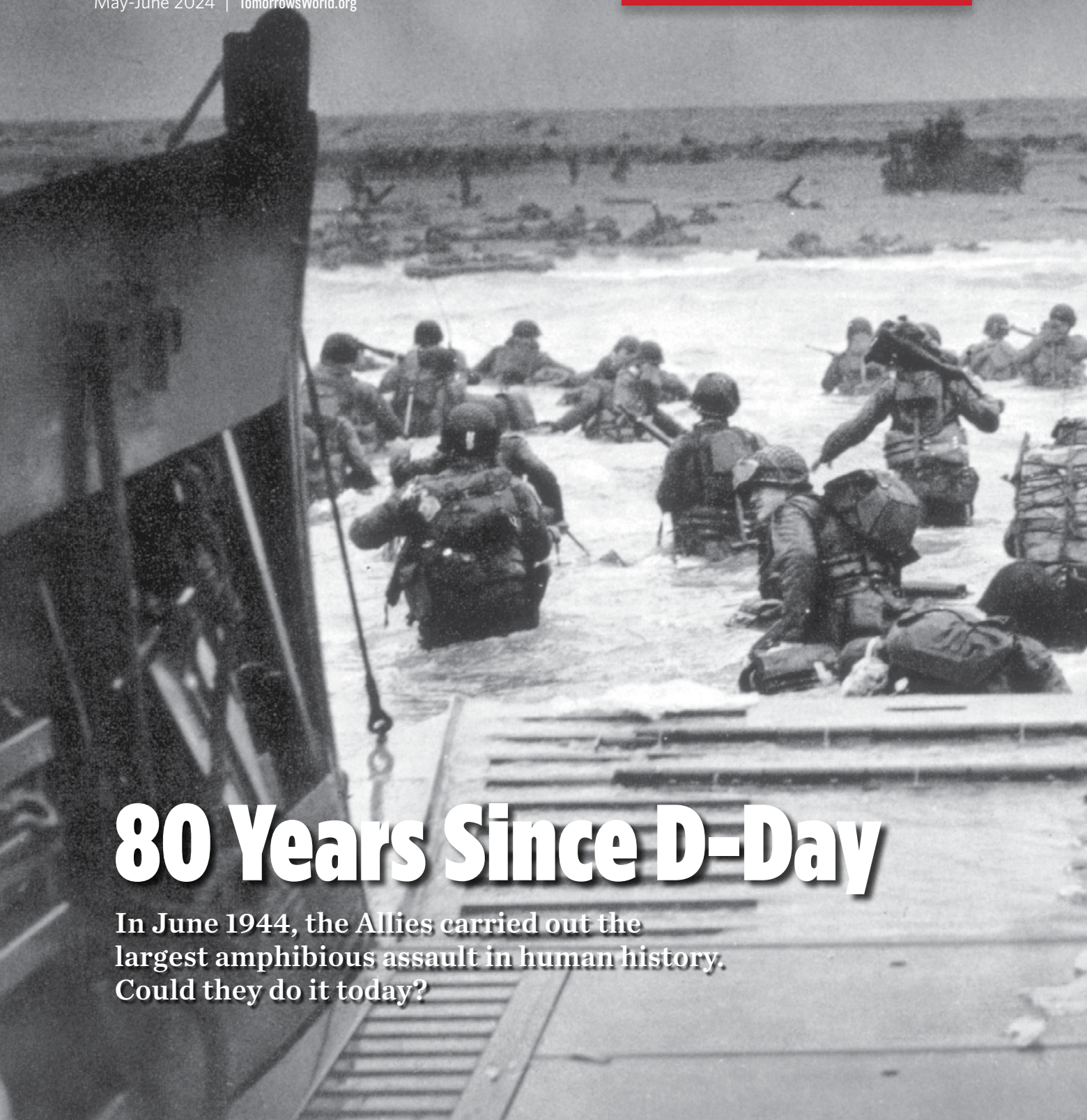


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Why We Still Need *Tomorrow's World*

The very first issue of *Tomorrow's World* was published in May of 1999—and, 25 years later, God continues to empower this magazine to proclaim truth, prophecy, and hope. But it hit me the other day: Sometimes we here at *Tomorrow's World* are too far ahead of the game. We give advance warnings, but by the time the events of those warnings become reality, people have moved on and forgotten where they heard them. Allow me to remind you of several past articles found in this magazine that are powerful examples.

The cover of our April–May 2023 magazine asked, “Has World War III Already Begun?,” pointing to the lead article titled “Sleepwalking into World War III.” It focused on Europe, but how much *more* relevant it became following the regional war that erupted after the barbaric Hamas attack on Israel! As explained, the last two world wars were precipitated years before official declarations were made, with smaller regional tensions and conflicts, along with military preparations, setting the scene for full-blown global war. Our minds have difficulty accepting the unthinkable, but the warning signs are there for those with eyes to see, as written by former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev: “More troops, tanks and armored personnel carriers are being brought to Europe.... NATO and Russian forces and weapons that used to be deployed at a distance are now placed closer to each other, as if to shoot point-blank.... Politicians and military leaders sound increasingly belligerent and defense doctrines more dangerous.... It all looks as if the world is preparing for war” (*NBC News*, January 27, 2017).

This was written five years before Russia’s attack on Ukraine. Since that invasion and the West’s reaction to it, respected voices have suggested that World War III has begun. Those voicing the unthinkable include Russian media figure Olga Skabeyeva, leading French intellectual Emmanuel Todd, and even Pope Francis, the Roman Catholic pontiff—who said, “World War III has been declared” (*America: The Jesuit Review*, June 14, 2022).

Tomorrow's World is not alone in pointing out historical parallels. So, with others uttering these

warnings, why do you need us? Are we merely repeating what others are saying? Not at all! *Tomorrow's World* adds a dimension that others overlook. Our article explained that the fallout from Russia’s invasion has implications for the fulfillment of Bible prophecy. Long before Skabeyeva, Todd, or Francis were born, the prophet Daniel under God’s inspiration laid out history from his time to the return of Jesus Christ (Daniel 2:31–45; 7:1–27). Centuries later, Christ warned that we will face worldwide catastrophe unless we turn to God (Matthew 24:21–22).

Ancient Prophecy in Modern Context

Thousands of years ago, God’s prophets spelled out what to expect in places such as the Middle East and

Europe. Our January–February 2024 *Tomorrow's World* featured articles gave a biblical perspective on what is happening in the Middle East, citing detailed prophecies for our time. Pundits offer opinions on what they *think* will happen—the Bible accurately forecasts what *will* happen.

It explains the historical context that few know—and it proclaims history in advance! Sadly, so much is happening around us that it is easy to forget what we wrote just a few months ago.

Our February 2023 *Tomorrow's World* cover asks, “Will the U.S. suffer the fate of Rome?” In that article, we showed how the United States is “Repeating Rome’s Mistakes.” Hordes of people fleeing oppression entered the Roman Empire from the north. Millions of illegal migrants from all over the world are flooding across



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America's southern border, where there were hundreds of thousands of encounters with illegals from October 2023 through January 2024. But we published that article before the average citizen woke up to the problem. As of this writing, polls indicate that it is the number one issue facing voters in the upcoming November elections that will determine who "rules" the U.S. for the next four years. Britain and Europe face similar problems with migrations out of Africa and the Middle East.

While Americans have become aware of the *problem*, do they know its root *cause*? Few even know who the American and British-descended peoples are, or that gross immorality and sin are resulting in what God foretold nearly 3,500 years ago: "The alien who is among you shall rise higher and higher above you, and you shall come down lower and lower" (Deuteronomy 28:43). Does that not describe what we see today? Some illegal migrants, though certainly not all, get free healthcare, free money, free smartphones, free rooms in luxury hotels, free food, and much more. Meanwhile, these perks aren't available to needy citizens who have lived in the country and paid taxes for decades. Drugs, gangs, and crime are already here, and unless America changes, it *will* get worse.

The Good News Is...

Thankfully, there is a better world coming. That is the good news the Bible proclaims, and *Tomorrow's World* also shares that good news with you. Our March 2023 cover article, "Jerusalem: Future Capital of the World," began with a subhead explaining, "A troubled city with an ancient past has a remarkable future ahead!" No, you will not get this kind of news via television or TikTok, but it *is* news whether you believe it or not! There is a God in Heaven, and He *will* bring it to pass. Time will prove it to be true.

And *Tomorrow's World* proclaims more good news. How many people have been tortured by thoughts of a loved one burning in hell—in agonizing, endless pain with no hope of escape? And many in that supposed condition never even heard the name of Christ! So, you might find it hard to believe that Mr. Richard F. Ames' January 2023 article answering the question, "Are You Going to Hell?" stirred up a firestorm when he wrote, "Would you be shocked to

learn that your Bible actually teaches that no one is burning in hell at this moment? In fact, there are no immortal souls writhing and screaming in the flames of hell for eternity—and there never will be. Yes, there will be a hellfire, but not the kind that so many mistakenly imagine." Sadly, a few of our readers apparently love fire and relish the idea that God will torture people for eternity after a few years lived in ignorance on earth. Thankfully, that is not what the Bible says.

As early as our April–May 2021 issue, our Canadian Regional Editor Stuart Wachowicz told "The Truth About Anti-Semitism," explaining the history, causes, and future of the irrational hatred of the Jewish people. How many of our readers, much less the world at large, realized the extent of this problem? And who would have thought there would be such an outcry *against* the Israelis who were brutally attacked two-and-a-half years later on October 7?

Tomorrow's World also looks at social trends that affect our lives in ways we may not realize. Past articles include "The Subtle Art of Canceling the Bible" (June 2021), "New Gods, New Sins" (March 2021), "Is Modern Morality Working?" (February 2022), "Is Big Brother Coming?" (September–October 2020), "The Rise of Neo-Paganism" (November–December 2019), and "Is Masculinity *Really* Toxic?" (May–June 2019).

The underpinning of our message goes back to one vital question: Is human life the improbable result of random chance and evolution, or are we here for a purpose planned by an Intelligent Creator? "Amazing Bible Prophecies Fulfilled" (June 2021) demonstrated that no human could ever foretell future events apart from inspiration via the One we refer to as God. And our series on "The Works of His Hands" reminds us of everyday wonders around us that point to a Great Designer.

Yes, *Tomorrow's World* explains our world as no other periodical does. It brings history to life, shines a bright light on harmful social trends, and expounds from the Bible what to expect in your near future. It shows the bad, the ugly, and, ultimately, the *good news* of how things will all turn out for a suffering world.



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Prepare to Meet Your God, O Israel

By **Gerald E. Weston**

The Bible gives a sober warning to those who falsely claim to have received a message from God—who assert that He has spoken to them when He has not. There have always been, and continue to be, individuals claiming the status of divine prophet. However, Ezekiel, a *true* prophet, conveys God’s warning against making predictions that supposedly come from Him, then *hoping* they will come to pass.

Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel who prophesy, and say to those who prophesy out of their own heart, “Hear the word of the LORD!” Thus says the Lord GOD: “Woe to the foolish prophets, who follow their own spirit and have seen nothing!... They have envisioned futility and false divination, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD!’ But the LORD has not sent them; *yet they hope that the word may be confirmed*” (Ezekiel 13:2–3, 6).

God does not mince words regarding false predictions wrongly attributed to Him, calling them lies

and nonsense. Ezekiel continues: “Have you not seen a futile vision, and have you not spoken false divination? You say, ‘The LORD says,’ but I have not spoken. Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: ‘Because you have spoken *nonsense and envisioned lies*, therefore I am indeed against you,’ says the Lord GOD” (vv. 7–8).

So, why does *Tomorrow’s World* talk so much about prophecy? And how can you know that our words are true?

Understanding Bible prophecy can be a challenge. It would be easy if God spoke to us plainly in visions and dreams as He did with the prophets of old, but that is not presently the case. None of us here at *Tomorrow’s World* claim to be prophets. We are therefore left to read what they wrote and discern two key points: the intended recipients and the times when the prophecies are to be fulfilled. Furthermore, we have a responsibility to *pass along* those inspired words of God.

Let me explain why.

Ezekiel and the House of Israel

God gave the prophet Ezekiel an unusual commission. He was told to take a message to the house of Israel and that he would be held accountable if he did

not do so. But why should this matter to you? And what does that have to do with the work of *Tomorrow's World* and its sponsor, the Living Church of God?

Ezekiel was given a small scroll, on which was written a message for the future. He was then told to eat it, and was commanded:

Son of man, go to the *house of Israel* and speak with My words to them. For you are not sent to a people of unfamiliar speech and of hard language, but to the *house of Israel*, not to many people of unfamiliar speech and of hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, had I sent you to them, they would have listened to you. But the *house of Israel* will not listen to you, because they will not listen to Me; for all the *house of Israel* are impudent and hard-hearted (Ezekiel 3:4–7).

Notice that, four times in four verses, the intended recipient for Ezekiel's message is made clear: the *house of Israel*. Now, this presents a significant problem that few people understand. Yet it is not difficult to solve. After King Solomon's reign, the nation of Israel split into two separate nations: the *house of Israel* to the north and the *house of Judah* to the south. The house of Israel was made up of ten tribes, while the house of Judah included only Judah, Benjamin, and many Levites. You can read of this split in 1 Kings 12.

Most people think that the terms *Judah* and *Israel* are synonymous. This is not so. *Israel* is a broader term that includes *Judah* (or Jews) as well as other peoples. It is true that all ethnic Jews are descendants of Jacob, whose name was changed to Israel. Therefore, they are children of Israel. But not all Israelites are Jews, just as not all Americans are Californians. Similarly, those living in Canada, the United States, and Mexico are in a broad sense "Americans" because they live in North America—but Canada, Mexico, and the United States are three different countries.

The Bible devotes four books (1 and 2 Kings and 1 and 2 Chronicles) to the histories of these two separate nations. The house of Israel went into captivity to Assyria around 721–718 BC. The house of Judah

was taken captive to Chaldea (Babylon) by Nebuchadnezzar between 604 and 585 BC—more than a hundred years after the northern house had ceased to be a nation. Both secular and scriptural history show that these two nations have *never since* been a single nation. Yet both will exist at Christ's return and will at that time become one nation again, as is clearly shown in Ezekiel 37:15–28. Take time to read this passage. It describes the future, when King David will have been resurrected and God will have set up His kingdom on earth (vv. 23–28).

Some interpreters misrepresent the books of Ezra and Nehemiah, contradicting Ezekiel 37 by claiming that Israel and the Jews were already one people, as we find that some Jews returned from Babylonian captivity after the fall of that empire in 539 BC. They point out verses such as Ezra 10:5 and Nehemiah 12:47: "Then Ezra arose, and made the leaders of the priests, the Levites, and all Israel swear an oath that they would do according to this word.... In the days of Zerubbabel and in the days of Nehemiah all Israel gave the portions for the singers and the gatekeepers, a portion for each day."

However, claiming that these are references to all twelve tribes is ignorance at best and deception at worst. A careful reading of Ezra and Nehemiah shows conclusively that these passages describe returnees from Babylonian captivity who were Jews, Benjamites, and Levites—the house of Judah. No one from the other tribes of Israel, who had gone into Assyrian captivity 120 years earlier, is mentioned in either of these books. Remember, Jews are Israelites, but they are not of the northern *house of Israel*—a distinction that is important for us today, as we shall see.

Ezekiel Knew to Whom He Was Sent

Ezekiel lived in the southern nation of Judah, and was one of the many taken captive to Babylon. He knew the difference between the two countries that had descended from the patriarch Israel. But how do we know that Ezekiel did not refer to the Jews when he spoke to the Jewish captives about the *house of Israel*? Did he understand that the focus of his message was for the northern nation and not his own?

The answer to this question is a mystery to both clergy and laymen alike, but it need not be. It is part of one of the most exciting biblical truths—a profound

truth that helps make sense of our current world and explains why we at *Tomorrow's World* do not neglect prophecy. Go back to the beginning of the book of Ezekiel. Open up your own Bible and read these things for yourself. Don't believe us just because we say so; believe it because you read it in your own Bible!

The Jews went into captivity in stages over a 19-year period. Ezekiel was among the earlier captives, and the book by his name begins six years before the fall of Jerusalem. "Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year... as I was among the captives by the River Chebar... in the fifth year of King Jehoiachin's captivity,

the *house of Israel*. And when you have completed them, lie again on your right side; then you shall bear the iniquity of the *house of Judah* forty days. I have laid on you a day for each year (Ezekiel 4:4–6).

These prophecies were taken to the Jews, and some prophecies *do* apply to them. But the real focus of the book is for the *house of Israel*—a different nation. But when are the prophecies to be fulfilled?

Connect the dots: In the opening chapters, God tells Ezekiel to go to the house of Israel (Ezekiel 3:1,

4–5, 7). Moreover, he was commanded, "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore hear a word from My mouth, and give them warning from Me" (v. 17). Furthermore, as we have seen, the siege of Jerusalem was to be "a sign to the

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the word of the LORD came expressly to Ezekiel the priest... in the land of the Chaldeans by the River Chebar" (Ezekiel 1:1–3).

Now turn to chapter 4, where the prophet is told to portray on a clay tablet the upcoming siege of Jerusalem. He was to set up battering rams and other miniature instruments of warfare. Why? "This will be a sign to the house of Israel" (v. 3). But Jerusalem was the capital of the house of Judah (the Jews). So, why was the siege of Jerusalem "a sign to the *house of Israel*"? Did Ezekiel not know the difference? Did God not know the difference (obviously I jest) when He spoke to Ezekiel? What follows proves that Ezekiel *did* know the difference. Read it for yourself. Right after telling Ezekiel that the siege of Jerusalem would be a sign to the house of Israel, God gave him this unusual command:

Lie also on your left side, and lay the iniquity of the *house of Israel* upon it. According to the number of the days that you lie on it, you shall bear their iniquity. For I have laid on you the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days; so you shall bear the iniquity of

house of Israel." Ezekiel was only able to transmit God's message to his own people, those of the house of Judah, who were also in captivity with him—but his message, as seen in the clay tablet portraying the siege of Jerusalem, was a message for the house of Israel.

A Watchman's Duty

Ezekiel was told that he was to be "a watchman to the house of Israel." We see this in the introductory chapters where his commission is explained. After describing the hardheadedness of his audience, God said, "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore hear a word from My mouth, and give them warning from Me" (Ezekiel 3:17).

Look now at a crucial passage found in chapter 33 that confirms Ezekiel's responsibility to be a watchman—not to the Jews, but to the house of Israel. A new element is added: the gravity of his calling.

"Son of man, speak to the children of your people, and say to them: 'When I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take a man from their territory and

make him their watchman, when he sees the sword coming upon the land, if he blows the trumpet and warns the people, then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, if the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be on his own head. He heard the sound of the trumpet, but did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But he who takes warning will save his life. But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand.' So you, son of man: *I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel*; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth and warn them for Me" (vv. 2–7).

We have already seen that ancient Israel became divided into two separate kingdoms. And while Ezekiel was a captive in Babylon, his main message was for the northern kingdom of Israel. He was to eat a little scroll and take to the house of Israel the message it contained (Ezekiel 3:1). The siege of Jerusalem was a message for the house of Israel (Ezekiel 4:1–3).

And we now see God's confirmation of Ezekiel's calling and the importance of carrying it out: "I have

As explained earlier, the most challenging part of understanding biblical prophecy is discerning who the message is for and *when* it is to be fulfilled. Sometimes it is obvious; other times it is not so obvious. From what we have described, we understand that much of the book of Ezekiel is not for the Jews, but for the northern ten tribes.

But why would God warn a nation 120 years too late that it will go into captivity unless it turns from its evil deeds? Furthermore, why would God choose a man to do so who was himself in captivity in a different location and who had no ability to take the message to the intended recipients?

We must conclude that God had Ezekiel record that message for a future watchman who could take that warning to the house of Israel. But when?

It is interesting that we find the phrase "house of Judah" just five times in 48 chapters, though there are clearly other references to the Jews. However, the northern ten tribes of the house of Israel are mentioned more than 80 times! Some of Ezekiel's prophecies were a witness against the Jews of his day, but the majority of God's message was for the house of Israel—and it was not for that time, but for ours, at the end of the age.

A Message for Our Time

Ezekiel contains many references to the time leading up to the end of the age and the beginning of Christ's rule on Earth. Eight chapters are devoted to descriptions of a temple and its services in the Millennial age (40–47). And chapter 48 describes the borders between the twelve tribes of Israel after the return of Jesus of Nazareth, the Messiah. We learn that the two nations will not get back together until the time of the resurrection (37:15–28).

Also, there is a direct reference to the Day of the Lord—the time of God's end-time intervention. "O Israel, your prophets are like foxes in the deserts. You have not gone up into the gaps to build a wall for the house of Israel to stand in battle *on the day of the LORD*" (Ezekiel 13:4–5).

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made you a watchman for the house of Israel." The warning is that if they do not repent, they will go into captivity.

But "Houston, we have a problem": The northern ten tribes had *already* been taken captive more than 120 years earlier. It would appear that Ezekiel was more than a century late. Or was he?

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Does God call us, or do we choose Him?

Question: John 6:44 says that God the Father draws us to Jesus Christ, and that we can't come to Him on our own. I always thought we had free will to make our own choices, but this verse seems to say we don't really have a choice in this. Do we have a say in the matter or not?

Answer: First, we must recognize that God wants everyone to choose eternal life (John 3:16–17). We read, “The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9). He won't withhold His offer of salvation from anyone, and He calls each person at the right time (Romans 9:15). We learn that “this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:3–4).

However, God is not yet calling every human being on earth. If His current mission were to save everyone in this age, we could look at the state of our world and rightly conclude that He is failing. But that's not what He's doing. Many people have lived and died without ever knowing anything about Jesus Christ, and many others have only been exposed to a false version of Him and His message (2 Corinthians 11:4). But the Bible assures us that a time *will* come when everyone will hear the true Gospel and have the opportunity to respond (Ezekiel 37:1–14; Romans 11:26). Even so, God is calling some people before that time, as “firstfruits” (James 1:18), to proclaim His Gospel in today's challenging environment.

In the book of Revelation, we read of *two* distinct groups of people who will be resurrected. One will be resurrected to eternal life as a part of God's divine family, while the other will be resurrected to renewed physical life and have their first real opportunity to accept Jesus Christ as Savior and live in obedience to God's loving commands (Revelation 20:4–6, 11–13). All who respond to this opportunity will later be resurrected as everlasting Spirit-beings, living on into eternity as members of the Family of God. Those who do *not* take this opportunity, but instead choose to rebel against God while having full knowledge of the

consequences, will be executed in the Lake of Fire and never live again (vv. 14–15).


An Extraordinary Calling

Ever since Adam's and Eve's choice in Genesis 3, humanity has been trying—and failing—to solve the world's problems without God. This failure shows us that mankind's ways don't lead to true happiness or fulfillment. But, even in our flawed world, God guides those He's calling into His Church, the body of Christ, and leads them to repentance (1 Corinthians 1:2; 12:13; 2 Timothy 2:25–26).

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Those who have been called and given God's Spirit have a great responsibility to overcome sin, and the Holy Spirit they have received gives them the power to do so (Colossians 3:5–10). Their example shows the world the benefits and blessings of living by God's law rather than mankind's whim. This is a way we must choose, and choosing disobedience to God has serious consequences (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 6:4–6; 10:26–27). Being part of God's Church and having the Holy Spirit doesn't deprive us of free will; it helps us to use our will wisely.

God has always called people to stand against the wrongs of their times (Deuteronomy 8:19–20). If you're seeking God's truth and want to learn about your role in His kingdom, keep exploring the Bible and the various resources that *Tomorrow's World* freely offers.

Ask God to guide you in understanding your role. If you're being called now, you have the opportunity to be in the first resurrection as one of those who will make up the Bride of Jesus Christ, ruling with Him in the imminent seventh millennium of human history as part of His kingdom. What an extraordinary calling! 

Oh Canada!



A Higher Standard



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The CSA Group seeks to make a difference in the world, which is evident in its lofty objective of holding the future to a higher standard. CSA is an acronym for Canadian Standards Association. While the CSA Group now performs testing, inspection, and certification, it has since its inception been involved in developing standards.

Found on billions of products, processes, and services distributed within Canada, the CSA mark is well-recognized and respected. That mark, with its distinctive logo, indicates that the product, process, or service has been rigorously tested to specific standards and complies with the requirements of those standards. Canadians’ safety and health have been greatly enhanced by the standards developed by the CSA Group.

Order Out of Chaos

A standard is defined as something established by an authority as a rule for measuring quantity, weight, extent, value, or quality. Some synonyms for standard are *guideline, norm, yardstick, benchmark, gauge, measure, criterion, guide, model, pattern, example, rule, and law*. Standards are principles of conduct that support an established rule.

Generally, a standard allows some acceptable variation or deviation, although the range is typically quite narrow, allowing a standard’s quality specifications to be met if the final result is within the range. It also identifies potentially dangerous “off-spec” outliers that must be reworked or discarded.

In our daily lives, we encounter many products, processes, and services resulting from human ingenuity. We take it for granted that they will function, yet we seldom consider the standards that help *ensure* that functioning. Standards bring order and safety to our lives, and most people would agree that they are very necessary. Construction materials, automobiles, bridges, airplane parts, toasters, and toothbrushes work better and are safer because of standards. Canada, through the spearhead of the CSA Group, has been a world leader in setting industrial standards for more than a century.

In 1917, amidst the horror and chaos of World War I, technical and safety standards were strategically important. War equipment manufactured by Allied nations, never designed or envisioned with international compatibility in mind, was of necessity intermixed on the battlefield. Results were frustrating, confusing, and sometimes deadly. In those turbulent times, the idea of an organization tasked with creating and coordinating standards among the Allies was born. A group of Canada’s top engineers took up that challenge.

What began as a wartime effort to standardize equipment did not end with the war. Canada is a vast country with diverse terrain and climatic conditions. Unifying the nation and propelling it forward economically became the next challenging objective. The CSA—a non-profit, non-governmental organization—was founded

in 1919 under a federal charter to improve the safety of Canada's infrastructure (CSA Group, *100 Years of Holding the Future to a Higher Standard: The CSA Group's Centennial Anniversary 2019*, pp. 5–6).

Initially, the CSA focused on railway bridges and electricity, paramount for unifying the country. That scope soon grew to include airplane parts and wire rope, then expanded into household, industrial, and medical products. Over the years, it has continued to grow and adapt to the changing needs of the Canadian economy. Today, the CSA's scope has branched out to include industries such as energy (petroleum and nuclear), healthcare, public safety, information and communication technology, and the environment. "The mission of the CSA Group's Standard Development organization is to enhance the lives of Canadians through the advancement of standards in the public and private sectors. We are a leader in standards research, development, education, and advocacy. The technical and management standards developed with our 10,000 members improve safety, health, the environment, and the economic efficiency in Canada and beyond" (p. 80).

The CSA relies on an extensive network of thousands of volunteer members—experts with solid technical knowledge and experience. These volunteers share their skills, understanding, and passion in helping to develop standards because they know what they do makes a difference. It is important work; the nation's industries could not operate effectively or efficiently without standards. Many of the standards developed have become part of Canadian legislation, are taught in trade schools, and have become "standard" practices within industry.

Although a Canadian organization, the impact of the CSA is felt globally. It collaborates with and leverages the work of organizations such as the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), and the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC). Through these partnerships, the CSA also influences consistency in developing standards in other countries and internationally. The work of the CSA makes a difference in Canada and beyond.

God's Standards

Does God have standards? We can look to His creation and see that He does. All around us we see order, beauty, and purpose. When God builds something, He

does a perfect job; He works to a high standard. God has built us; He is our Creator, and He alone has complete technical knowledge and experience as to how we are made and how best we can function. Unlike animals or plants, He has made us in His image and likeness. And because we reflect His image and likeness, He expects us to live our lives to a higher standard, which we find reflected in His laws and statutes.

In Job 1:8, God says to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?" Is that how God would describe us? Are we doing evil, or are we doing what is right in His eyes? God sets the standard; the only judgment that ultimately matters is His. How do we measure up to the higher standard that God has given us? That standard is essential. It makes a difference.

We are God's workmanship. He knows us intimately. When we follow His higher standard, we will live happy, abundant, and fulfilling lives. Our lives are not our own; the physical life we now have is a manifestation of God's power and belongs to Him. At some point, He will ask for an accounting of what He has given us. Only those who obey His laws and genuinely strive to live repentant lives within the boundary created by those laws will enter into His kingdom. Within the boundary of God's perfect law, there is absolute peace, safety, and joy. We should be grateful that He gives Christians His Holy Spirit, through which we can grow in grace, knowledge, and obedience to His perfect standard.

God's standard for us is summarized in the Ten Commandments, which teach us how to love God and how to love our neighbour. We are to use this higher standard to examine ourselves and see how we measure up. The Ten Commandments are important; they are God's higher standard. Unlike the standards set by human organizations such as the CSA, the Ten Commandments never need to be revised, and there is no acceptable deviation—they were literally set in stone, after all—for with God, there is "no variation or shadow of turning" (James 1:17).

You can find more information on the higher standard God has set for us by ordering a free copy of *The Ten Commandments* from the Regional Office nearest you, listed on page 4 of this magazine, or by reading it online at TomorrowsWorld.org.

—Gary Molnar

AN OVERLOOKED LITANY OF LICENTIOUSNESS

Social problems have spiritual causes—and require biblical solutions.

As journalists, pundits, and podcasters survey conditions on the world scene, they analyze the threats to personal liberty, the economy, national defense, public health, and other important areas that affect our quality of life. They ponder the underlying conditions and sometimes make salient points. However, political bias often skews their commentary.

Unbiased principles—based on eternal truths that determine right and wrong behavior—do exist, but are usually overlooked. The Holy Bible contains standards of conduct that, when obeyed, bring great benefits. If these standards are not followed, the results are disastrous. Sadly, these timeless principles are being taught and practiced less and less.

The problems resulting from this departure from established moral standards are horrific. The weakening of the biblical family structure—a man at the head, his wife by his side, and their children following their lead—carries with it too many negative consequences on today’s society to cover them all here. Miseducation has undermined basic skills by teaching “social justice” and “Critical Theory” rather than the basic knowledge required to excel in life. Cultural rot has led to increasingly violent crime, predatory sexual practices and human trafficking, gender confusion, drug addiction, fraudulent business dealings, and racial tensions. Even as citizens clamor for solutions, governments seem unable or unwilling to make meaningful changes to remedy these problems.

These troubles have plagued mankind’s history. King Solomon once wrote that “there is nothing new under the sun,” and gave this principle: “Because sentence against an evil deed is not speedily executed, the human heart is fully set to do evil” (Ecclesiastes 1:9; 8:11, *New Revised Standard Version*).

The God of the Bible listed the benefits of obedience to His standards of conduct and the terrible problems that would occur if His ways were despised or ignored. Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28 make it plain that if a person or nation desires peace and prosperity, obedience to God is not optional. As just one of many possible examples, let’s focus on what the Bible says about sexual promiscuity and perversion.

Plain Prohibitions

The Seventh Commandment, found in Exodus 20:14 and Deuteronomy 5:18, states, “You shall not commit adultery.” This makes plain that sexual activity outside of marriage is a sin. To further teach us how to apply this fundamental moral law, God gave His statutes. For example, Leviticus 18:6–18 gives detailed instruction prohibiting incestuous sexual relationships, while verses 20–23 prohibit adultery, homosexuality, and bestiality. God states, “You... shall not commit any of these abominations, either any of your own nation or any stranger [foreigner] who dwells among you” (v. 26).

Many other passages of Scripture plainly prohibit licentious sexual practices. But this is not merely Old Testament instruction. The Apostle Paul described in detail the cause and consequences of such behavior (Romans 1:18–32). From this perspective, Paul wrote to the church in Corinth, listing sinful acts that must be reformed from if one is to enter the Kingdom of God. “Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolators, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God” (1 Corinthians 6:9–10).

He went on to explain that these unrighteous acts would be forgiven after sincere repentance and the acceptance of Christ’s sacrifice for the remission of sin. Peter put it this way: “Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the Holy Spirit. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call” (Acts 2:38–39).

If the overwhelming social problems facing society today are to be solved, lascivious behavior must be replaced by the godly values described in the Bible. The prophet Micah wrote that God requires us “to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly” (Micah 6:8). While you alone may not be able to fix society, you can bring your *personal* life into harmony with the way that brings blessings and peace of mind.

—J. Davy Crockett III

The intended recipients of Ezekiel’s message are not the Jews, nor those of the house of Israel of his day, *but the end-time descendants of the ten-tribe nation of Israel*. Therefore, there must be an end-time watchman—but who? It can only be someone, or some group of people, aware of who these tribes are and where they are located at the end of the age. Outside of those of us here at *Tomorrow’s World* and a few other remnants of the Worldwide Church of God under the leadership of the late Herbert W. Armstrong, practically no one else recognizes the clear teachings of the Bible in this matter.

And even apart from this understanding, God makes it clear that His servants have a responsibility, for which they will be held accountable, to warn those heading for disaster: “Deliver those who are drawn toward death, and hold back those stumbling to the slaughter. If you say, ‘Surely we did not know this,’ does not He who weighs the hearts consider it? He who keeps your soul, does He not know it? And will He not render to each man according to his deeds?” (Proverbs 24:11–12).

According to the Bible, the house of Israel exists somewhere on earth today, and it is not an obscure player in geopolitics. Those who know where to find these tribes see them stumbling to the slaughter, and the outcome of their stumbling is going to be horrendous beyond imagination.

If you would like to discover what the Bible tells us about these people at the end of the age, request your own free copy of *The United States and Great Britain in Prophecy* from the Regional Office nearest you, listed on page 4 of this magazine, or read it online at *TomorrowsWorld.org*.

Is it coincidence that the American and British-descended peoples, along with the Jews in the modern nation of Israel, find themselves beset with troubles on all sides, at the very time they abandon their Creator and embrace the most repulsive sins? Lawlessness abounds. Violence is on the rise. Hostility toward God is open and heated. The Ten Commandments are widely rejected—even by many who call themselves “Christian.” Adultery is rampant, and along with it, divorce (or separation, since many don’t

even bother to get married), with children left in angry confusion. Mothers bring their toddlers to Drag Queen Story Hours. Do they not consider what the outcome may be?

Unless the American and British-descended nations—such as Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa—turn from their sins, slavery is in their near future, as difficult as that is to believe. God is not mocked, and when He withdraws His protective hedge, the downfall will come suddenly, as Isaiah wrote:

Now go, write it before them on a tablet, and note it on a scroll, that it may be for time to come, forever and ever: that this is a rebellious people, lying children, children who will not hear the law of the LORD; who say to the seers, “Do not see,” and to the prophets, “Do not prophesy to us right things; speak to us smooth things, prophesy deceits. Get out of the way, turn aside from the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us.” Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel: “Because you despise this word, and trust in oppression and perversity, and rely on them, therefore this iniquity shall be to you like a breach ready to fall, a bulge in a high wall, whose breaking comes suddenly, in an instant” (Isaiah 30:8–13).

No, we at *Tomorrow’s World* are not prophets—but we *can* and *do* point out what the prophets of God recorded for the two houses of Israel for our time. Anyone with eyes to see should recognize that these are momentous times and that disaster is on the horizon. It need not happen if the people that make up the house of Israel and the house of Judah will turn from their evil ways—but, sadly, there is no evidence of that.

The prophet Amos described how everything would seem to be going in a bad direction and then warned, “Therefore thus will I do to you, O Israel; because I will do this to you, prepare to meet your God, O Israel” (Amos 4:12).

Remember where you heard this message. TW

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The UK Immigration Crisis

Migration has long been a human phenomenon as people have sought safer, more prosperous lives. But a quick glance at world news shows that migration, especially of illegal immigrants and asylum seekers, is no longer viewed favorably. Political battles are fought by leaders promising to stem the tide of illegal immigration. Receiving nations struggle to provide housing, jobs, and services for exploding migrant populations. Native residents hear their native tongue spoken less frequently. And migrants vie with native-born citizens for jobs and services. Nations that once welcomed asylum seekers now react with growing animosity and fear.

Why are Western nations embroiled in these burgeoning immigration crises? And what will be the fates of Western societies—and the immigrant populations, themselves? The Bible provides answers.

More People, More Problems?

The United Kingdom and Ireland are among the nations at the heart of the global immigration crisis. The last two years saw record numbers of asylum seekers enter the UK—more than 100,000 people by small boats since 2020 (*BBC*, 23 January 2024). The majority of UK asylum seekers arrive from Afghanistan, Iran, India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh. In 2022, more than 45,000 *illegal* immigrants crossed the English Channel from France—another nation struggling with unchecked immigration. The same year, net migration to the UK reached nearly 750,000 people (*BBC*, 22 December 2023). UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has lamented that immigration numbers “are far too high.”

According to *The Guardian* (2 November 2022), as of November 2022, one in six residents in England and Wales was born outside the UK—a 33 percent increase in ten years. While legal immigrants must prove their ability to work and verify future employment, asylum seekers have no such requirement, receiving free government-funded housing and a weekly “cash card” (*LawCentreNI.org*, July 2023).

Mr. Sunak, himself a son of immigrants, sounded an alarm in 2023: “Our enemies will see how unable we are to deal with this and so they will increasingly use migration as a weapon: deliberately driving people to our shores to try to destabilise our societies” (*The Telegraph*, 16 December 2023). He warned that immigration policies must change, or migrants will “overwhelm our countries and our capacity to help those who need our help most.” And he lamented, “It will destroy the public’s faith not just in us as politicians but in our very systems of government.” This echoes the observation of former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who observed that Britain might become “rather swamped by people of a different culture.” While considered politically incorrect today and very misunderstood, these words from the “Iron Lady” acknowledged the powerful impact of sudden changes to Britain’s demographic.

Slipping Morals, Sliding Society

Sociologist Anne Holohan of Trinity College Dublin noted in a December 2023 *Sky News* interview, “We’ve seen an uptick in the number of asylum seekers.... And the increasing number... has highlighted problems in Irish society, but they have not caused these problems.” In concluding that Ireland’s woes are the government’s fault, Professor Holohan overlooks the profound con-

nection between the immigration problem and inherent problems in Irish society.

What is the underlying societal problem that spawned the current immigration nightmare? The Bible warns that when nations reject God's commandments, they will pay the price of societal upheaval. The British Common Law that undergirds many English-speaking nations is influenced by the biblical Ten Commandments. But the values that led Great Britain to assist, support, and aid needy nations around the globe for centuries, however imperfectly, are now being replaced by a godless and fluid ideology focused on self. Western nations are now modeling themselves after Israel's ancient time of the Judges, in which "there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes" (Judges 17:6).

God warned of what will happen if His commandments are rejected: "The alien who is among you shall rise higher and higher above you, and you shall come

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down lower and lower" (Deuteronomy 28:43). We are watching that reality play out today in Britain, Ireland, and other Western nations. Population statistics bear out that the foreign-born population in Western nations is increasing, while the numbers of domestic births are declining. According to the *BBC*, "The growth of immigration from the EU has led to some towns with traditionally small pockets of migrants, in the Midlands [of England] and Wales for example, to experience a rapid change in

the make-up of their population" (19 January 2020). In London, only 36.8 percent of residents are classified as "white British" (*Gov.uk*). In 2021 in Manchester, only 36.2 percent called themselves Christian, 32.4 percent said they had no religion, and 22.3 percent identified as Muslim. And in Birmingham in 2021, 34 percent called themselves Christian, 24 percent said they had no religion, and 30 percent identified as Muslim (*Gov.uk*). In March 2023, according to the *BBC*, 395 hotels across the UK had been commandeered by the government for the purpose of housing asylum seekers.

The trend is similar in Ireland where a third of hotel rooms are occupied by asylum seekers (*NewsTalk*, 31 March 2023), causing a sharp rise in hotel rates. In Roscrea, residents protested plans for the town's only hotel to become an asylum-seeker residence, which would add 160 more immigrants to a town of less than 6,000 already housing 600 asylum seekers (*RTE.ie*, 12 January 2024). Since Covid, roughly 100,000 Ukrainians alone have come to Ireland—a nation of just 6.5 million (*Sky News*, 10 December 2023). And in Ballyhaunis in Ireland's west, 40 percent of the population was born abroad.

A closely related result of unchecked immigration is the rapidly changing belief systems of political leaders. The UK's current Prime Minister is Hindu. Scotland's Scottish National Party head and First Minister is Muslim. These leaders represent an ever-growing body of government officials holding value systems that differ from the Bible-influenced foundation that once upheld Great Britain and Ireland. As a Belgian MP reportedly observed in 2015, Muslim immigration is "an invasion, it's a 'Trojan horse'" (*The Guardian*, 19 March 2015).

The "alien among you" is certainly becoming the "head" while the resident peoples are becoming "the tail"—exactly as God warned. This cultural and societal shift is occurring across western Europe, the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and other Israelite-descended nations.

A Place to Call Home

God does not show favoritism; He does not prefer any nation or people over another (Acts 10:34). Immigrants in Israel were to be treated well (Deuteronomy 10:19), but God also commanded that those immigrants adopt His way of life (Numbers 15:15-16).

People flee their countries due to famine, war, and corrupt, self-centered leaders. They flee their homes seeking the peace, safety, and prosperity of Western—formerly Bible-influenced—nations. This exodus will continue until a profound change comes: Jesus Christ will return to the earth and will install righteous leaders over humanity. Their loving, selfless actions will eliminate the need for people to flee from their homes. Christ will heal current societal divides and give dignity and respect to all peoples. Under Christ's reign, there will be one law—God's law—and one value system that unites the world!

—Scott D. Winnail



The Next D-Day

Eighty years ago, the Allies carried out the largest amphibious assault in human history. Could they do it today? Would they ever need to? Prophecy provides the answers.

By **Wallace G. Smith**

On June 6, 1944, the sun rose on what would become the largest amphibious military invasion in human history. More than 130 battleships, cruisers, and destroyers bombarded the French coast to protect the transports crossing the English Channel as the way was cleared by almost 300 minesweepers. Some 7,000 vessels carried nearly 200,000 soldiers from eight Allied nations to the shores of Nazi-dominated Europe, even as more than 1,200 aircraft dropped paratroopers behind enemy lines.

All told, more than 2 million Allied personnel took part in Operation Overlord, from soldiers storming the beach or descending from the sky to pilots and sailors transporting men and supplies, to medics aiding the vast numbers of the fallen wounded. And let us not forget that, for many a soldier leaving his floating transport to storm the beach, his life ended in a hail of machine-gun fire before he had even set foot on European sand.

The Battle of Normandy that followed—aiming to secure an Allied presence on the continent and begin the liberation of France and the rest of Europe from the grip of Adolf Hitler—would not end until more than 70,000 Allied forces lay dead and more than 150,000 had been wounded. But the tide of the war had turned. Less than a year later, on May 8, 1945, Germany unconditionally surrendered to the United States, the United Kingdom, France, the Soviet Union, and the other nations of the Allied Forces, at the headquarters of U.S. General Dwight D. Eisenhower. Four months later, the Second World War ended as Japan formally and unconditionally surrendered to U.S. General Douglas MacArthur.

In all of recorded history, there had never been a military invasion of the size and scope of D-Day and

Operation Overlord. And in the 80 years that have followed, the invasion remains unique in human experience. Nothing like it had happened before, and nothing like it has taken place since.

Yet, today, deteriorating world conditions raise the question: If those nations had to do it again, could they? Could the U.S. and the UK once again muster the military resources needed to save the world?

Eighty years after D-Day, the evidence is far from encouraging.

An Anglosphere in Decline

Few seem to doubt that the U.S. still governs the most powerful military in the world, all things considered—and for good cause. No other nation has shown itself capable of landing forces in so many different places in the world simultaneously, supported by the most advanced technology and firepower in existence.

Yet nothing lasts forever. And American will to maintain this advantage is evaporating.

The headline of a *Wall Street Journal* editorial in March highlighted the nation's current condition: "Biden Shrinks the U.S. Military," followed by the statement, "The President's Pentagon budget reveals the armed forces in a state of managed decline." The *WSJ* editors outlined a troubling reduction in military investment: a reduction of the U.S. Navy, a reduction in recruitment, a reduction in—well, virtually every significant military element, even while the nation faces more threats than it has seen in decades. What has not been reduced is political gridlock, as U.S. politicians seem far more occupied with winning their wars against each other than they are about winning wars against other nations.

And the United Kingdom is in even greater peril. Writing for "UK in a Changing Europe"—an academic thinktank sponsored by King's College London—policy analyst Andrew Dorman summarized the state of

Britain's military with these words: "time to panic." His February 2024 analysis notes the conclusion of the UK's Service Chiefs concerning "the state of Britain's armed forces and their inability to sustain a war for any period of time." At a time when the threats of war are extremely high, Dorman sees the UK in a condition resembling that of the 1930s, when the nation had to scramble desperately to prepare for the growing threat on the continent. Whether such a scramble could succeed today seems uncertain at best.

Germany and Europe Discover War-Mindedness

In stark contrast to the U.S. and UK, Germany is once again embracing the need for military might.

For decades after World War II, Germans shunned as distasteful the idea that Germany might regain its former war-making capacity. As the "official villain" of two world wars, the nation seemed comfortable leading through peaceable means alone—economics, statesmanship, and the wheeling and dealing of the political realm—allowing other nations, the U.S. in particular, to take the lead in the armed support and defense of Europe.

But those days are now gone. Facing warfare on their continent and uncertain U.S. leadership abroad, Germany's leaders are thinking very differently than they did even a few years ago. In 2022, the German government committed an additional 100 billion euros to strengthening its nation's armed forces, and has perceived a need to take "comprehensive steps towards a militarisation of German society as a whole" (*German-Foreign-Policy.com*). With Germany's armed forces at a historic low of 180,000, a few are even calling for the reinstatement of conscription, while others suggest providing a fast-track to German citizenship for immigrants who enlist. Boris Pistorius, Germany's defense minister, wants to see his nation's military spending increase dramatically. Not satisfied with the recent increases that brought German military spending to nearly 2 percent of the nation's GDP, Pistorius in February 2024 told attendees at the annual Munich Security Conference, "We might reach 3 percent or maybe even 3.5 percent, it depends on what is happening in the world."

And Pistorius' recognition of the need for greater military spending is echoed across the European

Union. Calling the current situation "the biggest security challenge since the Second World War," European Council President Charles Michel warned in a March 18 op-ed piece, published in newspapers across Europe, "If we want peace, we must prepare for war." Michel urged EU nations to shift to a "war economy" and to take responsibility for their own security rather than relying on uncertain U.S. support.

A Prophesied Reversal of Power

The years to come could see many changes. Perhaps the U.S. will see through the illusion of safety and security that its century of world dominance has generated and will recognize the truly perilous nature of the clouds gathering on its horizons. Perhaps the UK will again seize, even if only briefly, the sense of destiny and purpose that once empowered its people to build a powerful navy that ruled the oceans and a disciplined military force feared in lands around the globe. And perhaps Germany will find that its fears are unsubstantiated—that the post-war ties and agreements that let it set aside military ambitions in favor of peaceful influence might still have some life in them.

The path to the future is rarely a straight line. Changes come and go. Improbable twists and turns—ups and downs—will occur. Yet the inevitable destination has been foretold in the pages of your Bible, and it is sure. That destination includes a devastated U.S. and UK—their militaries shattered and powerless to prevent the utter destruction destined to visit their peoples—while Germany rises once again to the heights of global might, wielding war-making power that causes all the world to marvel.

The God of the Bible declares "the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, 'My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure'" (Isaiah 46:10). And His word concerning the end-times reveals that these nations will experience a complete reversal from their post-World War II conditions. Before Jesus Christ returns, we will see the U.S. and UK humbled, broken, and enslaved, at the mercy of a Germany contending for control of the entire world.

But how? And why? Politics might be easy to blame. Where are the sane voices in the halls of British or American government sounding the alarm, as Winston Churchill did in the days leading up to World

War II? But politics and policymaking are not the true culprits. They are mere symptoms. And no President or Prime Minister—no Congress or Parliament—has been willing to address the true sickness fundamentally producing those symptoms.

Because that sickness is national sin—and the only cure is national repentance.

Breaking the Pride of Their Power

Many today look to oversimplified explanations for the rise of the American and British peoples to their former heights of global power and influence. Some offer jingoistic slogans about “American exceptionalism” or Anglo-Saxon ingenuity. Others point an accusing finger at “colonialism” or “white supremacy” as the driving factors.

But your Bible is very plain about how and why their rise took place. God blessed the British and American peoples not because of their own special qualities, attributes, or abilities, but because He gave Abraham the unconditional promise that his descendants would rise to the highest places of power in the world. And a careful reading of Scripture will show in the light of history that the American and British-descended peoples became the modern recipients of that promise as descendants of the ancient Israelite tribe of Joseph, just as the modern Jewish peoples are descended primarily from the ancient tribe of Judah.

Those unconditional promises—delayed for centuries due to the sins of Abraham’s descendants—were founded on God’s faithfulness to Abraham due to *his* obedience, not on some supposed inherent “greatness” that his descendants did not possess (Deuteronomy 7:6–8; 9:4–6). The same promises eventually blessed his modern-day descendants.

This is perhaps an astonishing claim, and it is one we make often in the pages of *Tomorrow’s World*. And you should not believe it without proving it for yourself in the pages of your own Bible. If you haven’t already, please request our free booklet *The United States and Great Britain in Prophecy*. Understanding what your Bible says about the ancestors of today’s British and American peoples is the key to understanding what is ahead for these nations in the end-times.

And Bible prophecy reveals the sobering truth that, due to the sins of the Anglo-Saxon nations—not simply their politics or economic policies—their mil-

itary power will eventually be crushed and rendered utterly ineffectual. God’s inspired word makes it plain that He, not military might, was always the source of Israel’s victories. As King David admonishes us through time, “Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the LORD our God” (Psalm 20:7). And, in Leviticus 26, the God of Israel made plain what His people should expect in battle when they refuse to obey His laws and seek after His righteousness. Whatever their gathered might or physical strength, their prospects for victory disappear:

But if you do not obey Me, and do not observe all these commandments, and if you despise My statutes, or if your soul abhors My judgments, so that you do not perform all My commandments, but break My covenant... I will set My face against you, and you shall be defeated by your enemies. Those who hate you shall reign over you, and you shall flee when no one pursues you (vv. 14–15, 17).

Think of the frantic U.S. exit from Afghanistan in 2021, with terrified people clinging to the landing gear of departing U.S. aircraft. What is that if not a poignant example of what it looks like to “flee when no one pursues you”?

God promises that, due to the sins of Abraham’s descendants, He will “break the pride of your power” (v. 19). How much of the pride of the most prominent English-speaking nations of the world is bound up in their militaries? Perhaps that pride is slipping away, but God does not promise a mere slipping away. He promises a total and utter *breaking*. God describes the cities of the modern-day descendants of the tribes of Israel, who have forgotten their Creator—and this includes the U.S. and UK—becoming utterly devastated by their enemies.

“In all your dwelling places,” He tells these peoples, “the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate, so that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, your idols may be broken and made to cease, your incense altars may be cut down, and your works may be abolished. The slain shall fall in your midst, and you shall know that I am the LORD” (Ezekiel 6:6–7).

Many prophecies reveal the same outcome: cities laid waste and made desolate, their peoples scattered as servants and slaves across the earth. A time is coming in which these once-mighty nations will be crushed into poverty, powerlessness, and complete dependence on the mercies of their conquerors—a time called “the time of Jacob’s trouble” in Jeremiah 30:7 and the time of “great tribulation” by Jesus Christ in Matthew 24:21.

Rise of the Beast

Scripture highlights the end-time destiny of the U.S. and UK, but what does it say of the great German nation? What will be the ultimate outcome of its new military aspirations?

Like the U.S. and UK, Germany is discussed in the pages of your Bible, found in its ancient form as the famed nation of Assyria. This, too, is something you must prove for yourself. And our free booklet *Germany in Prophecy* has been designed to help you find this great modern nation—both its ancient past and its fast-coming future—within God’s inspired word.

When you recognize Germany in the words of the prophets, you see that its destiny is, indeed, very different from that of the English-speaking people. In fact, as the English-speaking nations fall, Germany will rise, leading a war-capable Europe the likes of which the world has never seen. The Apostle John described this future war-making power, revealed to him in vision by Christ:

Then I stood on the sand of the sea. And I saw a beast rising up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and on his horns ten crowns, and on his heads a blasphemous name. Now the beast which I saw was like a leopard, his feet were like the feet of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. The dragon gave him his power, his throne, and great authority (Revelation 13:1–2).

Yes, this end-time revival of the Roman Empire, empowered by Satan, will represent the culmination


of world empires throughout history—and will wield power like no others before.

That will include the power to make war: “So they worshiped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, ‘Who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him?’” (v. 4). Conflict between this vast industrial, economic, and military powerhouse and others—such as combined nations of the Middle East and Northern Africa, as well as massive armies from eastern powers across the Euphrates—will kill billions (cf. Daniel 11:40–44; Revelation 9:17–18). But that will not happen until this beast has crushed the U.S. and UK under its claws.

The Next D-Day?

Will the U.S. and UK ever see another military victory on the scale of what D-Day brought about? The sure word of Bible prophecy tells us that, in the end, the future for these nations is grim. Though there may be twists and turns as we reach the end of this present age and see the return of Jesus Christ to establish His kingdom on the earth, Scripture reveals that we will, before long, see an unstoppable force rising in Europe, led by a newly empowered Germany setting out to conquer the world—with the British and American peoples utterly conquered and subjugated.

A little-known fact about the D-Day 80 years ago this June is that there is debate as to what the “D” stands for. Some suggest that it is derived from military speak indicating the end of a countdown to an event, similar to “H-Hour.” Writing on behalf of General Eisenhower himself, Brigadier General Robert Schultz once said that it referred to the “departed date” of an amphibious operation.

Yet prophecy makes tragically clear that the D-Day that lies *ahead* for the Allies who once helped save the world is one of defeat, devastation, and desolation. But those circumstances will be temporary. For Jesus Christ will return shortly after those humbling events and bring to all the world—Americans, Britains, and Germans alike—the D-Day mankind truly needs: a day of deliverance. 

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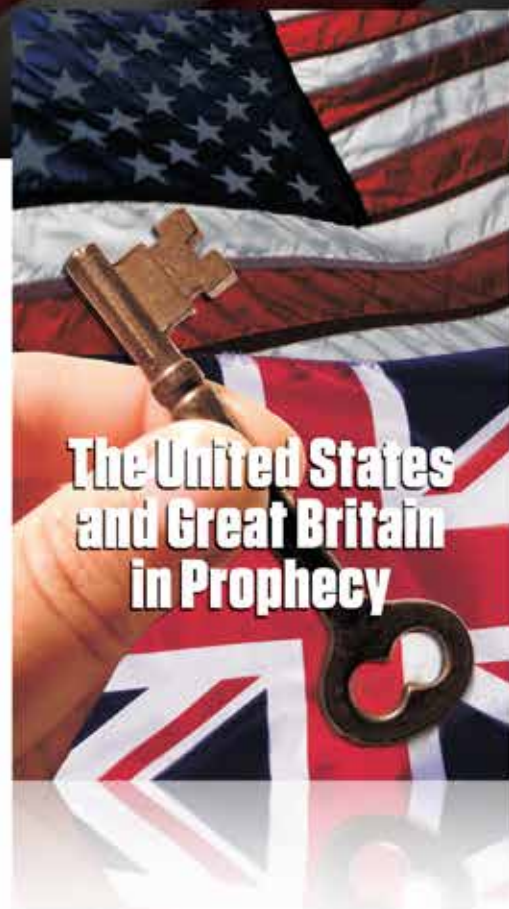
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War of the Worlds

By **Peter G. Nathan**

The *War of the Worlds* portrayed the invasion of our world by aliens from the planet Mars. Written and set in England’s Victorian era, this famous novel by H.G. Wells was later adapted to radio and graphically depicted by Hollywood screenplays. The first movie based on the novel, produced in 1953, became recognised as a cultural icon shaping future science-fiction films.

We are all aware of the barbaric onslaught by the forces of Hamas against Israel on October 7, 2023. Today, we really are witnessing a real, growing world conflict involving an aggressor in every way as uncompromising in its goal as those otherworldly invaders of Wells’ story—and a sovereign state as unable to give in to such enemies’ demands as the besieged earthlings facing genocide. And the religious cause, the driving ideology, is just about as alien to Western minds as Martian invaders. The conflict has no political solution—only a religious conclusion.

May brings us to the seventh month since the October 7 attack. The reaction to these months of war has been marked by the Western world’s emphasis on human rights for the Palestinians. Western policymakers and pundits see the solution to the problems in terms of political theory.

Since the French Revolution and the establishment of the United States, the Western world has increasingly judged events in terms of human rights.

The 1947 United Nations partition of the land called Palestine was driven by this political ethos. The establishment of the state of Israel a year later was similarly political (see “Jerusalem: The Way Forward” in the November–December 2023 issue of *Tomorrow’s World*).

A Ruthless and Resolute Mentality

Fast-forward to October 7, 2023. The invasion of Israel by the forces of Hamas was not simply a political event. Hamas has no interest in human rights as defined by the West, but rather seeks the establishment of an Islamic state including the area now called Israel. For Islam, politics is necessarily subservient to religious goals, and for many Islamists a key goal is to deny Jews the right to live in Israel. The Houthis in Yemen and Hezbollah in Lebanon, who wish to involve themselves in the current conflict on behalf of the Palestinians, see a struggle for religious dominance, not for human rights.

Polls taken in Gaza and the West Bank all show overwhelming support for Hamas and its action of October 7. The population there has been “educated” to desire the destruction of the state of Israel—and the outcome of such destruction would be an Islamic state, not a democratic one.

Iran, the primary benefactor of Hamas, is also misread by most in the West. The fall of Shah Reza Pahlavi’s regime in the late 1970s is still seen as the failure of the Shah to Westernize that country quickly enough. In fact, the reverse was true; he Westernized Iran so quickly that the traditions of its Shi’ite Mus-

lim heritage were on the edge of being destroyed. The subsequent reign of the Ayatollahs has reestablished that heritage. It is not Westernization that they seek, but rather Islamic hegemony.

Hence, ceasefires and peace settlements between Israel and Hamas as defined by Western minds have little value. For Hamas and its axis, such delays simply provide a breathing space to prepare for the next onslaught.

The Western world displays great ignorance of this as it seeks to renew the concept of establishing a Palestinian state in response to the attacks of October 7. A Palestinian state—the so-called “Two-State Solution”—will not prevent a repeat of October 7. Hamas has controlled the Gaza Strip since 2006, sometimes allied with and sometimes contending against the secular Fatah faction. Its influence has effectively and deliberately prepared the Strip for ongoing conflict with Israel.

A newly independent Palestinian state would not bring peace—it would bring yet another player into the religious conflict, which, like Hamas, would be established with the sole goal of driving Israel and the Jews out of the Middle East and preferably destroying both the state and its people in the process.

Israel No More a Sanctuary

Several factors must be considered to fully understand the situation today.

First, the establishment of the state of Israel in 1948 was a blow to Muslim aspirations, establishing another dominant religious force in the form of Zionist Judaism. To the Islamic mind, this was a setback. With the establishment of the state of Israel, the Jews went from being underlings in the Arabic world to holding an advantageous and controlling position. The Israeli victory in the 1948 Arab-Israeli War heralded a new power in the Middle East.

Though small Jewish communities had flourished for centuries throughout the Arab world, they had no sovereign status, despite a certain degree of freedom to follow their religion. They were subject to persecution and enjoyed little in terms of human rights. With the establishment of the State of Israel, these communities within Arab nations became subject to increased persecution to the point where Jews had to emigrate to Israel or other Western nations for safety. The servant of long standing had risen to become master in the region. Across the Arab world, the continued existence of the Israeli state is a galling reminder of defeat.



In this regard, on January 14—a hundred days after the October 7 attacks—a spokesman for the al-Qassam Brigades described the motive behind the attacks as “the start of [Israel’s] actual temporal and spatial division, and the ‘bringing of red [heifers] as an application of a detestable religious myth designed for aggression against the feelings of an entire nation in the heart of its Arab identity’” (*The Palestinian Chronicle*, January 14, 2024). The modern search for a red heifer is linked to the anticipated rebuilding of the Third Temple in Jerusalem, as it is considered necessary for purification rituals associated with temple worship.

Another important piece of context that we need in order to properly comprehend the current situation is that the modern state of

Israel was undoubtedly established as a Zionist enterprise. The intention of its founders was to create a safe place for Jews so that they would no longer be subject to the pogroms that roiled Europe in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries—they would be safe from the predations of nations so that an atrocity like the Holocaust could never happen again.

October 7 destroyed the vision of Israel being a safe place; the deaths recorded on October 7 were the largest numbers of Jews killed in one day since the Holocaust itself. Israel now faces existential questions about its place in the world. The question of whether Israel is a state for Jews or a Jewish state becomes more pressing.

Zion, Zionism, and Prophecy

Where does that leave the Zionist state going forward? Will the current challenges bring a renewed sense of religious zeal amongst Israel's leaders to more overtly observe Jewish religious practices? Synagogue attendance saw an upsurge following October 7. Ultra-orthodox and far-right political parties made gains in February's local elections.

Indeed, religious Jews have become much more involved in Israeli politics since the 2005 disengagement from Gaza ordered by then-Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, which led to the development of right-wing religious political parties that are now part of the government. These parties will naturally want to exert influence over what happens to Gaza going forward. Should it once again be part of the land of Israel—*Eretz Israel*, as they perceive?

And the perennial question of military service exemption for Orthodox men enrolled in *yeshivas*—Torah study halls—takes on a new dimension. Presently, some 15 percent of the population can avoid military training and call-up by claiming this exemption. Yet at least 2,000 of these have signed up for military service since October 7, while groups of ultra-Orthodox Jews, *Haredim*, have willingly provided useful support for the military action. *Wives of Haredim* have been instrumental in establishing kitchens to provide kosher food to those serving in the military.

An ancient book that the secular West spurns today—the Holy Bible—addresses these questions.

Interestingly, during the First World War, a little over a century ago, the Holy Bible was consulted to choose the most appropriate date on which General Edmund Allenby was to enter Jerusalem in the vanguard of the British army. Allenby saw himself in the role of fulfilling prophecy.

David Fromkin, in his book *A Peace to End All Peace*, opines about British involvement in Israel at the start of the twentieth century, stating that “Biblical prophecy was the first and most enduring of the many motives that led Britons to want to restore the Jews to Zion” (1989, p. 298). Today, biblical insights on Israel and Jerusalem are spurned by policymakers who are fighting a war on a political level, unaware of what is really happening.

Christ the True and Only Peacemaker

Yet the Bible does describe what is going to happen in Israel—and, specifically, Jerusalem. The battle for the right to remain in the land between the river and the sea will not end until the Messiah returns. Scripture tells us that this war will continue in some form until His appearing (Zechariah 14:1–4).

The situation will become so difficult that the King of the North—a biblical power associated with Europe—will seek control of Jerusalem and the Middle East (Daniel 11:29–39). It will end the sacrificial system that will have been restarted (Daniel 8:13–26; 12:9–10). To learn more, request a free copy of *The Middle East in Prophecy* from the Regional Office nearest you, listed on page 4 of this magazine, or read it online at TomorrowsWorld.org.

Throughout Scripture, the prophets foretell an increasing, international, end-time concern for what is happening in the Middle East, and Israel in particular. They also speak of an increasing zeal for Judaism, leading to the resumption of temple sacrifices, increasing the anger and ire of the Muslim world.

The battle is not political but religious. Even the King of the North will have religious backing for his endeavors (Revelation 13:11–17). And this religious battle will only be resolved by the arrival of the King of kings with the armies of Heaven to destroy the armies of this world (Revelation 11:15–18). TW

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THE SPIRIT OF PENTECOST

Miraculous events of past millennia reveal an amazing truth for today.

God gave the Holy Spirit to His Church on the Day of Pentecost, but few now understand the meaning of this Holy Day. God's Holy Spirit is vital for true Christian living, but many are unaware of what it is, what Pentecost is, and what these things mean to Christians today!

Many confuse the babblings seen in modern “charismatic” churches as manifestations of the Holy Spirit. They're wrong—and the truth is far more profound. Can you be filled with the same Spirit as Christ's first disciples? Yes, you can!

The 50 days following Jesus Christ's crucifixion and resurrection had been an unforgettable time for His disciples. Their Teacher had come back from the dead after a brutal execution and had taught them for 40 days. More than 500 people at one time had seen Him (1 Corinthians 15:6). The disciples ate with Him, talked with Him, and even touched the wounds where His body had been pierced.

But that was not all. After 40 dramatic days of instruction, the Savior ascended into the clouds while His disciples watched with wonder and amazement. But He did not leave them alone! He promised to give them something that would empower them with spiritual vitality they had never before experienced (Luke 24:49).

The disciple Luke describes Christ's encouraging words: “And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, ‘which,’ He said, ‘you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now’” (Acts 1:4–5).

What event was the risen Christ speaking of? What was this “promise” to come? Most Bible students know the basic story, but many are not fully aware of the profound impact this momentous fiftieth day would have on the Church of God from that point forward. It was the day of Pentecost—the day of miracles on which the New Testament Church began!

What happened on that amazing Day of Pentecost in AD 31? Luke records the day's events:

When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues [known languages, not indecipherable babble], as the Spirit gave them utterance (Acts 2:1–4).

The beginning of the New Testament Church was characterized by astonishing sights and sounds. It was an awesome display of divine power, reminiscent of the awesome sights God had shown on the day He gave Moses the law on Mount Sinai (Hebrews 12:18–21). In fact, according to Jewish tradition, the law of God at Mount Sinai was given on the Day of Pentecost many centuries earlier!

The Power of the Universe

But more important than the sights and sounds were the events that could not be seen or heard. These manifestations of God's majesty signaled the outpouring of the power of the universe: God's Spirit. The same power that ignited the sun and the stars—the power that formed and set the planets in motion—would now literally abide in human beings on Earth (John 14:17).

Is that same Spirit transforming you? Is it motivating you? Would you like to have more profound personal change in your life? Would you like to have more evidence that you are being led by the Spirit of God? And would you like to be more personally involved in the Work that Christ is doing today? Answers are available if you have the will to seek them.

For an overview of God's plan of salvation as revealed through the annual Holy Days, order a free copy of *The Holy Days: God's Master Plan*, or read it online at TomorrowsWorld.org.

—Rod McNair



Experience Is Not the Best Teacher

It is a common perspective that experience is the best teacher. And there is certainly value in experience. From the time we are born, the things that happen around us and to us establish our sense of reality. Experience becomes our teacher—and it's a very powerful teacher. Along with our environment and our genetic makeup, our experiences form the lens through which we see our world. But if we can *only* learn from experience, we are destined to live a painful life.

We see this reflected in Scripture, as well. Joshua gathered the children of Israel to Shechem shortly before he died, and he reminded their leaders of what they had experienced as God brought them out of bondage in Egypt. He said, “I brought your fathers out of Egypt, and you came to the sea; and the Egyptians pursued your fathers with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. So they cried out to the LORD; and He put darkness between you and the Egyptians, brought the sea upon them, and covered them. And your eyes saw what I did in Egypt. Then you dwelt in the wilderness a long time” (Joshua 24:6–7).

The faithfulness of Joshua's generation can be ascribed at least in part to what they saw and heard after departing from Egypt. They had seen God's hand as He broke the pride of Egypt with plagues. They had walked dry-shod through the Red Sea as God dammed the waters to their right and left. And they had seen water spouting from a rock, as God sustained their thirst in a dry land. But their parents' experience also included resistance to God's instructions, rebellion against Him, and even rampant idolatry. The consequence of those experiences for their parents was

death in the desert—never setting foot in the land that God had wanted to give them.

What was God's desire for the Israelites? Did He want them to reap the bitter fruit of their experiences? Here's what He expressed to Moses: “Oh, that they had such a heart in them that they would fear Me and always keep all My commandments, that it might be well with them and with their children forever” (Deuteronomy 5:29).

Did God intend for them to learn through making every possible mistake? Not at all. He continued, “Therefore you shall be careful to do as the LORD your God has commanded you; you shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left (v. 32).

Back to the Beginning

God gave the first man, Adam, the ability to learn from His experiences. But God also expected Adam to learn from instruction. “Then the LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, ‘Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die’” (Genesis 2:15–17).

Human beings can also learn from the experience of disobeying God's instruction, as we see when Satan tempted and deceived Eve, saying, “You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil” (Genesis 3:4–5). And what was her experience, at first? “So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant

to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate” (Genesis 3:6).

According to their experience, the fruit was good—even though God had commanded them not to eat it. According to their experience thus far, God was not to be trusted. Yet, when the full weight of their decision was revealed, Adam and Eve clearly learned that God’s instructions were accurate.

So, is experience the best teacher? No. Should experience be part of how we and our children learn? Yes—we should learn from what we experience, and from what others experience. But what is also vitally important is how we receive instruction. As the book of Proverbs begins, we read the following:

The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel: to know wisdom and instruction, to perceive the words of understanding, to receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, judgment, and equity; to give prudence to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion—a wise man will hear and increase learning, and a man of understanding will attain wise counsel, to understand a proverb and an enigma, the words of the wise and their riddles. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction (Proverbs 1:1–7).

In the Bible, we read a consistent theme: Knowledge, wisdom, and understanding come through instruction. And the foundation of accurate knowledge is a fear of God and a deference to His revelation. If we are wise, we will view the things we experience through the framework of God’s instructions.

Instruction *Plus* Experience

How does this apply to our mandate to teach and train our children?

After God brought the children of Israel out of Egypt, He commanded them to memorialize the events they had just witnessed and experienced. And He paired their experience with instructions—in this case, instructions they were supposed to pass to their children. He said, “And you shall tell your son in that day, saying, ‘This is done because of what the LORD did for me when

I came up from Egypt.’ It shall be as a sign to you on your hand and as a memorial between your eyes, that the LORD’s law may be in your mouth; for with a strong hand

From the days of Adam, mankind has insisted on learning through trial and error, through experience apart from God’s instruction. But you and I should learn that we need more than just experience.

the LORD has brought you out of Egypt” (Exodus 13:8–9).

The children of Israel were taught the meaning of what they and their ancestors had experienced. This is a pattern that we should follow. Parents, take the time to talk with your children about what they have experienced each day. Highlight the good things and explain why the bad things are bad. In addition, giving our children instruction ahead of time helps them avoid painful experiences that can scar them for life.

In the book of Deuteronomy, we read that God commanded the Israelites to teach their children about His ways:

For what great nation is there that has God so near to it, as the LORD our God is to us, for whatever reason we may call upon Him? And what great nation is there that has such statutes and righteous judgments as are in all this law which I set before you this day? Only take heed to yourself, and diligently keep yourself, lest you forget the things your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. And teach them to your children and your grandchildren (Deuteronomy 4:7–9).

From the days of Adam, mankind has insisted on learning through trial and error, through experience apart from God’s instruction. But you and I should learn that we need more than just experience. We need God’s instructions to live a successful life. And we can work with our children in the same way, adding godly instruction to what they experience.

Experience is not the best teacher. But when reinforced by God’s word, it can be a very effective one.

—Jonathan McNair

Abortion Now a Constitutional Right in France

Partly in reaction to the United States turning back the clock on abortion rights and with the encouragement of President Emmanuel Macron, the French Parliament voted overwhelmingly in March to amend the nation's 1958 constitution (*BBC*, March 4, 2024). Abortion is now “enshrined” as a right of every French woman thanks to France's 25th Amendment. France has become the first nation in the world to make abortion an explicitly stated constitutional right. The reaction of the French Parliament after the vote was jubilation, while the Vatican was quick to respond with a statement of protest: “There can be no ‘right’ to take a human life.”

Our modern, secular societies are increasingly self-centered. However, the practice of killing the unborn and even infants is not new. In contrast to God's commands against child sacrifice, the ancient Israelites fell into this abominable form of worship practiced by the pagan nations around them. Today, children are no longer sacrificed to spiritual gods—they are sacrificed to the god of self. “My body, my choice” is the mantra so often repeated by proponents of abortion in their loathing of any children whose lives might interfere with their own personal desires.

The French are descendants of one of the ancient tribes of Israel. Will the de-

isions of French lawmakers pave the way for France's brother-tribes to follow suit? The Bible states that “in the last days” people “will be lovers of themselves... rather than lovers of God” (2 Timothy 3:1-5). God specifically warns the modern nations that have descended from ancient Israel that, if they turn away from God and violate His commandments, they will face serious consequences (cf. Leviticus 26; Deuteronomy 28).

Growth of Atheist Churches

It sounds like an oxymoron to call something an “atheist church,” but as mainstream church attendance continues to decline, atheist church attendance is on the rise (*The Conversation*, January 11, 2024). Atheist churches are an attempt to give non-religious people the sense of community and belonging often generated by attendance in traditional churches. Atheist church meetings often have group singing, a message or lecture on a topic of interest in place of a sermon, and social support programs. Some of these churches practice “debaptism” as a person renounces his or her former belief in God.

While the idea of an atheist church service may sound odd and counterintuitive, attendees laud their benefits and even claim their participation has been life changing. Happy members cite encouragement and a feeling of belonging as

reasons for their continued attendance.

God directed His people to worship Him, coming before Him as a body of believers weekly on the seventh-day Sabbath. And God built into this worship many added psychological and emotional benefits. Most religions around the globe have a similar weekly practice, and worldly Christianity has held to this practice, even as it changed the day of worship from God's Sabbath to the pagan Sunday. Satan, the god of this age (2 Corinthians 4:4), is a master copycat and inspires people to put their own spin on their worship, doing it their own way. Such counterfeit worship should not be surprising. The Apostle Paul warned that “perilous times will come” at the end of the age (2 Timothy 3:1-4), noting that people will practice a “form of godliness” yet deny its power (v. 5). We see this today in the world's Christianity, and even among atheists.

Europe Pushed to Grow Stronger

The “European experiment” has struggled over the last couple of decades with periods of strength and growth and periods of weakness and hesitation. While Bible prophecy reveals a powerful German-led European “beast” power will lead the world for a time in the years ahead, the continual vacillation among European leaders has raised questions about these prophecies. But, before the eyes of the world,

something is happening on the continent.

Pressed by Vladimir Putin's invasion of Ukraine and the continuing need to feed its war machine, Russia's military industrial complex is operating at full capacity and has created over a half-million jobs (*The Guardian*, February 15, 2024). Arms factories are in continuous operation. Russia now claims to spend 7.5 percent of GDP on its military, and its capacity is increasing—and Europe is responding. Recently, multiple European nations have increased their defense spending to the 2 percent minimum required by their NATO membership—a first for many NATO members. Germany just broke ground on a new munitions factory and has increased production of tanks and other military weaponry, as have many other European nations.

Recent comments by former U.S. president Donald Trump—threatening not to support non-paying NATO members in the event of a Russian attack—are not only motivating greater overall European military spending, but are pressuring Europe to seek a European nuclear shield. EU Commission president Ursula von der Leyen made very direct comments in a recent interview about Europe's defense infrastructure: “We have to spend more, we have to spend better, we have to spend European” (*MSN*, February 16, 2024).

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—Subscriber in South Carolina

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—Subscriber in Arizona

Thank you for your magazine, books, and booklets, and for telecasts. I watch them through YouTube and they are very informative and awakening. I was a prospective member in the Worldwide Church of God in the late 80s and early 90s. For over 30 years I could not fit anywhere else until I came across the Living Church of God on YouTube and contacted [the South African Regional Office]. They directed me to Pastor Simon Muthama, whom I met, and I attend the Sabbath services in Nairobi. I live about 30 km from Nairobi. The Feast of 2023 was my first with LCG. I have no doubt the LCG is the church started in AD 31, revived by Herbert Armstrong in the 1930s, again revived by Dr. R. C. Meredith in the 90s. God bless you as you continue with the great work.

—Subscriber in Kenya

Thank you for all your teachings on God and the Bible. You make God's words easier to understand and explain everything in a plain and simple way. Your program has been a blessing from God. Thank you for offering your free magazine and booklets.

—Subscriber in Wisconsin

Thanks for the Jan–Feb 2024 edition of *Tomorrow's World* magazine. I wish this was on the news stand of every shopping mall, railway station, and high street. It would help to redress the imbalanced and biased mainstream media news feed, re: Israel/Hamas, whilst at the same time pointing to the glorious hope of Christ Jesus' return.

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Opelika WLIZ SU 7:30 a.m.

AR El Dorado KNOE SU 7:00 a.m.
Fayetteville KHOG SU 7:00 a.m.
Fort Smith KFTA SU 10:00 a.m.
Fort Smith KHBS SU 7:00 a.m.
Jonesboro KAIT SU 7:00 a.m.
Little Rock KASN SU 10:30 a.m.

AZ Tucson KMSB SU 8:30 a.m.

Yuma KEYC (CW) SU 9:00 a.m.

CA Bakersfield KGET (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.
Chico KHSL (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.
El Centro KEYC (CW) SU 9:00 a.m.
Eureka KECA-LD/KVIQ (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.
Monterey KION (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.
Palm Springs KCWQ (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.
Salinas KION (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.
San Francisco BAVC (Public Access) WE 8:00 a.m.
San Luis Obispo KSBY (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.
Santa Barbara KSBY (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.
Santa Maria KSBY (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.

CO Grand Junction KJCT (CW) SU 7:00 a.m.

CT Hartford WWLP (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.

DC Washington DC WDCA SU 7:30 a.m.

DE Harrington WMDT (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.

FL Ft. Lauderdale WBFS SU 6:30 a.m.
Gainesville WCJB (CW) SU 6:00 a.m.
Gainesville WCJB (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.
Jacksonville WCWJ SU 6:30 a.m.
Miami WBFS SU 6:30 a.m.
Panama City WJHG (CW) SU 7:00 a.m.
Tallahassee WTLF SU 8:00 a.m.
Tampa Bay WTOG SU 8:00 a.m.

GA Albany WALB (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.
Albany WALB SU 11:00 a.m.
Atlanta WATL SU 10:00 a.m.
Augusta WAGT (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.
Columbus WLTX (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.
Macon WMAZ SU 8:00 a.m.
Savannah WSAV SU 8:00 a.m.
Thomasville WTLF (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.

IA Ottumwa KWOT SU 8:00 a.m.

ID Boise KBOI SU 7:00 a.m.
Idaho Falls KIFI SU 7:00 a.m.
Twin Falls KMVT SU 7:00 a.m.

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Peoria WHOI SU 7:00 a.m.
Quincy WGEM SU 7:00 a.m.

IN Evansville WTVW SU 7:30 a.m.
Fort Wayne WPTA SU 7:00 a.m.
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Lafayette WLFI SU 8:00 a.m.

KS Kansas City KCWE SU 7:30 a.m.
Topeka KTCA SU 7:00 a.m.

KY Bowling Green WBKO SU 7:00 a.m.
Lexington WTVQ SU 7:00 a.m.
Louisville WBNA SU 9:30 a.m.
Paducah WDKA SU 11:00 a.m.

LA Alexandria KALB SU 7:00 a.m.
Lafayette KATC SU 7:00 a.m.
Lake Charles KPLC SU 7:00 a.m.
Monroe KMCT SU 6:00 a.m.
Monroe KNOE SU 7:00 a.m.
New Orleans WNOL SU 7:00 a.m.
Shreveport KSHV SU 10:00 a.m.
West Monroe KMCT SU 6:00 a.m.

MA Springfield WWLP SU 7:00 a.m.

ME Bangor WABI SU 8:00 a.m.
Presque Isle WBPQ SU 8:00 a.m.

MI Alpena WBAE SU 8:00 a.m.
Lansing WLAI SU 8:00 a.m.
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Calumet WBKP SU 8:00 a.m.

MN Cloquet KDHL (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.
Duluth KDHL SU 8:00 a.m.
Mankato KMNF/KEYC (CW) SU 9:00 a.m.
Rochester KTTC SU 7:00 a.m.

MO Columbia KOMU SU 7:00 a.m.
Joplin KFJX SU 8:30 a.m.
Kansas City KCWE SU 7:30 a.m.
St. Joseph KNPG SU 7:00 a.m.
St. Louis KPLR SU 6:30 a.m.

MS Biloxi WXXV SU 7:00 a.m.
Columbus WCBI SU 7:00 a.m.
Greenwood WBWO SU 7:00 a.m.
Hattiesburg WHLT/WXXX SU 7:00 a.m.
Meridian WTOK SU 7:00 a.m.

MT Billings KVSJ/NSVI (CW) SU 7:00 a.m.
Butte KCWB (CW) SU 7:00 a.m.
Butte KXLF SU 7:00 a.m.
Glendive KWZB SU 7:00 a.m.
Great Falls KCWG (CW) SU 7:00 a.m.
Helena KTVH SU 7:00 a.m.
Missoula KCWM (CW) SU 7:00 a.m.

NC Asheville WGGG SU 9:30 a.m.
Asheville WGGG SU 11:30 a.m.
Charlotte WMYT SU 8:30 a.m.
Charlotte WAXN SU 9:00 a.m.
Greenville WNCT SU 8:00 a.m.
Hickory WHKY MO 7:30 p.m.
Raleigh WRAZ SU 7:30 a.m.
Wilmington WWAY SU 8:00 a.m.

ND Bismarck KXMA (CW2) SU 7:00 a.m.
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NM Albuquerque KBWQ SU 8:00 a.m.

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Watertown WWTI SU 7:00 a.m.
Utica KYWKTV SU 8:00 a.m.

OH Cincinnati WSTR SU 9:00 a.m.
Cleveland WUAB SU 8:30 a.m.
Columbus WOXB/WXC/WGCT/WOIZ SU 8:00 a.m.
Toledo BBCA SU 7:30 p.m.
Zanesville WBZV SU 8:00 a.m.

OK Ada KTEN SU 7:00 a.m.
Lawton KAUZ SU 7:00 a.m.
Tulsa KQCW SU 8:00 a.m.

OR Bend KTVZ SU 8:00 a.m.
Eugene KMTR SU 8:00 a.m.
Medford KTVL SU 8:00 a.m.

PA Erie WSEE SU 8:00 a.m.
Philadelphia WPSG SU 7:30 a.m.
Pittsburgh WPCW SU 7:30 a.m.

SC Charleston WCBD SU 8:00 a.m.
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Rock Hill WMYT SU 8:30 a.m.

SD Rapid City KCLO (ION/CW) SU 7:00 a.m.
Sioux Falls KFSY SU 7:00 a.m.

TN Jackson WBJK SU 7:00 a.m.
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Memphis WLMT SU 10:00 a.m.

TX Abilene KTXS SU 7:00 a.m.
Amarillo KVIH/KVII SU 7:00 a.m.
Beaumont KFDM SU 6:30 a.m.
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Corpus Christi KRIS-DT2 SU 7:00 a.m.
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Lubbock KLCW SU 7:00 a.m.
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McAllen KCWT/KNOV SU 7:00 a.m.
Midland KOSA/KCWO SU 7:00 a.m.
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San Antonio KABB SU 5:30 a.m.
Sherman KTEN SU 7:00 a.m.
Tyler KLTV SU 6:00 a.m.
Tyler KITYX SU 7:00 a.m.
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Wichita Falls KAUZ SU 7:00 a.m.
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VA Charlottesville WVIR SU 8:00 a.m.
Chesterfield Comcast TH 6:30 p.m.
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VT Burlington WFFF SU 6:00 a.m.
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WA Everett KSTW SU 6:00 a.m.
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Pasco KEPR SU 8:00 a.m.
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Yakima KIMA SU 8:00 a.m.

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Charleston WQCV SU 7:00 a.m.
Clarksburg WVFX SU 8:00 a.m.
Parkersburg WOVA (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.
Wheeling WBWO (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.

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