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EAST**

## There Must Be National and Personal Repentance!

**A**s most of you long-time readers are well aware, we at *Tomorrow's World* have for many years been preaching the good news of God's coming Kingdom, and warning the Western nations that *unless they repent* of their increasingly godless and immoral ways, God will judge them severely.

Among these, the tiny modern nation of Israel—the modern-day descendant of ancient Judah—is no exception. Indeed, to the degree that the Jewish state identifies itself as a nation striving to obey the God of Israel, it should be especially clear that they have, if anything, a greater responsibility than the non-Israelite nations to exemplify biblical and moral values to the rest of the world.

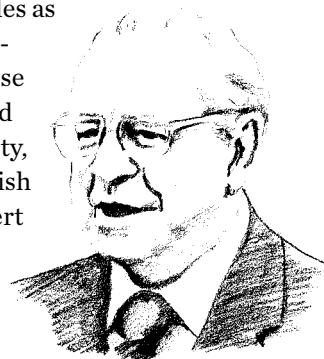
Yet modern-day Israel is one of the most morally lax nations on our planet, hardly distinguishable from the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia and other Israelite-descended nations in utterly rejecting the values on which these countries were founded.

### **Trouble for Jerusalem!**

Scripture reveals that when the Messiah returns, He will make Jerusalem the capital of the world. Repentant Israelites will serve the King of kings, who will be assisted by the apostles ruling under Him over each of the twelve tribes of Israel (Matthew 19:28). We look forward to that glorious day when all nations will keep the Feast of Tabernacles and “come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts” (Zechariah 14:17).

But Scripture also warns of difficult times before Christ's return. Bible prophecy reveals that Jerusalem will be subjugated by an outside government and military force (Luke 21:20). God revealed to the Apostle John this shocking but sure prophecy regarding Jerusalem: “Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, ‘Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months’” (Revelation 11:1–2).

Why would God allow Gentiles to take over Jerusalem? Israel must examine itself with regard to the Ten Commandments and its national behaviors. Has modern Israel fulfilled its responsibility to the entire world? These standards apply to the American and British-descended peoples as well as to the modern nation of Israel. Unless these peoples acknowledge and repent of their immorality, God will powerfully punish and correct them. To avert prophesied destruction, there must be a significant revival in seeking God nationally and individually.



Bible prophecy reveals that religious and political powers will greatly influence developments in modern-day Israel. A great false prophet will deceive billions, even performing miracles such as calling down fire from heaven (Revelation 13:13–14). The prophesied “Beast” power will conquer nations and will ultimately even fight Christ at His return (Revelation 17:11–18)! Remember that “the prince” who will “destroy the city and the sanctuary” was the Roman leader who fulfilled Daniel's prophecy (Daniel 9:26) in 70AD. He was a type of the end-time Beast power that will facilitate the Jewish renewal of animal sacrifices with a seven-year agreement (a prophetic “week”) or “covenant”—but, after three-and-a-half years, he will cause these sacrifices to cease. The *New International Version* states it this way: “He will confirm a covenant with many for one ‘seven’ [a prophetic week]. In the middle of the ‘seven’ he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And at the temple he will set up an

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abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him” (Daniel 9:27).

### Christ Told Us To “Watch”!

Jesus told us to watch for the end-time abomination: “‘Therefore when you see the “abomination of desolation,” spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place’ (whoever reads, let him understand), ‘then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains’” (Matthew 24:15–16). Matthew, the gospel writer, emphasized the importance that we all “understand”! The Apostle Paul described this future “man of sin... who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the

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temple of God, showing himself that he is God” (2 Thessalonians 2:3–4).

So, dear readers, as I urge you in my article on page 18 of this issue, be sure to watch the Middle East! Current conditions for peace between Israel and the Palestinian unity government indicate that only external pressure will bring about a temporary rapprochement. In fact, Pope Francis hosted a “prayer summit” on June 8 for the leaders of both groups. *The Washington Post* reported: “Pope Francis brought together the presidents of Israel and the Palestinian Authority on Sunday at the Vatican to join in prayer and promise to seek peace—though their governments are officially not talking. Israeli President Shimon Peres and Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas concluded the two-hour ceremony by kissing each other on the cheek and then planting an olive tree, gestures intended to signal a commitment to trying to end one of the longest-running, most intractable conflicts in the world” (June 8, 2014).

### Who Are the Heretics?

Pope Francis’ diplomatic gestures remind us that one key aspect of the Middle East conflict is the

tension between different religious faiths. In his thoughtful article “Anathema,” on page 11 of this issue, Mr. Dexter Wakefield points out the sad irony that today’s “mainstream Christian” community typically rejects as heretical those very Christians who hold fast to the original beliefs of Jesus Christ and the Twelve Apostles.

Indeed, as Editor in Chief Roderick C. Meredith explains in his article on page 5 of this issue, the vast majority of those who profess to worship Jesus Christ are in fact practicing a humanly invented religion that in some areas teaches the exact opposite of what Christ Himself taught! Dear readers, you need to be sure that you are following the teachings of the true Jesus Christ! Study your Bible and prove for yourself that Jesus taught the very same practices that we at *Tomorrow’s World* are striving to restore. This includes observance of the seventh-day Sabbath, following Jesus’ example, as brought out by British writer John Meakin in his “Why the Seventh-Day Sabbath?” article on page 16 of this issue. It includes the “annual Sabbaths”—the seven Festival observances that God gave to His people, ancient Israel, which Jesus Christ and His Apostles observed and taught others to observe—and which still have meaning for “spiritual Israel” today, revealing to us the very Plan of God! And it includes



the sincere effort to live by the truth—as delineated by the Ten Commandments—through the aid of the indwelling Holy Spirit, which true Christians receive after repentance and baptism.

Dear reader, God has allowed most people in this present age to be blinded by Satan (Revelation 12:9). But if you are reading and understanding what we are sharing with you in this magazine, He may be calling you to be one of the “firstfruits” who will respond to His message in this present age. I pray that you will not neglect that call!

*Richard F. Ames*

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Deceived people do not know they are deceived. Is it really possible that billions may be deceived about the true Jesus Christ? You need to know, and to protect yourself from deception!

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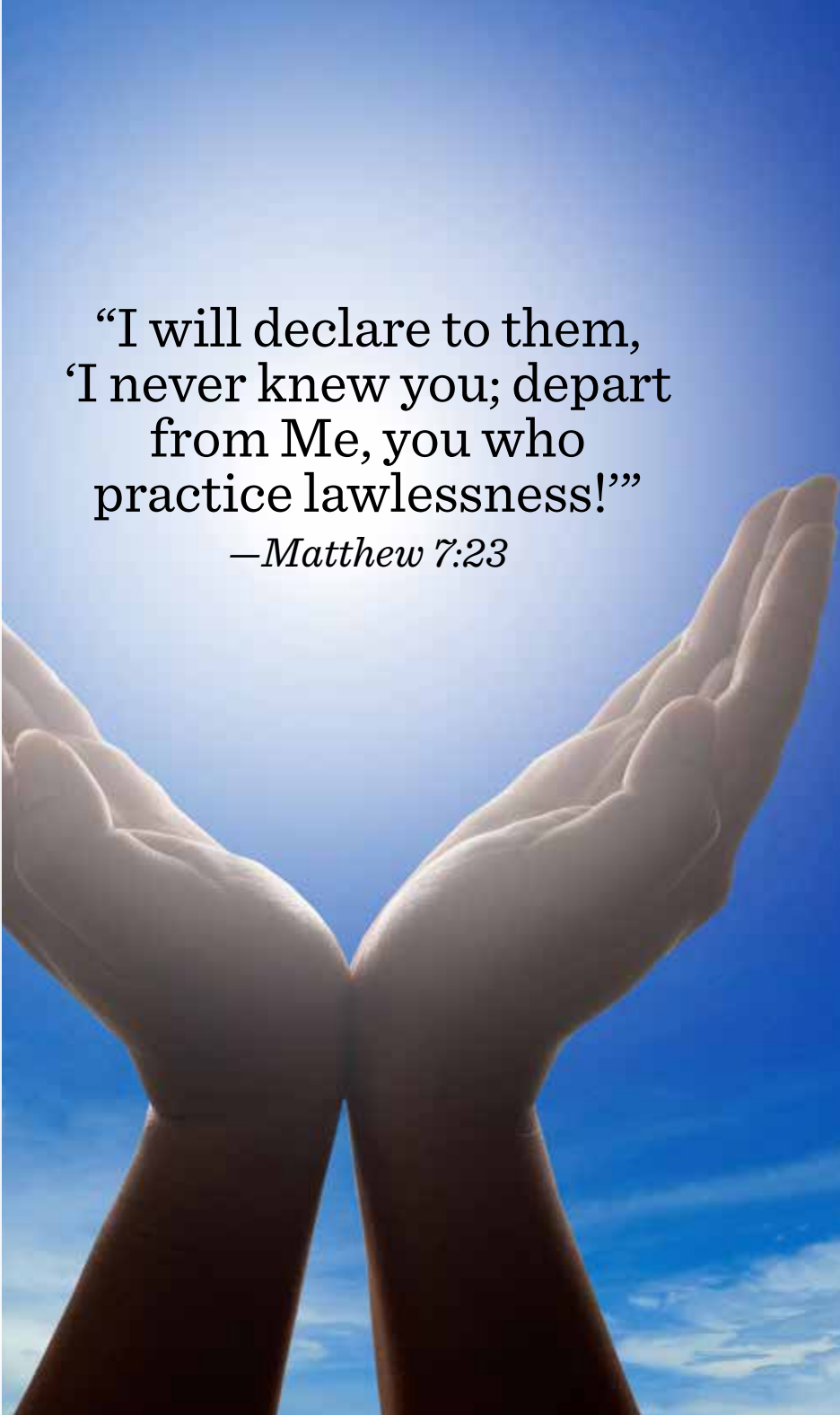
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practice lawlessness!’”

—*Matthew 7:23*

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# Which Jesus Do You Worship?

Millions of sincere professing Christians simply do not realize that they believe and are practicing ideas and traditions in total contradiction to what Jesus Christ taught and practiced!

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By **Roderick C. Meredith**

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**M**ost of you reading this really want to worship the God of creation. You want to honor Jesus Christ and serve Him in the way He says. But you may have been seriously misled by people who have taught you wrongly how to seek and serve God.

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

Today, there are all kinds of approaches to purported “Christianity,” ranging all the way from “New Age” thinking, to Roman Catholicism, to hyper-emotional “charismatic” groups. Although all may use the term “Jesus” in their worship, they often have totally different understandings of what Jesus actually stood for and what He taught. Each, in one sense, is wor-

shipping a “different” Jesus Christ. Each is preaching a “different gospel.” Each will often follow human traditions and ideas rather than the clear instructions of Almighty God in His inspired word.

Jesus spoke of this situation when He rebuked the Pharisees for their emphasis on human tradition as opposed to the law of God. Describing how their tradition caused them not to honor their father and mother as God commanded, Jesus said: “Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition. Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophecy about you, saying: ‘These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men’” (Matthew 15:6–9).

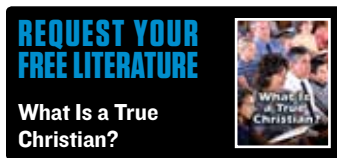
Most of these Pharisees were presumably sincere. They thought they were worshiping the God of the Old Testament—who actually was standing right in front of them as Jesus Christ, the “Word,” now come in the human flesh! But they were worshiping Him “in vain” because of following the traditions and “the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

### **Sincerity Is Not Enough!**

Some will object: “But aren’t all ‘sincere’ Christians going to have the same opportunity for eternal life?” What did the Christ of your Bible actually say? “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter

the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’” (Matthew 7:21–23).

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



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

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

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

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

*Please consider this!*

It is significant that scores of scholars acknowledge that mainstream “Christianity” today has gone completely away from the foundational teachings of

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

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

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

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

### How The Truth Was Abandoned

Gibbon observes: “The Jewish converts, or, as they were afterwards called, the Nazarenes, who had laid the foundations of the church, soon found themselves overwhelmed by the increasing multitudes that from all the various religions of polytheism enlisted under the banner of Christ” (*ibid.*). Gibbon explains that as the polytheistic Gentiles took over the “name” of Christianity, it somehow was changed and taken completely away from the foundation that Christ and the original Apostles had established!

In his widely published and highly respected manual on church history, Jesse Lyman Hurlbut tells us: “For fifty years after St. Paul’s life a curtain hangs over the church, through which we strive vainly to look; and when at last it rises, about 120 A.D. with the writings of the earliest 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).

### A Different Church

The professing Christian church—under the guidance of the early “Catholic Fathers” during the Dark Ages—became very different because it completely forsook the foundational teachings of Jesus and the original Apostles. It forsook the clear emphasis on obeying

according to Jesus Christ—for one to be considered great in God’s eyes!

It is clear that Jesus was talking here about the Ten Commandments. For throughout the rest of this passage, Jesus is discussing the great spiritual law of God, the Ten Commandments. He refers to murder—prohibited in the sixth commandment. Then, He discusses “hate” which often leads to murder. And in verses 27–28, Jesus refers directly to the seventh commandment: “Thou shall not commit adultery.” In verses 28–32, He describes how Christians must avoid breaking even the spirit of the law by lusting after someone.

When we allow the “Bible to interpret the Bible,” it is clear that Jesus Christ is making the Ten Commandments even more binding on New Testament

Christians than they had been in the past. For Christians are to fully surrender their lives to Christ so that He will live within us through the power of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 2:20). When a young man asked Jesus, “What good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?” Jesus replied: “If you want to enter into life,

keep the commandments” (Matthew 19:16–17). Then Jesus proceeded to name some of the Ten Commandments!

### God’s Spiritual Law

Contrary to the theological arguments and convoluted reasoning of so many Bible commentaries, Jesus was not talking about the “ceremonial” or “ritual” laws of Moses. He was talking about His true followers obeying the great spiritual law of God, the Ten Commandments. This was the law—and the only law—that God spoke with His own voice from the top of Mount Sinai. “These words the LORD spoke to all your assembly, in the mountain from the midst of the fire, the cloud, and the thick darkness, with a loud voice; and He added no more. And He wrote them on two tablets of stone and gave them to me” (Deuteronomy 5:22).

God even directed that those tablets be placed inside the Ark of the Covenant—the very representation

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the Ten Commandments as a way of life. Then the Protestant reformers came along and, perhaps unwittingly, followed this same approach of abandoning the authority of the Ten Commandments in our Christian lives. History shows that a great deal of anti-Semitism arose, and that the very laws given by the hand of God came to be regarded as “Jewish” and “unnecessary” for Christians to follow.

With this perspective, notice carefully one of the foundational passages of the entire Bible in the “Sermon on the Mount.” Jesus said: “Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled. Whoever therefore breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does and teaches them, he shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 5:17–19). Even the “least” of the Commandments must be obeyed—ac-

# h Canada!

## Lest We Forget!

*“God save our gracious Queen,  
Long live our noble Queen,  
God save the Queen.”*



**When I was a boy attending school** in the Canadian province of Ontario during the 1950s, these stirring lyrics began each of my schooldays. All of the children would rise together from our seats to sing these majestic words that begin the first stanza of the Royal Anthem of Canada.

We were doing so to honor our nation’s royal head, Queen Elizabeth II. Crowned as Queen at Westminster Abbey on June 2, 1953, she had first visited Canada in 1951 as Princess Elizabeth, accompanied by her husband Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, then returned in 1957 for her first official visit as reigning monarch.

In 2010, she and her husband made their 22nd tour of Canada. During this tour, she stated, “It is a privilege to serve you as Queen of Canada” and said it was good “to be home.” What remarkably encouraging words from a monarch who has always shown deep respect for her heritage and the official position she holds as Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. It is no wonder that the anthem’s words, “long live our noble Queen,” still resonate with many Canadians.

In ancient Israel, the words “God save the king” were also used. In 1 Samuel 10:24, referring to King Saul, Samuel said “...See ye him whom the LORD hath chosen, that there is none like him among all the people? And all the people shouted, and said, **God save the king**” (KJV).

Also, in 2 Chronicles 23:11, the words “long live the king” are used in reference to King Josiah.

But should this attachment to the throne go beyond the emotional? Can this attachment be traced back to a location far beyond the shores of Britain—to the land

of ancient Israel? Has God been involved with the preservation of this throne?

And, do Canadians know the source and the “why” of our blessings?

To answer these questions, one has to examine the promises given to a man named Abraham long before there was a nation of Israel. As a result of Abraham’s obedience, God made a covenant with him—a covenant that had far-reaching implications for future nations and peoples.

Who are those nations and who are those peoples?

God stated to Abraham, “And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and multiply you exceedingly” (Genesis 17:1-2) and that he would be a “father of many nations” and that “kings shall come from you” (vv. 5-6).

These same promises to Abraham were reconfirmed to Isaac his son in Genesis 26:1-5 and verse 24, and then to Isaac’s son Jacob in Genesis 28:1-4.

Many focus only on the spiritual aspect to the promises God made to Abraham in Genesis 12:3—the promise of grace through the one seed, Jesus Christ, but there is also a clear physical component to these promises which have been realized today by the peoples and nations descending from Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

### **Birthright Blessings**

Jacob, whose name was changed to Israel, had twelve sons, and he told his sons what would befall their descendants in the “last days” (Genesis 49:1).

One of those sons was Joseph, who would inherit the birthright blessing, and another son, Judah, who



would receive the promise of a line of kings (1 Chronicles 5:1-2).

But the birthright blessings would be passed on to Joseph's sons Ephraim and Manasseh (Genesis 48:13-16).

While Manasseh would become **one great nation**, Ephraim would eventually become a "multitude of nations" (Genesis 48:17-19) and a **great colonizing power** (Genesis 49:22). The military and political history of those two nations confirms that the American and British-descended peoples, including those of Canada, have indeed received those birthright blessings.

For a 200-year period, beginning in the early part of the 19th century, the English-speaking peoples of the world have dominated in so many ways. Much of the world has been dependant on Canada, Australia, New Zealand and vast parts of the United States for

wheat, corn and other agricultural products. Our nations have truly been the "bread baskets" of the world. These countries have also been blessed with tremendous mineral wealth and large tracts of grazing land for cattle and sheep.

This dominance included Britain controlling the major commercial and military sea gates of the world and building an empire that at one time comprised one-fourth of the world's land mass and peoples.

All of this came as a result of the obedience of one man, Abraham, and his loyalty to our Creator. However, God warns that these blessings will be taken away because of disobedience and disregard for Him and His commandments (Deuteronomy 8:7-20). Because of the nation's heritage, it is vitally important that Canadians give earnest heed to these warnings and know the source and the "why" of our blessings.

### Blessings of Royalty

God said to Abraham "kings shall come from you." Genesis 49:10 states that kings would come from the tribe of Judah and Christ Himself would descend from that tribe.

Ancient King David was told in 1 Chronicles 17:10-15 that his "throne shall be established forever." Jesus Christ was also born to inherit that very throne (Luke 1:32).



When Christ returns, He will sit on that throne as King of kings—and His throne will be established forever, fulfilling the promise to David.

Many think that this kingly line ended with Zedekiah of Judah at the time of the Babylonian captivity. But Zedekiah had daughters (Jeremiah 41:10). So, there is more to this continuing story than most realize. Biblical promises, prophecies and Irish history indicate that David's line would be **replanted** with those descendants of Zedekiah (Ezekiel 17).

Irish history records Jeremiah the prophet travelling to ancient Ireland with Zedekiah's daughter, Princess Tea Tephi, who would marry a king of Ireland. Their descendants would reign in Ireland, Scotland and down to the present day British queen, Elizabeth II.

Yes, a **replanting** did occur as God promised—a fascinating story, which shows God's hand in the history of His people and His fulfillment of the promises He made originally to his "friend" Abraham and King David.

Canada has been immensely blessed because of Abraham's faithfulness. As such, Canadians should certainly honour and respect his descendant Queen Elizabeth II, and with sincerity say "God save the Queen." Yet, first and foremost, we should long for the time when Jesus Christ will return to rule as King of kings and Lord of lords, when the whole world will prosper under His righteous rule.

Canada's distant rich history and heritage is often-times forgotten, neglected and—for too many—not even realized. "Lest we forget," let us become more aware of the source of that history and heritage from the pages of God's word.

—Winston Gosse



# ECUMENISM AND END-TIME PROPHECY

## Would you sacrifice truth in order to have unity?

The Psalmist wrote, “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” (Psalm 133:1). The Apostle Paul hoped for a time when “we all come to the unity of the faith” (Ephesians 4:13). So, what does Bible prophecy reveal about modern efforts toward church unity? What are the implications of unity among those who profess Christ?

### By Faith Alone?

Consider one of the fundamental disputes that spurred the Protestant Reformation nearly 500 years ago. The Protestant doctrine of *sola fide*—salvation by faith alone—spurred Martin Luther to break away from Rome to “protest” what he called an incorrect emphasis on the role of human works in salvation.

So firm was Luther’s belief in *sola fide* that his German translation of Romans 3:28 inserted deliberately a word not supported by the original Greek. In the *New King James Version*, we read the translation, “Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart

from the deeds of the law.” Luther’s translation added the word “alone” after “faith” to support his belief that salvation is by faith alone. But what about, “I will show you my faith by my works” (James 2:18)? Luther rejected the entire book of James as “an epistle of straw.”

Given this history, it is no wonder that many were startled by the 1999 “Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification” between Roman Catholic and Lutheran leaders, which stated: “By grace **alone**, in faith in Christ’s saving work and not because of any merit on our part, we are accepted by God and receive the Holy Spirit, who renews our hearts while equipping and calling us to good works...”

The implications of *by faith alone* had for centuries caused a breach between Roman Catholics and Lutherans. With the controversial 1999 Joint Declaration, the dispute was resolved, but very little practical unity between Lutherans and Rome has been achieved. Many were thus startled in July, when Pope Francis reached out to Anglican bishop Tony Palmer,

a “Pentecostal” friend with whom he had engaged in ecumenical communications. Francis further startled the Roman church last July with his surprise visit to speak at a Pentecostal church in Caserta, Italy, where he called the congregants his “brothers” to the dismay of many traditionalist Catholics.

### “Luther’s Protest Is Over”?

Bishop Palmer—who has since died in a motorcycle accident—stunned the Christian world earlier this year when he presented Francis’ message at a gathering led by Pentecostal evangelist Kenneth Copeland.

*“Luther’s protest is over. Is yours?”  
—Tony Palmer*

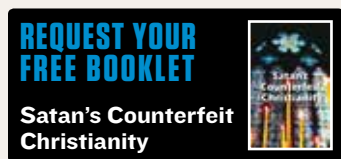
In his message, Palmer proclaimed the importance of ecumenism. Citing the 1999 document, he asked his Protestant audience: “Brothers and sisters, Luther’s protest is over. Is yours?”

The Roman church has long sought unity with those it considers “separated brethren.” From Scripture, we understand that the “daughter” churches that have sprung from Rome will reunite with their “mother” church before Jesus Christ returns (Isaiah 47:1–11; Revelation 17:5). That church will, for a brief time, be a great power on the world scene, influencing a revived “Roman Empire” led from Europe that will dominate the world economy and impel billions to submit to its leadership.

But how will that unity be achieved? Will millions convert en masse, taking up Roman Catholic doctrines as their own, following the example of many Anglicans who have recently returned to Rome? Or will Rome speed the process by compromising on long-held doctrinal differences, as in its joint declaration with Lutheran leaders? Time will tell. One point is clear: Unity is coming. So, true Christians need to be sure of what they believe, and must not give up the Truth in the name of some kind of feel-good “unity.”

Will you be ready when the prophesied end-time ecumenism reaches out to you? Will you be able to resist? You need to be ready to act on your faith!

—William Bowmer



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# Anathema!

“Heretic! You are anathema!”

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By **Dexter Wakefield**

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**F**or centuries, these words terrified many who professed Christ throughout the Middle Ages. This severe judgment not only meant being put out of the Roman Catholic Church, but could also mean torture or death—and often did. A common form of execution was burning at the stake, and thousands suffered that horrible fate. Deviating from the religious orthodoxy was dangerous!

What is a *heretic*? “A dissenter from established religious dogma; especially: a baptized member of the Roman Catholic church who disavows a revealed truth” (*Merriam-Webster Dictionary*). The word *anathema* means “one that is *cursed* by ecclesiastical authority” (*ibid.*), and over the two millennia of the Roman church’s existence, many who were so *accursed* often found that they were also *accused*—of a capital crime punishable by torture or death by the civil authorities.

## The “Primitive” Church of God

Modern scholars acknowledge that the Church as it existed in the first century was quite different in belief and practice from what followed in succeeding centuries. Jesse Lyman Hurlbut, a Protestant clergyman and author, acknowledged the dramatic change that took place. He wrote, “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” (*The Story of the Christian Church*, p. 41). The Christian Church, prior to these changes that began to occur in the second and third centuries, is known today to historians and theologians as “the Primitive Church.”

What was it like to be a believer in Christ at the time of the apostles? Historically, there were many

differences from today. For instance, you would have kept the biblical Sabbath holy, as the commandment states, “*Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy*” (Exodus 20:8), and you would do so in addition to keeping the annual Holy Days (Exodus 20:8–11; Leviticus 23; Hebrews 4:9–10; 1 Corinthians 5:8) and the Christian Passover (Luke 22:15; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25). Gentile members of the original Church were not “trying to be Jewish” when they observed all ten of the Ten Commandments; rather, they were seeking to obey God (Matthew 19:17; 1 John 2:3–4, 5:3; Revelation 14:12).

The “Primitive Church” believed that the gospel of the Kingdom of God that Jesus preached referred to an actual kingdom on earth, to be established by Jesus of Nazareth as the Messiah who will return to begin His millennial rule. But in the minds of most professing Christians, the message about Christ returning as a king ruling an actual earthly Kingdom from Jerusalem is not literally true, and should be taken merely as an allegory. If someone believes in what they deride as the “political Messiah,” such belief can be labeled heretical.

Jesus said, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel” (Mark 16:15). Today, however, billions of professing Christians even disagree as to what that true gospel is.

Consider what the single largest group of professing Christians—with more than a billion adherents—teaches to its members: “The kingdom of God means, then, *the ruling of God in our hearts*; it means those *principles* which separate us off from the kingdom of the world and the devil; it means *the benign sway of grace*; it means *the Church*” (“Kingdom of God,” *Catholic Encyclopedia*). Many others identify the Kingdom of God with heaven, where they expect to reside upon their death. Some profess no interest in the Kingdom of God, and focus only on the person of Jesus Christ.

They cannot all be right. Yet, ever since Christ’s death and resurrection, the range of doctrines taught in

the name of “Christianity” has been diverse. Even during the first century AD, the apostles had to wrestle with false teachers and doctrines. The Apostle Paul lamented the deceptive teachings that had been brought into the early Church. He said, “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).

From its beginning, the Church founded by Jesus Christ believed that Christ would return in power and glory to establish a world-ruling Kingdom, and that His saints would rule under Him on earth for a period of time known as the “Millennium.” Yet, although that hope-filled message was at the heart of true Christianity from the start, it was rejected in later centuries as mere allegory. The orthodoxy of the first-century Church was soon considered heresy.

Paul also warned that false ministers would come and teach false doctrines. “But what I do, I will also continue to do, that I may cut off the opportunity from those who desire an opportunity *to be regarded just as we are* in the things of which they boast. 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. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works” (2 Corinthians 11:12–15).

### The Fix Was In

In the fourth century AD, the Roman church held a series of councils or synods to establish the doctrines it would henceforth uphold. During the Council of Nicaea (325 AD), Sunday observance was officially codified (among other doctrines). Then, in the Council of Laodicea (ca. 364 AD), not only was Sunday observance reaffirmed; the long-standing practice of observing the biblical seventh-day Sabbath *was forbidden*. Roman church leaders needed to make that pronouncement because Christian observance of all ten of the Ten Commandments—including the seventh-day Sabbath commandment—was still widespread.

Canon 29 of the Council of Laodicea states: “Christians must not judaize by resting on the Sabbath, but must work on that day, rather honouring the Lord’s Day [a reference to Sunday]; and, if they can, resting then as Christians. But if any shall be found to be judaizers, **let them be anathema** from Christ.”





### Massacre of the Waldensians of Merindol

Gustave Doré (1832–1886) - Le Point No. 1978

In 1545, a Roman Catholic army attacked French Waldensians, whom they considered heretical. About two dozen villages were destroyed with the approval of the Pope and French king. Many who survived the massacre were sent into forced labor.

The Council of Laodicea not only prohibited people from resting on the biblical Sabbath as required in the Ten Commandments; it required that people actually *work* on that day—thereby profaning what God had made holy. Those who *refused* to break the Sabbath commandment were excommunicated as heretics and declared *anathema*.

In later centuries, pronouncing *anathema* on an individual required an impressive ceremony by the Pope himself. “Anathema remains a major excommunication which is to be promulgated with great solemnity. A formula for this ceremony was drawn up by Pope Zachary (741–52)... He takes his seat in front of the altar or in some other suitable place, amid pronounces the formula of anathema which ends with these words: ‘Wherefore in the name of God the All-powerful, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, of the Blessed Peter, Prince of the Apostles, and of all the saints, in virtue of the power which has been given us of binding and loosing in Heaven and on earth, we deprive [the person] himself and all his accomplices and all his abettors of the Communion of the Body and Blood of Our Lord, we separate him from the society of all Christians, we **exclude** him from the bosom of our Holy Mother the Church in Heaven and on earth, we declare him **excommunicated** and anathematized and we judge him **condemned** to eternal fire with Satan and his angels and all the reprobate, so long as he will not burst the fetters of the demon, do penance and satisfy the Church; we deliver him to Satan to mortify his body, that his soul may be saved on the day of judgment.’ Whereupon all the assistants respond: ‘Fiat, fiat, fiat’” (“Anathema,” *Catholic Encyclopedia*).

These believers were **excluded... excommunicated... condemned!**

### Little Flock... of Heretics?

Jesus prophesied that His Church would be a “little flock” (Luke 12:32) that would undergo persecution. “They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that whoever kills you will think that he offers God service” (John 16:2). He also said, “If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you...” (John 15:20). This would continue right up to the time of His second coming. “Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake” (Matthew 24:9).

Are there groups today that profess Christ, but are considered heretical? There certainly are. Today, however, those groups that profess something different from the “mainstream” are more likely to be called “cultists” than

heretics, and the term “cult” itself has a particularly negative meaning. Most people, when they hear the term “cult,” tend to think of a group that is perceived to harm its members physically or psychologically. However, in the academic study of religion, the term has a far simpler meaning: “a system or community of religious worship or ritual.”

Also, if you look at 19th century English writing, you will see that “cult” was a non-judgmental word that was basically a synonym for “sect” or “denomination.” Today, however, the word’s meaning has shifted, and we often find it used in a judgmental way. Some use it to express their disapproval of groups who put their members through extreme physical, emotional or personal stress. Within “mainstream Christianity,” however, there is an increasing trend to use the word “cult” as a way to demean those churches that do not teach mainstream theology.

One of the more influential books of this type, *Kingdom of the Cults* by Walter Martin, was first published in 1965. Martin brands a number of religious groups as non-Christian cults *because of their theology*. He quotes eminent theologian and professor Charles Braden: “By the term cult I mean nothing derogatory to any group so classified. A cult, as I define it, is any religious group which differs significantly in some one or more respects as to belief or practice from those religious groups which are regarded as the normative expressions of religion in our total culture.... From a theological viewpoint, the cults contain many major deviations from historic [Roman Catholic] Christianity. Yet, paradoxically, they continue to insist that they are entitled to be classified as Christians” (p. 11)

Elsewhere, Martin writes: “A cult, then, is a group of people polarized around someone’s interpretation of the Bible and is characterized by major deviations from orthodox Christianity relative to the cardinal doctrines of the Christian faith” (*Rise of the Cults*, p. 12). But notice! When Martin refers to “cardinal doctrines,” he is referring to the orthodoxy that developed *after the first century* and was later codified on the authority of the Roman church. Most historians, both secular and religious, understand this.

Consider this comment by authors Josh McDowell and Don Stewart: “A cult is a perversion, a distortion of biblical Christianity and/or a rejection of the historic teachings of the Christian Church” (*Understanding the Cults*, p. 17). Their definition goes against the common mainstream picture of a “cult.” Rather, they acknowledge, “In most cases, we would be hard-pressed to isolate any element in the methodology of a cult that is not present in some form in mainstream churches. *For Christians, the main issue with cults should be theology*” (*ibid.* p. 20).

As do many such commentators, McDowell and Stewart do not say that a religious group has to be *harmful* to be branded as a cult—it just has to be *different*. Ironically, while saying this, they reject many of the beliefs and practices of the first-century Church. To these writers, for example, keeping the same seventh-day Sabbath Jesus Christ and His apostles kept can be seen as *the mark of a cult!*

### Fear, Bigotry... or Faith?

Many “mainstream” ministers fear that their congregants may engage in personal study that will lead them away from the teachings codified by the Roman church at the Council of Laodicea in the fourth century AD. So, they may be quick to use the scare-word “cult” to frighten inquirers away from a theologically different group. Yet branding a particular religious faith as a *cult* inevitably creates fear and suspicion about its members. It can transform a theological disagreement into little more than *simple bigotry*.

Today, much as was the case in the fourth century AD, people who hold to Jesus Christ’s original, first-century faith are frequently marginalized as heretical, non-Christian *cult members*. They are “**excluded... excommunicated... condemned.**” Once again, “mainstream Christianity” is saying to the original faith, “**Heretic! You are anathema!**”

Will you follow the majority? Or will you practice the original Christianity of Christ’s “little flock”—the Christianity you find in your Bible—no matter what anyone else may say about it?

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# WHY WORK?

## Is labor nothing more than a curse? Do our efforts really matter to us, or to others, or to God?

“**W**ouldn't it be great if I never had to work again?” Most of us have either said or heard that phrase, or something like it. If we came into sudden wealth, how many of us would want to quit our jobs and stop working? Is this what God desires from us—to be free from the bonds of “work”?

As a third-generation remodeling contractor, I get to see a diverse picture of the overall quality of construction work in my area. With each passing year, this quality goes further and further down. I often must fix others' poor work that should never have been done in the first place. Earlier this year I had to build a support beam to hold a poorly built roof that was on

the verge of falling in. I am often left confused, wondering how a worker could be willing to leave such shoddy work behind. This is not just about “pride of workmanship.” In my profession, shoddy work can lead to serious problems such as under-wiring or inadequate framing—often leading to injury or death. So, why do so many workers seem not to care about the quality of the work they do? Is work just supposed to be a regrettable hardship—something we do to “put food on the table”? Or does God expect it to be something more?

In the Bible, God has a lot to say about work; in fact, He was the first to do work! In John 1:1–4 we find that God had all power. He had everything. Then, of His own will, He created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1). We find that God wanted to work, even when He had no need to. So, what is work? It is a much-underestimated gift from God.

We have been given a small portion of God's own power. He has not given us the ability to make something from nothing, but He has given us the creative imagination to make much from little! He also intends us to use this gift, and He left us an example of how He uses the power of creation. By His example we find that we should, as He does, take great pleasure in our work. In Genesis 1, at the end of every day God reflected on his work and “saw that it was good.” Do we do that? Do we, at the end of our workday, look back and ponder the things that we have done? We should!



Some people act as though their jobs are “disposable”—unimportant tasks that require little or no concern. This idea, however, does not fit in with Scripture. Solomon wrote, “Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might” (Ecclesiastes 9:10). In Matthew 25:14–30 we read the parable of the talents. Though the “talent” here is a denomination of money, the translation is provocative, and the principle is the same. God gave each of us a measure of abilities, and He expects us to increase it by working. Even the worker with the least must return more than he was given.

All in all, God expects us to be good at what we do, and He wants us to love what we do as much as He does. How much is that? “For God so loved the world [Genesis 1:31 “...all that He had made”] that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).

Do you want to excel at your work? Do you want your customers to be pleased with your performance? Then meditate on God's example. Reflect on your work at the end of the day. Take satisfaction in your good work, and be ready to work harder tomorrow to do even better. Such an attitude does not go unnoticed by employers. Nor does it go unnoticed by God.

—Seth Forrestier



## Why Keep the Sabbath?

**H**ave you ever thought about what improvements *you* would make if you ruled the world? That is the task *Prospect Magazine*, a British general-interest periodical, sets for itself each issue. In a column entitled “If I ruled the world?” authors are invited to express their views, and it often makes for stimulating reading.

In the August 2013 issue, Jonathan Sacks, the now-retired Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of the Commonwealth, provided a thought-provoking piece titled “Bring Back the Sabbath—It Holds Society Together.”

He began by modestly saying, “*If I ruled the world I would resign immediately. It’s hard enough, individually and collectively, to rule ourselves, let alone others. But if offered an hour before I resigned I would enact one institution that has the power to transform the world. It’s called the Sabbath.*”

But how would observing the Sabbath transform the world? And is the Sabbath a day Britain and the entire world really *should* observe? The answers may surprise you.

### **Transforms Society**

Rabbi Sacks offered several reasons for keeping the Sabbath each week. He pointed out that the Sabbath “*introduces into a culture the idea of limits.*” It is a good thing to set aside a day to rest from our labors and restrict the all-too-human proclivity to produce, consume and deplete our resources. Additionally, it establishes a day in which values are not determined by money or its equivalent, because it is not a day for buying and selling or for regular employment. It is a day to concentrate on

relationships, which Sacks believes are determined by “*kinship, belonging and mutual responsibility.*” Finally, it renews social capital. “*It bonds people into communities in ways not structured by transactions of wealth or power.*” Originally, Sacks notes, the Sabbath even served as a moderating force on slavery. It was a day in which even slaves in ancient Israel were to rest as part of the family (Exodus 20:10).

### **Brings People Together**

Today we need liberation from many other forms of “slavery”—from computers, electronic games, television, business-related phone calls, and from all the pressures of our modern consumer society. Imagine a day without the usual texts, tweets and e-mails. A day without shopping! Imagine a day devoted to family, community, study and collective expressions of gratitude.

As Sacks observed, we live in an age of individualism in which most are preoccupied with personal pleasure and materialism; the result is a breakdown of community. He concludes “*A once-a-week sabbatical that is public, not private, rest would renew the social fabric, the families and communities that sustain our liberal democratic freedom today.*”

Rabbi Sacks makes a compelling case that British society and the world at large *would* be much better off if it kept the Sabbath. However, a closer examination of Scripture reveals altogether deeper reasons and purpose for keeping the seventh-day Sabbath each week.

### **The Seventh-Day Sabbath Honors God**

God instituted the seventh-day Sabbath at the very beginning of human history. In the creation account found



in Genesis 2:3, we learn *“Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.”* The Sabbath is here described as holy time, something to set aside each week to honor the God who introduced it. Quite apart from any social good that the Sabbath undoubtedly brings, we should rest on the seventh day because God Himself set *the precedent to rest on that day*. Resting on the seventh-day Sabbath would enshrine God at the very center of human life and activity.

When we honor the seventh-day Sabbath, we become mindful that God created the universe, brought into motion all its amazing laws, and created planet



Hay bales dot the landscape of a peaceful farm at rest in Devon County, England.

Earth with all life upon it. Yet, how many people today believe—or know—such things? A world that has forgotten God needs desperately to be reminded about the true God—and keeping the seventh-day Sabbath would play a major part in fulfilling that goal.

Genesis 2 makes it clear that God originally intended the seventh-day Sabbath to be observed by *everyone*—not just by the twelve tribes of Israel, and certainly not just Judah. This is reinforced by Jesus’ own words in Mark 2:27, *“The Sabbath was made for man”* (Greek *anthropos*, “humankind”). Indeed, Jesus Christ is *“Lord of the Sabbath,”* which means that *all* followers of Jesus Christ should be keeping the Sabbath (v. 28).

Today, many who profess to follow Christ do know that they should keep the Sabbath, yet they try to do so on Sunday! But, according to the Bible, Sunday—the first day of the week—is *not* the Sabbath! That name is properly kept for the seventh day of the week, beginning each Friday at sunset. That is the day on which God rested, and is when the first Christians rested from the very beginning of Jesus Christ’s ministry. History

documents that it was not Christ who instituted Sunday-keeping; this change was formally codified by the Roman church in the fourth century AD.

What has been the consequence of this change—of human preference taking precedence over God’s will for our day of rest? Without God’s authority behind it, is it any real surprise that Sunday-keeping has largely become a pale imitation at best of obedience to God’s fourth commandment (Exodus 20:8)? As Sacks points out of his own nation, its day of rest *“was deregulated and privatized. Holy Days became holidays, sacred time became free time and rest became leisure. The assumption was that everyone would benefit because we could all decide for ourselves how to spend the day. This was, and remains, a fallacy.”*

### Anticipates the Future

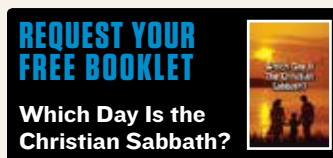
The Apostle Paul taught that a *rest*, or *“a keeping of the Sabbath”* (Hebrews 4:9, Gr. *sabbatismos*) should be very important for Christians, because it looks forward to the coming millennial rest when Jesus Christ will return to reign over the entire world. Observing the seventh-day Sabbath in its intended spirit and as God commanded keeps Christians in mind of this incredible future.

Jesus Christ promised that He will return to planet Earth at its moment of greatest peril, in order to forestall the destruction of all life (Matthew 24:21-22). He will establish a thousand-year reign (Revelation 20:4), together with the resurrected saints, with headquarters in Jerusalem (Zechariah 14:8-9). This will become an eternal kingdom that will last forever.

Can you imagine the day when Britain will wholeheartedly keep the Sabbath, on the right day and for the right reasons? According to Bible prophecy, that day is coming. When Christ and the glorified saints *rule the world*, everyone will gladly uphold all of God’s Sabbaths!

Keeping God’s seventh-day Sabbath day each week makes possible a radical recalibration of our use of time. It requires that we think differently and reorder our priorities in harmony with the way God thinks. Physically, the Sabbath rest revitalizes the body, while at the same time it refreshes the spirit. Truly, what a difference a day makes!

—John Meakin



# Watch the Middle East

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Will we ever see peace in Israel and the surrounding Arab countries? Bible prophecy shows how events in that region will determine the future of the whole world.

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By **Richard F. Ames**

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**A**fter more than a decade of military involvement in Iraq, American leaders have been shocked by the quick rise of the ISIS (“Islamic State in Iraq and Syria”) movement, which rejects century-old British-drawn boundaries and seeks to establish a Muslim state, ruled by Shariah law, across a war-torn remnant of the old Ottoman Empire.

ISIS supporters have been accused of recruiting Palestinians to spread their cause and further destabilize this troubled region, possibly putting the current government of Jordan at risk. Israeli leaders are increasingly concerned that the conflict may make the Palestine Authority a hotbed of terrorist activity and a greater threat than ever to peace in Israel. As Israel Defense Force (IDF) troops crack down on terrorist cells operating out of the Gaza Strip, blood is being spilled on both sides.

By early August, after a little more than three weeks of concerted IDF attempts to stop Gaza-based attacks against Israel, the estimated death toll was in excess of a thousand Palestinians—including many civilians among whom terrorists were working—as well as several dozen Israelis, mostly IDF troops. Officials in charge of United Nations humanitarian programs are calling the Gaza situation “dire.”

How much more blood will be shed before this conflict is resolved? How many more governments

will rise and fall? Indeed, will there **ever** be a time when the Middle East achieves lasting peace?

The good news is that your Bible foretells of a time when peace will reign not only in the Middle East, but on all of planet Earth. Yet that time will come only after a period of intense war and suffering such as our world has never before seen. If we know what prophetic signs we should be looking for, we can have hope and confidence in God’s promised future of peace, even while we are still experiencing terrible fighting and devastation. What are some of those signs?

## **Sign 1: Military Alliances East of the Euphrates**

Do you remember the Iran-Iraq War? It lasted from 1980 to 1988, and more than a million people were killed. The Euphrates River figured prominently in that conflict, and your Bible shows that it will again be central in prophesied end-time events.

The Euphrates River runs from Turkey through Syria and Iraq to the Persian Gulf. The nation of Iran lies immediately to the east of Iraq. During the prophesied Day of the Lord, an immense army of 200 million soldiers will move westward across the Euphrates River into the Middle East.

In the Book of Revelation, we read about a powerful army from the east, which will kill billions of people. The Apostle John describes this as the sixth trumpet plague. Notice where this huge force will be

gathered: “Then the sixth angel sounded: And I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, ‘Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates’” (Revelation 9:13–14).

John continues: “So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind. Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone. By these three plagues a third of mankind was killed; by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths” (Revelation 9:15–18).

This is describing a world war in which billions of human beings will die, as an army of 200 million drives west across the Euphrates River and destroys one-third of the planet’s population! This is why Jesus Christ told us that unless those days would be shortened, no flesh would be saved alive (Matthew 24:21–22).

What world powers are east of the Euphrates? Look at a map, and you will find nations including Iran, In-

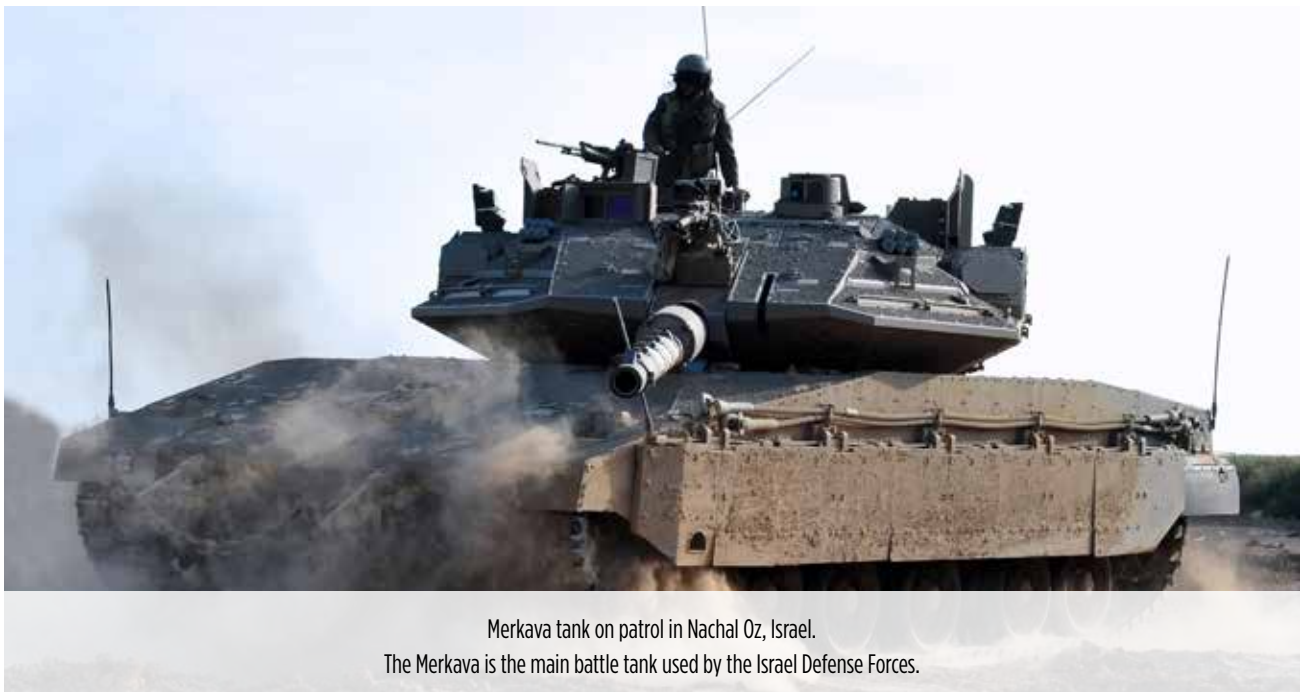
dia, China and Russia. Be sure to watch those nations’ military developments and international alliances.

### **Sign 2: Greater Unity Among Israel’s Long-Standing Enemies**

In June 1967, Israel fought what came to be called the “Six-Day War.” Pitted against the combined forces of Egypt, Syria and Jordan, Israel captured the Sinai Peninsula, the Golan Heights, the West Bank and East Jerusalem. This victory gave Israel access to Jerusalem’s ancient holy sites, including the Western Wall (also known as the “Wailing Wall”) at the Temple Mount. At the close of the war, Israel offered to return the West Bank to Palestinian control, if they would accept Israel’s complete ownership of Jerusalem. Gamal Abdel Nasser, Egypt’s president at the time, joined with his Arab neighbors in saying “No!” to Israel’s land-for-peace offer.

Seven years later, on October 6, 1973, Israel again had to defend itself. In what became known as the “Yom Kippur War”—since it began on the Day of Atonement that year—Israel repelled invasions by Egypt and Syria. Eventually Israel, Egypt and Syria agreed to a United Nations cease-fire plan ending that conflict.

Since then, there have been occasional military strikes, as well as the years-long *intifada* (Arabic



Merkava tank on patrol in Nachal Oz, Israel.  
The Merkava is the main battle tank used by the Israel Defense Forces.

for “shaking off”) in which Palestinians expressed resistance—sometimes bloodily—to what they considered unjust Israeli rule. Fighting and bloodshed have also continued among warring Palestinian factions; Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas at one point described his nation as being “on the verge of civil war” due to struggles between his Fatah organization and the Islamic militant group Hamas—the same groups which, earlier this year, took major steps to demonstrate reconciliation through their agreement on the formation of a “unity” government. Will this unity persist, or will age-old patterns of conflict re-emerge? Whatever the short-term answer, history has shown that even while intra-Arab conflicts continue, warring Middle East nations will not hesitate to join forces to fight against Israel.

To the north, the non-Arab nation of Iran remains a threat, as massive rallies across the nation have urged Palestinians in Gaza and elsewhere to fight Israel “to the end.” Iran also continues its push toward developing nuclear weapons.

South of Iran, traditional disputes among Arabs and Muslims continue, yet students of Bible prophecy know to watch for growing unity among these forces against their common enemy—Israel. While some pundits mistakenly focus on Iran as Israel’s chief enemy and the main destabilizer of the region, your Bible reveals that it will be a “King of the South” that will unite several Arab nations, forming a power bloc so threatening that the prophesied “King of the North” will intensify its military actions around Jerusalem (Daniel 11:40–45). This will bring about a frightening conflict that will shake our world, but Bible students will be able to recognize that this is also a sign that Jesus Christ will soon return as prophesied.

### **Sign 3: International Attempts To Control Jerusalem**

For years, Jerusalem’s importance to three major world religions has made its administration a focus of international controversy. Although Israel has

controlled both East and West Jerusalem since 1967, many other governments want to see Jerusalem administered internationally. The original 1947 United Nations Partition Plan for Palestine (UN General Assembly Resolution 181) proposed that Jerusalem be treated as a *corpus separatum*—an internationally administered zone—and although this status never

took effect, many still hope for something similar to be achieved. In 1984, Pope John Paul II wrote in his apostolic letter *Redemptoris Anno* that he hoped Jerusalem could be given a “spe-

cial internationally guaranteed status.” Who might guarantee that status? In 1975, U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger proposed that Jerusalem become an international city, with the control of holy places and religious administration given to the Roman Catholic pontiff.

Will such international control of Jerusalem be achieved? The Bible reveals that a shocking turn of events will occur, through which Jerusalem will be controlled not by Israel, but instead by other govern-



mental powers. The Apostle John wrote, “Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, ‘Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city under foot for forty-two months’” (Revelation 11:1–2).

Yes, Jerusalem (“the holy city”) will be controlled by the Gentiles for 42 months before Jesus Christ returns! A great world power, described as the “Beast” in the book of Revelation, will invade the Middle East and take control of Jerusalem for the three-and-a-half years preceding the return of Jesus Christ! During that time, two prophets of God will be witnessing with great power, and will contend against the Gentile force that will then be dominating the Middle East (Revelation 11:3–14).

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# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

## What happens to those who die without hearing the true Gospel?

**Question:** Jesus said in the Gospel of Matthew that the day of judgment would be “more tolerable” for the people of Sodom and Gomorrah, and Tyre and Sidon, than for those who heard and rejected Jesus’ message during His ministry on earth. How can this be? If all these people were judged and condemned, how can some fare better than others at the day of judgment?

**Answer:** God destroyed those cities, making them an example and a warning to “those who afterward would live ungodly” (2 Peter 2:6). But most people today do not realize how this fits into God’s plan for mankind. When Jesus said that the day of judgment would be “more tolerable” for Sodom and Gomorrah, and for Tyre and Sidon (Matthew 10:15; 11:22, 24), He was revealing that the residents of these cities had not yet had their first opportunity to understand His message.

How can we understand this? We must recognize that, as the New Testament explains, there are three different “judgment ages” for mankind. The Apostle Peter described the first judgment age, with

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which most are familiar: “For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?” (1 Peter 4:17).

This is the “Church Age”—the first period of judgment. Peter called the Church “the house of God”—true Christians whose eyes have been opened to understand Christ’s message. Jesus holds His disciples accountable for this knowledge, and expects them to produce spiritual fruit (Matthew 25:14–30; 2 Peter 1:1–9; John 15:1–10). True Christians are being judged in this lifetime by their works and obedience to God’s word (1 Peter 4:17; Revelation 20:12; 22:12).

The next judgment period is the “Millennial Age.” Bible prophecy shows that Jesus Christ will soon return and set up His Kingdom on earth for a thousand years (Revelation 20:2–6). All nations will

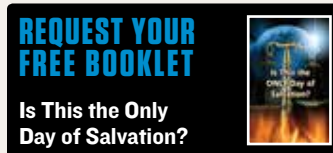
then come up to Jerusalem, the “world headquarters” of Christ’s government, to be taught (Isaiah 2:1–4). The whole world will be exposed to the wonderful truth and perfect way of God—“for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea” (Isaiah 11:9). During this age, God will write His holy and righteous laws in people’s hearts through the Holy Spirit (Hebrews 8:10–12). Just as during the “Church Age,” people will be judged by their obedience to God’s word.

The third and final judgment period can be called the “Last Judgment Age.” The book of Revelation calls it the Great White Throne Judgment (Revelation 20:11–12). In that age, the billions who lived and died in ignorance of God’s truth and His way of life will be resurrected to physical life (Ezekiel 37:1–14). For the first time, their eyes will be opened to the truth, and they will have their first opportunity for salvation.

The Greek word for “books” in Revelation 20:12 is *biblion*, showing that these “books”—the Bible—will be made accessible to the billions of human beings who lived and died before the Millennium without hearing the true Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ explained that in the future, the men of Ninevah and the queen of the South would be resurrected alongside the men of His day, and would condemn those of Jesus’ day who rejected His message (Matthew 12:41–42). Consider the magnitude of the time of judgment that Jesus is describing! Billions of people across the millennia of human history will be alive, together, to learn God’s way, and to contrast it to how they had previously lived without God.

Millions today wrongly believe either that God is



capricious, sending to damnation billions who never heard His message preached, or that He is inconsistent,

giving salvation to some who did not hear His gospel preached. The truth is far more inspiring. To learn more about God’s plan for all of humanity, please request our free booklet, *Is This the Only Day of Salvation?*



# PROPHECY COMES ALIVE

## Coming Plagues: The Pale Horse

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**B**ible prophecies have long stated that just before the return of Jesus Christ, a series of terrible events—portrayed as the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse—will sweep over the earth. These coming calamities will include: increasing reports of wars, famines, natural disasters and disease epidemics. The “fourth horseman” is named Death and rides a *pale horse*. The Four Horsemen will ravage *one quarter* of the earth’s population by violence, hunger and “beasts of the earth”—including viruses and bacteria that spread disease (Revelation 6:8). The Scriptures indicate these end-time pestilences will trigger devastating disease epidemics that will claim millions of lives. While public health disasters of this magnitude may seem far-fetched in the light of modern medical technology, *warnings* of deadly epidemics on a global scale are becoming more frequent—indicating that ancient Bible prophecies are *coming alive right now!*

### Rising Concerns

In recent decades, medical authorities have expressed repeated concerns about the *emergence* of new diseases and the *resurgence* and spread of diseases once thought to be under control. Malaria, a potentially deadly infectious disease that afflicts millions annually, has *returned* to regions where it was once nearly eradicated. However, it is now spread by pesticide-resistant mosquitoes and antibiotic-resistant parasites—making it more difficult to treat and control.

Drug-resistant tuberculosis, another major killer with a long history, is *spreading* in economically blighted areas of Eastern Europe, Russia, Asia and Africa. Warmer temperatures have *expanded* the range of mosquitoes that

carry West Nile virus—which attacks the central nervous system—enabling it to move from Africa to other areas of the globe. Sexually transmitted diseases are *thriving* and *spreading* in our increasingly godless societies today. The HIV-AIDS epidemic that emerged in the 1980s has claimed the lives of more than 30 million people worldwide—and the disease is actively spreading with more than 2 million new cases every year, while newly identified diseases *continue to emerge* and threaten the health of populations around the world.

### Our Vulnerable World

The resurgence of old plagues and the emergence of new infectious diseases around the globe has public health officials *clearly worried*. Epidemiologists recognize that in recent years, a number of factors have come together that have *dramatically increased the risk of pandemics* and that “our global population has *never been so vulnerable* to rapid transmission of disease” (*nationalpost.com*, May 22, 2014).

One factor is the sudden eruption of new viruses for which no vaccines are available. Another factor is the emergence of drug-resistant forms of diseases that make common treatments ineffective. Other factors that facilitate the spread of infectious diseases include: the increasing ease of global travel between urban centers where large numbers of people live and move in close contact with one another, mass movements of people dislocated by wars and political turmoil, and the transport of animals and animal products around the world.

The breakdown of public health services, the contamination of water supplies, and disruption of waste disposal systems that follow natural disasters all contribute

to the eruption and spread of infectious diseases. The threat of biochemical terrorism—the deliberate release of toxic microbes or chemical agents in large urban areas—offers a scary scenario of how large populations can be decimated in a short time. In the last several decades, our world has clearly become *more vulnerable* to the outbreak of global epidemics that have the potential of claiming millions of lives—which is exactly what the Fourth Horseman on the *pale horse* pictures!

### Lessons from the Past

History reveals that “epidemics have crumbled empires, defeated armies and forever changed the way we live” (*Fourth Horseman*, Nikiforuk, p. xv). Epidemics in the past *arrived unexpectedly* and spread death and devastation over wide areas of the world. In the Middle Ages, leprosy, tuberculosis, cholera and typhoid festered in the filth and crowded living conditions of medieval cities. In 1348 the bubonic plague virus arrived in Europe from India along medieval trade routes, and this “Black Death” epidemic killed *one third* of the population of Europe (some 30 million people). Colum-



For the hundreds of millions who live in the world's slums, disease is an everyday concern.

bus' sailors brought syphilis from the Americas and the disease spread through Europe, aided by promiscuity and public bathhouses. Europeans brought smallpox to the Americas, where it killed an estimated 100 million Native Americans in one century because they lacked natural antibodies to the disease. Epidemics altered the course of history in the past, and *will again* have a major impact on the world.

Public health workers recognize that SARS and MERS are related to the virus that caused the great flu pandemic of 1918 that killed *50 million* people around



the world in about 18 months. That so-called Spanish Flu “ranks as one of the deadliest epidemics in history”

([news.nationalgeographic.com](http://news.nationalgeographic.com), January 23, 2014). The disease apparently originated in China and spread with some 90,000 Chinese laborers transported by boat to North America, by train to the east coast and by boat to work on battlefields in Europe where both soldiers and Chinese laborers were infected and died. This global pandemic was caused by the sudden emergence of an extremely infectious form of the virus and spread by moving large numbers of people around the globe.

Recent examples illustrate how epidemics can suddenly arise and rapidly spread in our modern world. Following the 2011 earthquake in Haiti, aid workers from Nepal arrived already infected with a cholera virus. Within days, there was an outbreak of cholera on the island that eventually killed 6,000 people and infected more than 300,000. Just this year, the mosquito-borne virus that causes *chikungunya* (an African word meaning “contorted with pain”) arrived in the Caribbean from Asia or Africa and spread rapidly through the islands, afflicting more than 55,000 people. The virus apparently came with an infected person on an airplane. When we study how epidemics appeared in the past and influenced the course of history and we see how factors in our modern world can promote the spread of infectious diseases, we should not be surprised that Jesus Christ predicted long ago that one of the signs that would precede His return would be pestilences on a global scale (Matthew 24:3–7; Luke 21:11). We need to be alert to prophecies *coming alive today*—that are pictured by an *ominous rider* on a *pale horse*!

—Douglas S. Winnail

#### Sign 4: Animal Sacrifices Restored in Jerusalem

If you have read the books of Daniel and Matthew in your Bible, you may have been puzzled by the mysterious “abomination of desolation.” What is it, and what will it mean in end-time prophecy? First, let us look at Jesus’ own words: He said, “Therefore when you see the “abomination of desolation,” spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place’ (whoever reads, let him understand), ‘then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains” (Matthew 24:15–16).

Clearly, this is an important sign to understand. It signals the time when God’s people are to flee to escape the final three-and-a-half-year sequence of devastating end-time prophetic calamities.

Historically, the Greek ruler Antiochus Epiphanes issued a decree in 167BC that prohibited the Jews from making sacrifices in the Temple. “And forces shall be mustered by him, and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then they shall take away the daily sacrifices, and place there the abomination of desolation” (Daniel 11:31). Historically, not only did Antiochus stop the daily sacrifices; he erected in the temple a statue of Jupiter Olympus, and directed everyone to worship it.

This event, also described in Daniel 8, prefigures a prophesied end-time milestone. “And from the time that the daily sacrifice is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days” (Daniel 12:11). Yes, 1,290 days before Jesus Christ’s second coming, animal sacrifices will again be cut off! Jesus warns us as Christians to be alert to an end-time abomination of desolation! Just as Antiochus Epiphanes profaned the Temple in 167BC and cut off the sacrifices, so will a profane authority cut off Jewish sacrifices in the future! In fact, the Apostle Paul warns of a great false prophet that will stand in the holy place. “Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God” (2 Thessalonians 2:3–4).

A great false prophet will work great miracles and deceive millions of people. He will cultivate worship



ISIS and other Middle East factions are competing for supremacy in the region, but the returning Christ will ultimately prevail!

toward himself and claim the mantle of divinity. This great false prophet will work amazing miracles, even calling down fire from heaven, and he will deceive millions of people around the world (Revelation 13:13–14)! But we must not be deceived by these signs and wonders! Scripture tells us, “Test all things; hold fast what is good” (1 Thessalonians 5:21).

But there is a catch. The Jews have not offered animal sacrifices since 70AD, when the Romans destroyed the temple in Jerusalem. In order for end-time sacrifices to be stopped, they need to have been started! When animal sacrifices begin again in Jerusalem, you will know that the prophecies Jesus spoke about are soon heading for a grand-smash climax!

Watch for developments in Israel leading to the reinstatement of animal sacrifices. This may or may not mean the rebuilding of a full-scaled temple structure. Notice what happened when the Jews returned from Babylonian exile around 536BC. They had a holy place, but not yet a temple. The book of Ezra describes their coming to the “House of God” *before* they had a temple in which to offer sacrifice (Ezra 3:8). *Later*, in the verses that follow, we read about the laying of a temple’s foundation.



The point is that sacrifices must be presented in a “holy place”—but we have seen in Ezra that sacrifices could be made daily even without a physical building called a temple! At present, only Muslims are allowed to worship on the Temple Mount; the holiest site currently controlled by Jewish religious authorities is the Western (or “Wailing”) Wall. One way or another, sacrifices will resume, though it remains to be seen exactly where and how this will occur. Watch for a great national crisis in Israel to precipitate this event!

### Sign 5: A European Superpower Controlling Jerusalem

Earlier we learned of the prophesied “king of the North”—a superpower north of Jerusalem. That superpower is identified in Bible prophecy as a revival of the ancient Roman Empire—and, before Christ returns, its forces will take control of Jerusalem. The prophet Daniel also describes the rise of a competing power, guided by a leader **south** of Jerusalem, which will push against that northern power. Notice: “At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through. He [the king of the North] shall also enter the Glorious Land, [or the Holy Land] and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall escape from his hand: Edom, Moab, and the prominent people of Ammon. He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape” (Daniel 11:40–42).

The king of the North will enter into the “Glorious Land”—the location of the modern state of Israel. Bible scholars identify Ammon (which escapes out of the king’s hand, along with Edom and Moab) as modern-day Jordan, leading many to believe that Jordan will be allied with the European power. Who will be part of this alliance against Israel? Notice Psalm 83. Assyria (modern-day Germany) will lead an alliance including Moab, Ammon and Edom. Look at your Bible maps to find their historic locations, and if you have not already done so, write for a free copy of our informative article *Resurgent Germany: A Fourth*


*Reich?* to learn about Germany’s role as modern-day Assyria.

What does Scripture tell us about the king of the North? We have seen that it is also known as the “Beast”—but who is the Beast? Notice this marginal note from the *Douay-Rheims (New Catholic Edition)* of the Bible, commenting on the beast of Revelation 17:11. “The beast spoken of here seems to be the Roman Empire, as in chapter 13.” In other words, both the Beast of Revelation 17 and the Beast of Revelation 13 represent the Roman Empire. This Catholic Bible also comments concerning Revelation 13:1 as follows: “The picture of the first beast is based on the seventh chapter of Daniel. This beast is the figure of kingdoms of the world, kingdoms founded on passion and selfishness, which in every age are antagonistic to Christ and seek to oppress the servants of God. Imperial Rome represents this power.”

Yes, the “Beast” is a revival of the ancient Roman Empire. If you are watching world events, perhaps you have observed that the European Union is developing political, military and economic characteristics of the empire described in Scripture. You can read about the economic power of this empire in Revelation 18.

As we near the Great Tribulation, true Christians will increasingly be persecuted. But Jesus instructs us how to react as religious persecution intensifies. “By your patience possess your souls. But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near” (Luke 21:19–20).

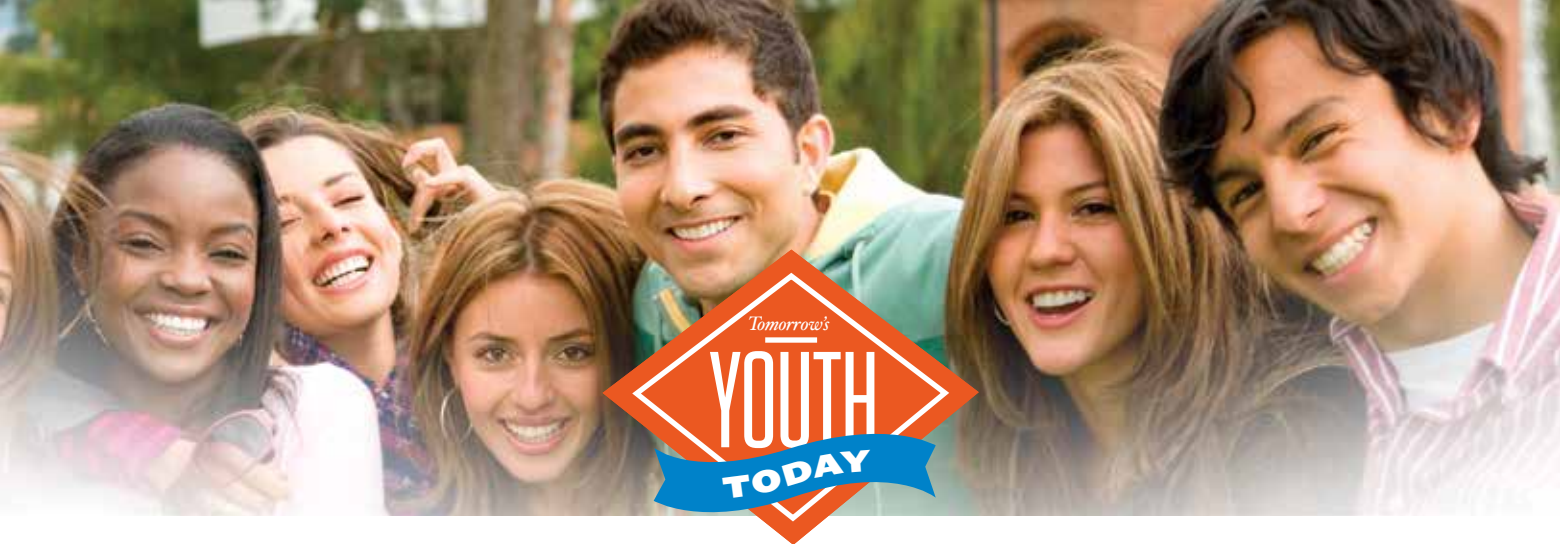
We are now in the prophesied period known as the end-time. We need to be prepared for the Second Coming. Christ will be King over all the earth, ruling from the new world capital, Jerusalem. “And in that day it shall be that living waters shall flow from Jerusalem, half of them toward the eastern sea and half of them toward the western sea; in both summer and winter it shall occur. And the LORD shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be—“The LORD is one, and His name one” (Zechariah 14:8–9).

Thank God, this wonderful world government under Jesus Christ is coming soon. May we pray with all our hearts, “Your Kingdom come!” 

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# Make a Commitment!

**W**e live in a world that offers us many choices. It can be very good to have at least a reasonable number of options, such as in the area of consumer goods where different products accommodate a wide variety of personal tastes. Not everyone wants the same car, so manufacturers let us choose among Camaros and Camrys, Priuses, Impalas and Volts, and many more. Some are quick to buy the latest iPhone, while others watch for the latest Android or Windows Phone release. Some want crunchy breakfast cereal; others want oatmeal. In practically every aspect of modern life, we have become conditioned to expect a wide variety of choices.

Because of this abundance of options, it can sometimes be difficult to settle on one choice. Forty years ago, in his groundbreaking work *Future Shock*, researcher Alvin Toffler described “overchoice,” also known as “choice overload.” For example, studies have found that when shoppers see 30 different laundry soaps on the supermarket shelf, they not only take longer to choose than when just three choices are available; they are more likely to choose none at all.

This may be a trivial problem when it involves laundry. But when it involves a commitment to career, marriage or even faith, the consequences can be far more serious.

## Avoiding Commitments

One recent trend among college-age Americans is “stayover relationships,” in which couples spend three or more nights together each week while still having the option of going to their own homes (“Living together too much commitment for today’s couples,” *USA Today*, August 5, 2011). These couples want to “keep their

options open” while enjoying the benefits of a relationship. “Many college-aged adults are students who will soon be facing a transition point in their lives,” study author Tyler Jamison said. “Most students do not have a definite plan for where they will live or work after graduation, and stayovers are a way for couples to have comfort and convenience without the commitment of living together or having long-term plans.”

A generation ago, many non-Christian young people saw “living together” as a way to avoid the commitment of marriage. Today, “stayovers” avoid even the minimal commitment of living together. Not only is this unbiblical; it typifies a trend in which the search for “comfort and convenience” actively prevents people from making important commitments.

What is behind this trend? *Generation Next*, a 2006 PBS documentary, suggests several factors: “Desire for adventure, career advancement and prolonged adolescence. Lack of commitment is also hitting religion—hard. Studies suggest that the iPod generation is choosing which aspects of the faith to adopt to create their own unique spiritual playlists” (Chuck Colson with Catherine Larson, “The Lost Art of Commitment” *Christianity Today*, August 4, 2010).

What about you? Do you want to be 30 years old, unmarried, and still living with your parents? Are you afraid of “launching” into adulthood? If not—if you want to get your adult years off to a healthy start—you need to learn how to make wise commitments, and to stick to them!

## Some Hardship Is Unavoidable

A college friend of mine once observed, “Life is like a bowling ball; it’s hard!” Indeed, life often forces us to

make choices that do not come easily. Yet, so much of the world around us—from developments in science to the latest consumer goods—seems to be devoted to making life as easy as it can be. Add to this the idyllic movie and television portrayal of young people somehow getting by in life while spending their days sitting around in the coffee shop drinking lattes for hours on end, and it is no wonder why so many hope to get by in life without ever doing hard things.

One problem with this mindset is that it is unrealistic, and it sets people up for disappointment when they discover that life really can be difficult. Yet by avoiding a hard choice, we really are still making a choice—a choice to stagnate, even a choice to fail.

Sooner or later, life forces every one of us to deal with real-world choices rarely depicted in breezy sitcoms. Challenged by illness, strained relationships or the death of loved ones, we must make important personal choices that will affect the rest of our lives. Other choices may involve education and career. In each of these areas, failing to commit to a wise course of action will not make the hard choice go away; it will simply guarantee a worse outcome than if a wise commitment had been made.

So, will you run away from the unpleasant realities of life? Or will you confront them and work your way through them? Facing life's problems is hard enough when we take them on day by day. Making a long-term commitment to work through each challenge will help you gain the strength to succeed, and to lay the best possible foundation for success later in life.



Does making a commitment guarantee that each decision we make will turn out perfectly? Hardly. But it **will** help. And as we learn how to make good commitments, and become comfortable in keeping them, we will gain self-confidence and self-respect—as well as the respect of others who recognize our resolve.

### A Key to Commitment

The Bible records that “great multitudes” followed Jesus Christ to various places, whether to hear His teachings, see miracles He performed—or simply to get a free meal. Jesus knew that not everyone was committed to “going the distance” with Him and doing what was required to become His true disciple. Once, He told a crowd, “If any-



one comes to Me and does not hate [love less by comparison to Him] his father and mother, wife and children, broth-

ers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple” (Luke 14:26–27).

Yes, Jesus demanded a certain level of personal commitment of His true followers. And He gave an example to illustrate what He meant by commitment. “For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it” (Luke 14:28).

Notice that Christ expects us to “count the cost”—to understand the consequences and what is required—*before* we enter into a commitment. This principle should apply to all our commitments, big or small. Yet, far too often, people rush into situations and end up with great heartache because this simple principle was not followed. How many lives are ruined on the one hand by the failure to make commitments, and on the other hand by the impulsive rush to make an unwise commitment?

You have probably heard the saying, “failure to plan is planning to fail.” So, look at your life, and see what is missing. Examine what needs to be done, and then commit to doing it. Then follow through with the commitment you make. Whether as a student, a future husband or wife, or as a Christian, following Christ’s example will not always be easy, but it will be *impossible* without commitment. So, count the cost, and then make a commitment!

—Phil Sena

of His glorious throne in heaven, the “holy of holies.” No other law or instruction was placed in this sacred context! The Ten Commandments are not merely “moral” law, as some misguided scholars teach. They are the direct, “handwritten” spiritual law of the great Creator of heaven and earth!

**Mankind’s Blindness!**

Why, then, do so many professing Christian ministers and writers insist that they are somehow “done away” or no longer necessary? If you read the typical commentaries or theological treatises, you will quickly discover that most professing Christian scholars try to equate the Ten Commandments with the ceremonial laws of ancient Israel—or perhaps even the civil laws of that nation.

How blind these “scholars” are! For the Ten Commandments were a totally separate spiritual law given

commandments—and completely abrogating the fourth.

By contrast, if you were able to “look in on” the worship and practice of Christ Himself and the original Christian church, you would find a group of dedicated people who really tried to follow Jesus’ command: “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God” (Luke 4:4). Instead of keeping the “Day of the Sun,” Jesus and His followers would be keeping the true Sabbath, which God gave for all mankind. For this day points to God as the Creator, setting Him apart from all the “gods” men have imagined through the ages. Jesus and His followers kept, and keep, the biblical Holy Days that picture the great Plan of God. These days were continually observed not only by Christ but also by all of the apostles. We find references to this in Jesus’ observance of the Feast of Tabernacles (John 7:1–14), and in His observance of the Passover (Mark 14:14).

Remember that the Holy Spirit itself was given to the early Christians on another of God’s Holy Days, the day of Pentecost (Acts 2), which

**LEARN TO TALK TO GOD FERVENTLY, FOR HE DOES NOT APPRECIATE “HALF-HEARTED” PRAYERS!**

by the very hand of God. The other laws of ancient Israel were generally referred to as statutes, judgments or ordinances. These additional laws—given to the physical nation of ancient Israel—were never placed inside the ark. They were never considered on the same plane as the Ten Commandments. These statutes, judgments and ordinances were plainly not the commandments to which Jesus referred when He told the earnest young man: “if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.”

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

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

the Christian Church and the Apostle Paul himself observed regularly (Acts 20:16; 1 Corinthians 16:8).

**The “Test” Commandment**

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

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

Jesus plainly lived by all of God’s Ten Commandments, including regular observance of the seventh-day Sabbath. Jesus Christ and all the original Apostles always kept the Sabbath and **never** taught that it



we never sanctify” (in *Faith of Our Fathers*, 1876).

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

God told our spiritual ancestors, the children of Israel: “Surely my Sabbaths you shall keep,

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

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

Sadly, in our modern, paganized society, the Sabbath is usually looked on as difficult to keep. It has

was done away! As George Price Fisher, professor of Ecclesiastical History at Yale University, wrote: “The Jewish Christians at first frequented the synagogues. They continued to observe the festivals appointed in the law, and only by degrees connected with them Christian ideas and facts. They kept the Sabbath on Saturday” (*History of the Christian Church*, p. 40).

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

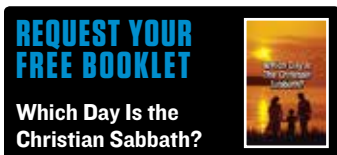
Note that God blessed and sanctified “the seventh day” not just any day in seven! Today’s “mainstream” churches admit this, even while “keeping” Sunday. As prominent Roman Catholic prelate James Cardinal Gibbon wrote: “You may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday. The Scriptures enforce the religious observance of Saturday, a day which

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

### Every Word of God

Clearly, the early Christians based their lives on following the great spiritual law of God—the Ten Commandments. They tried to “live by every word of God.” They did not just talk sentimentally about Jesus Christ's Person; they also revered His message. When they said, “The Lord Jesus Christ,” they recognized that the word “Lord” means “Boss”—the One you should obey! Jesus reminded them of this vital relationship in many passages including Luke 6:46: “But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say?”

Magnifying God's law in the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said: “But I say to you that whoever divorces his



wife for any reason except sexual immorality causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a woman who

is divorced commits adultery” (Matthew 5:32). Today, however, millions of professing Christians divorce for almost any reason! Millions of churchgoers regularly lie, cheat, commit adultery and are integral parts of our modern society with its hedonism, violence and lust, and its acceptance of almost every perverted form of behavior known to man!

Yet the real Christianity of Christ is a **way of life!** It consists of one's total surrender to God, of accepting the Jesus Christ of the Bible as Savior and as Master—and of yielding oneself to Him to live His life within us through the power of the Holy Spirit. God's word tells us: “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever” (Hebrews 13:8). So Jesus will


live within us today the same kind of obedient life He lived in the human flesh 2,000 years ago.

The Apostle Paul wrote: “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20, *KJV*). The true Christ of the Bible will live within us if we truly surrender and accept Him as both Savior and Lord. Then, it is not the physical person who is keeping God's commandments in his own strength; it is the living Jesus Christ within us! As Paul wrote: “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” (Philippians 4:13).

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

Having been genuinely obedient to God's laws in this present deceived world, these “overcomers” will then join Christ in ruling over the nations here on earth (Revelation 5:10). And: “For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and rebuke many people; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore” (Isaiah 2:3-4).

The veil of spiritual blindness will be stripped away from all peoples and all nations at last: “And He will destroy on this mountain the surface of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death forever, and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces; the rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; for the LORD has spoken” (Isaiah 25:7-8).

This is the Christianity that the true Jesus Christ will teach and put into practice on this earth when He returns as King of kings. Will you now begin to seek and to obey this Jesus Christ—the Jesus Christ of your Bible? May God grant you the understanding and the courage to do just that! 

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# LETTERS TO

## TELL US WHAT YOU THINK



This is a long overdue thank you, from the bottom of my heart. For some years now, I have been reading this wonderful publication. I read it from cover to cover! The fact is nothing has “touched me” more than the words of inspiration and truth that flow from many of your articles. This publication has encouraged me to read the Bible on a daily basis—something that I had put off for many years. There is so much suffering, distress and misinformation in our world today. It is more important than ever to seek words of “truth” and “wisdom” to prepare and guide us for the trials we have yet to face. Please keep up this wonderful work. God bless you all at *Tomorrow's World*.

A. M., Tauranga, New Zealand

Your *Tomorrow's World* magazine is very good and timely during these last days.

C. W., Kuala Lumpur, W.P., Malaysia

Thanks for these enlightening and encouraging articles. I totally agree that Christians must speak out against the moral decay that is undermining the very fabric of western society. We may not have our freedom of speech for long, the way persecution of Christianity and Judaism is growing, so now is the time to speak the Truth. The fear of men seems to be the reason why people stay quiet. Your articles tell it like it is. I pray and wish others would pray for opportunities to do likewise.

R. L., Lyttelton, Pretoria, GP, SA

We enjoy the *Tomorrow's World* magazine so very much and have found it very enlightening. Sir! I would like to tell you that your magazine is the most interesting source of knowledge I have ever read in my life. It covers many things and I can't put it down until I have read the whole thing in one go. I cannot praise it enough. Truly amazing. I would like to take this opportunity to thank

you for such an exciting magazine. God bless you in your continuing endeavor.

I. R., Lahore, Pakistan

I just had to say thank you for the May-June 2014 issue of *Tomorrow's World*. I immediately read it from cover to cover. I found the “Left Behind?” article very informative. “Bible vs. Quran” is worthy of further study. Then there was “Have You Caught the Fire?” and “Why Is Germany Rising?” I could go on, but for the sake of brevity I will resist. This was probably the best and most informative journal that I have read in a long time. Keep it up!

J. H., Sutton, Surrey, UK

Your magazine came to me a few years ago and ever since then I have been very grateful for its arrival. It has answered many questions I have had for years. I am especially thankful for the Truth about the Sabbath. To think that for most of my life I worshipped our Lord on the wrong day. You, at *Tomorrow's World*, set me straight. Today is Sunday and I am cleaning my house and such. It was not that long ago that I would have spent Saturday doing this sort of thing. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for shining light on the day that is the real Sabbath of God.

C. F., Carlsbad, CA

Your piece on the “Mythology of Divorce” was so interesting! My husband and I during our first five years of marriage were on the brink of divorce. Constant fighting, anger, bitterness that I now realize came from both of us. We will be married 22 years on June 27. Only when I began to study Scripture did I realize there was a bigger picture than just him and me. Sometimes even now when he does something that upsets me I will meditate on God's word—and, yes, it works!

N. L., Wheatley, ON, Canada

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# THE Works OF HIS HANDS

## The Enigmatic Human Brain

**W**hat is the most complex object in the cosmos? This is a **big** question—galaxies comprise hundreds of billions of stars and planets, and could be considered complex, as could many other natural structures. Among mankind's creations are some remarkable works of vast intricacy. Europe's powerful particle accelerator, the Large Hadron Collider, is an engineering feat of great complexity, and in its day the United States' Space Shuttle was called the most complicated machine ever invented.

But to identify the most *complicated single object* in the entirety of *all* of creation? That is quite a tall order. Yet the verdict is in, and it is no contest. As neuroscientist David Eagleman wrote, "Of all the objects in the universe, **the human brain** is the most complex" ("10 Unsolved Mysteries Of The Brain," *Discover*, August 2007).

But, how could this be? The human brain is relatively small—it weighs only about three pounds, fits neatly inside the human skull, and is composed mostly of water and fat. More complicated than the Space Shuttle?

Indeed, it is. In fact, the human brain is **astoundingly** complex! It is a truly remarkable testament to the intelligence and power of our awesome Creator!

Like most body tissues, the brain is composed of microscopic cells. The cells that seem to be at the heart of the brain's remarkable abilities are the 80 to 90 billion neuronal cells, or *neurons*, of the brain. Or rather, it is the awe-inspiring network of connections *between* these neurons that enables the brain to function so powerfully. Through their branching *axons* and *dendrites*, neurons reach out to one another, creating a complex network of connections, with each individual

neuron connecting to upwards of *ten thousand* neighboring neurons—creating a vast system which continues to defy complete human understanding.

In brain activity, electrical and chemical impulses move through this vast network of neurons in a beautiful dance of electrochemical activity and shifting patterns. This inconceivably complex network of connections, and the constant electrochemical dance that takes place within it, somehow represents the brain at work—accessing memories and creating new ones, analyzing information, processing emotions and planning our actions.

### More Complex Than the Internet

Brown University neuroscience researcher Chris Chatham neatly summarized the complexity of the brain's interconnectivity: "Accurate biological models of the brain would have to include some 225,000,000,000,000,000 (225 million billion) interactions between cell types, neurotransmitters, neuromodulators, axonal branches and dendritic spines, and that doesn't include the influences of dendritic geometry, or the approximately 1 trillion glial cells which may or may not be important for neural information processing" ("10 Important Differences Between Brains and Computers," *ScienceBlogs.com*).

To put it in perspective, compare this network of connections and interconnections to the Internet. Many technologists consider the Internet the most complicated technical system ever built by man. The vast, global collection of objects comprising the Internet is expected to include 25 billion interacting devices by 2015. That many connections would still only represent



0.00001 percent (one-ten-millionth) of the interactions taking place in the “ordinary” human brain.

Surely such an intricate organ of such delicate connections must be a *fragile* instrument. As the old saying goes, “the more complicated the plumbing, the easier it is to stop up the drain.”

Indeed, the brain *is* encased in a hard, bony skull for a reason. Protecting it is of utmost importance. Brain damage can lead to life-altering consequences. Yet, even in this arena, the human brain is a marvel of engineering—one that the best of our scientists and researchers still struggle to comprehend! We are learning that the brain has a remarkable capacity to *repair, restructure and “rewire” itself* to overcome damage and deficiency!

Consider those suffering from Rasmussen’s Syndrome, in which inflammation devastates one entire side of the brain. Victims of this condition, most often children, suffer from terrible seizures. Doctors have learned that the damaged half of the brain can sometimes be *completely removed*, with the *other* half of the brain adapting itself over time to take on the functions and processes of the missing half—leaving the victim’s memories, sense of humor and personality intact!

Can you imagine discovering that fully *half* of your computer’s hard drive had become corrupted and inaccessible—yet that the other half simply *reprogrammed itself to*

*replace the missing content?* Computer experts know that even a RAID array relies on finding an intact copy of the lost or damaged data—yet the enigmatic human brain can do even better, repairing itself “from scratch”!

What a powerful witness to God’s eternal glory and boundless intelligence! Though ambitions run high, many researchers in the areas of neuroscience and artificial intelligence are beginning to despair of their own creations ever being able to match the incredible complexity of the human brain.

Dr. Miguel Nicolelis, a leading Duke University

neuroscientist who at the 2014 World Cup in Brazil debuted a thought-controlled exoskeleton for paralytics,

“The brain is not computable and no engineering can reproduce it...”

neatly summarized the problem of attempting to reproduce the brain with a computer: “The brain is not computable and no engineering can

reproduce it... You could have all the computer chips ever in the world and you won’t create a consciousness” (*MIT Technology Review*, February 18, 2013).

### The Brain Is Not Alone

Yet, for all its complexity, we must recognize that the brain, alone, is not responsible for who and what we are and for what makes mankind unique among God’s creations. *We are more than our brains.* For, as Job’s companion Elihu says, “there is a *spirit* in man, and the breath of the Almighty gives him understanding” (Job 32:8).

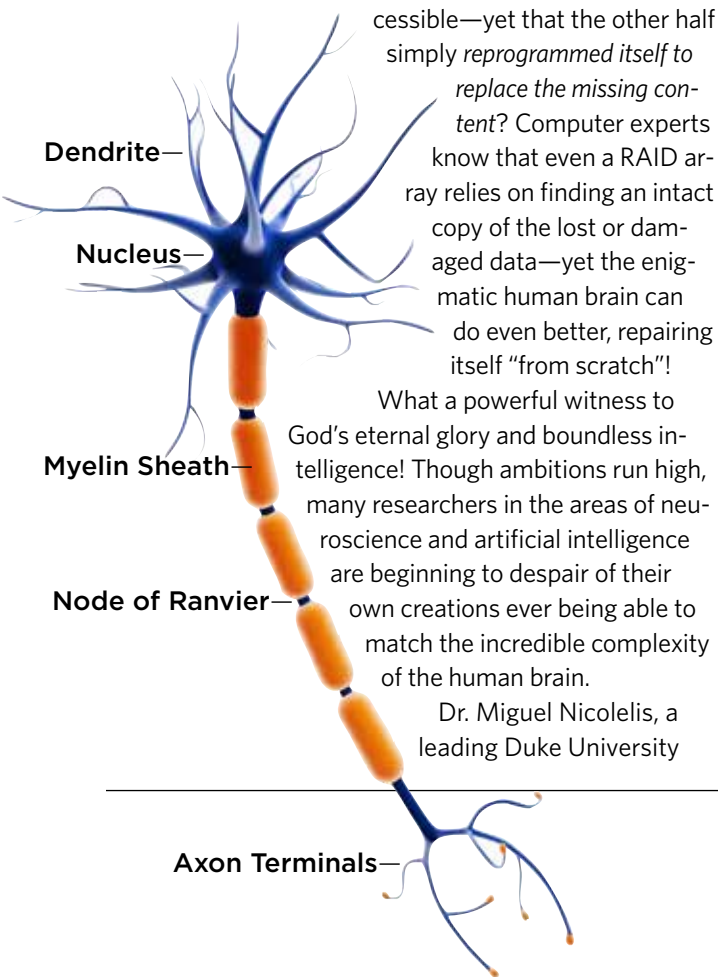
God intends mankind not simply to remain the “pinnacle of creation” but ultimately to *transcend* that creation and join Him in the family of God! With the spirit in man working together with the complex human brain, each human being has a *mind*—the unique *human mind*—which sets mankind far above animals! God has not simply made us intelligent; He has made us *moral* creatures with a spiritual life, and with the ability to have a *relationship* with our God, who is Spirit (John 4:24).

Our brains, like the rest of our bodies, will one day die and return to dust (Genesis 3:19). The human brain is a remarkable instrument, but it is not eternal. Yet, the spirit in man, given by God, is reclaimed by Him at our deaths (Ecclesiastes 12:7) and carries with it the sum total of all we have ever learned and known, who we are, and our personalities (1 Corinthians 2:11)—awaiting our future resurrection!

So we see in this final remarkable capacity—its enigmatic ability to interact with our God-given human spirit—that the marvelous human brain does even more than make us some kind of “intelligent animal.” It plays a crucial role in fulfilling God’s purpose for us, and represents a key element of His design for our lives and His plan for our eternity.

What a wonderful creation the human brain represents, and what a wonderful *Creator* we see reflected in it!

—Wallace Smith



# TOMORROW'S WORLD

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<b>PA</b> Allentown	SETV2	FR 4:30 p.m.	<b>WI</b> La Crosse	WQOW	SU 7:00 a.m.
Bethlehem	SETV2	FR 4:30 p.m.	Wausau	Charter	TH 9:00 p.m.
Erie	WBEP	SU 8:00 a.m.	Wausau	Charter	FR 7:30 a.m.
Johnstown	Atl. Broadband	MO 10:00 p.m.			
Scranton	FOX	TH 5:00 a.m.	<b>WV</b> Bluefield	WVVA	SU 8:00 a.m.
Scranton	FOX	SA 5:00 a.m.	Clarksburg	WVFX	SU 8:00 a.m.
<b>SC</b> Charleston	WCBD	SU 8:00 a.m.	<b>WY</b> Casper	KGWC	SU 8:00 a.m.
Myrtle Beach	WWMB	SU 8:00 a.m.	Casper	KTWO	SU 11:00 a.m.
			Cheyenne	KGWN	SU 8:00 a.m.
<b>SD</b> Rapid City	KWBH	SU 7:00 a.m.	Cheyenne	KLWY	SU 7:00 a.m.
			Cheyenne	KLWY	SU 11:00 a.m.
<b>TN</b> Chattanooga	Family Channel	SU 7:00 a.m.			
Jackson	WBJK	SU 7:00 a.m.			
Knoxville	WBXX	SU 7:30 a.m.			

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Your Bible offers keys for finding peace and fulfillment even in difficult times!

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This ancient kingdom holds a vital key to understanding end-time prophecy!

September 25-October 1

### God Controls the Weather

Why are there so many tragic natural disasters? Your Bible gives the answer!

October 2-8

### Is God Alive?

Nietzsche said, "God is dead!" Can you prove him wrong?

October 9-15

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What would the Savior think of the practices that go on in His name today?

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Jesus Christ suffered so you could be healed!

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