880s with the beginning of the Zionist movement—to greatly increase.

After the Allies' victory, Britain approved the uniting of the Hejaz and Neid regions of the Arabian Peninsula under ibn Saud. Britain then sought to placate Saud's rivals—the displaced Hashemite dynasty-by awarding them the newly created states of Transjordan and Iraq. The French received League of Nations mandates to administer Syria and Lebanon. This was all part of a plan to create a stable Middle East under "benevolent" Western influence.

Of course, things did not work out as planned! Far from making the world safe for democracy, the aftermath of the Great War spawned oppressive totalitarian governments in Russia, Italy and Germany. Just over two decades after the "war to end all wars" had come to a close, it became known as "World War I" when the Allied powers plunged into another world war against these totalitarian regimes—a war that would dwarf the horrors of the "war to end all wars."

Toward the close of World War II in 1945, a new road map for peace was introduced. The Yalta Conference carved the world into spheres of influence held by the Soviet Union, the U.S. and the British. U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt believed that such an agreement would convince the Soviet Union of the West's good intentions, and would promote a stable and peaceful post-war world. The United Nations was created in 1945 as a replacement for the ineffectual League of Nations, in an effort to ensure that the world would finally know peace.

Of course, we know the rest of the story. For decades afterward, the world lived under the Cold War shadow of a mushroom-shaped cloud, and a policy of "mutually assured destruction" between the U.S. and the Soviet Union. While Cold War tensions loomed large, smaller "hot" wars were fought in places like Korea, Vietnam and Afghanistan. Wars of colonial "liberation" brought virtually all of Africa under the power of corrupt native despots. There were "proxy" wars in which America and the Soviet Union each armed allies and let them "fight it out."

Finally, beginning in the fall of 1989, the entire post-World War II order began to melt down in just a few short weeks. Communist regimes across Eastern Europe began to collapse like dominoes. The Berlin Wall—

once the most hated symbol of the "iron curtain" between communist and Western nationswas breached by jubilant multitudes and soon torn down. Within a couple of years, even the Soviet Union was no more, and the Communist hammer and sickle flag came down from atop the Kremlin, replaced by the flag of old Russia. Some commentators hailed these remarkable events as the "end of history." Mankind's age-old struggles and rivalries were assumed to be coming to an end. Finally, there would be peace, prosperity and freedom for everyone.

Sadly, we now see that such assumptions were naïve. They lacked a good understanding of human nature, and they certainly lacked an understanding of Bible prophecy.

#### **Not Knowing the** Way to Peace

The twentieth century was undoubtedly the bloodiest in mankind's history, but that was not due to any lack of peace plans! Mankind has plainly shown that it does not know the way to peace. A road map is only useful if the mapmaker clearly knows how to reach his destination! Recognizing that the Bush administration's "road map to peace" is not that much different from earlier proposals by previous administrations, U.S. News & World Report magazine predicted that it "doesn't stand much of a chance" (May 12, 2003, p. 15) and that "there will be talk of a long drive to peace, detours, potholes, and dead ends. Still, it seems we've all been down this road before" (*ibid.*, p. 18).

Today's experts—and God's Word—agree that the current U.S. attempt to broker a Middle East peace is doomed to fail. The prophet Zechariah, more than 2,500 years ago, wrote about today's events in the Middle East, declaring that the Almighty would make Jerusalem "a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces" (Zechariah 12:3).

The collapse of European communism did not mark the end of mankind's great power rivalries and the wars that flow from them. Rather, the stage was being set for yet another rivalry. The recent Iraq War demonstrated that the U.S. has the capacity to pursue its own goals and policies, regardless of "world opinion." British and American forces toppled Saddam's regime in record time, despite France, Russia and Germany voicing their opposition. Now, these nations are chafing at their seeming impotence, and eager to do something about it—at America's expense.

Make no mistake; we are not yet at the "end of history." Other great power rivalries will emerge on the world scene. These rivalries are destined to heat up in the opening years of the twenty-first century, and to demonstrate once and for all that mankind does not know the way to peace. The ancient Hebrew prophet Isaiah wrote, many centuries ago: "The way of peace they have not known, and there is no justice in their ways; they have made themselves crooked paths; whoever takes that way shall not know peace" (Isaiah 59:8). With American power seemingly at a pinnacle, it is almost impossible

for most to imagine the precipitous decline that the Anglo-American alliance will experience in the years immediately ahead.

Even today, there are plans afoot in continental Europe to create a counterweight against the Anglo-Saxon powers. The *Stratfor Report* recently described the beginnings of a fundamental shift in strategic alliances: "Russia and Europe appear to be joining forces to counter the



A Jewish settler, resisting the demolition of a West Bank settlement near Ramallah, is forcibly taken into custody by Israeli police. © 2003 NewsCom Image

United States' increasing global presence, by trying to create a 'Greater Europe' that would consist of the European Union and Commonwealth of Independent States [the former Soviet Union]... And having Russia as its most important ally, Europe likely will encourage post-Soviet states to unite and join the group—in an attempt to create the world's new power center' (May 10, 2003, emphasis ours).

This new anti-American European alliance will also find rivals in the Arab world. In fact, the Arab world will only temporarily be cowed by the recent display of American power. Rather than stable, democratic governments holding power in the Arab world, the population will become increasingly receptive to anti-Western rhetoric and a message of militant Islam. A charismatic figure, called the "king of the South" in Bible prophecy, will emerge in the Arab world. He will have a militant mindset and espouse a virulent anti-Western outlook. His attempts to challenge this coming "Greater Europe" will trigger a future European intervention in the Middle East (Daniel 11:40-43).

#### The Way to Real Peace

In His famous Olivet Prophecy (cf. Matthew 24; Mark 13; Luke 21), Jesus Christ explained that His return as King of kings would be preceded by an upsurge in wars and rumors of wars. It would be the most intense time of pressure or "tribulation" in the world's history (Matthew 24:21). The ancient prophet Jeremiah describes it as "the time of Jacob's trouble" (Jeremiah 30:7). The modern-day descendants of Jacob include not only the Jews, but also the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples. Remember that the ancient patriarch Jacob, whose name was later changed to Israel, had 12 sons. Judah—the father of the Jews-was only one of those sons (If you do not yet understand this vital key to prophecy, please request our free booklet The United States and Great Britain in Prophecy).

Writing in the early sixth century BC (when the Jews first returned from Babylonian captivity to rebuild Jerusalem), the

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#### TOMORROW'S WORLD MAGAZINE

I have been reading the Tomorrow's World magazines that you have recently been sending me. I have found the articles very interesting, for the subjects need addressing in our day and age in history. I have found that many authors and teachers don't know the Scriptures well enough to be doing what they are doing. Anyway, because of these things and others I became very discouraged with mainstream Christianity. I have some very strong convictions due to my studies over the years, and it wasn't until I started reading your magazine that I came to learn that there are others out there that believe as I do. Please keep sending me Tomorrow's World.

#### B. P., Gatesville, TX

I just received the March-April 2003 issue of Tomorrow's World magazine. I read the article entitled "From Closet to Mainstream: the Homosexual Agenda." As a gay Christian I was offended. The article also mentioned prisoners in an untrustworthy light. I cannot imagine my Lord and Savior ever writing an article like that. Please cancel my subscription to your magazine and Bible Study Course.

#### P. S., Tehachapi, CA

Thank you so very much for the wonderful magazine and booklets. I am amazed, for I am studying the Bible, checking everything, and I know you speak the Truth. I feel so regretful that I did not find this information much earlier in my life and had a very simplistic view of the Bible. I was blind and deaf to these truths and I did not find them in church. Thank you for helping open my eyes. I'm sharing this information with other members of my family.

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## Europe and the Vatican Agenda

Remarkable developments in Europe may soon culminate in one of the most pivotal events in the history of the continent. Bible prophecy clearly indicates that just before the return of Jesus Christ, a political-economicmilitary power identified with a revival of the historic Roman Empire will emerge on the continent of Europe (see Revelation 17-18). Scripture shows that this beast-like creature will be composed of ten nations or groups of nations, and will be ridden by a woman—in prophetic terms, this means a religious organization or a church. More and more, efforts to unite Europe fit the description of this biblical end-time beast. The Vatican and its long-term agenda also bear an unmistakable resemblance to the woman who rides the beast.

The Roman Catholic Church has a long history of intimate involvement in Europe's political and religious affairs. In the 4th century AD, the Emperor Constantine agreed with Sylvester, bishop of Rome, to link the influence of the Church to the power of Imperial Rome. Centuries later, a pope crowned Charlemagne the first "Holy Roman Emperor." Popes continued to bestow the Imperial crown when the Empire was revived under Otto the Great (king of the Germans), and reached its zenith under Charles V of the Hapsburg dynasty. The papacy also signed concordats with Mussolini and Hitler. This was part of a well-understood agenda. Over the centuries, the Church legitimized claimants to the Imperial title, thus gaining opportunities to expand its influence and control over the Empire.

This centuries-long agenda did not die with the last claimant to the Imperial title. In 1945, Pope Pius XII sought to restore this mutually beneficial relationship by working to establish a new (predominantly Catholic) country formed from Austria

and parts of Germany under the leadership of Dr. Otto von Hapsburg, the heir to the Austrian throne. While this dream did not materialize, the papacy recognized the possibilities in a united Europe where in many countries Roman Catholics are 80 to 90 percent of the population. Forty years ago, Pope John XXIII predicted that the new Europe would become "the greatest Catholic superstate the world has ever known" and "the greatest single human force ever seen by man." This is a *key* reason why the Vatican has actively promoted European unity.

Pope John XXIII urged Roman Catholics to be "in the front ranks" of the effort to unify Europe. Many of the "founding fathers" of the new Europe were devout Catholics, as are many of its leading proponents today. Even the press has described "the idea of a united Europe as essentially a Catholic concept" (The Financial Times, May 22, 1995). However, it has been Pope John Paul II who has promoted this key Vatican agenda for a quarter of a century. He has given nearly 700 speeches concerning Europe, and repeatedly urged Europeans to "discover their roots" as they build their "common European house." Those roots go back to the alliance between the Catholic Church and the Holy Roman Empire that ruled Europe for more than a thousand years. John Paul II has warned that dark clouds hover over a continent that yields to unbridled secularism, that Europe could "lose its identity" and that its unity could "collapse within a decade" if it fails to acknowledge its Catholic Christian heritage (see The Economist, August 24, 2002).

Efforts to create a European constitution for the emerging superstate reveal the extent of the Vatican agenda. Religious groups were not invited to the European constitutional convention, because secular forces want to separate church and state, but this has not deterred the Vatican



from striving to influence the outcome. In a private audience with Valery Giscard d'Estang, president of the convention, Pope John Paul II urged him not to forget the religious "cement" that has long held Europe together. John Paul II has repeatedly reminded ambassadors to the Vatican that a European constitution must recognize the role that Catholicism has played in Europe's history. When an early draft failed to mention God, religion, Christianity or the role of the church, the Vatican denounced the document as "completely unsatisfactory" (London Daily Telegraph, February 2, 2003). Subsequently, the Vatican unveiled "the Catholic Church's most ambitious plans" to make sure that the new constitution not only includes a reference to God, but also guarantees the legal status of churches and "the assurance of a formal dialogue with European institutions" (euobserver.com, April 24, 2003). It is simply not on the Vatican agenda to be left out of the New Europe.

In an attempt to add its weight to the efforts to unite Europe, the Vatican announced that "the founding fathers of Europe"—Alcide De Gasperi of Italy, Robert Schuman of France and Konrad Adenauer of Germany—as well as Charles I, the last Hapsburg Emperor of Austria-Hungary, have been launched on the path towards sainthood. The Vatican, under the guidance of Pope John Paul II, has openly supported the eastward expansion of the EU and the admission of 60 million Roman Catholics in Poland. The Vatican's efforts to heal the 1,000year-old breach with the Eastern Orthodox Church could bring millions of "separated" brothers and sisters back into the fold of the "mother" church. These are not isolated activities, but are part of a far-reaching agenda to restore the influ-

ence of the Catholic Church in Europe and the world—reclaiming territory lost in the "Great Schism" of the 11th century, the Protestant Reformation of the 16th century and the rise of atheistic communism that engulfed much of Eastern Europe in the 20th century.

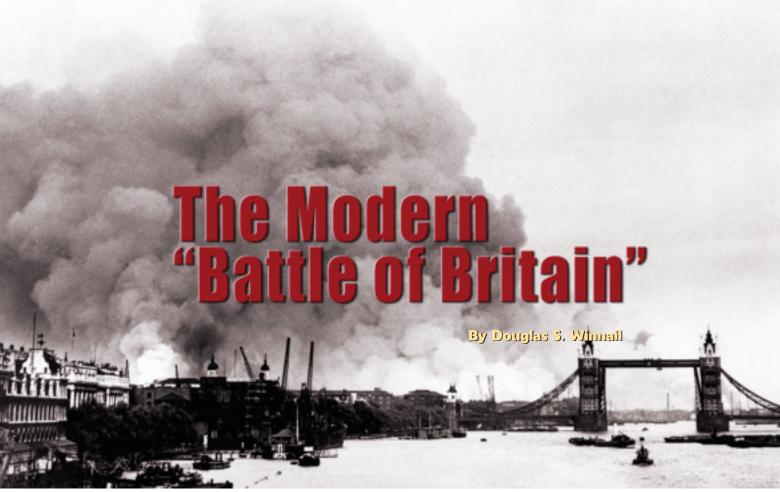
The Vatican has long recognized the important role that it alone can play in European integration. In 1975, Pope Paul VI proclaimed: "Can it not be said that it is faith... the Catholic faith that made Europe?... No other human force in Europe can render the service that is confided to us... to re-awaken Europe's Christian soul, where its unity is rooted" (The Principality and Power of Europe, Hilton, pp. 34–35). However, the Vatican is not without important allies. Dr. von Hapsburg, a member of the European Parliament and head of the Pan-Europe Movement, not only supports a strong role for

the Roman Catholic Church, but has observed that "the imperial crown of Charlemagne and of the Holy Roman Empire might well have its part to play" in the ultimate configuration that emerges in

Europe (ibid., p. 35). The depth of this agenda is reflected in a statement by a Catholic lay worker: "I think the European Union is a design not only of human beings but of God" (The Tablet, London, October 1999).

While the Bible reveals that God is not behind the unification of Europe, one church's determined efforts to mount and ride the beast now forming on the foundations of the ancient Roman Empire were predicted long ago in Scripture (Revelation 17:3-7; see also Daniel 2; 7; Revelation 13; 18) and are coming alive today! To learn more about these prophecies, which will culminate in the return of Jesus Christ, request our free booklet, The Beast of Revelation.

—Douglas S. Winnail



What happens when a nation forgets the laws of God? The British experience holds lessons for the world.

n the last several decades, Britain has experienced a cultural revolution more sweeping than a foreign invasion. Laws, traditions and institutions that contributed to the greatness of this island realm were altered or dismantled and swept aside. In less than 40 years, Britain's own leaders have accomplished what World War II's "Battle of Britain"—and before that the Spanish Armada and Napoleon—had failed to achieve: the systematic destruction of a great nation that once ruled and influenced much of the world. This massive assault on national values—spearheaded by academics, artists, clergy, judges, politicians and feminists who resented established traditions and assumed that they knew better—has been tolerated by an apathetic public.

The results of this "revolution" now make daily news. Trains no longer run on time, strikes cripple public services, the quality of education has declined and student performance has tumbled. The National Health Service is in shambles. Illegitimacy and homosexuality flourish, cohabitation is common and

pornography is everywhere. Shocking crimes and wanton violence are now commonplace. Patriotism and respect for the monarchy and Parliament have been discredited. The influence of religion has fallen precipitously.

A nation that once ruled an empire now struggles to manage its own internal affairs. Many Britons have lost their sense of identity and mission. Regional interests—English, Scot and Welsh—threaten to sunder the United Kingdom. The average person's focus is on making money, buying more things, going to the pub or taking holidays. "Duty, honor and country" is a relic of a past that disappeared almost overnight. To many, the prospect of joining Europe seems Britain's only real hope for a future.

The speed and scope of these changes have bewildered older generations. Many wonder *how* and *why* this could have happened. Yet younger generations see little reason for concern—this is simply the way life is today! Few grasp the *real causes* of this remarkable cultural transformation or where these

changes will lead. In fact, modern Britain is simply repeating the mistakes of history. The Bible reveals what is actually driving this revolt against tradition, and what the future holds for a nation that has forgotten the laws of God! The modern British experience is a powerful warning of what lies ahead for the Western world—if we have eyes to see!

#### **A Past Forsaken**

To understand what has occurred in Britain, we must look at the history of this remarkable island nation. One reason younger generations do not grasp the magnitude of what has happened is that key facts about British history have been forgotten-or have not been taught. Many historians understand that Britain is unique among the nations of Europe. For nearly a thousand years it has not suffered a major invasion or foreign occupation. This enabled the British to develop their own traditions of individual freedoms, such as a right to trial by jury, habeas corpus (no detention without legally determined guilt), a representative Parliament and guaranteed property rights. Surrounded by foggy and treacherous seas, Britain sits like an island fortress off the coast of Europe. This protected location allowed the British to remain a people apart largely aloof from the strife and warfare that plagued continental nations. Britain's more temperate climate helped this island nation to be self-sufficient in food, and less prone to famines that frequently struck Europe. The world's most productive fishing grounds lie just off Britain's shores. As an island outpost on

the edge of Europe, Britain developed a powerful navy and a global perspective, and prospered as the world's foremost maritime nation with "more contact with more parts of the world than almost any other nation" (Britons, Colley, p. 9). Customs barriers disappeared in Britain well before they were eliminated in Europe, which permitted the British to travel more easily and more frequently than the average European.

Protestant religion was a powerful formative factor in the development of the British nation. Following the Reformation, Britain rose to greatness as a bastion of Protestantism during a series of struggles against the most powerful Roman Catholic nations of Europe—France and Spain. As a result of the Protestant influence and free enterprise printing, the Bible was translated into English and circulated widely for anyone to read. This was key to the development of freedoms that made Britain uniquely different from many continental nations, and fostered a range of vital godly values: a sense of individual responsibility toward God, honesty, humility, thrift, hard work, compassion, respect for parents and "family values" and honor for elders and those in positions of authority. Britons took to heart the Bible's strong proscriptions against adultery, fornication, idolatry, lying, stealing, pornography, homosexuality and incest.

The principles of "Protestant ethic" were the "dominant component of British religious life," and made Protestantism "a unifying and distinguishing bond" that held British society together (ibid., p. 19). These biblical values were promoted widely in schools and churches, were guarded by the monarchy and inspired much of the legislation passed by Parliament. Favored by an advantageous geographical position, and possessing a vast empire, the British came to understand themselves as specially blessed and protected by God for the purpose of spreading around the world not only their religious beliefs, but also the advances of science and technology and a civilization based upon biblical values.

This feeling of divine mission gave the British "a sense of their place in history and a sense of worth" (ibid., p. 57). It gave them an identity, allowed them to feel pride in their advantages and helped them endure hardships. It fostered among the Protestant British a feeling that they were special—different and superior to Catholic Europe. Italian journalist Luigi Barzini described how for many years Europeans admired, envied and sought to imitate the British, who were nearly always "well-educated, well-behaved, and incredibly richer than almost all continentals" (The Europeans, p. 36). During the height of the British Empire, many Europeans felt that the British model was best—from dress, to education, industrialization, transportation and administration—and many sought to discover the "secret" of British success (ibid., p. 37).

Yet, almost overnight, this whole situation has changed. In the space of a few decades, these unique and remarkable British qualities and traditions were nearly obliterated by intellectuals and educators. As journalist Peter Hitchens relates: "England is perhaps the only great country

where intellectuals are ashamed of their own nationality" (The Abolition of Britain, Hitchens, p. 34). He also describes how revisionist teachers in Britain "saw our history as an embarrassment.... In an incredibly short time, we have been turned into a nation without heroes, without pride in our past.... We are like an amnesia patient... doomed to repeat mistakes we do not even know we have already made" (ibid., pp. 62-63). But why has Britain changed so dramatically? Why have so many turned their backs on such a unique and remarkable past? And why are so many of Britain's problems simply growing worse?

#### **Sowing the Wind**

The answers are not hard to find. Many have pinpointed the moment when Britain and much of the modern world made dramatic changes. Speaking to a gathering of educators, Prince Charles observed: "It all goes back to the sixties, when everything that was tried and tested... was abandoned. We threw the baby out with the bathwater and cut all our links with the past" (London Daily Telegraph, October 7, 2002). The 1960s witnessed the emergence of powerful forces—increasing affluence and leisure, television, liberalism, feminism, freedom marches, student riots, free speech movements, anti-war demonstrations. Radical activists wishing to remake society emerged in nearly every field—art, films, education, law, politics, religion, music and the media. These revolutionaries disliked authority. defied regulations, mocked traditions and had little use for traditional religious teaching—especially Christian morality. The radicals considered the culture of their parents' generation restrictive, old fashioned, guilt-producing, hierarchical, sexist, hypocritical and evil. The activists' battle cry was "freedom and tolerance," but their methods were "rebellion and revolution." Within a decade. traditional culture was overwhelmed and transformed.

During the 1960s, the Labor Party's Roy Jenkins introduced a wave of "progressive" legislation while serving as Home Secretary. He spoke of "the need to make this country a more civilized place to live" (Hitchens, p. 264). His goal was "to create a climate of opinion which is favorable to gaiety, tolerance, and beauty, and is unfavorable to puritanical restriction, to petty-minded disapproval, to hypocrisy" (ibid., p. 263). The legislation passed by Parliament was a direct assault on Britain's foundational values. Laws against obscenity were removed because they "limited freedom of expression." Laws against homosexuality and abortion were called "brutal and unfair" and eliminated. The "barbaric" death penalty for serious crime was abolished. Divorce laws that caused "unnecessary suffering" were liberalized. The "fanatical" powers of government censorship "that forced some of the most intelligent presentations into the semi-obscurity of private were curtailed. clubs" "ridiculous" Sunday observance laws were abolished, as were laws against gambling. Laws against public drunkenness were deemed unnecessary (ibid., pp. 263–269).

This monumental change in the direction of British society was engineered by Britain's liberal, secular and intellectual elite

whose ideas "were rooted in a post-Christian humanism which sought to perfect life on earth" (ibid., p. 271). Humanism is the belief that man, not God, is the source of all values. Remarkably, the Anglican establishment put up a feeble and disjointed resistance to the attack on its core values. While some clerics opposed the new immorality, many others sought to appease the progressive forces—by accommodating behaviors once labeled as sins such as premarital sex, easy divorce, and homosexuality. In an effort to be relevant, liberal clerics introduced more casual and contemporary forms of worship, including rock bands and hand-clapping during services. They supported the ordination of women. The laws of God, as given in the Bible, were watered down and quietly shelved. Some clerics reveled in the "new freedom" and openly proclaimed their doubts about God, the Bible, Jesus, and many other doctrines and practices—with one radical theologian describing the resurrection of Christ as "conjuring tricks with bones" (ibid., p. 105).

The student radicals of the 1960s now teach in schools, universities and seminaries, serve in Parliament, sit as judges and preach in churches. However, the passage of time provides a sobering picture of the world they helped to create. The events making headlines today document what the rejection of traditional Christian values has done to the nation of Britain.

#### Reaping the Whirlwind

Reformers in the 1960s sought to make Britain a "more civilized" country by eliminating what they considered "repressive" laws based on biblical principles. Yet the results of their reforms now look more like a nightmare! The Bible calls for a "life for a life" (Exodus 21:23-27) and the swift application of justice (Ecclesiastes 8:11) as deterrents for evil behavior. By contrast, eliminating the death penalty and adopting a system of repeated warnings (and mild or postponed consequences for law breakers) has produced a "crime crisis," in Britain—its streets are more dangerous than New York and its murder rate has climbed to the highest level in a hundred years! A recent United Nations study of crime placed England and Wales at the top of a list of 17 other industrial nations (The Sunday Telegraph, November 3, 2002). Outlawing handguns for British citizens left only criminals carrying guns. This meant that police had to be armed-something never required before. The soft treatment of convicted criminals has made prison a joke instead of a deterrent. Due to the failure of progressive policies that protect the criminal more than the victims, many frightened Britons want tougher laws on crime—and nearly 70 percent would like the death penalty restored!

Eliminating obscenity laws opened the floodgates to pornography in Britain. Nudity is now commonplace on billboards and newspaper pages. Novels describing sexual aberrations are praised for their "literary value" and made recommended reading in schools. The repeal of laws against homosexuality encouraged many to "come out of the closet" to parade openly and actively promote their agenda in the schools to children. Since liberalizing laws against

public intoxication, Britain today boasts three million alcoholics and a serious underage drinking problem.

After condoning sexual freedom, abortion, easy divorce, and removing the stigma of unmarried motherhood, Britain ranks among the world's leaders in divorce, teen pregnancy and births out of wedlock. Political leaders and their staff live openly with their



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"partners"—not their mates. These are remarkable changes in a nation where 90 percent of marriages once lasted for life, and unmarried women with children were rare. Sexual liberalization has led to spiraling rates of sexually transmitted diseases. Dr. Michael Adler, a medical professor in London, comments that "it is no exaggeration that we now face a public health crisis" (London Daily Telegraph, April 15, 2003).

These efforts to revise Britain's remarkable history have a devastating impact. Historian David Starkey asserts that "the current state of history in schools is disastrous... instead

of teaching children facts, we tell them that interpretation is what matters... all this is absolutely wrong. Teachers poison the minds of the young by suggesting that everything is open to interpretation" (London Daily Telegraph, October 7, 2002). Oxford professor Niall Ferguson believes that "the national curriculum for history should be scrapped" (ibid.). Prince Charles has observed that "education has become so shallow rooted that we now lack an understanding of who we are... history is crucial to our understanding of who we are. People who believe history is for others will have their history determined by others... I think we are in danger of creating a society in which children won't understand either their place in history or the distinction between good or bad" (ibid.).

Perhaps the greatest effect of this cultural revolution has been on the established church and the clergy. The Church of England, once the guardian of British morality, now accepts and promotes ideas and behaviors that the Bible openly condemns—premarital sex (1 Corinthians 6:9, 18), easy divorce (Matthew 5:31–32; 19:4–9), homosexuality Romans (Leviticus 18:22; 1:25-32) and even polygamy (1 Timothy 3:2—see The Times, April 27, 1998). Brides no longer promise to obey their husbands (Ephesians 5:22) and cohabitation is seen as a "new pathway" to marriage, as clergy fear that proscriptions against premarital sex produce a "heavy burden" of guilt and drives potential churchgoers away (The Times, March 31, 2003). Seminaries, dominated by liberal theologians, produce clergy who read from pro-homosexual translations of the Bible (if they read it at all!) but are "less likely than their predecessors to have a good basic knowledge of Christianity" (London Daily Telegraph, April 16, 2003). In fact, many religious leaders in Britain no longer believe in the fundamental doctrines of Christianity. One theologian stated that "it is an intolerable situation where the faithful are being led by the unfaithful," which is destroying the credibility of the church (The Daily Express, August 1, 2002).

Until about 1960, Britain considered itself a "highly Christian" nation. But over the last 40 years, church attendance and personal commitment to Christian beliefs have been in a "free fall." Today, fewer than 10 percent of the British regularly attend church. During this same period, many churches were closed, or converted to other uses (carpet showrooms, etc.) as, in the words of Scottish historian Callum Brown. the British started "to reject the role of religion in their lives" (The Death of Christian Britain, pp. 9, 188). What we are seeing in Britain today "is not merely the decline of organized religion, but the death of the culture which formerly conferred a Christian identity on the British people.... Britain is showing the world how religion as we have known it can die" (ibid., pp. 193, 198). Brown observes that "the nation's core religious culture has been destroyed... [by] a catastrophic cultural revolution beginning in the 1960s" and that the secularization and "de-Christianization" of Britain is "emblematic of the destiny of the whole of Western Christianity" (ibid., p. i). The outright rejection of the basic principles of biblical Christianity by Britain's ruling intellectual elite, and the disastrous social consequences, appear to be a *foretaste* of what is in store for much of the liberal, secularly oriented Western world if these lessons go unheeded!

#### What Lies Ahead?

Today millions of Britons are totally absorbed in a secular materialistic lifestyle focused on gratifying personal desires. But this is not the end of the story. There will still be a future, and Britain's future is revealed in the Bible—the very book most modern Britons seem determined to live without. Few in Britain understand that the British people are descendents of the ancient nation of Israel. The British inherited the birthright promises made to Ephraim (a son of Joseph) who was prophesied to become "a multitude [commonwealth] of nations" and "a fruitful bough" whose "branches run over the wall"—a reference to the colonizing tendency of the British people (see Genesis 48:19-22; 49:22). Numerous prophecies reveal that these modern Israelites would turn from God and suffer serious consequences.

The prophet Hosea states that while Ephraim (modern Britain and many of its former colonies) would be "planted in a pleasant place," these nations would become "utterly corrupt" in the *latter days* and will be punished by God for their sins (see Hosea 9:13; Deuteronomy 31:29). Hosea catalogues Israel's sins and warns that "because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children... I will change their glory into shame... because they have ceased obeying the LORD" (Hosea 4). Hosea describes a nation that has "rebelled against My law... cast off the good... they sow the wind, and reap the whirlwind" (8:1-7). He also describes terrible punishments that lie in store for a people who have forgotten the biblical promises that explain their origins, and rejected principles that contributed to their greatness (vv. 8–14).

Similar prophecies are found throughout the books of Isaiah and Jeremiah. Isaiah describes "a sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity... they have forsaken the LORD" and will face serious consequences for their actions (Isaiah 1:4). Misguided teaching and a lack of discipline have allowed children to become oppressors, and feminist ideas to dominate

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society (3:12). Willful self-indulgence (in alcohol, sex and violence) and accepting perverted practices as normal (5:8-23) will prove to be a costly mistake (5:24-30) that will lead to "suddestruction (30:8–13). Jeremiah writes that God planted His chosen people as a "noble vine, a seed of highest quality" but they have become a "degenerate plant" (Jeremiah 2:21). They have forsaken God, changed their religion and turned to idols-while idol worshipers around them have maintained their beliefs over the centuries (vv. 11-13). Jeremiah states that "because My people have forgotten me" and stumbled "from the ancient paths" that God "is fashioning a disaster and devis-

ing a plan against you" (18:11, 15). The prophet reveals that misguided religious leaders "destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture... caused My people to err" and they "strengthen the hands of evildoers [by accepting or encouraging godless behavior], so that no one turns back from his wickedness" (23:1-2, 13-14). Jeremiah warns that God's chosen people will develop incurable problems and will be punished for their sins during the "time of Jacob's trouble... in the latter days" (see Jeremiah 30).

The once-great nation of Britain is teetering on the edge of an abyss. Just what may trigger a fatal plunge remains to be seen. Unless the British are able to recognize the real cause of their problems-forgetting God and rejecting the laws of God—their will future be sobering. However, you can avoid these prophesied punishments if you can learn from the mistakes Britain has made over the last 40 years. Centuries ago, the Apostle Peter urged his own countrymen—who were also facing imminent demise-to be "saved from this perverse generation" by making major changes in their beliefs and actions (Acts 2:37-40). The God who gave Britain its incredible blessings still exists, and can change your life—if you repent and bring your life into harmony with His laws and His ways.

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writes: "He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore" (v. 4).

No longer will terrorists kill and destroy. No longer will tribes and nations fight one another. Human nature—the basic cause of war—will be changed. Human beings will learn the way of life taught in the Bible. Jesus said: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God" (Matthew 4:4; Luke 4:4). We need to learn that way of life! Those who repent and are baptized, allowing Jesus Christ to live in them through the gift of the Holy Spirit, will help re-educate this devastated world. Today's true Christians will be teachers in tomorrow's world: "And though the LORD gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your teachers will not be moved into a corner anymore, but your eyes shall see your teachers. Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, 'This is the way, walk in it,' whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left" (Isaiah 30:20-21).

True Christians are now learning that way of life. We are called to be peacemakers, to be the light of the world and the salt of the earth, as Jesus taught in

Matthew 5. It is the way of love, of sharing, giving, helping and serving. Though this world continues to experience hate, God is love, (1 John 4:8, 16). The world beyond World War III will experience God's divine love, under the rulership of Jesus Christ, for a thousand years.

Christ taught us: "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" (Matthew 6:33). May we all look forward to His coming Kingdom on earth, and may we all look forward with hope and faith, to tomorrow's world!

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## How Do You *Know* You Are Right?

Most people adopt their parents' religion, at least nominally. They just "know" that their beliefs are right, but have never proved those beliefs for themselves. Is that good enough for you? A deceived man does not know that he is deceived. How, then, do you know that you are not deceived?

For example: On what day of the week do you go to church? If you are like the vast majority in the Western world, Unconquered Sun was the last to go" (p. 131).

Sun-worship and other unbiblical practices found their way into "Christian" worship, as Eerdmans' observes: "The Christian church took over many pagan ideas and images. From sun-worship, for example, came the celebration of Christ's birth on the twentyfifth of December, the birthday

of the Sun. Saturnalia, the Roman winter festival of 17-21 "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days

day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. you will answer "Sunday." If someone asks you "why," you

you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh

will likely say: "Well, everyone knows that Sunday is when you are supposed to go to church. That's when everyone goes."

But what does the Bible say? In fact, the Bible nowhere says that Sunday is the day of Christian worship—and you can prove this, both from the Bible and from history. The Bible speaks of another day and only that day—as the Christian day of weekly rest.

Note this quote from a highly respected mainstream source, Eerdmans' Handbook to the History of Christianity: "When in 321 [the Roman Emperor | Constantine made the first day of the week a holiday, he called it 'the venerable day of the sun' (Sunday). When the pagan symbols eventually disappeared, the

of December, provided the merriment, gift-giving and candles typical of later Christmas holidays. Sun-worship hung on in Roman Christianity and Pope Leo I, in the middle of the fifth century, rebuked worshippers who turned round to bow to the sun before entering St. Peter's basilica. Some pagan customs which were later Christianized, for example the use of candles, incense and garlands, were at first avoided by the church because they symbolized paganism" (pp. 131-132).

Quotes like this are legion throughout church history. Students of biblical history know that much that today is called "Christian" was once called pagan. While some sects have attempted to connect Sunday observance with the Bible, the truth is that Sunday observance started outside the Bible, as a human replacement for the day of rest and worship that God set aside in the Bible.

Many in the United States and elsewhere are trying to have the Ten Commandments posted in schools and other public buildings. But how many of those who promote posting the Ten Commandments actually know what the Ten Commandments contain?

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it" (Exodus 20:8-11).

No biblical authority has changed this command of God. Jesus Christ and the Apostles all kept the seventh-day Sabbath, as recorded in the New Testament. Do you *know* the Bible, or do you believe that men have the authority to revoke or "reinterpret" a commandment given by God?

The Bible teaches us to "test all things, hold fast what is good" (1 Thessalonians 5:21). Read your Bible. Prove it for yourself, from its own pages, and then you will truly know that you are right.

—Gerald Weston

### THE "ROAD MAP" TO REAL PEACE (continued from page 18)

prophet Zechariah looked down through the centuries, to our day and the years immediately ahead of us. He described the consequences of today's Middle East turmoil, revealing that a great multinational army will come against all of Jerusalem in the endtime, and will occupy the city. That invasion and oppression of Jerusalem is not the end of the story by any means. Rather, Zechariah records: "Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations... and in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives" (Zechariah 14:3–4).

Jesus Christ came to this earth, nearly 2,000 years ago, with the good news of the Kingdom of God. He came proclaiming the *only* way to real peace. Very few have *embraced* that way. Many have used Jesus' name, and acknowledged His Messiahship—while *ignoring* His *message*! When Christ returns, however, He will come in power and glory to establish a literal kingdom—a real government, bringing peace!

In the book of Revelation, the Apostle John saw in vision the establishment of that future Kingdom. John recorded that Jesus Christ, soon after His return, will restrain Satan the Devil so that he can no longer deceive the nations (Revelation 20: 1–3). John next saw a vision of thrones—i.e., positions of leadership—occupied by the newly resurrected saints, made immortal (1 Corinthians 15:50-53). As Jesus Christ had told John: "And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him will I give power over the nations" (Revelation 2:26). During His earthly ministry, Christ told all 12 of the Apostles what their specific reward in His coming Kingdom would be: "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 19:28).

Jesus Christ is going to set up a literal government on this earth when He returns. His disciples had expected Him to establish a kingdom *immediately*, so before His crucifixion He told them a parable. In that parable, He compared Himself to a young nobleman who went away to a far country to be crowned, and *then* returned to rule (Luke 19:11–12).

What will Jesus Christ's government be like, and *how* will it establish peace on earth when all previous attempts have failed? It will be a world-ruling gov-

ernment (Zechariah 14:9). It will be a government based upon God's righteous law, properly administered from the new world capital of Jerusalem (Isaiah 2:3). There will be universal disarmament. Mankind's energies and resources will be turned to productive channels rather than the building of armaments (v. 4). It will be a time when a King (Jesus Christ) will reign in righteousness, and princes (the newly resurrected saints) will rule with justice (Isaiah 32:1).

How will peace come about? The prophet Isaiah declared that "the work of righteousness will be peace, and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance forever" (Isaiah 32:17). God's commandments define the way of *true righteousness* (Psalm 119:172). There can never be peace on earth until mankind follows the only way that leads to peace! That way—the way of *love* and *outgoing* concern that flows through the channel of God's law—leads to peace with God, and peace with our fellow man.

Peace really *will* come to the Middle East—and the entire world—and it will come in the lifetime of many of you reading this article. That future time of peace is pictured by the Feast of Tabernacles, one of the seven annual festivals that God gave to ancient Israel in Leviticus 23. The Feast of Tabernacles is a celebration that anticipates the millennial reign of Christ and the saints on the earth. This will be a time when the whole earth is at rest (Isaiah 14:7) and when everyone will be able to "sit under his vine and under his fig tree" and no one will make him afraid (Micah 4:4). God speed that day!

#### To Learn More...



There truly is a road map to peace. Our Creator laid it out in the seven annual festivals that He revealed through Moses almost 35 centuries ago! Would you like to understand that road map, and the final destination to which it leads?

Please request our **FREE** booklet, **The Holy Days: God's Master Plan**, or download it from the Literature section of our Web site **www.tomorrowsworld.org**.

## Two Contradictory Views (continued from page 3)

The real Jesus of your Bible came preaching the message of the Kingdom of God (Mark 1:14). It was not a "fluff-fluff" gospel about a warm feeling in your heart or just "accepting" the Person of Christ. Rather, it was about the soon-coming government of God, which will bring genuine peace, prosperity, health and happiness to this sick and confused world. Jesus told His disciples: "And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel" (Luke 22:29-30). Most modern ministers either totally neglect this and other similar passages throughout the Bible, or else they try to "spiritualize away" these vital scriptures. But Jesus was obviously talking about a literal kingdom or government to be set up here on earth at His Second Coming. As the Apostle John described Jesus' return to earth at the "last trump," notice what he was inspired to write: "Then the seventh angel sounded: and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, 'The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever" (Revelation 11:15). Note that the returning Jesus Christ will rule over the "kingdoms of this world" not people up in heaven!

Also, read the inspired "Song of the Saints" recorded in Revelation 5:9–10: "And they sang a new song, saying: 'You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth." So the Bible teaches that the true saints of God will reign with Christ on the earth. There is not *one single verse* in your Bible, anywhere, that promises "going to heaven" as a reward of the saints!

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

Why?

The Apostle Paul tells us very clearly that the true Christian's goal is to be part of that literal government to be set up on this earth! "Do you not know that *the saints will judge the world*? And if the

world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?" (1 Corinthians 6:2–3). In this passage, Paul clearly tells true Christians that we are to prepare to "judge" or to rule this entire earth. The Apostle John tells us: "Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years" (Revelation 20:6).

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

God's Word tells us: "Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him" (Daniel 7:27). Yet most professing Christians do **not** believe that—because they have never been *taught* that. They do not remotely understand the supreme **purpose** for which we have been put on this earth!

We in this Work of God do understand. We now have the privilege of helping millions of people to come to know the *true* God, the *true* Jesus Christ of the Bible and the great Plan that God is working out here on earth.

For more on what the Jesus Christ of your Bible actually taught, be sure to carefully read the lead article in this issue: "Which Christ Do YOU Worship?" And for more in-depth biblical and historical proof of what happened to the original Christianity of Jesus and the Apostles, be sure to write for a copy of our eye-opening, fully documented booklet, *Restoring Apostolic Christianity*. It will be sent absolutely free upon your request.



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St. Michael: CBC—Ch 8, SUN 9:30 am

ON, Toronto: Vision—SUN 3:30 am; SUN 5:30 pm

#### —IAMAICA

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

#### -NEW ZEALAND

Nationwide: PRIME TELEVISION—SUN 8:30 am

#### —PHILIPPINES

Bansalan: Bansalan Cable—Ch 10, SAT 10:00 am Borongan: Borongan Cable—Ch 4, SAT 3:00 pm Kidapawan: Metro Cable—Ch 19, SAT 8:30 am Mabunturan: Nebunturan Cable—Ch 17, SAT 05:00 am
Maasin City: Maasin Cable—Ch 13, SAT 10:00 am
Ormoc City: Ormoc Cable—Ch 3, SAT 12:00 am
Sogod: Sogod Cable—Ch 13, SAT 12:00 pm

—TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
Trinidad, Port of Spain: CCN—Ch 6, SAT 3:30 pm

#### **UNITED STATES:**

- Birmingham: Cable—Ch 4, WED 1:30 pm
  Birmingham: WOTM—Ch 19, TUE 5:00 pm; FRI 7:00 pm;
  Troy/Montgomery: WRJM—Ch 67, SUN 7:30 am
  Fayetteville: Access TV—Ch 8, SUN 8:30 pm
  Lake Havasu: KLHU—Ch 45, SUN 10:30 am
  Little Rock: KASN—Ch 38, SAT 8:00 am
  Phoenix: Access—Ch 22, SUN 10:00 pm
  Prescott: Cable—Ch 13, SAT 5:30 pm; SUN 6:30 am
  Tucson: Access—Ch 73, SAT 4:30 pm; SUN 11:30 am
  Anaheim: Adelphia—Ch 97 & 98, MON 4:30 pm
  Buena Park: Adelphia—Ch 55, SUN 5:00 pm
  Eureka: Cox—Ch 10, MON 8:00 pm AL, AR, AR, AZ, AZ, AZ, CA,
- Eureka: Cox—Ch 10, MON 8:00 pm
  Garden Grove: Time Warner—Ch 6, SUN 11:30 am & 8:30 pm
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  Los Angeles: KDOC—Ch 56, SAT 7:00 am

  Modesto: AT&T—Ch 2, TUE 3:00 pm

  Oceanside: KOCT—Ch 18, SUN 5:30 pm

  Sacramento: RCCTV—Ch 19, MON 5:30 pm

  San Diego: Cox—Ch 18 & 23, THUR 6:00 pm

  San Francisco: Access TV—Ch 29, SUN 10:30 am

  San Jose: Community TV—Ch 15A, SAT 11:30 pm

  Sonora: TCCCA—Ch 8, SUN 8:00 pm

  Turlock: Charter—Ch 2, MON 8:00 pm

  Enfield: Comcast—Ch 15, THUR 6:30 pm

  Naugatuck: Tele-Media—Ch 10, TUE 9:30 pm

  Gainesville: Cox—Ch 55, SUN 8:00 pm

  Ocala: Cox—Ch 71, SUN 10:00 am

  Atlanta: AIB—Cable, THUR 6:30 pm; SAT 1:30 am

  Macon: Cox Cable—Ch 18, SUN 5:00 pm;

  TUE 7:30 am; FRI 2:00 pm

  Newnan: PMIO—Ch 10, SAT 11:00 am & 7:00 pm

  Honolulu: Olelo—Ch 52, SAT 10:00 am;

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  Des Moines: Mediacom—Ch 15, SAT 10:00 am;

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  MON 3:30 pm & 7:30 pm; TUE 10:00 am; WED 2:00 pm

  Pocatello: Vision—Ch 12, SUN 7:30 pm; FRI 1:00 pm

  Bloomington: Insight—Ch 20, SUN 1:00 pm;
  MON 10:00 pm; TUE 4:00 pm; SAT 6:00 pm

  Chicago: WGN—Ch 9, SUN 5:00 am

  Moline: MediaCom—Ch 75, MON-WED 2:00 pm; THUR
  6:00 pm; FRI 3:00 pm; SAT & SUN 2:00 pm

  Peoria: Insight—Ch 20, SUN 7:30 pm

  Chanute: Cablevision—Ch 5, SUN 7:30 am; TUE 5:30 pm

- Parsons: Time Warner—Ch 21, WED 7:00 pm & 9:30 pm
- KY, KY, KY, Lexington: Ch 14, Check Local Listing
  Paducah: Public Cable—Ch 2, WED 3:30 pm
- Williamstown: Insight—Ch 20, SAT 3:00 pm & 3:30 pm; SUN 3:00 pm & 3:30 pm Williamstown: Access—Ch 16, TUE 12:00 pm & 12:30 pm;
- WED 12:00 pm & 12:30 pm
  Baton Rouge: KZUP—Ch 44, SUN 11:00 am
  Lafayette: KATC—Ch 3, SUN 9:00 am
  Monroe: Time Warner—Ch 49, WED 10:00 pm

- Shreveport: KSHV—Ch 45, SUN 8:30 am

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  Kansas City: KCWE—Ch 29, SUN 8:00 am
  Springfield: KSPR—Ch 33, SUN 8:30 am
  St. Charles: Charter—Ch 47, SUN 9:30 am & 9:00 pm
  St. Louis: Double Helix—Ch 22, MON 4:00 pm
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- Helena: BSC—Cable, SUN 8:30 am
  Missoula: BSC—Cable, SUN 8:30 am
  Burlington: Time Warner—Ch 5/10, SUN 9:00 pm
  Greensboro: GCTV—Ch 8, SAT 7:30 am; SUN 9:00 pm
  Wilmington: Time Warner—Ch 4, WED 10:00 pm

- Omaha: KPTM—Ch 42, SUN 8:00 am

  Hanover: CATV—Ch 6, SUN 5:00 pm & 11:00 pm; MON 5:00 am & 11:00 am
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  Oakland: Cablevision—Ch. 71, SUN 6:00 pm

  Trenton: Comcast—Ch. 26, MON 10:00 pm

  Albuquerque: CCC27—Ch. 27, SUN 7:00 pm

  Rio Rancho: CABLE ONE—Ch. 51, THUR 7:00 pm

  Carson City: Access TV—Ch. 10, SAT 9:00 pm

  Gardnerville: Community Access—Ch. 26, SAT 3:00 am & 3:00 pm; SUN 3:00 am & 3:00 pm
- Reno/Sparks: SNCT—Ch 30/16, SUN 7:30 pm
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- SUN 8:00 am
  Fairport: FACT—Ch 15, SUN 11:00 am
  Hauppauge: Cablevision—Ch 20, FRI 9:30 pm
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  Chattanooga: WDEF—Ch 12, SUN 8:30 am
  Nashville: WZTV—Ch 17, SUN 7:00 am
  Austin: Community Access—Ch 11, SUN 10:30 am
  Corpus Christi: TCI—Ch 10, THUR 2:00 pm;
  FRI 10:30 am; SUN 11:00 am

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  Dallas: Community Television—Ch 14b, FRI 2:00 pm;
  SAT 1:00 pm; SUN 11:00 am

  Lufkin: KTRE—Ch 9, SUN 6:30 am

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  Chesterfield: Comcast—Ch 6, THUR 6:30 pm

  Roanoke: WDRL—Ch 24/54, SUN 7:00 am

  Virginia Beach: Cox—Ch 71 & 74, SAT 8:30 am

  Barre: Charter—Ch 7, SAT 10:00 pm; SUN 3:00 pm & 12:00 pm

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