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The background of the cover is a photograph of the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin, Germany, taken at sunset. The sky is a vibrant orange and red, and the sun is low on the horizon, creating a silhouette effect on the monument. The gate's six columns are prominent, and the Quadriga sculpture on top is visible. In the foreground, the silhouettes of cars and streetlights are visible, with some light flares from the streetlights. The overall mood is dramatic and historical.

**Resurgent Germany:  
A Fourth Reich?**



# Do You Really “Watch”?

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

Most readers of this magazine understand that biblically prophesied events seem to be “speeding” up as we approach the end of this age. But do you really realize why Christ commanded His true followers to “watch” these events?

As most of you know, the real Christ of the Bible did not establish His Church just to fill it with “sweet old ladies” thinking sweet thoughts about “going off to heaven someday.” Rather, your own Bible speaks continually about dramatic events that are to take place in the prophesied “last days” of this human society—reaching their climax at Jesus Christ’s return as “King of kings” (Revelation 19:11–16).

Then will come the establishment of the *real* “New World Order”—the Kingdom or Government of God, through Jesus Christ and His saints, who will finally bring genuine peace to this entire world for *a thousand years*! For Jesus said, “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).

As most of you know, this Work of the living Christ has been warning our nations for many years about the *specific biblical prophecies* that describe in great detail what is soon ahead for the United States, and for the British-descended nations including Canada, Britain, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. *Many* of those prophecies have already started to take place! Increasingly, the various “pieces” of the biblically prophesied scenario are coming into sharp focus. But the “mainstream” ministers of this world frankly “just don’t get it.” They do **not** recognize these nations’ prophetic identity in end-time events. Today, even most Bible students almost *totally neglect* the crucial one-fourth of God’s word that is prophetic.

But *you* need to know! You need to **understand**.

In His famous Olivet Prophecy, Jesus described an entire wave of many false preachers (Matthew 24:5). He described an end-time buildup of “wars and rumors of war”—an apt description of the wars and factional fighting now occurring in parts of Africa, the

Middle East and elsewhere around the globe. Jesus predicted that “**famines, pestilences and earthquakes** in various places” would come (v. 7).

After describing these and other similar end-time events, Jesus then said: “But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:34–36).

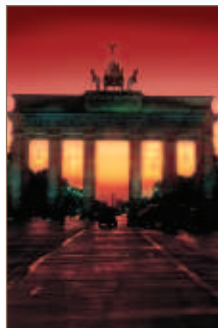
Indeed, if we allow ourselves to become so consumed by our “daily routine”—our work, our favorite television shows, the Internet and so many other distractions—we will *fail utterly* to be truly “alert” to these **enormously important** prophetic events swiftly occurring! We will be, as Jesus warned, weighed down by the “cares of this life.” So Jesus *commanded* us to “watch” this unfolding prophetic scenario, so we can be sensitive to God’s great **purpose**. For our Creator is guiding the rise and fall of nations, and is intervening in powerful *weather-related events* and the **earthquakes** and the **disease epidemics** that He specifically prophesied for our time. Our “watching” prophetic events—as we *pray urgently* that God will protect His people and guide these events for good—draws us closer to our Creator and makes us more fully aware of His *power*, His *purpose* and His *wisdom*.

Jesus Christ gave this strong rebuke to the religious leaders of His day, who were asking for some special “sign” of His Messiahship: “When it is evening you say, ‘It will be fair weather, for the sky is red’; and in the morning, ‘It will be foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.’ Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot discern *the signs of the times*” (Matthew 16:2–3). So it is today. Most religious people—and *their leaders*—have virtually *no idea* of the on-rushing prophetic events now

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# How to KNOW God

By Roderick C. Meredith

**Many people know of God. But do they really know Him? The truth may surprise you!**

**“H**ow good it is to know the Lord this morning!” said the emotional preacher.

“Amen,” echoed several in the congregation.

Have you heard people talk in this glib manner about their God and Creator? Such folks honestly believe they are glorifying the Eternal God by this kind of talk. They are—on the whole—quite evidently sincere. But many non-religious people, especially those who are less emotional, just smile to themselves when they hear this—and feel that these sentimental people have been misguided into using reli-

gion as a means of “letting off steam.”

But do any of these people even “know the Lord” at all? Putting our personal feelings and preconceived ideas aside, how can we really “get to know” God?

## God Reveals His Nature

There are three basic means by which you can come to know *and really understand* the true God—the Creator of the universe. The first way is by carefully studying what God has produced—His creation—the thing we sometimes call “nature.” The Apostle Paul knew this. He was inspired to write: “For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, *being understood by the things that are made*” (Romans 1:20).

God’s supreme intelligence is so evident in His creation that the atheist is totally without excuse for denying God’s existence. This is a *law-abiding* universe. God is clearly revealed in nature as a God of *law* and order—of supreme wisdom and purpose behind everything He does.

Try to break the law of gravity sometime! The unity of nature—the constancy of inexorable law—points to the nature and character of the Creator. God’s creation *did not evolve!* Its laws remain the same. Charles Darwin’s own son said, “*We cannot prove that a single species*

has been changed.” God decreed in Genesis 1:25 that every plant and animal should bring forth “according to its kind.” Not once has this decree been violated.

God’s laws do not change! All creation thunders forth this truth. This principle applies to *spiritual* as well as physical things. *Study God’s creation if you truly wish to understand your Creator.* The Bible and “nature” both teach that God’s plan and His laws do not change. “The works of His hands are verity and justice; *all His precepts are sure. They stand fast forever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness.*” (Psalm 111:7–8).

## Second Witness Needed

In contrast to the united testimony of nature, human beings are divided and confused in their ideas of God. It has been said, “Man creates God in his own image.” In the *majority of cases, that is true!*

People of every nation and tongue have always worshiped something. But their “god” is usually a product of their imagination—a god that conforms to their current *human* standards, laws and ways of looking at things.

Even today, most professing “Christians” *read their own idea of God into the Bible.* We all know of people who think of God as a kindly, sentimental and *very prudish* old fellow who would be shocked to tears and completely upset if any of his children should go to a dance or drink a glass of wine. Their concept of God is just as narrow and limited as their own environment, training and mental outlook has been.

Other people go to the opposite extreme. They think of God as a far-off spiritual power, who has little or no direct interaction with the human family. They imagine

that God is “wise” enough to *leave us alone* to choose our own amusements, society and laws—*and even our own religion* the way we want to have it. Such people think they are philosophic, cosmopolitan and “modern.” *So, they picture God in their own image!*

The Holy Bible is the *revealed* word of the Creator God. It was written to show us the nature of God, and how we should live and worship Him, that we might become His children. Diligently *studying* your Bible is the second way to come to know God. It is the *second witness* needed to dispel humanity’s confusion in its ideas of God.

## The Bible Carries Authority

If you have proved and really *believe* that the Bible is the inspired revelation from God to man, then you should clearly realize that God’s word is not to be argued with—or falsely interpreted to support pet doctrines.

We may have had our own preconceived *human* idea of God. But if we want the *truth*, we must put that aside, and search God’s word to find out how He *reveals* Himself to us. Remember: “*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness*” (2 Timothy 3:16). The Bible is meant to correct and reprove us—to show us where we are wrong. Will we let it?

God says, “I am the LORD, I do not change” (Malachi 3:6). We find that Jesus Christ is, “the *same* yesterday, today, and forever” (Hebrews 13:8). The Father and the Son do not whimsically alter their plans and principles—*or their laws.* They “do not change.”

At this point, it is important to realize that Christ *was* the God

or “Lord” of the Old Testament! In John 1:1–5, we find that Christ *was* the “Word” or “Spokesman” who was with the Father from the beginning. All things were created by Jesus Christ (v. 3; Colossians 1:16). Christ was the spiritual “Rock” who protected the children of Israel, and *it was He who gave them the Ten Commandments* (1 Corinthians 10:1–6).

God *in the person of Jesus Christ* is the One who gave the *law* that most preachers *scorn* today! *Why* do people hide their eyes from the Christ who is supreme *Lawgiver*? Do they think Christ has changed?

Your Bible says *He has not changed!*

God’s methods and laws are consistent from Genesis to Revelation. But most self-appointed preachers, failing to realize this, will talk about the “God of the Old Testament” in contrast with Christ in the New Testament. They even say that Christ preached the gospel, but the Apostle Paul preached a *different* gospel. These preachers are in *confusion*.

In Revelation 17:5, God calls this mixed-up, divided system “Babylon the Great”—which literally means “*great confusion.*” God’s true people are commanded to *come out* of that system (Revelation 18:4).

Why?

Because *the people in that system do not know the true God!* Satan has his own *false* ministers who *appear* to be ministers of righteousness (2 Corinthians 11:15). These *false* ministers are deceiving people, “whose minds the god of this age has blinded” (2 Corinthians 4:4).

How can these people be so easily deceived? *First*, because they blindly follow human tradition and its false ministers, and therefore have a *false* concept of God. *Second*,

because they are spiritually too *lazy* to *study* the Bible and come to know the true God and *His way*.

## The Bible Is Consistent

From Genesis to Revelation, God is revealed as the *Creator*, the *Ruler*, and the potential *spiritual Father* of mankind. In Genesis 2:17, God *commanded* the first man *not* to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good *and* evil. But Adam stubbornly *disobeyed* this command and incurred the death penalty. God had shown himself as *Ruler*, and His subjects had disobeyed.

Long before God instituted the Old Covenant, He blessed Abraham—because he *obeyed* God's laws and *kept* His commandments (Genesis 26:5). Abraham *knew God* as his Supreme Ruler.

After the Israelites had come out of Egypt, God gave them His commandments, which they had *lost* since Jacob's time. They were to be *ruled* by God's laws, the only laws that can truly bring happiness. But the Israelites—having the same human nature we have today—*disobeyed* God and were driven into captivity.

Why? Because they refused to recognize God—to *know* God—as their Supreme Ruler.

## Jesus Reveals the Father

Jesus came in the flesh to "*reveal*" the Father. He showed

that God's law would be in force until heaven and earth pass away (Matthew 5:18). Christ did not come to destroy God's law, but to *fulfill* it (v. 17). Remember, to *fulfill* means to *do* or *perform*, not to *do away with*. When a young man came to ask Jesus how to be saved, he was told to "*keep the commandments*" (Matthew 19:17).

Jesus taught that Christians were no longer to carry out the administration of the *civil* statutes and *judgments* for breaking the law (John 8:1–8). Christ's followers are no longer to execute judgment on evildoers (Matthew 7:1–5). The

*rituals* and *carnal ordinances* of the Old Testament were fulfilled by Christ's sacrifice (Colossians 2:14; Hebrews 7:27). Yet it is that very sacrifice, and the Holy Spirit which now lives within true Christians, that allows us to keep the *spiritual* commandments (Matthew 5:19).

Indeed, Jesus' whole ministry

was one of revealing God as the supreme Lawgiver and Ruler. Christ preached the good news of the coming kingdom—*government*—of God (Mark 1:14). That is the *true gospel*—the good news of God's government, God's *rule*!

The very foundation of Jesus' teaching was that, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by *every word* that proceeds from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). What *word*? What *God*? The Jews of Jesus' day knew very well that Christ was referring to the God of the Old Testament—the giver of the law—who was to *rule* Israel.

The only "word" of the *true* God, at that time, was the Old Testament contained in *your Bible*! Jesus referred to the "law"—the Old Testament writings—as *scripture*, and He said, "*the scripture cannot be broken*" (John 10:35).

Yes, *you* are commanded to live by every word of the *true* God as revealed by Jesus Christ in the New *and* Old Testaments of your Bible. Do you *know* that God? Or do you think Christ did not know what He was talking about?

Please open your mind to this truth!

## Christ Our Example

Most professing "Christian" ministers talk about Christ as some sort of hero and Savior, but they *refuse* to acknowledge His *gospel*, His *teachings* and His *example*. They picture Jesus as a sweet *but helpless* little baby at Christmas, and as a Savior who has gone "way off to heaven" at Easter! Their conception is that He came to *die* for mankind, but that *His teaching carries no authority* today!

Your Bible says the *exact opposite*!

We read that Jesus' life was the "light" of men (John 1:4). It was to show them *God's way* to live. Peter was inspired to write, "Christ also suffered for us, *leaving us an example*, that you should follow His steps" (1 Peter 2:21). Also: "He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked" (1 John 2:6). Or, as the *Moffat* translation renders that verse: "He who says he 'remains in him' ought to be *living as he lived*."

Jesus is our *perfect* example! Those who say they are Christians—that they "remain in Him"—ought to be *living* as He lived! Are you? If you do not believe



in and try to follow Jesus' example, you do not understand *what kind* of God the *true God* is. You are *ignorant* of how to worship and obey the God and Father of Jesus Christ.

What was Jesus' example?

Jesus' entire life is a perfect example of *obedience* to God's law and His rule! He said, "I have *kept* my Father's commandments" (John 15:10). His own teaching was simply a magnification of God's law (Isaiah 42:21). Actually, He came in the flesh to magnify *His own law*—the Ten Commandments! Remember, He *was* the God of the Old Testament who *gave* the Ten Commandments and dealt with Israel (1 Corinthians 10:1–6).

When He came in the flesh, Jesus *kept* that law *to set us an example*. He was our "light," our *example*. A *true Christian* is one who follows Christ—who *follows that example*.

Do you begin to see the true nature of the living God?

He is the *One* who has set all physical and spiritual *laws* and *energies* in motion. He has an overall plan for this earth—He is Supreme Ruler.

The Word came in the flesh as Jesus Christ, to preach the good news of God's kingdom—His government. Jesus always preached that gospel. Philip preached it (Acts 8:12). The Apostle Paul preached it all through his ministry—even *to the Gentiles at Rome* (Acts 28:31). It is the *only* true gospel!

### God's Character

God is a *ruler*. If we become His begotten children through *repentance*, *baptism* and receiving the *Holy Spirit* (Acts 2:38), we can be "born again" into His Kingdom (John 3:1–8). We can be changed into—actually *born*—of *spirit* as a

*literal* son of God! God is reproducing Himself! He, the Creator and Ruler of the universe, is begetting human beings through His Spirit to be *born* as His sons—to be in His own family and inherit eternal life. But before God will make us His own sons and grant us eternal life, we must *first* learn *how to live*.

We must develop God's *wisdom*—His *character*. We must "live by every word of God." Realizing that our Creator knows best, we should *obey* Him. To deny this is to admit a profound *ignorance* of the Eternal God's great wisdom and purpose! It betrays a lack of understanding of the *character* of the *true God*.

The Apostle John summed it up when he wrote of Christ—the God of the Old Testament, the giver of the *law*: "He who says, 'I know Him,' and does not keep His commandments, is a *liar*, and the *truth is not in him*" (1 John 2:4).

God Himself calls lawless ministers *liars* when they try to deny the authority of His *rule*, the wisdom of His *law* and the very basis of His great *purpose*!

It is time to wake up! May God help you to repent of defying His rule and *breaking* His laws, and guide you to accept Christ as your Savior *from* sin. Then you may begin to develop the *character* of God and be born of the

Spirit as His son in the resurrection. You *need* to come to know the *true God* as your Father.

### Talk to God

Once you actually *begin to know* the true God—the God revealed by Jesus Christ—you will want to talk to Him. And you can talk to Him in prayer. This is the *third way* you may genuinely come to *know* the true God.

As you come to know God in this way, you will soon realize that you need to *obey* God if you expect an answer. You will also find that God is *love*, and that He will gladly grant any request that is good for *you* under the circumstances. You will discover that He has *power to heal* you when you are sick, to *deliver* you in miraculous ways from trouble and to *bless* you in a manner beyond human comprehension.

So, *get to know God* by talking to Him every day!

And remember—the combined testimonies of *nature*, of the *Bible*, and of *answered prayer* all reveal the same *true God*. He is the All-Wise, All-Powerful, Law-Giving Ruler of the universe. He is your Father. I hope you will be willing to *acknowledge* His government, *obey* His laws, and inherit eternal life as His child! ■

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# Modern Morality AND THE Ten Commandments

By Richard F. Ames

**A**t the end of World War II, when the Axis powers were crushed and Germany's cities were devastated, the United States extended aid, through the Marshall Plan, even to its former enemies in Western Europe. The U.S. was admired around the world for its values and its selfless giving to other nations.

Today, however, the U.S. has a poor reputation around the globe. Its entertainment industry has exported pornography, materialism and false values that have turned countless millions against their former benefactor. Once admired for sending soldiers to uphold freedom and moral values, the U.S. is now widely hated for extending its influence where it is not wanted.

Will this change anytime soon? Will the U.S. be respected as a moral leader, or will it continue a decline into moral and social decay? To understand

the present, we should learn the lessons of history. We should understand the causes of empires' decline and fall. The Roman Empire prospered in commerce, engineering and architecture. It used powerful military legions to extend its boundaries. But eventually, the Roman Empire decayed and fell into ruin. One of the major causes of its decline was the disintegration of the family. When divorce, adultery and indulgence devastated family unity and values, the empire declined and weakened in character. How would you describe the character of your nation, or your region?

In the 18th century, many founding fathers of the U.S. realized that their new nation must be grounded on lasting values. They recognized that the nation must acknowledge God Almighty as the author of true freedom and government.



In June, 1787, Benjamin Franklin addressed the Constitutional Convention: “I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth—that God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid?” (*Journal of the Federal Convention*, James Madison, ed. E. H. Scott, pp. 259–60).

What an amazing perspective. Do America’s legislators, congressmen, and statesmen, recognize this wonderful truth in the 21st century? The very future and survival of the western nations depend on their acknowledgement and acceptance of Almighty God and His way of life!

Daniel Webster, the great American statesman, gave this warning about his nation’s future: “If there is anything in my thoughts or style to commend, the credit is due to my parents for instilling in me an early love of the Scriptures. If we abide by the principles taught in the Bible, our country will go on prospering and to prosper; but if we and our posterity neglect its instructions and authority, no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us and bury all our glory in profound obscurity” (*Halley’s Bible Handbook*, p. 18).

If we will live by “the principles taught in the Bible”—the Ten Commandments—we will continue to prosper, individually and nationally. Sadly, most national leaders and institutions will not stand up for biblical principles. But you and I can do so, individually.

## **Nations Acknowledge God**

The United Kingdom recognizes God in its national anthem,

“God Save the Queen.” This anthem is also sung in Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Many other western nations recognize God in their founding documents. Canada’s 1982 Constitution Act includes this preamble: “Whereas Canada is founded upon principles that recognize the supremacy of God and the rule of law...” On March 2, 1898, the Constitution of Australia was adopted with this acknowledgement of God: “Whereas the people of New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Queensland, and Tasmania, humbly relying on the blessing of Almighty God, have agreed to unite in one indissoluble Federal Commonwealth under the Crown of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland...”

Will these formal recognitions translate into righteousness in these nations? We read in the book of Proverbs: “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people” (Proverbs 14:34).

Many of the U.S.’s founding fathers knew profoundly that God Almighty is the One who blesses a nation. John Adams, who later became the second president of the United States, recognized God in the establishment of the new nation. He believed that the independence of the United States would be a momentous event, and wrote to his wife Abigail, on July 3, 1776: “I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated, as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty.”

How many of America’s leaders today would agree with John Adams? George Washington, the nation’s first President, stated: “It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible” (*Halley’s Bible Handbook*, p. 18).

Why do so few leaders believe that today? Nations that refuse to acknowledge the sovereignty of Almighty God will face His judgment. Thomas Jefferson, who became the third president of the U.S., foresaw the terrible result of rejecting God’s sovereignty: “God who gave us life gave us liberty. And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are a gift from God? That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, and that His justice cannot sleep forever.” An excerpt of this quote from his *Notes on the State of Virginia* is inscribed on the walls of the Jefferson Memorial in Washington, D.C.

## **God, Life and Liberty**

Yes, God—who gave us life—gave us liberty. Have we removed the “only firm basis” of that liberty, in Jefferson’s words? If so, we need to repent—nationally and individually. We need to acknowledge Almighty God as the true source of freedom, blessings and prosperity. God has revealed His way of life through the Holy Bible. The Bible is the word of God, and gives us awesome truth and understanding for those who will commit themselves to live by it. As Jesus said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God’” (Luke 4:4).

The Bible shows us the true way to live—the way of life that brings abundant blessings. As Jesus said, “The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and

that they may have it more abundantly: (John 10:10).

How do we enjoy that abundant life? There is a cause for every effect! Your Bible confirms this profound truth.

“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the

Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life” (Galatians 6:7–8).

Yes, we must be spiritually minded—not carnally minded, as the Apostle Paul warned (Romans 8:6). But what brings the abundant life? A young man came to Jesus and asked Him, “Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?” What did Jesus tell him? Did He say, “You don’t have to do anything”? No! Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good but One, that is, God. But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.” He said to Him, “Which ones?” Jesus said, “You shall not murder,’ ‘You shall not commit adultery,’ ‘You shall not steal,’ ‘You shall not bear false witness,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother,’ and, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 19:16–19).

Do you believe your Bible? Do you believe what Jesus said? Today, the Ten Commandments are under attack. The Savior of the world, our soon-coming King of kings and Lord of lords, taught those commandments. But our modern western world increasingly rejects them, and continues its slide into immorality.



Just as God is the Creator of the natural laws of physics and chemistry, He is also the lawgiver of spiritual law. And those laws are just as real! One of the themes

of the Bible from beginning to end is that obedience to the revealed laws of God brings blessings.

Disobedience to those laws

brings curses and penalties. Just read Deuteronomy 28 and Leviticus 26. These are called the “blessings and cursings” chapters. Also, notice the last chapter of scripture in your Bible. Jesus, the Messiah, announces how suddenly and unexpectedly He will return to earth—this is what is called the Second Coming. Notice who will be blessed, and who will not be blessed: “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.” Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie” (Revelation 22:12–15).

### **Cause and Effect**

Yes, there is cause and effect in life. When we apply the right cause, we can enjoy the right benefit. When we practice immorality, we reap a painful effect. God Almighty gave the Ten Commandments so we could demonstrate love

toward Him and love toward our neighbors.

You may not have thought of it this way, but the first four commandments show us how to love God, and the last six show us how to love our neighbor. Jesus plainly explained the two great commandments. A scribe asked Jesus, “Which is the first commandment of all?” Jesus answered him, “The first of all the commandments is: ‘Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one. And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these” (Mark 12:28–31).

These are the great *commandments*, not the great *suggestions*. They reveal what so few people on earth really understand as their purpose in life. God wants us to be a part of His divine family for all eternity. He is the Father of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named (Ephesians 3:15). The foundation for that family is love. We must learn to develop loving relationships. God is love (1 John 4:8, 16). So, Almighty God in His first commandment of the ten tells us, “You shall have no other gods before Me” (Exodus 20:3). We love the true God by rejecting false gods.

The ancient Egyptian Empire enslaved the nation of Israel. Perhaps you have seen *The Ten Commandments*, the classic movie by Cecil B. DeMille. Through ten plagues, God judged the false gods of Egypt and delivered the enslaved Israelites. As Moses led his people to the Red Sea, Pharaoh and his army were about to attack.

What did Moses tell them? “And Moses said to the people, ‘Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today.

For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace” (Exodus 14:13–14).

Then the Israelites passed through the sea on “dry ground” (v. 22). God rescued the Israelites, but the Egyptian army behind them was destroyed as the pent-up water crashed in on them. The former slaves were now free! After several weeks, Moses and the Israelites arrived at Mount Sinai. The mountain



shook. Thunders and lightnings and a loud trumpet set the stage. God spoke to the whole nation and gave them the Ten Commandments. Later, Moses received the Ten Commandments on two tables of stone written by the finger of God (Exodus 31:18).

But what did Jesus Christ teach about the Ten Commandments? We saw earlier that Jesus clearly gave instructions concerning the commandments. He said, “But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments” (Matthew 19:17). Do you believe your Savior? Or do you believe the false arguments that say the commandments are done away? Jesus Christ was nailed to the cross—His commandments were not! Your sins were symbolically nailed to the cross. But if the law was done away, then there is no sin, and

anarchy can reign. The commandments define sin. We read: “Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness” (1 John 3:4). Or, “Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law” (v. 4, KJV). Yes, sin still exists, and God’s law still exists. The book of Romans also confirms that the commandments are still in effect. “For where there is no law there is no transgression” (Romans 4:15).

Everyone who has ever lived—except Jesus Christ—has sinned. As the Apostle Paul wrote, “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). We all have incurred the death penalty for our sins. Paul also wrote: “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23).

### **We Must Repent!**

God has given us His Son to pay our penalty. Jesus, the Son of

## **Morally Acceptable?**

**Americans report widespread acceptance of indulging in many behaviors that are considered immoral by biblical standards:**

<b>Behavior</b>	<b>Percentage accepting</b>
Gambling	61
Cohabitation	60
Sexual fantasizing	59
Abortion	45
Adultery	42
Pornography	38
Profanity	36
Drunkenness	35
Homosexual sex	30
Use of non-prescription drugs	17

Source: *Morality Continues to Decay*, Barna Research, November 2003

God, shed His blood to pay for our sins. We can be forgiven! But we must repent of our sins, accept Christ's shed blood, and accept Him as our Lord and living Savior. When the New Testament Church began on Pentecost, the Apostle Peter told the crowd, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38).

Responding to Peter's sermon, 3,000 people were baptized that day (v. 41)!

If you have studied true biblical baptism, and if you have come to the place in your life where you have repented and accepted Christ's sacrifice and His authority over your life, I invite you to counsel with one of our ministers. We have representatives in many regions around the world. Just write to the regional office nearest you (listed on page 30 of this magazine), and one of our ministers will be happy to meet with you at a time and place of your choosing, to discuss this vital matter in more depth.

Our modern western world increasingly rejects the Ten Commandments and continues its slide into immorality. But just how bad is it (see box "Morally Acceptable?" on page 11)? Even some professing Christians approve of biblically defined immoral behavior! Yet the seventh commandment plainly states, "You shall not commit adultery" (Exodus 20:14). Jesus magnified the commandments and made them more binding. Not only must we avoid physical adultery, but

we must avoid adultery of the heart and mind. Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not commit adultery,' but I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart" (Matthew 5:27–28).

Are you committing spiritual adultery in your mind, and with your eyes? Pornography permeates our society, leading to perversions and sexual slavery in many regions around the world. Our western world promotes pornography through the Internet and the entertainment media. If you have rationalized in your mind that indulging in pornography is OK, you need to

repent! You need to acknowledge your spiritual adultery before God. The wages of sin is death! You can be forgiven, but you need to repent and turn your mind and your life around! You need to read the Bible, and you need to clean up your mind! We need to reject modern *im*-morality, and choose the way of the Bible and the Ten Commandments.

U.S. President John Adams believed that America's government could function well only for a moral people. He wrote: "We have no government armed with power capable of contending with human passions unbridled by morality and religion. Avarice, ambition, revenge, or gallantry, would break the strongest cords of our Constitution as a whale goes through a net. Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other" (*Letter to Massachusetts Militia*, October 11, 1798).

Will we live as biblically moral and religious peoples and nations? The New Covenant, which Jesus instituted, did not do away with the commandments of God. The New Covenant emphasizes that the commandments—the way of love—are to be written on our hearts and minds (Jeremiah 31; Hebrews 8:10). God expects us to apply the Ten Commandments in our lives and to internalize them. How? By Christ living His life in us (Galatians 2:20).

Will you give in to the lure of "modern morality," or will you choose God's way—and live, with Christ's help, by His Ten Commandments? ■



John Adams, second President of the United States.

## The Ten Commandments

God's law is love, and He has expressed that love in the Ten Commandments. Apply them to your life, and you will be blessed in ways you cannot begin to imagine.

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# Questions & Answers

**Question:** I have just discovered that the weekly Sabbath begins at sunset on Friday and ends on sunset on Saturday, as the Bible says. What should I do to “keep it holy” as we are commanded in Exodus 20:8?

**Answer:** Some mistakenly think of the Sabbath as a time when God oppresses us by forbidding our doing what we want. But it is actually a time He created for mankind, giving us relief from the week’s stress and focusing our attention on the One who made that day and set it apart for His holy purpose. “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).

Why do we keep the Sabbath? It is one of the Ten Commandments, which God gave and which Christ Himself observed and taught His followers to observe (Matthew 19:17). We read: “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).

Each Sabbath, we turn away from our labor and from frivolous activities such as watching sports, or taking in entertainment on the television or the Internet that draws our attention away from God and His plan for us. This frees our time to read Scripture, pray and meditate on the things of God. On the Sabbath, we are to focus on learning about God and worshiping Him. Those who live within a reasonable traveling distance of a group of true Christian believers should come together in worship and fellowship. “And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, **not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together**, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so

much the more as you see the Day [of Christ’s return] approaching” (Hebrews 10:24–25).

Christ explained that we are to do good on the Sabbath (Matthew 12:12). A person who saves an endangered life on the Sabbath is not violating it; Christ healed the sick on the Sabbath, for which the Pharisees plotted to destroy Him (vv. 13–14). However, Christians must examine their consciences to be sure they do not misuse Christ’s command. It is proper for a Christian to save a life on the Sabbath, but it is not proper to earn money on the Sabbath by doing one’s regular business with the excuse of “helping” people.

When we keep God’s true Sabbath properly, He blesses us richly. “If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, from doing your pleasure on My holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy day of the LORD honorable, and shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words, then you shall delight yourself in the LORD; and I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth, and feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father” (Isaiah 58:13–14, *NIV*).

God’s weekly and annual Sabbaths are a time of joy and of physical and spiritual refreshing to be shared with brethren. “When I remember these things, I pour out my soul within me. For I used to go with the multitude; I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept a pilgrim feast” (Psalm 42:4).

To learn more about the meaning and observance of the Sabbath, please request a free copy of our booklets, *Which Day Is the Christian Sabbath?* and *The Holy Days: God’s Master Plan*. Write to the regional office nearest you (listed on page 30 of this magazine) or go online to [www.tomorrowworld.org](http://www.tomorrowworld.org).

## They Stumble Together!

The United States, Great Britain, Australia, South Africa and the tiny Jewish state of Israel are all experiencing similar troubles at the same

time! Once the most respected nation on earth, the U.S. has in recent years found its influence declining precipitously. More and more, Great Britain is finding itself “left out” of an emerging European superstate. Israel has very few friends or allies other than the above-mentioned English-speaking nations. Severe droughts have ravaged South Africa, and also Australia, as well as parts of the U.S. and Great Britain. Armed Muslim extremists, long a part of life in modern Israel, have brought their violence to the U.S. and Great Britain.

Why are these nations all experiencing similar troubles at the same time? Ancient Bible prophecies provide vital and informative answers—and those prophecies are *coming alive today!*

### Prophetic Warnings

Many people who read the Bible today consider themselves too “modern” and “sophisticated” to take its words seriously. To them, Scripture is simply a collection of myths and allegories, mostly about make-believe people and events, in a murky and distant past.

Yet the God of the Bible makes a bold claim—that He can and does predict the future! “...I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying ‘My counsel shall stand’” (Isaiah 46:9–10).

The Bible records that God, sometime before 720BC, told the prophet Hosea to record the warnings He was giving to several related nations, foretelling the *consequences* their peoples would face as a result of their sins. Hosea was inspired to write, “The pride of Israel testifies to his face; therefore *Israel* and *Ephraim* stumble in their

iniquity; *Judah* also stumbles with them... Among the tribes of Israel I make known *what is sure*” (Hosea 5:5, 9).

Many careless Bible students wrongly assume that Israel and Judah are simply one nation, found today on a small patch of land in the Middle East. This common-but-mistaken assumption obscures the real meaning of Hosea’s prophecy. When Hosea wrote, Israel was a kingdom composed of ten tribes in the northern part of what was later called Palestine, and Judah was a kingdom to Israel’s south, composed primarily of two tribes: Judah and Benjamin. Together, these twelve tribes made up the “whole house of Israel”—with each tribe descended from one of Jacob’s twelve sons. Genesis 49 reveals specific prophecies outlining the future characteristics of the nations that would develop from each of these twelve tribes.

After Hosea’s time, the ten northern tribes that comprised Israel were carried into captivity in Assyria. From there, they later migrated into northwest Europe and the British Isles. From Britain they then spread to the U.S., Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

Near the end of the seventh century BC—about 120 years after Israel fell to Assyria—the southern kingdom of Judah was conquered by Babylon. But unlike the inhabitants of the northern kingdom, whose descendants were mostly scattered to the northwest, a portion of the peoples of the southern kingdom returned to the area around Jerusalem after their captivity ended. Those returned captives built the Second Temple in Jerusalem and carried on their Jewish religion until that temple was destroyed by the Romans in 70AD and the Jewish people again began to scatter. To learn more about these ancient tribes, their migrations and their importance in Bible prophecy, please request a copy of our free booklet, *The United States and Great Britain in Prophecy*.

Today, the identity of the Jewish people is well-recognized. But only a very few who understand history and Bible prophecy are aware of the modern identity of the ancient Israelite tribes. Since many Bible prophecies are dual—applying initially, in part, to an ancient nation, then applying more fully to a modern nation (or nations) at the end of this age—we cannot truly understand the prophecies of Scripture unless we understand the modern national identities of Israel.

In Hosea’s prophecy, *Israel* refers to the modern Israelite nations, of which the U.S. is the most prominent today. His reference to *Ephraim* indicates Britain and its

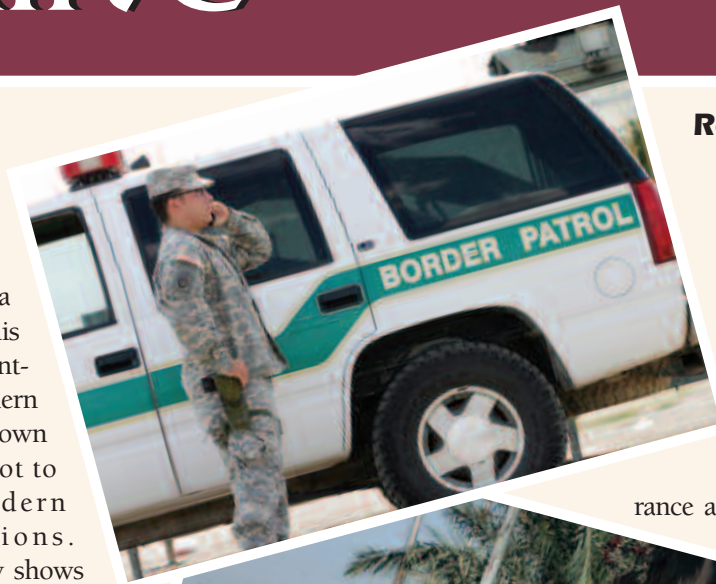


descendants, the “multitude of nations” mentioned in Genesis 48:19. When Hosea refers to *Judah*, his prophecy is pointing to the modern Jewish nation known as Israel, and not to the other modern Israelite nations. Hosea’s prophecy shows that the Israelite nations—including the U.S., Great Britain, Australia and South Africa—will stumble *at the same time* as the Jewish nation of Israel in the Middle East. This is exactly what is happening today!

## Yesterday’s Prophecy; Today’s News

Anyone following the news over the last few years has seen many news reports documenting the decline in U.S. influence around the world. Article after article has proclaimed “The End of Pax Americana,” and survey after survey indicates concerns around the globe that the U.S. cannot be trusted to act responsibly in its dealings with other nations.

Analysts point out that American military forces are stretched dangerously thin, due to U.S. entanglements in Afghanistan and Iraq, and declare: “Failure in Iraq would be disaster for U.S.” (*Charlotte Observer*, January 11, 2007)—all this while the U.S. dollar continues to lose value in relation to foreign currencies. Other studies see an ominous “gathering storm” of violent crime threatening America, along with a tidal wave of illegal immigration that is changing the cultural face of the nation. Britain faces similar problems of increasing crime and racial unrest fueled by waves of foreign immigrants, overstretched military units, and pressures from Europe to either “get in or get out.” And while the U.S. and Great Britain fight terrorism on their shores, the Middle Eastern nation of Israel is besieged by armed Islamic extremists who want to eliminate that little country.



## Reasons for Trouble

But *why* are major troubles besetting these specific nations at this point in history? The prophet Hosea *revealed the cause* of the problems in the Israelite nations. He wrote: “...Because you have forgotten the law of your God... Because they have ceased obeying the LORD” (Hosea 4:6, 10). This willing ignorance and disobedience has spawned a whole series of problems, “swearing and lying, killing and stealing and committing adultery, they break all restraint, with bloodshed upon bloodshed” (Hosea 4:2). Long before Hosea’s time, God warned the people He had blessed and chosen to be a light to the world: “When you have eaten and are full... Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping His commandments” (Deuteronomy 8:10–11). Yet God foresaw the Israelite peoples’ tendency to forget, so He inspired

Moses to record sober warnings for their descendants: “I know that after my death you will become utterly corrupt, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you. *And evil will befall you in the latter days*, because you will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger through the work of your hands” (Deuteronomy 31:29).

It is no coincidence that the growing troubles now threatening the Israelite nations have arisen while they are *tolerating and promoting* the abortion of millions of unborn babies, leading the world in adultery and divorce and celebrating homosexual relationships and same-sex marriages—all practices the Bible clearly calls abominations (Leviticus 18:20–22). Because of these flagrant sins, God reveals that these nations will “reap the consequences” of their actions (Jeremiah 2:17–19; Hosea 4:9–10). Scripture shows that God himself is “fashioning a disaster and devising a plan against” the modern Israelite nations, and that those disasters will come upon the nations “suddenly” (Jeremiah 6:26; 15:8). It is time to wake up to the power and relevance of Bible prophecy!

—Douglas S. Winnail



# Resurgent Germany: A Fourth Reich?

By Douglas S. Winnail

**What is Germany's future? Bible prophecy illuminates German history to offer important clues!**

**G**ermany has made astounding strides since the end of World War II. In 1945, the entire nation—broken into East and West—lay prostrate in defeat, its dreams of world conquest foiled, its economy ravaged and its cities reduced to rubble.

Six decades later, the German economy has rebounded. Again joined into one powerful nation, it is among the world's largest and strongest. Its wages and standard of living are among the world's highest. Its former militarism appears to have been replaced by peaceful democracy—which 60 years ago would have been unthinkable.



However, suspicions and even fears of Germany still linger in many countries, as *Financial Times* columnist Gideon Rachman noted earlier this year. But those suspicions appear to be fading. “It helps that Angela Merkel, the chancellor, is about as far as you can get from the caricature of a jackbooted Prussian,” Rachman observed (*Financial Times*, July 16, 2007).

But are fears of Germany justified as the 21st century unfolds? Will a “Fourth Reich” rise? Will we see a “Europeanized” Germany blend into the fabric of a united continent, or will Germany try again to dominate Europe and exert its influence on the world? While many assume it is impossible to predict the future in the complex field of international relations, that simply is not true! The Bible outlines the future course of world history by *predicting* the actions of specific nations. One key to understanding Bible prophecy is to be able to identify the nations involved. Historical records provide important clues as to national origins, and **national characteristics that remain consistent over the centuries also provide important clues.** As we will see, Germany can be identified in the prophecies of the Bible, and its future course of action can be known. That identity is *surprising* and the future is *sobering*—in the short run—but exciting in the ultimate outcome of God’s plan for humanity.

### Reason for Concern

What worries many seasoned observers is that this remarkably gifted nation has other *unique and ominous* proclivities. Arnulf Baring accurately describes Germany as a “country of promising beginnings,

*dramatic changes* and abrupt breakdowns” and as “a country with a never-ending series of *surprising inceptions* and *equally surprising finales*” (*Germany’s New Position in Europe*, p. 2). Many modern Germans are nervous that a developing crisis could push their newly united country “back into the *continuity* of German history” (*ibid.*, pp. 10–11). That history, viewed from the perspective of centuries, reveals a marked tendency to undergo **periodic and dramatic transformations in national character.**

Many writers have described this sobering phenomenon of “*the mutable Germans.*” When Italian journalist Luigi Barzini visited Berlin in the early 1930s as a war correspondent, he saw a city that was the “artistic capital of Europe” filled with avant-garde art shows, trail-blazing films and experiments of all kinds” (*The Europeans*, p. 75). Several years later, after the Nazis had come to power, Barzini saw a very different Berlin crowded with “stiff men in spotless uniforms,” serious businessmen, chic women and families (*ibid.*, p. 78). Barzini comments, “I saw a **strangely malleable country given a new shape by the Nazis**” (*ibid.*, p. 78). He continues, “frightening above all were the young, healthy, well-washed faces of the soldiers, their eyes shining with a fanatic faith as they marched by, singing martial songs.”

It is this tendency toward a *militaristic transformation* that is the most worrisome aspect of the German people. German soldiers have marched out of Germany and across Europe as “a relentless unstoppable war machine” *numerous* times in history. World War II began in 1939 when Adolf Hitler openly broke agreements with neighboring nations. Elite Panzer

tank units led the German *blitzkrieg* (lightning war). U-boats prowled the Atlantic in *wolfpacks* and newly developed U-2 rockets rained death and destruction on England. Millions of Jews, Czechs and Poles were *deported* to work as slave laborers in German factories and faced *genocidal* deaths in concentration camps.

The German war machine of World War II stands *unequaled* in modern Western civilization for its efficiency, destructiveness and brutality. But *why* did Germany descend into tyranny? Where do these tendencies come from? Could this happen again?

### Obscuring German Origins

History provides remarkable insights into the origin and national character traits of the Germans. Coupled with Bible prophecy, these insights give us a divinely *revealed* window on Germany’s future. Historical records show that German tribes descended from Indo-Europeans who migrated from lands around the Black or Caspian Seas where they had been “neighbors of the Hebrews” (*Natural History*, Pliny, Bk. 4, 12). Julius Caesar (60BC) and the Roman historian Tacitus (98AD) referred to tribes living along the Rhine as *Germanii*. Tacitus wrote that German men had “no taste for peace” and spent their time in warlike pursuits. From the earliest accounts, Germanic society was geared to waging war—and posed a serious threat to the Roman army.

History clearly reveals that the German tribes *absorbed* Roman ways (imperialism, totalitarianism and the religion of a “Christianized” empire) and became the “heirs of Rome” with

the rise of the Holy Roman Empire under Charlemagne and the German kings (*Germany: 2000 Years*, Reinhardt, pp. xxiii, 43). To find Germany leading the effort to unite Europe today is not surprising. This idea has been part of the German cultural heritage for more than a thousand years!

## The Power of Ideas

But what accounts for Germany's tendency to undergo dramatic transformations in national character? Why did so many Germans accept the "master race" concept and the destructive policies of Hitler's Third Reich? Part of the answer is found in the *cultural history* of Germany. It has been said that the character of individuals and nations determines their destiny. A nation's character is molded by the *religious and philosophical ideas* of its people (*ibid.*, pp. xxiv–xxvii). Ideas and ideologies have influenced cultural and political events in Germany "perhaps more than in any other nation in Europe" (*ibid.*, p. xxvi).

The primary gods of German mythology—Thor and Odin/Wodin—exhibit strikingly diverse characteristics. Thor is a *peaceful* god of seasons and pastures, but also a *god of war*. Thor combines in himself *two different personalities*—the "contrasting elements of friendly guardianship, and dark and dangerous irrationality" (*ibid.*, p. 15). Odin is a god of

death, storm and battlefield, but also of wisdom and witchcraft. Odin exhibits "incalculable and unfathomable irrationality. He



Ancient German mythology still shapes modern German character.



destroys heroes and protects cowards; he sows discord among friends... he changes his attachments and affiliations, *deserting his friends when they need him the most*" (*ibid.*, p. 15).

Over the centuries, Germany has exhibited a similar tendency for dramatic shifts in national direction. Shaped by a mythology offering no real purpose or meaning for life, Germans have been left searching for a cause (*ibid.*, p. 15). That void was once filled by the Holy Roman Empire, and in the last century by Hitler's National Socialist movement. Today, for many Germans, European unification is their purpose-giving cause.

Ancient German philosophy spurred the Germans toward a "lust for adventure and love of warfare" which made them "frequently *oblivious of humane considerations and inhibitions*. They tortured criminals... and broke

solemnly sworn treaties without scruples" (*ibid.*, p. 10). Historically, the German sense of honor exalted vengeance. In Germanic tradition, loyalty, honor and heroism were more important than the humility, compassion and charity emphasized by Christianity. This fundamental conflict between traditional cultural influences and Judeo-Christian values begins to explain the paths Prusso-Teutonic forces have pursued.

## Leaders Make a People

A powerful mixture of ideas, traditions and opportunities appears to merge in the lives of individuals who have molded German history. The German lands were part of the territories Charlemagne conquered in his attempt to *reassemble the Roman Empire*. Charlemagne was a powerful warrior with a powerful idea. That same idea of uniting Europe under the banner of Christendom burned in the hearts of the first German emperors of the Holy Roman Empire: Otto the Great and Frederick Barbarossa (Frederick I of Hohenstauffen—proclaimed "master of the world"). Under these strong warriors, the Germans became the most powerful kingdom in all Europe (960–1150AD). In the early 1700s, Frederick William I of Prussia revived the militaristic course of modern Germany. Following his Hohenzollern family tradition that land and military strength were keys to national power, he set out to build the strongest and best-trained army in Europe. When he died, Prussia was recognized as the most *thoroughly militarized power* in Europe and one of the most self-sufficient and prosperous.

Frederick William I's son, Frederick the Great, turned Prussia into the "drill-yard" of Europe and a first-class power. Frederick was a visionary administrator who established a centralized government and a professional civil service to rule his expanding realm. Frederick the Great was also an opportunist who learned from his mistakes. As king "he had no use for the forms of international law," invading without declaring war, then creating a pretext for his desired adventures (*ibid.*, p. 15). For Frederick, war was serious business to be won as quickly and efficiently as possible. He favored tactics involving surprise, cunning and audacity for attacking enemies of superior strength. He amazed his adversaries with his "capacity to continually recover and rise up afresh" (*ibid.*, p. 18). Frederick began his reign as a humanitarian, only to be transformed into a ruthless "hammer of the world"—emulating earlier German Fredericks (see Jeremiah 50:23).

### The Prussian Influence

The Prussian militaristic tradition begun by the Hohenzollerns eventually permeated all of Germany. Following Napoleon's defeat of Prussia, the Prussian Army was reorganized. Gerhard von Scharnhorst, a brilliant theorist and organizer, established military academies, built a new type of army, and laid the groundwork for what became the great German General Staff. This group of pro-

fessional soldiers planned for war even in times of peace, and prepared future generations of officers. Under Scharnhorst's direction, the *entire population* of Prussia was indoctrinated into the purpose and glories of war.

Scharnhorst's most devoted pupil, Karl von Clausewitz, believed war was merely a continuation of politics by other means—a belief reflected in Bismarck's policy that "the great questions of the day will not be settled by resolutions or majority votes, but by *blood and iron*"



Assyrian symbols and values found expression during Hitler's rule.

(Barzini, p. 71). It was this Prussian tradition—*authoritarian, anti-democratic, militaristic and expansionistic*—that paved the way for the rise of Imperial Germany, the Nazis, and the military adventures, atrocities and disasters of the Third Reich.

Hitler rose to power during the turmoil of a worldwide depression, but his ideas were drawn from *long-standing* German values and traditions. Germany's warlike behavior and glorification of battle—recognized long ago by the Romans—*reappears consistently* in the nation's history. But where did the Germans develop the fixation for precision and martial behavior that so distinguishes their national character? Who were the ances-

tors of the Germanic tribes that migrated from the shores of the Black and Caspian Seas?

### Striking Parallels

If you consult a map showing the Black and Caspian Seas, and look in several history books for the nations that occupied this area of the world in the 1st and 2nd millennia BC and exhibited militaristic traits similar to the Germans, you quickly discover some very interesting facts. Assyria and a neighboring kingdom (the Hittites) dominated that part of the world. Read what historians and archaeologists have learned about these ancient nations. Notice their distinctive national character traits. Compare those traits to the ones for which Germans have been noted in the last 2,000 years. It will not take you long to begin to realize you are onto something! The most outstanding feature of Assyria and the Hittites, setting them apart from their contemporaries, was their *militarism*, which aided them in creating and maintaining an empire. The Assyrian army was the *mightiest* the ancient world had ever seen.

Hittite power also rested on military prowess. As were Prussia and Germany, Assyria was looked upon as a nation of warriors, and the Assyrian government was primarily an instrument of war. The Assyrians developed a strongly centralized form of government under an absolute ruler. Initially, Assyrian conquests gained and maintained control of vital trade routes, in order to translate the emerging *economic* unity of the Near East into *political* unity—as is happening in Europe today! The military tac-

tics of the Assyrians and Hittites, like the Germans and Prussians, stressed rapid troop movements and surprise. Each developed a reputation for advancing the technology of war—chariots, cavalry, tanks, submarines and rockets.

The Assyrians, like the Germans at various times in their history, were notorious for using extreme acts of cruelty—blinding and mutilating victims, and stacking severed heads and corpses—to intimidate and control conquered peoples. Both nations *deported* conquered peoples to different locations on a massive scale to obtain forced labor and break morale. Both peoples also practiced genocide. Assyrian art and literature glorify the destructiveness and brutality of war. Virtually the same could be said for the writings of von Clausewitz and other Prussian and German authors.

Surrounding nations finally ganged up on and defeated the Assyrians—as Allied nations twice did to Germany in the 20th century. Assyria’s sudden collapse poses problems for historians. The Assyrians seem to *disappear* into the mists of history, in the area of the Black Sea. Interestingly, the ancestors of the Germans emerge in the *same region*. Most modern historians hesitate or fail to make any connection between the disappearance of the Assyrians and the appearance of the Germanic tribes. But Germany’s cultural history and national character resemble Assyria’s *like no other nation*.

Both Assyria and Germany stand *unique* in history for exactly the same reasons: thoroughly mil-

itarized societies, the glorification of war, brutally efficient armies, deliberately calculated acts of extreme cruelty, mass deportations, slave labor camps, and genocide—all centrally administered with incredible efficiency. The histories of both nations reveal periods of powerful military resurgence after periods of



The brutality of Nazi Germany—its slave labor camps and its genocide—recalls the nation’s ancient Assyrian cultural heritage.

decline. These parallels are *striking and unique* in the story of human civilization!

### More Connections

The Assyrian Empire developed from the city-state of Asur (named for Asshur, a son of Shem—one of Noah’s three sons—see Genesis 10:1, 22). Asshur was a brother of Arphaxad—an ancestor of Abraham, who was the father of the Hebrews (Genesis 11:10–26). Thus, true Assyrians and the descendants of Abraham (the Israelites) are kindred peoples. The name Assur means “leader” or “successful.” Josephus, writing in the first century AD, writes that the Assyrians “became the most fortunate of nations, beyond others” (*Antiquities of the Jews*, 1:6:6). In light of their abilities and contributions to Western civilization, this is also true for the Germans. Assur was worshiped as

the chief god of Assyria—the god of war—and was portrayed as a solar deity with a winged disc. The Hittites also used both the winged disc and the *swastika*. The swastika is a symbol for the sun, power, energy, **Thor’s hammer** and the god of weather and storms. An ancient swastika has been found on a limestone slab in front of a temple of Assur (*In Search of... The Origin of Nations*, White, p. 311).

The Hittites and Assyrians also used a double-headed eagle to symbolize the sky gods—storm, thunder and the sun. These symbols reappear in the culture of Germany, Prussia and Austria, and especially the Third Reich. The Hittites (whom Assyria eventually conquered and absorbed) show linguistic and cultural links with two of the German tribes—Hessians and Prussians. Even more interesting, as historian Josef Bihl noted, are legends that Germany’s oldest city, Trier, was founded in about 2000BC by Trebeta, the son of an Assyrian king named Ninus (*In Deutschen Landen*, p. 69). Visitors can still read an inscription on a historic house in Trier’s marketplace, stating that this Assyrian colony was founded 1,300 years before Rome.

Some historians have described the Assyrians as the “Prussians of the Ancient World” (*The Ideal and Destiny*, McCulloch, p. 224), submissive to centralized authority, with a “deep rooted feeling of superiority”—the idea of being a “master race” (*Mass Deportations and Deportees in the Neo-Assyrian Empire*, Obed, p. 89). The Assyrians were extremely nationalistic, with “a strong sense of

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I am just writing to thank you for the effort you put into helping us understand about God's word and His promises. I found *Twelve Keys to Answered Prayer* very inspiring. Since then, I have subscribed for a few other free booklets and your *Tomorrow's World* magazine. I praise the Lord for the inspiration He has given all of you to carry on this good work. I pray that you will be able to successfully continue assisting and encouraging others to listen and understand God's word.

M. S., Auckland Central, New Zealand

Thank you so much for your ministry—and with such truth, I might add. Even as a youngster I recognized the uncomfortability of praying to statues, and I couldn't understand why I would have to confess my sins to another human being and ask forgiveness when he was of flesh and blood just like me. I am still searching for knowledge and wisdom as you can see, and that is one of the main reasons I have ordered your *Bible Study Course*. Please pray for me that God's inspired word, and His plan and purpose for the rest of my life, will finally be fully revealed to me.

P. L., Guelph, ON, Canada

It saddens me that you continue to allow writers in your great magazine to portray a completely false picture of the events of September 11, 2001, and reiterate the claim that this murderous disaster was brought about by Osama bin Laden and Al Qaeda. Thus through the pages of this generally Bible-based magazine you sadly perpetuate the lies of the present administration of G. W. Bush. The events of that terrible day were orchestrated entirely by Americans, in the interests of an American-led cabal and its Satanic lust to control the resources of the Middle East. I have difficulty in understanding your unwillingness to look at the vileness of America's political recent past. Compare the actions of your government in the light of Holy Scripture, and if done genuinely, I am sure you will come to the same realization as a

growing number of Americans and many of the world's nations have, that America is the real terrorist besetting the world today.

G. L., Waiwhetu, New Zealand

**Editor's Note:** *Your vitriolic letter illustrates well how America's reputation has suffered in recent years, as noted in Richard F. Ames' article on page 10 of this issue, "Modern Morality and the Ten Commandments." The United States is now hated not only for what it has done, but for what its enemies falsely imagine it has done. In any case, God is calling all nations to repentance, and they will face His judgment if they do not respond. Tomorrow's World seeks to share God's warning message of judgment, and the good news of His coming Kingdom, rather than to speculate about conspiracy theories.*

I just want to thank you for your very informative booklets. I recently received *Fourteen Signs Announcing Christ's Return* and *The Beast of Revelation*. I have found them to be so easy to understand, and the fact that they follow the scriptures is the best thing about them. I have read many books and magazines, but when you try to back up what was written with the Bible, it either wasn't there or it was taken out of context! Again, I want to thank you and pray God will continue to bless each and every one of you. Keep up the great work you are doing for God!

P. T., Corbin, KY

Thank you so much for your wisdom and understanding in the writing of your article, "What is the Goal for True Christians?" (January-February 2007). I cannot find anywhere in this world of radio, television and computers the foresight that you have written down in just five pages in your magazine. Thank you all again for the great work that you are all doing for all of us, and may God bless you all.

R. W., Yuba City, CA

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# How Do You Spot a Counterfeit?

By Wallace G. Smith

**W**hen *The Matrix* was released in 1999, many moviegoers understandably dismissed it as just one more film stuffed with enough graphic violence to make it unwatchable for parents and children alike. Yet something set this story apart, and it captured the imagination of millions of movie fans. By addressing an age-old theme, *The Matrix* tapped into a yearning more profound than even its creators may have realized.

Neo, the hero of *The Matrix*, is an otherwise ordinary fellow who discovers that the world around him—which seems so normal and pleasantly ordinary—is in fact a counterfeit reality, carefully crafted by his enemies to keep him from knowing the shocking truth!

Would it surprise you to learn that in one sense, *The Matrix* came startlingly close to the truth? Might you be unknowingly living in a carefully crafted counterfeit reality? If you were, how would you know? If you want to find out, then keep reading this article!

Most people go through their lives without a great deal of reflection or examination. From their political views, to their stands on the issues of the

day, most people are generally more interested in arguing—proving that they are right and the other guy is wrong—than in actually *examining* their beliefs to see if they square with what is true.

That lack of introspection and self-examination extends to our religious ideas, as well. How many people *honestly* put their beliefs about God “under the microscope”? How many people truly examine their ideas about the meaning of life, about right and wrong and about good and evil? How often do people simply continue in the religious customs and practices they were taught as children, without making sure that the god they are worshiping is the *true* God?

The Apostle Paul, writing to Christians living just a few decades after Christ’s resurrection, had to prod them into doing such self-examination. He wrote: “I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ” (Galatians 1:6–7).

Paul saw that a different gospel was beginning to take root in the Christian church—a gospel *other* than

the gospel of Jesus Christ. Notice his concern: “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).

Paul was struggling against the spread of a teaching that involved a different gospel, a different spirit—and a different Jesus! Although its doctrines and customs sounded quite similar to the *true* gospel of Jesus Christ, *it was a counterfeit!* While deceptively *similar*, it was not the truth.

The Bible describes a struggle to maintain the purity of the Christian faith, just a few years after Christ established His Church. Even in the next-to-last book of the Bible, we see the struggle continuing: “Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints. For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ” (Jude 3–4).

### **Who Is the Counterfeiter?**

But who was the ultimate source of the counterfeit “Christianity” that was corrupting the young Church? Paul explained: “For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For

Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light” (2 Corinthians 11:13–14).

Satan the devil was the source of confusion and corruption in the early Church. Paul calls him “the god of this age” (2 Corinthians 4:4) or “the god of this world” (v. 4, *KJV*). It was he who was infiltrating the young Church in the first century, deceiving the gullible and presenting a counterfeit gospel, a counterfeit faith and a counterfeit Christ.

How did this struggle in the first century turn out? Here we are, *twenty centuries* later—surely all has turned out well, right? Or has it? We know Jesus Christ promised He would build His Church, and that the gates of Hades—the grave—would never prevail against it (Matthew 16:18)! Though it would be much *persecuted*, maligned and misunderstood, the Church which Jesus Christ founded to teach the “whole counsel of God” (Acts 20:27) would never perish from the earth, and is prophesied to be present at His climactic Second Coming!

Yet what do we see today? A mind-numbing variety of beliefs and practices that claim the name “Christian” but cannot all be true. The book of Revelation describes what our world will be like in the days leading up to the return of Jesus Christ. John wrote: “So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, *who deceives the whole world*” (Revelation 12:9). Yes, Satan deceives the whole world! His counterfeiting has *never stopped!* Satan has not given up in his effort to spread a false Christianity, a false gospel and a false Christ! He *still* masquerades as an angel of light. He is *still* the god of this world, and he is *still* the father of lies.

Consider this prophecy of the end-time—our time: “Then I saw

another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon” (Revelation 13:11). Here, in this description of a great false prophet—the coming antichrist who will soon be revealed to the entire world—we see that he *looks like a lamb*. Indeed, many will assume he represents Christ. But those who are discerning will recognize that he does not *sound* like the Lamb—rather, he speaks like a dragon, like that serpent of old, Satan the Devil, who spreads his counterfeit religion to deceive the whole world.

### **Counterfeit Christianity?**

We have seen, from Scripture, that Satan has been at work powerfully for millennia deceiving the world. We have seen that the world will be under his influence in the end-times. So let us consider a difficult question, which *few will have the courage to answer honestly*: Does today’s modern “mainstream Christianity” represent the real Christianity of Jesus Christ, or the counterfeit offered by Satan?

Many historians and scholars have already weighed in on this question. Notice this comment from Protestant scholar Jesse Lyman Hurlbut: “For fifty years after St. Paul’s life a curtain hangs over the Church, through which we strive vainly to look; and when at last it rises, about 120AD with the writings of the *earliest Church-fathers*, we find a Church in many aspects *very different* from that in the days of St. Peter and St. Paul” (*Story of the Christian Church*, p. 41).

Hurlbut is *far* from alone in his assessment. But is it really possible that the *counterfeit* Christianity that was invading the early Church like a virus in the *first century could still be present* in the *twenty-first century*? Christ

calls His true followers a “little flock” (Luke 12:32). Is it possible that the counterfeit could actually be the *dominant* form of what most people call “Christianity” today?

And if so, *how would we know? How can we determine whether the faith we follow is the truth or the counterfeit?*

In our effort to identify a counterfeit faith, we can take a cue from the United States Treasury

Department, which fights against counterfeit *money*. One of the most effective ways to recognize a counterfeit is to be completely and intimately familiar with the *real thing*. When you are deeply aware of how a real \$20 bill feels in your fingers—the intricate details in its artwork, the weight of its paper in your hands, the way it responds when you fold it, the way small fibers are embedded in its material, the way ink bleeds into its paper *just a little bit*—you can more capably recognize when you have been handed a *counterfeit*. When you know the “real thing,” the subtle differences in the counterfeit stand out to you like night stands out from day, even though others less familiar would not even notice!

We can apply the same strategy in spotting a counterfeit faith, a counterfeit Christ or a counterfeit Christianity. Once you become familiar with the *true standard*, the counterfeit cannot help but stand out for its differences, no matter how subtle they are!

What is that true standard? God’s word—the Holy Bible!

Look at the example of the Bereans. “Then the brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea. When they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. These were more fair-

minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to *find out whether these things were so*” (Acts 17:10–11).

### The “\$20 Bill Test”

So, what do we find when we apply the “\$20 bill test” to some aspects of traditional Christianity? Compared to the word of God, how do they measure up?

Consider the reward of the saved. Many churches teach that when you die, you go to heaven. To some, that means floating around in the clouds with a harp in your hands. Others have described heaven as a “beatific vision” where you simply gaze at the face of God in joy for all eternity.

But what does *the Bible* teach us about the reward of the saved? In the passage of scripture known as the Beatitudes, Jesus reveals something important: “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth” (Matthew 5:5).

God’s word consistently describes the inheritance of the saints as being right here on this earth! But what does the Bible tell us the saints will be doing on the earth? Notice: “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 pot-

ter’s vessels’—as I also have received from My Father” (Revelation 2:26–27).

We also read that Christ will make us “kings and priests to our God; and we shall *reign on the earth*” (Revelation 5:10). Later, we find that the saints will reign with Christ for a thousand years (Revelation 20:6)!

Is that just some sort of symbolic language or metaphor, which we can rationalize away or ignore? The Apostle Paul did not think so. Look at what he wrote to Christians in Corinth: “Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unrighteous, and not before the saints? 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 6:1–3).

In these places—and many others—the Bible explains that the reward of the saved is literally to *rule* with Jesus Christ in power and glory! But is that what you hear being preached today in most churches that profess Christianity? The pure word of God gives us a rock-solid standard that allows us to identify Satan’s counterfeit.

Now, consider some of the traditional celebrations associated with modern “Christianity.” You have probably heard the song proclaiming Christmas as the “most wonderful time of the year.” People exchange gifts, decorate trees, light Yule logs and enjoy many traditions that have been passed down for generations and celebrated in Christ’s name. At Easter, parents tell their children that the “Easter Bunny” has brought them colored eggs and candies, and they enjoy hot cross buns and other long-standing tra-





ditions practiced in the name of Christ.

Yet any encyclopedia worth reading will clearly explain that these traditions and practices originated in *pagan* worship customs that predate Christianity by centuries—or even millennia! People who are aware of these origins sometimes say it is proper to “baptize” non-Christian customs by incorporating them into “Christian” worship. But how does God really feel about the use of pagan practices to worship Him and His Son? In Scripture, God made His feelings very clear. He plainly commanded that pagan practices are not to be used in worshiping Him (Deuteronomy 12:30–32).

As frequent readers of this publication know, Jesus Christ is the God who gave that commandment. And we should expect His true Church to obey Him. What did He say about those who reject His commandments in favor of their own ideas? He told the Pharisees, “All too well you reject the commandment of God, that you may keep your tradition” (Mark 7:9). Christ condemned a practice that is *pervasive* in “mainstream Christianity” today—attempting to worship Him by using traditions designed for the worship of false gods!

## What Will You Choose?

*The Matrix* is just one of many science fiction stories in which a hero discovers that the world around him is not as it seems, but is in fact a cunning deception—a *counterfeit reality*—designed to keep him from knowing the truth.

In these stories, a moment often comes when the hero begins to learn the truth and must make a difficult decision: “Do I go back to the comfortable world I’ve always

known, even though I know it is a lie, or do I bravely take the next step and fully embrace the truth, regardless of how uncomfortable that decision may seem?”

As you discover the true Christianity of the Bible and understand how it differs from the “Christianity” practiced all around us, *you* may come to such a moment in your own life.

If you do, you will not be alone. I know that feeling. I have been there, too. It takes courage to act on what you are learning. You may even experience an anxious feeling, wondering where the road will end once you start putting into practice what you learn in your Bible.


But, as I found, there is also a real joy and exhilaration when you discover truth you have *never learned before*. Bible passages you may have read many times—but *never fully understood*—come to life, fitting into a larger picture. As you discover parts of the Bible you once ignored, you begin to see what a marvelous book the whole Bible is! You begin to appreciate that God truly is *not* the author of confusion (1 Corinthians 14:33). You experience for yourself the abundant life He has promised to those who obey Him (John 10:10).

Yet you may sometimes wonder whether you are alone in pursuing true Christianity instead of the counterfeit. Here, again, the Bible provides the answer, in Jesus Christ’s promise that He would build His Church, and the *grave* would never prevail against it (Matthew 16:18). As you read your Bible, you will come to see that His true Church *does exist*, and will be *present* at His second coming, waiting for the day when it will be presented to Him as a bride who “has made herself ready” (Revelation 19:7).

The Apostle Paul calls the true Church—not the counterfeit—“the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth” (1 Timothy 3:15). Elsewhere, Jesus says, “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32). It takes courage to abandon a comfortable lie and begin reaching for the truth. But somewhere, like a small but precious gemstone amid a pile of counterfeits, is a Church that actually teaches the truth of Jesus Christ, the very same message and way of life that He brought to this earth.

How strong is your desire to find that Church? Then, once you find it, are you willing to let go of the counterfeit? ■

## Satan’s Counterfeit Christianity



Billions of well-meaning people are worshipping a false god! But you can protect yourself from Satan’s deceptions, if you know how.

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# Watch and Warn

## America: For Sale to Highest Bidder?

The “For Sale” sign is out on America! The United States is spending itself into bankruptcy, and needs hard cash now! Who is knocking at the door to buy American assets? Will these buyers compromise America’s security as well as its economic well-being? Bible prophecy gives us startling answers!

Objections were raised last year when a Dubai-based firm tried to buy the management of key U.S. seaports. A Chinese attempt to purchase the American-owned oil firm Unocal was blocked soon afterward. But China has \$1.2 trillion in U.S. dollar reserves, and this asset is evaporating thanks to rising inflation. To stay ahead of the devalued dollar—which reached record low exchange rates against the euro and several other world currencies this summer—China needs to trade its weakening dollars for hard assets such as precious metals, commodities, real estate and other investments that are likely to stay ahead of inflation.

In his *MarketWatch* column, former investment banker Paul B. Farrell observed, “I’ve been following America’s sellout since my days at Morgan Stanley in the 1970s helping Mitsubishi, Japan’s largest trading company, buy U.S. properties. Back then we were a strong nation. But today, the S&P 500’s produced zero returns in seven years, our savings rate is below zero, the dollar is imploding, and we’re the world’s biggest ‘debtor nation’” (May 28, 2007).

Foreign car manufacturers are running U.S. auto makers off the road, as Ford and General Motors find themselves less and less able to compete not only against Japanese powerhouses like Honda and Toyota, but also Korean upstarts like Hyundai, which are able to offer value in their products which many American consumers feel cannot be matched by domestic automobiles. Now the American auto industry is sputtering at the prospect of Chinese automobile imports which may begin by 2009, undercutting the American automakers’ market still further.

America is not only importing foreign goods; it is increasingly importing foreign workers—legally or ille-

gally—to perform jobs at wages few U.S. citizens would accept. Some “American” firms are even exporting their headquarters offices to more favorable overseas locales; Halliburton’s relocation of its executive team to the Middle East is a prime example of this trend. Meanwhile, America is continuing to send hundreds of thousands of soldiers overseas to pursue military goals that are causing not only deep division at home, but also serious economic disruption. The U.S. government’s debts are growing because of its vast military spending. It will cost additional hundreds of billions of dollars to replace equipment being worn out and destroyed in Iraq and Afghanistan, putting the nation into even deeper debt.



### Anything for a Fix?

Most Americans look with pity or scorn on “junkies” who, desperate for their next fix of heroin, sell whatever comes to hand in order to buy their next “fix.” Yet America itself has become hooked on the “good life” of material prosperity, and has shown itself willing to sell off its assets to feed its habit, instead of seeking a cure for the rampant envy, lust and greed that has fueled spending far beyond the nation’s means. Will America “kick the habit”? Even a quick look at the major presidential candidates should be enough to convince us that the American public is not, on the whole, open to hearing a message of economic austerity and reduced government spending, which would be necessary to have any hope of reversing its present economic woes. Instead, the American public has shown that it wants more government—in the form of “cradle to grave” health and welfare programs, better education, improved public safety, and greater security against terrorism. Many would consider these as worthwhile goals, but they come at a price—a price America may no longer be able to afford.

If America does not wake up and make dramatic changes soon, it may find itself in an irreversible

descent on the same slope that brought previous empires down into history's trash heap. The Roman Empire used a policy of "bread and circuses" to keep its populace docile. Are today's Americans—distracted by their own "bread and circuses"—overlooking or making light of the dire circumstances that are beginning to occur?

As clearly as the handwriting appeared on the palace banquet room wall to the Chaldean king Belshazzar (Daniel 5), so too are today's economic warnings obvious to anyone with the wit and wisdom to see them. It appears that America has been weighed in the balance of fiscal responsibility—and has been found wanting!

God has been longsuffering toward us—patient in spite of our national and individual sins. But as time is growing short, He is increasingly intervening to correct His wayward children. In the book of Amos, God describes the very conditions into which our world is now entering as calamities increase around us: "I gave you empty stomachs in every city and lack of bread in every town, yet you have not returned to me," declares the LORD. 'I also withheld rain from you when the harvest was still three months away. I sent rain on one town, but withheld it from another. One field had rain; another had none and dried up. People staggered from town to town for water but did not get enough to drink, yet you have not returned to me,' declares the LORD" (Amos 4:6–8, NIV).

### **It Is Not Too Late for You**

Even if our nation does not repent, we can turn to God individually. "Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways," says the Lord GOD. 'Repent, and turn from all your transgres-



sions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies,' says the Lord GOD. 'Therefore turn and live!'" (Ezekiel 18:30–32).

God gave the United States and other British-descended nations special blessings because their

a n c e s t o r s —

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—obeyed Him.

If you have not already done so, please write for your free copy of our booklet, *The United States and Great Britain in Prophecy*, to learn more about this vital topic. But the nations God once blessed have turned away from Him, and are losing His blessing. Where once the English-speaking nations were respected as world leaders, they

now serve increasingly as "bad examples" to other nations around the globe. "So it shall be a reproach, a taunt, a lesson, and an astonishment to the nations that are all around you, when I execute judgments among you in anger and in fury and in furious rebukes. I, the LORD, have spoken. When I send against them the terrible arrows of famine which shall be for destruction, which I will send to destroy you, I will increase the famine upon you and cut off your supply of bread. So I will send against you famine and wild beasts, and they will bereave you. Pestilence and blood shall pass through you, and I will bring the sword against you. I, the LORD, have spoken" (Ezekiel 5:15–17).

This *Tomorrow's World* magazine, along with the *Tomorrow's World* telecast and the *tomorrowworld.org* Web site, are striving to serve God and those He calls, by watching world events in the light of Bible prophecy, and warning you of what Scripture shows is soon coming for our world. We hope you are taking heed!

—Don Davis

# What, Me Worry?

We may laugh when we think of the old *MAD Magazine* character Alfred E. Neuman, with his famous line: “What, me worry?” And we do all worry, though some of us worry more than others. Worry uses up our mental energy, our time and our resources, yet it produces nothing, and does not give us joy or peace of mind. As the old proverb says, “Worry is like a rocking chair; it gives you something to do, but it doesn’t get you anywhere.”

The *Merriam-Webster Dictionary* defines “worry” as: “mental distress or agitation resulting from concern, usually for something impending or anticipated.” It seems that anticipating problems, real or imagined, brings trouble and anxiety to most folks’ minds.

Most of us realize that worry is counterproductive, though we do it anyway. But what does it do for us? The late motivational speaker Earl Nightingale wrote, many years ago: “Worry is like a dense fog that can cloud our vision, knock our perspective out of kilter, and slow us down.” Nightingale categorized our common worries as follows:

Things that never happen:	40 percent
Things in the past:	30 percent
Needless worry about health:	12 percent
Petty, miscellaneous worries:	10 percent

In other words, according to Nightingale, “92 percent of worries are pure fog with no substance at all.” That leaves about 8 percent of our worries as legitimate matters worthy of our concern. You might arrange the numbers a bit differently than Nightingale did, but his point is a good one.

What does your Bible say about worry? Its most famous instruction is found in these words of Jesus Christ: “Therefore do not worry, saying,

‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble” (Matthew 6:31–34).

Christians are not called to be apathetic; they are to have care for one another (1 Corinthians 12:25). And when there are serious concerns—Nightingale’s 8 percent—we need to act on those concerns. But when we act, we should take comfort in knowing that God will see to our needs if we follow His guidance. As the Apostle Paul wrote, “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with

thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:6–7). Paul understood that to worry is to doubt God’s ability to help.

Israel’s King David also understood this when he admonished, “Fret not yourself” (Psalm 37:1, *KJV*). If you find you are prone to worry, take your cares and anxieties to God in prayer. In doing so, you can gain the real peace of mind that comes only from Him.

A wise grandmother once put it this way: “There is no sense in making mountains out of mole hills; all it does is exhaust the mole!” If you build a close relationship with God, you will gain the understanding that will give you transcendent peace. Write for your free copy of our vital booklet, *Your Ultimate Destiny*, which will guide and inspire you toward this worthwhile goal.

—J. Davy Crockett, III



## Resurgent Germany (Continued from page 20)

participating in a common and native way of life” (*ibid.*, p. 66)—similar to the German idea of a *volk* or a people. After the fall of the Assyrian Empire, the Roman historian Pliny mentioned a tribe of the “Assyriani” among the Scythian peoples in the Crimea north of the Black Sea (*Natural History*, Bk IV. XII. 81). The historian Jerome, writing in the 4th century AD, said that the “descendants of Assur” were among the Celto-Scythian-Hun hordes then invading Europe (*Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers*, Jerome Letter 123, section 16). Researcher Leon Poliakov notes the ancient Bavarian account that the people of Bavaria came into central Europe from the region of Armenia by the Black Sea (*The Aryan Myth*, p. 76). Considering this information, it is not surprising to find medieval Arab writers describing the Germans as “Assyrians” (*Israelites und Hyksos*, Germol, pp. 89–90). The links between Germany and Assyria can be found, and are neither far-fetched nor imagined.

### Germany in Prophecy

Just what is the *significance* of the striking parallels between ancient Assyria and Germany? Numerous Bible prophecies clearly indicate that at the end of this age, just before the return of Jesus Christ, *Assyria will once again play a pivotal role in world affairs* (see Isaiah 10; 11). Yet, when the Medes, Babylonians and Scythians conquered Assyria in 612BC, its ruling class scattered to the north, east and west, leaving behind the conquered peoples the Assyrians had imported to work as laborers

(White, p. 15). Some of those polyglot peoples are found today in Iraq, Syria and the Caucasus. The Assyrian nation ceased to exist, but history and prophecy confirm that its cultural heritage can be traced to the modern nation of Germany. **When the Bible speaks of Assyria in the end times, it is speaking of Germany.** No other modern nation fits the description so completely.

Germany’s return to power in the years since World War II is no accident. God prophesied more than 2,500 years ago that He would bring certain events to pass to accomplish His purpose (Isaiah 46:9–10; Revelation 17:17). Germany is again the *leading player* in the effort to unite the nations of Europe. Events now underway in Europe will lead to the long-prophesied ten-nation beast power that will again rise out of the ashes of the Roman Empire (Revelation 17:9–14).

The Bible shows that Germany will again use *religion* to help forge a unified European power (Revelation 13; 17:1–7), much as was done under Charlemagne. This emerging configuration will become a global economic power (Revelation

18:2–3, 9–14) and will use that power for political purposes. It will appear peaceful at first, but will be *transformed* into a devouring, war-making beast (Daniel 11:21; Revelation 13:2–3; Revelation 17:12–14). Daniel describes this end-time kingdom as a strong and ferocious beast with “*iron teeth*,” which Christ will conquer and punish at His return (Daniel 2:40–45; 7:7, 19–23).

Yet, amazing as it may seem, Bible prophecy also indicates that God will eventually use Assyria—the remarkable German people—as a leading nation for peace in the coming Kingdom of God (Isaiah 19:23–25). God will use the outstanding intellectual and cultural strengths of the German people to help enrich the world during the coming millennial rule of Jesus Christ. As do all peoples of the earth, the Germans have in their national character both strengths and weaknesses. Just as God will use the modern descendants of Assyria to fulfill end-time prophecy in the years ahead, in Tomorrow’s World He will use the remarkable strengths of the German people to *serve* their fellow human beings! ■

### Prophecy Fulfilled: God’s Hand in World Affairs

**God is not some distant figure uninvolved with the rise and fall of nations. If you understand His plan, you can recognize how He guides events for His purpose!**



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## Do You Really “Watch”?

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occurring, and that the great God (who guides the rise and fall of nations) is preparing to *bring down* the United States **unless its people truly repent!**

In one sense, the buildup to the final Great Tribulation is exciting to “watch.” But, in another very personal way, it is *terribly sad* for Americans to watch their beloved United States of America being brought down, and its wonderful British and Commonwealth allies becoming increasingly weakened—even while China and India strengthen themselves, and the nations of continental Europe organize into the final **superpower** God describes in Revelation 17.

For our British friends and brothers, especially, I am sure it is poignant to realize that the once-powerful British Empire is **no more**, and that the vital “sea gates” once controlled by Britain and America are **no longer theirs**—except for Gibraltar and the Falkland Islands. And even these two will pass from British control before long. The once-powerful influence of the Anglo-Saxon peoples all over the world is slowly but surely **vanishing!**

God prophesied that this would happen! The great God who gives us life and breath told our forefathers: “But if you do not obey Me, and do not observe all these commandments, and if you despise My statutes, or if your soul abhors My judgments, so that you do not perform all My commandments, but break My covenant, I also will do this to you: *I will even appoint terror over you, wasting disease and fever which shall consume the eyes and cause sorrow of heart. And you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.... And after all this, if you do not obey Me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins. I will break the pride of your power*” (Leviticus 26:14–16, 18–19).

Dear reader, please study this passage in Leviticus *very carefully*, and then “watch” to see it fulfilled over the next several years—**unless** the American and British-descended nations are brought to a type of national **repentance** they have never before experienced! As for you, God may be opening your mind and heart to personal repentance—to genuinely **understand** the awesome **purpose** the Eternal God is working out among men and nations. *You* have somehow been brought into

direct contact with the vital Work that God has raised up to proclaim His warning message to the American and British-descended peoples and to proclaim—as a “witness” (Matthew 24:14)—the wonderful Good News of the soon-coming Government of God, which will rule *over the entire world!*

As these exciting yet traumatic prophesied events continue to increase over the next several years, I also urge **all** of you to increase the intensity of your Bible study, the fervency of your prayers and the depth of your relationship with the great God who gives us life and breath! For if you carefully read the prophetic articles in each issue of *Tomorrow's World* magazine—especially the “Prophecy Comes Alive” section (on page 14 of this issue)—and *if* you truly *study* and *pray* and “watch” as Jesus Christ tells us all to do, these coming events will **not** “sneak up” on you or catch you unaware! As the Apostle Paul wrote the Thessalonians: “But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need that I should write to you. For you yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so comes as a thief in the night. For when they say, ‘Peace and safety!’ then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief. You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness. *Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us watch and be sober*” (1 Thessalonians 5:1–6).

The rise of the prophesied European Empire (the “Beast” of Revelation 17) will bring *temporary* “peace” to millions of professing Christians, who will simply go along with the majority and join in with that Empire’s powerful religio-political system. But when that Empire’s leaders say “peace and safety” (1 Thessalonians 5:3), *you*—who have truly **studied** your own Bible and have learned to “watch”—will **not** be deceived! For you will have zealously obeyed Jesus’ command to “watch” and to “pray.” So, to those of you whom God may be calling, I remind you of Christ’s words: “He who has ears to hear, *let him hear!*” (Luke 8:8).



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

—**BARBADOS**  
**St. Michael:** CBC—Ch 8, SUN 9:30 am

—**ICELAND**  
**Reykjavik:** Gospel Channel—MON 7:00 am  
**Satellites:** Eurobird—Ch 770, Thor II

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

—**NEW ZEALAND**  
**Nationwide:** PRIME TELEVISION—SUN 8:00 am

—**PHILIPPINES**  
**Naga City:** PBN—Ch 5, SUN 8:00 am

—**SOUTH AFRICA**  
**Randburg:** CSN—SUN 5:30 pm

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

—**UNITED KINGDOM AND NW EUROPE**  
**United Kingdom:** WORD Network-SKY-TV—Ch 771, FRI 6:30 am  
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—**EUROPE, NORTH AFRICA, MIDDLE EAST:**  
**Europe, North Africa, Middle East:** Hotbird 6 FRI 6:30 am UTC

### UNITED STATES:

**AK, Anchorage:** GCI—Ch 18, SAT 10:00 pm  
**AL, Birmingham:** Bright House—Ch 4, TUE 2:30 pm  
**AL, Troy/Montgomery:** WRJM—Ch 67, SUN 6:30 am  
**AR, Fayetteville:** KNWA—Ch 51, SUN 6:30 am  
**AR, Fayetteville:** Access TV—Ch 8, SUN 8:30 pm  
**AR, Fort Smith:** KFIA—Ch 24, SUN 6:30 am  
**AR, Little Rock:** KASN—Ch 38, SUN 9:30 am  
**AZ, Lake Havasu City:** KLUH—Ch 45, SUN  
**Phoenix:** KAZT—Multi, SUN 11:30 am  
**AZ, Prescott:** Cable—Ch 13, SAT 5:30 pm; SUN 6:30 am  
**AZ, Tucson:** Access—Ch 73/98, SAT 12:30 pm; SUN 7:30 pm  
**CA, Chatsworth:** Time Warner—Ch 34, SUN 9:00 pm  
**CA, Eureka:** Sudden Link Cable—Ch 12, SUN 8:00 pm  
**CA, Garden Grove:** Time Warner—Ch 6, SUN 9:30 am & 6:30 pm  
**CA, Glendora:** Adelphia—Ch 3/99, TUE 7:00 pm  
**CA, Hollywood:** Time Warner—Ch 24 & 27, SUN 11:00 am  
**CA, Livermore:** Comcast—Ch 26, THUR 2:30 pm  
**CA, Modesto:** Community Media—Ch 8, TUE 5:00 pm; FRI 1:30 pm  
**CA, North Orange County:** Time Warner—Ch 95/97/98m SUN 3:30 pm  
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**CA, Sacramento:** RCCTV—Ch 96, MON 5:30 pm  
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**CA, San Diego:** Time Warner—Ch 19, SUN 6:00 pm  
**CA, San Jose:** Community TV—Ch 15A, SAT 11:30 pm  
**CA, Sonoma:** TCCCA—Ch 8, SUN 8:00 pm  
**CA, Turlock:** Charter—Ch 2, MON 8:00 pm  
**CT, Naugatuck:** Tele-Media—Ch 10, TUE 9:30 pm  
**FL, Davie:** Comcast—Ch 76, SUN 8:00 am  
**FL, Ft. Lauderdale:** Comcast—Ch 76, SUN 8:30 am  
**FL, Gainesville:** Cox—Ch 55, SUN 8:00 pm  
**FL, Hialeah/Coral Gables:** Comcast—Ch 19, SUN 7:30 pm  
**FL, Jacksonville:** WTEV—Ch 47, SUN 7:00 am  
**FL, Key West:** Comcast—Ch 19, SUN 8:30 am  
**FL, Margate/Sunrise/Plantation:** Comcast—Ch 76, SUN 7:00 pm  
**FL, Miramar:** Comcast—Ch 19/76, SUN 7:30 am  
**FL, North Dade:** Comcast—Ch 19, SUN 7:30 am  
**FL, Ocala:** Cox—Ch 71, SUN 10:00 am  
**FL, Orlando:** Bright House—Ch 21, SAT 9:30 pm  
**FL, Pensacola:** WPAN—Ch 53, SUN 7:30 am  
**FL, Pompano:** Comcast—Ch 76, SUN 7:30 pm  
**FL, South Broward:** Comcast—Ch 79, SUN 8:00 am  
**FL, Tampa:** WITA—Ch 38, SUN 8:00 am  
**GA, Atlanta:** PTY—Ch 24, FRI 2:00 pm  
**GA, Macon:** Cox Cable—Ch 18, FRI 2:00 pm, SUN 5:00 pm; TUE 7:30 am  
**GA, Savannah:** Comcast—Ch 7, SAT 8:30 am  
**IA, Davenport:** Mediacom—Ch 19, MON 4:30 pm; WED 8:30 am  
**IA, Des Moines:** Mediacom—Ch 15, SAT 10:00 am; SUN 11:00 am  
**IA, Dubuque:** MediaCom—Ch 16, THUR 8:00 pm; MON 3:30 pm & 7:30 pm; TUE 10:00 am; WED 2:00 pm  
**ID, Boise:** TVTV—Ch 11, SUN 9:30 pm; MON 11:30 am  
**IL, Bloomington:** Insight—Ch 20, SUN 1:00 pm; MON 10:00 pm  
**IL, Chicago:** WGN—Ch 9, SUN 5:00 am  
**IL, Moline:** MediaCom—Ch 19, MON 4:30 pm  
**IL, Peoria:** Insight, Ch 20, SUN 7:30 am  
**IL, Springfield:** Insight—Ch 4, TUE 10:00 pm  
**IN, Bloomington:** CATS—Ch 3, MON 5:30 pm  
**IN, Fort Wayne:** Comcast—Ch 57, MON 3:00 pm  
**IN, Indianapolis:** Spotlight—Ch 72, SAT 8:30 pm; SUN 7:00 pm  
**KS, Chanute:** Cablevision—Ch 5, SUN 7:30 am; TUE 5:30 pm  
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**KY, Louisville:** Insight—Ch 2, SAT 12:00 am  
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**MI, Kalamazoo:** CACTV—Ch 9, 20-22, 95, SUN 11:30 am  
**MI, Portage:** Access—Ch 19, 20, FRI 10:30 am, TUE 2:00 pm  
**MI, Saginaw:** Charter Media—Ch 16, THUR 2:00 pm  
**MI, Traverse City:** TCTV2—Ch 2, SUN 5:30 pm  
**MN, Bird Island:** BICC—Ch 7, MON 6:30 pm, WED 6:30 pm  
**MN, Duluth:** Public Access—Ch 24, SAT 11:00 am; SUN 7:00 pm  
**MN, Hutchinson:** HCYN—Ch 10, FRI 4:00 pm; TUE 4:00 pm  
**MN, Minneapolis:** Metro Cable—Ch 6, SAT 8:30 am  
**MN, Minneapolis:** MTN—Ch 75, THUR 6:30 pm  
**MN, Minneapolis:** NW Community—Ch 19, SAT 10:30 pm; SUN 4:30 am, 10:30 am & 4:30 pm  
**MN, Roseville:** CTV—Ch 21, TUE 8:00 pm; WED 4:00 am & 12:00 pm  
**MN, St. Paul:** SPNN—Ch 14, SUN 8:30 pm  
**MO, Joplin:** KOAM—Ch 7, SUN 7:00 am  
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**MO, Springfield:** KSPR—Ch 33, SUN 8:30 am  
**MO, St. Charles:** Charter—Ch 47, SUN 9:30 am & 9:00 pm  
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**MO, St. Louis:** WRBU—Ch 46, SUN 7:30 am  
**MS, Jackson:** Time Warner—Ch 18, SUN 10:00 am; WED 4:00 pm  
**MS, Jackson:** WAPT—Ch 16, SUN 8:30 am  
**NC, Burlington:** Time Warner—Ch 5/10, SUN 9:00 pm  
**NC, Charlotte:** WAXN—Ch 64, SUN 7:00 am  
**NC, Charlotte:** WHKY—Ch 14/19, MON 7:30 pm  
**NC, Greensboro:** GCTV—Ch 8, SAT 8:00 pm; MON 8:30 pm  
**NC, Wilmington:** Time Warner—Ch 4, MON 11:30 am  
**NC, Hanover:** CATV—Ch 6, SUN 6:00 pm; MON 12:00 am & 6:00 am & 12:00 pm; THUR 7:00 pm; FRI 1:00 am & 7:00 am & 1:00 pm  
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**NY, Irondequoit:** ICAT—Ch 15, SUN 7:30 pm; WED 11:30 am & 7:30 pm  
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**PA, Altoona:** Atlantic Broadband—Ch 9, SUN 9:30 am  
**PA, Johnstown:** Atlantic Broadband—Ch 9, MON 10:00 pm  
**PA, Lehighton:** BRCTV—Ch 13, SUN 10:30 am  
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**VA, Virginia Beach:** Cox—Ch 99 & 74, SAT 8:30 am  
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**VT, Montpelier:** Community Access—Ch 15, SUN 9:30 am  
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**Mexico, Monterrey:** XEPR-1140 AM, SAT 4:00 am; SUN 11:00 am  
**Peru, Lima:** Radio Santa Anita-105.1 FM, SUN 9:00 am, MON-SAT 9:00 pm  
**Peru, Cero de Pasco:** 97.7 FM, AM 759, SUN 7:00 pm, MON-FRI 9:00 pm  
**Philippines, Cebu City:** DYLA—909 AM, SUN 6:00 am  
**Philippines, Baguio City:** DZBS—1368 AM, SUN 6:00 am  
**Philippines, Davao City:** DXUM—See Local Listing  
**Philippines, Ozamiz City:** DXOC—1494 AM, SUN 5:00 am  
**USA, La Follette, TN:** WLAF—1450 AM, SAT 3:00 pm

#### • Nationwide Cable

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

#### • DirecTV

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

#### • Canada

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

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**WGN:** SUN 6:00 am ET

**WORD:** FRI 1:30 am ET

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

## **NEW U.S.A. TELEVISION STATIONS:**

**FL, Panama City:** *GBN-Multi*–TUE 7:30 am

**FL, Tallahassee:** *WTWC*–CH 40, SUN 7:30 am

**GA, Atlanta:** *Travel Channel*–CH 60, SUN 7:30 am

**KY, Louisville:** *WBNA*–CH 21, SUN 5:30 pm

**MA, North Adams:** *NBCTC*–CH 15 , WED 8:00 pm

**NJ, Union:** *Comcast*–CH 21/81/83, SAT 5:00 pm, SUN 6:00 pm

**NY, Amsterdam:** *Access*–CH 16, TUE 6:00 pm

**PA, Coatesville:** *Comcast*–CH 78, SUN 6:30 am

**PA, Reading:** *BCTV*–CH 13/19, THUR 11:00 pm

**VA, Norfolk:** *WSKY*–CH 4, SUN 9:00 am

## **TOMORROW'S WORLD TELECAST**



### **October 4–10**

**End-Time Powers of the Middle East**  
Prophecy is being fulfilled in this troubled region!

### **October 11–17**

**Beware of the Antichrist**  
Do you know how this mysterious figure affects you?

### **October 18–24**

**Seven Satanic Deceptions**  
You can overcome the devil. Do you know how?

### **October 25–31**

**Who Made Britain "Great"?**  
Has the sun set forever on the British Empire?