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LIFE HAS
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God Reveals His Plan!

Around this time of year come several Holy Days foreign to most non-Jews. The first is Rosh Hashanah—the Feast of Trumpets. Yom Kippur—the Day of Atonement—comes ten days later, and five days after that come the seven days of the Feast of Tabernacles, followed immediately by the Last Great Day.

Among the Christians who observe these days are members of the Living Church of God, the sponsor of *Tomorrow's World*. Some might wonder why non-Jews would observe these days—why not keep traditional holidays like Christmas, Easter, Epiphany, St. Valentine's Day, and Halloween?

The answer is simple for anyone with an open mind. Jesus said that “the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him *must* worship in spirit *and truth*” (John 4:23–24). Good intentions are not good enough—according to Jesus, we must also worship in *truth*. And the truth is that God gave us special days to teach us about His plan of salvation, while the pagan world gave us non-biblical traditions and sewed Christ's name onto them. Which observances are the correct ones? And does it matter?

A few years ago, young people wore bracelets with the letters WWJD, standing for “What Would Jesus Do?” That is a fair question, and it is best answered by Jesus Himself. What *would* Jesus do if He were walking the earth today?

The Most Important Footsteps to Follow

The answer is obvious: He would do exactly what He did when He walked the earth 2,000 years ago (Hebrews 13:8). And what did He do? He kept the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread (Luke 2:41–43; Matthew 26:17–20). He kept the Feast of Tabernacles and the Last Great Day, even under the threat of death (John 7:1–2, 10, 37).

Every one of the Apostles, including Paul, also observed these days (Acts 2:1; 20:16; 1 Corinthians 5:7–8; 16:8). This is only a small sample of the references we could cite. And while the Bible describes Jesus' birth,

nowhere in Scripture do we find an annual celebration of it—nor do we find Easter or any of the other popular “Christian” holiday celebrations.

But does it matter?

Do you realize that without observing and understanding God's Holy Days, it is *impossible* to fully understand His plan for mankind? If you have never read our resource *The Holy Days: God's Master Plan*, be sure to order a free copy from the Regional

Office nearest you (listed on page 4 of this magazine) or read it online at TomorrowsWorld.org. You will discover answers to questions that you may have wondered about all your life. What happens to babies who die only a few days old, or to those who live full lives but never hear of Christ? Why, if



God is all-powerful, are so few seemingly saved today? Will the source of evil always be with us? Do we have a part in salvation, or is it “all done for us”? How is the world going to end? What is the reward of the “saved”? All these questions and more are answered by the biblical Holy Days and Festivals.

Readers of *Tomorrow's World* (or viewers of our telecast by the same name) sometimes criticize us for saying that Christ will not come tonight; others object when we say that the time of His coming is near. They object, in part, because they do not understand God's plan for mankind as revealed in His Holy Days, and they fail to understand the context of Matthew 24:36, which tells us that *no one* knows the day or the hour of His return.

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The context of this passage begins with a question from Jesus' disciples: "What will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?" (Matthew 24:3). Jesus then described various signs to look for, including the abomination of desolation (v. 15). He also warned that a great tribulation would precede heavenly signs (vv. 29–30). Christ will then return with the sounding of a trumpet: "And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other" (v. 31).

Jesus then asked us to learn a lesson from the fig tree: "When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors" (Matthew 24:32–33).

Clearly, certain events must happen first, and we are to discern from certain signs the general time frame. Christ tells us that knowing the exact day and hour of His return is another matter (v. 36), but He follows this up with another sign to look for (vv. 37–38).

The Festivals and Holy Days of God lay out, step by step, God's plan of salvation. And the first of what we often call the "Fall Festivals" (as Jerusalem is in the northern hemisphere) is the Feast of Trumpets. This Festival tells us that Jesus will not return tonight. Jesus said that "He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet" (v. 31), and the Feast of Trumpets depicts the blowing of seven trumpets—each one ushering in an event that will shake this earth. Have any of the six trumpet blasts, with their cataclysmic events as revealed in Revelation 8–9, yet occurred? Has anyone seen a 200-million-man army heading westward out of Asia? If not, Christ cannot come tonight. It is only when the seventh trumpet is blown that Christ will return (Revelation 11:15).

But can't "the rapture" happen at any time, as so many have been taught? That is an honest question that many sincere people ask—but it represents a false concept, and if you would like to learn the truth behind this misguided doctrine, let us know and we will send you our free DVD *Is the Rapture Your Incredible Future?* or our free article "The Secret Rapture: False Hope for End-Time Christians!"

God's Promised Path to Hope

What we've discussed is just one small part of the big picture—there is so much more that is clarified by keeping the Holy Days God instituted. One large Sabbath-keeping group teaches that, after Christ's return, the earth will be a wasteland with no one left alive. Yet the Feast of Tabernacles reveals just the opposite! When Jesus returns as King of kings, one of His first commands will be that all nations must send representatives to Jerusalem to keep this Feast (Zechariah 14:16). Imagine: Christ rules as King over all the earth (v. 9), His command goes out—but no one is alive to answer the call. *Preposterous.*

And no, these representatives are not spirit beings, as Scripture plainly reveals:

Whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, on them there will be no rain. If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, they shall have no rain; they shall receive the plague with which the LORD strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. This shall be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all the nations that do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles (vv. 17–19).

Each year, members of the Living Church of God gather to be reminded of what this great Festival pictures—the time when Jesus Christ will bring peace to this troubled planet for a thousand years. Of course, peace will not come while mankind's great adversary, Satan the devil, is still around. But the Day of Atonement addresses that problem, picturing the day when Satan will be removed from influencing mankind.

This is merely a foretaste of what God has in mind for those who accept the challenge to keep the Holy Days that He designed to explain His wonderful plan of salvation. Let us know when you are ready to take up that challenge and learn about the most exciting truths ever given to mankind!



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WHAT IS THE VALUE OF HUMAN LIFE?

By **Wallace G. Smith**

It's not the sort of question you consider every day. But modern society's inability to answer it is wreaking devastation and chaos in humanity and its institutions.

What is the value of human life?

The lack of an answer is one of the leading causes of some of the greatest moral, cultural, and political fractures we see in the streets of our cities, the classrooms of our schools, and the halls of our governments. The destructive chaos caused by our collective confusion on this point is perhaps best illustrated at the two ends of human life—conception and death. Each of these points of the universal human journey represents a battleground of intense cultural conflict. And each represents, as well, points when human life is at its most vulnerable to the changing fads and whims of society.

Many decry the devaluing of human life and worry about a growing culture of death in Western civilization. Others celebrate what they see as a growing willingness to ensure “death with dignity” and to embrace suicide as the ultimate display of human autonomy and free will. And who's to say who's right?

Are we growing into a new, enlightened age, or are we descending to dark places with horrifying and inescapable consequences?

A “Right” to Die?

Choosing death is turning out to be an increasingly popular way of life in Canada. And this is even after Canadian lawmakers in 2016 *restricted* assisted suicides—made legal by Canada's Supreme Court the year before—to only those with terminal illnesses, for whom natural death was “reasonably foreseeable.”

In just six years, from 2016 to 2021, the number of Canadians choosing assisted dying grew tenfold, from 1,018 to 10,064—meaning that, in 2021, individuals in Canada asked for assistance in killing themselves at a rate of more than *27 per day*. And the trend itself was certainly foreseeable; just look at Belgium, which decriminalized euthanasia in 2002, more than a decade before Canada did. In 2003, the rate of those dying via euthanasia in Belgium was 235 per year. That number has grown more than ten times greater in less than 20 years: In 2021, Belgium reported 2,699 cases of euthanasia—more than *seven people every day*—from a population about a third the size of Canada's.

Belgian law stipulated that those choosing death had to be legal adults, conscious and capable of making their own decisions, and suffering from a “hopeless medical condition” that involves “constant and unbearable physical or mental suffering” that cannot be relieved. But, over time, Belgian authorities’ sense of what qualifies as “unbearable physical or mental suffering” has expanded in troubling ways. In 2012, two deaf, 45-year-old twin brothers, diagnosed with glaucoma, were euthanized because regulators decided their fear of going blind constituted “unbearable mental suffering.” In 2014, the regulation was extended to include minors who, with their parents’ consent, wish to die. Since then, children as young as nine years old have been euthanized.

Sure enough, Canada has followed the Belgian trend. Last year, the 2016 standard was replaced with the looser standard that the individual be experiencing “unbearable physical or mental suffering” that “cannot be relieved under conditions that you consider acceptable.”

Concerned observers have already noticed an increase in suicides among Canada’s poor or disabled who find the cost of living too high, such as the famous case of a 51-year-old woman suffering from environmental allergies, who chose suicide because she could not get assistance to relocate.

And Americans should not think that this can’t happen in the United States. Many remember the furor over Dr. Jack Kevorkian, a Michigan doctor who in the 1990s started by assisting several dozen people in committing suicide—and became emboldened enough to actually kill a patient, for which he served eight years in prison. Today, assisted suicide is illegal in Michigan, but several states—including several that also legalize expansive rights to abortion, such as California, Oregon, and Washington, along with Maine, New Jersey, and Vermont on the east coast—have legalized this practice, which many found barbaric not that long ago.

“Right” to Abort vs. “Right” to Life

In February 2012, ethicists Alberto Giubilini and Francesca Minerva published an article in the *Journal of Medical Ethics*, demonstrating that the ethical reasoning that would allow the murder of a child in its mother’s womb necessarily grants the right to kill that

child after it has been born and has become a growing infant. The idea of equating abortion with infanticide infuriated many, yet Minerva and Giubilini were not advocating for any policy or position; they claimed only that the morality of the two acts stand and fall together. Whether the acts are right or wrong, they could not say.

So, how can we determine what is right? When the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision was reversed earlier this year, many still claimed a “right” to elective abortion. Indeed, many forget that the *Dobbs* decision in June of this year did not outlaw abortion; it merely put most abortion-related decisions back in the hands of individual states. Now the battle is being waged at the local level—and “battle” is not a mere metaphor. Since the decision, militant pro-abortion activists have vandalized and fire-bombed churches and crisis pregnancy centers, leaving spray-painted messages such as “If abortions aren’t safe, you aren’t either.”

The chaos in our society is all the evidence we should need that “rights” change from political cycle to political cycle, depending on the fancies and ideologies of whoever has power at the moment. And no nation’s constitution lasts forever.

So, where *do* our “rights” exist? Many in the political sphere like to talk of “human rights” and “women’s rights” and the “right to life” and the “right to bodily autonomy.” They defend laws that protect those “rights” and fight against laws that deny them. But what is the *source* of these “rights”? Where can one go to prove whether they truly exist? Science can explain how *rare* in the universe human life might be, as astrobiologists did in their classic book *Rare Earth*, but it cannot tell you why human lives would truly be any more *valuable* than, say, the life of an octopus or an African elephant.

In fact, some very prominent biologists have declared that human life is *not* more valuable, stating that to claim otherwise is “speciesism.” In Paola Cavalieri and Peter Singer’s collection *The Great Ape Project: Equality Beyond Humanity*, none other than evolutionary luminary Richard Dawkins describes his belief that claiming humans occupy a more special position than that of animals is a moral evil equivalent to apartheid, musing that genetically engineering a human-chimp hybrid might help disabuse humanity of any sense that we have value over animals. On Twitter, he even mused at the benefit of culturing

“meat” from human cells so as to help human beings overcome their moral revulsion against cannibalism.

The Only Real Source for the Answer

The One who created human life—the transcendent and almighty Creator—reveals what scoffers refuse to see, and He reveals wisdom and truth when philosophers offer only conjecture and possibility. Concerning the value of human life, God makes His position explicitly and unquestionably clear in the pages of His revealed word. From the creation of mankind, Scripture declares plainly:

Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them (Genesis 1:26–27).

This fact—that every human being uniquely manifests the image of his or her Creator—is the very basis God gives for why murder is a sin (Genesis 9:6).

Every human being possesses a value that transcends that of any animal. Killing animals is no sin, yet killing another human being carries profound moral weight. Murder is so contrary to the character and nature of God that He immortalized its prohibition in the sixth of His Ten Commandments. While philosophers and lawyers debate the question of human value, the Creator and Designer of all life declares the nature of human value unequivocally.

The value He sees in human life is also reflected in the eternal and glorious purpose for which He created humanity. Every living human being has the opportunity to one day become a glorified member of God’s own Family, enjoying eternal life with Him in majesty and joy, inheriting all things alongside our elder brother and Savior, Jesus Christ (1 John 3:1–3; Revelation 21:7; Hebrews 2:10–11).

Human life has value because the transcendent and eternal God gives it value. And no philosopher, court, or social activist can abrogate His divine decree, design, and purpose.

Value in Every Life

God values every human life from its beginning—from its earliest days in its mother’s womb. Throughout Scripture, we see children in the womb described as human beings (e.g., Jeremiah 1:5 and Luke 1:41). God, through the speakers whose words He inspired, personally takes credit for the formation and development of life in the womb (Job 31:15; Psalm 139:13–14). God made plain to ancient Israel that causing the death of a child in the womb would exact a high price under the Old Covenant: “Life for life” (Exodus 21:22–23). Some have tried to twist the clear meaning of this passage, but even that twisting cannot hide the truth. Yes, children in the womb are not yet what they will be at birth—they are still growing and developing in the womb, just as they will develop for years after birth. Both in the womb *and* after birth, they are growing and developing *human beings*.

Disability, affliction, and poverty do not diminish the value of human life. God declares Himself the creator of the infirm and the disabled (Exodus 4:11) and reveals Himself as the defender of the poor (Isaiah 25:4). This means that the value of our lives extends to our final days, as well. A recurring theme of Scripture is that God wants us to honor the aged in our midst—a value reflected in His command to ancient Israel, “You shall rise before the gray headed and honor the presence of an old man, and fear your God: I am the LORD” (Leviticus 19:32).

These plain statements of God’s own desires, priorities, and values can help us clarify the questions swirling in the rancorous debates and protests of our day. They cut through the ethical equivocations of scholars and philosophers in our universities, they reveal as nonsense the countless signs and screams of so many protestors in our streets, and they condemn the laws and legislations of politicians who try to build a society outside God’s sovereignty.

Compassion, Conviction, and Courage

This is not to say that our hardships are imaginary or that our suffering is an illusion. Today’s world is not what God intended it to be, and our days can bring many sources of trial and anguish. God’s Kingdom has not yet arrived, and it can be all too tempting for some to respond by choosing death over life—casting aside the sacred value God places on every human life.

Can we find compassion for the teenage girl facing an unwanted pregnancy, who sees that the new life within her may set her on an unexpected—even terrifying—trajectory that involves losing control over circumstances she had assumed were certain? What about the elderly man receiving his doctor’s diagnosis of a terminal illness that will inevitably bring pain, debility, and financial devastation? Or the widow who, far from her family, worries whether she will die alone and lonely—or whether she must ask her loved ones to become her caregivers through difficult years ahead, if indeed they are even willing to take on such a life-altering responsibility?

We should feel compassion for those in such situations, which are inevitable in a world that is not ruled by its loving and compassionate Creator. And indeed, situations like these become the new reality of life for countless thousands every year. There is a reason the cases of assisted suicide and euthanasia keep increasing in number. We should not deny this harsh and tragic reality, and we should wish to ease the burdens of those whose suffering can be helped, and to help bolster the courage of those who cannot escape their suffering.

Yet while we may not understand exactly why each suffering individual is facing the uncertainty, confusion, and pain of his or her life, we must never lose sight of our Creator, who values every life. It is the Creator who gives life, and it is not our right to take it. Consider that when the biblical patriarch Job was beset by curse after curse—losing all his possessions, hearing that all his children had been killed, and beset by painful and consuming health maladies—his distraught wife advised him to “curse God and die” to bring an end to his suffering (Job 2:9).

How did Job respond? He understood that, while the devil may bring such curses, they would not be present if God Himself did not allow them. So, he answered, “Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?” (v. 10). While Job did not know the cause of his suffering, which further added to his agony, he recognized that his life was not his. Even in his confusion and frustration—along with, perhaps, his sense of self-righteousness—Job trusted

that there was an answer (Job 13:15) and that God was working toward a larger purpose, even if he would only understand it after his death (Job 14:14–15).

Valuing human life as our loving Creator values it requires conviction, and such conviction requires courage from each of us individually. But unlike the baseless and unfounded “principles” and “rights” being thrown from one side to the other in the culture wars, such values and convictions are grounded in the only true reality—God’s. And He provides to those who love and obey Him the courage they need (Joshua 1:9).


We Must See as God Does

Jesus warned us that “narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it,” while, in contrast, “broad is the way that leads to destruction” (Matthew 7:13–14).

That way becomes all the more difficult to find when we lose sight of the fundamental principles that should provide a light to our path. Recognition of the true value of human life—a value determined by the Almighty God, who created and loves us and whose ownership of and sovereignty over all life is absolute—is one of those fundamental principles.

And whether we struggle with these questions as a society or wrestle more intimately with them as individuals in desperate straits, the shadows of confusion are cast aside only when we turn to light’s true source: “For You will light my lamp; the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness” (Psalm 18:28).

All human lives have value. Each and every one.

A world is coming soon in which the Creator of those lives will restore that understanding to humanity. Until then, we should ask God to help us see every individual around us—the mighty and the weak, the rich and the poor, the joyous and the afflicted, the aged and the unborn—in the same way that individual appears in His own eyes: as a person of value, made in His own image and created for a purpose that will one day be revealed to make all of this life’s suffering worthwhile (Romans 8:18). And the more we see others as He does, the more we will see the eternal value within them. 

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SUGGEST?**

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SATURDAY'S GAME

Game time or holy time?

In the northern hemisphere, the days are getting shorter, the evenings are getting cooler, and—in case you haven't noticed—it's football season!

For many across the United States, American football is a fervent passion. Lives are planned around the big games, with rituals like wearing school colors, carrying symbols of team mascots, and “tailgating” with food and friends. It all comes together to make football “Saturday's religion” for millions.

Football season is big business as huge crowds generate revenue for hotels, restaurants, and party venues. Broadcasts gain large audiences as fans devour the details of each game. Players are scouted from an early age as coaches seek talent for college-level play. Colleges fiercely compete for top talent to ensure winning teams. The game brings a lot of joy and excitement to the lives of the players, their families, and fans.

So, what could be wrong with this popular sport?

God's Saturday

As usual, timing is everything. King Solomon of Israel wrote, “To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven” (Ecclesiastes 3:1). There is a time for work and a time for play—and there should be a time for worship.

One of God's Ten Commandments plainly states, “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work... for in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore, the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it” (Exodus 20:8–11).

The biblical Sabbath is the seventh day of the week, from sunset on Friday to sunset on Saturday. Was that all changed in New Testament times? Actually, the New Testament confirms the observance of the Sabbath day in word and deed. Jesus Christ observed the Sabbath and declared Himself its Lord (Luke 4:16; Matthew 12:12; Mark 2:28). After He ascended to the Father, the Apostles and newly baptized believers faithfully continued to observe the Sabbath and the annual Holy Days.

Those who look to the Bible as their standard and guide recognize that the Sabbath is the day of the week set aside by God as holy time. What does that have to do with beloved football traditions? Everything, if you want to please God. The Sabbath is a “holy convocation,” meaning a time to assemble for worship (Leviticus 23:3). Paul explained in Hebrews 10:25 that we should not abandon this assembly.

Isaiah gave clear instructions when he wrote, “If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, from doing

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your pleasure on My holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy day of the LORD honorable, and shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking your own words, then you shall delight yourself in the LORD” (Isaiah 58:13–14).

While there is nothing inherently wrong with football, when and how it is played is important if one wants to live in harmony with the biblical commandments and to enjoy the blessings promised to those who do. This also applies to other leisure activities, such as fishing, hunting, going to concerts, playing golf, and more. Ceasing these activities on the Sabbath, the seventh day of the week, puts one out of step with main-

stream society. Will Saturdays be your “game day,” or will you seek to worship God as He plainly instructs in His word? This important decision, while not easy, is life-changing in many wonderful and positive ways.

To read about these principles of living in detail, request your free copies of *The Ten Commandments* and *Which Day Is the Christian Sabbath?* from the regional office nearest you, listed on page 4 of this magazine, or read them online at TomorrowWorld.org.

—J. Davy Crockett III

Britain After Boris: What Lies Ahead?



On July 7, the United Kingdom's Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, was forced to resign as leader of the UK Conservative Party. From an 80-seat landslide victory at the 2019 general election, the fortunes of the Conservative Party progressively waned under Johnson's leadership. The Prime Minister's reputation increasingly was one of dishonesty, and he was accused of "lacking 'integrity, competence, and vision'" ("Boris Johnson resigns: 5 things that led to the PM's downfall," *BBC*, July 7, 2022). Some complained that his administration lacked coherence, focus, and ideas. And latterly, perhaps most importantly, it lost important by-elections. Mr. Johnson was no longer seen as a vote winner—he had to go.

Let's Talk About Honesty

What does the departure of Boris Johnson, champion of Brexit, mean for Britain? How is Britain to solve its problems in a world increasingly beset by threats of viral lockdowns, runaway inflation, sky-rocketing energy prices, and chronic food shortages? What spiritual lessons can each one of us learn about the all-too-common tendency toward being dishonest and misrepresenting the truth?

Of several intertwined reasons for the Tory dissatisfaction with Johnson's leadership, the final straw focused on *telling the truth* about two controversial issues Johnson was responsible for. The first was a series of parties and social gatherings, now collectively called "Partygate," held in the gardens at Ten Downing Street, the Prime Minister's London office and residence. They took place during periods of COVID lockdown, when all such gatherings were banned and attracted hefty fines.

The second issue, which came to light on July 4, concerned a Member of Parliament whom Johnson had appointed as one of the party whips, despite knowing about charges of sexual misconduct against him. On both occasions, Mr. Johnson was widely seen to have been "economical with the truth," though his defenders argued that there were far more important matters to consider. In plain language, Johnson was criticised by fellow MPs, party members, and the public for not being forthright with the truth and for his personal hypocrisy—he had lied, so out he went.

Columnist Rafael Behr analysed these deficiencies of the Prime Minister's character in a hard-hitting article asking what will happen to Brexit now that Johnson has departed. He pointed out that Johnson "was sacked from his first job in journalism for fabricating a quote and from his first frontbench job in Michael Howard's Shadow Cabinet for false denials of marital infidelity." A former Tory minister put it more strongly, saying that Mr. Johnson "lies to his wife, he lies to his employers, he lies to his colleagues, he lies to Parliament... He knows a hundred different ways to lie" ("Brexit After Boris," *Prospect Magazine*, July 15, 2022). Behr predicts that Brexit will be watered down by the next administration now that Johnson has departed.

Brexit Truths

But Johnson's character deficiencies are not uncommon in a profession that is fraught with compromise, half-truths, and corruption. What about the integrity of Brexit itself? More than anyone, Johnson was the champion of Brexit who succeeded in leading Britain out of the European Union, insisting that Britain would

be better off outside the EU, rather than trapped within it. The reality, however, has turned out to be very complicated, partly because of COVID-19.

When the viral pandemic exploded onto the world scene, attempts to combat it brought the world economy to a shuddering halt. The policy lockdowns made it hard to assess the economic impact of leaving the EU. In truth, was Brexit a good thing for Britain or a bad thing? The Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) recently forecast that UK growth in 2023 will be virtually stagnant (“Low economic growth is a slow-burning crisis for Britain,” *The Economist*, June 9, 2022). Weak exports, declining business investment following Brexit, and an inflation rate of 9.4 percent and rising cause *The Economist* to conclude, “Economic decline has become a chronic British Disease.”

Were Johnson’s Brexit hopes honest and rooted in reality, or inflated and exaggerated? The Northern Ireland Protocol is a case in point. Johnson triumphantly led the UK out of the EU, but knowingly left Northern Ireland still subject to EU laws—goods could freely move from Northern Ireland to mainland Britain, but not vice versa. Johnson blustered that this was not a serious problem and signed up to the Brexit agreement whilst wrongly denying that there would be checks on goods crossing between Northern Ireland and Great Britain. Efforts to disentangle the UK continue, but those efforts involve a willingness to break international law, as they entail reneging on agreements to which the UK has already committed.

We could, of course, extend this discussion about

honesty in public policy onto the world stage. It is hardly just a problem for British politics—all nations are increasingly affected. Public policy is dominated by organizations and “think tanks” that be-

lieve they know how the world should be run, and most major media outlets act as little more than propaganda peddlers. Climate change policy, pandemic vaccine mandates and lockdowns, gender confusion among children—on every major topic, there is more concern with suppressing competing narratives than actively searching for and reporting truth. What lies ahead would appear to be even more lies.

Look carefully and you will see that many policies are supported by what could be called “post-normal science,” where the science has been corrupted and is tailored to support the pre-decided policy objectives, propped up by a real or perceived sense of the need for urgent action. These politically driven initiatives are massively impacting modern life and turning the existing world order upside down. The UK electorate has become progressively more awake to these realities, and this has contributed to an atmosphere of scepticism and disillusionment toward government leadership. It is no great surprise that in less than three years the Conservative Party fell in popularity to where it is today, fearing the Labour Party’s return to power at the next election. Will the next government continue with such lies and disinformation, or will it stand up and tell the truth?

A World of Lies?

God tells us in the Bible that we live in Satan’s world (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11) and that he is the father of lies (John 8:44). We should not be surprised, therefore, that his world is dominated by lies in almost every aspect of life. True Christians, however, strive to *never* lie. Telling the truth is a foremost aspect of God’s character that He expects His followers to make their own.

What about you? Do you examine your beliefs and ask God to lead you to the truth (1 Thessalonians 5:21)? God tells us that His inspired word *is* truth (John 17:17). The Christian is honour-bound by God to stand up for the truth and not lie, understanding that there will be no liars in the Kingdom of God (Revelation 21:7–8). Instead, God is looking for those who will worship Him in spirit and truth (John 4:24) and who will one day truly lead this world under the authority of Jesus Christ, setting His highest example of perfect honesty. For details about that soon-coming world order, request a free copy of *The World Ahead: What Will It Be Like?* or read it online at TomorrowsWorld.org.

—John Meakin



Boris Johnson leaving 10 Downing Street



THE DAY OF THE LORD: What Is It?

By **Richard F. Ames**

There is a vital prophetic milestone in your Bible, recorded in more than 30 prophecies in the Old and New Testaments. It is central to our understanding of the troubled times immediately before Jesus Christ's Second Coming, yet the vast majority of professing Christians have misunderstood it completely.

This mysterious event is called the Day of the Lord, and it will affect everyone on planet Earth. It will be a time of war, disease, famine, and widespread death—on a scale unlike anything our world has yet seen. And yet, as devastating as the Day of the Lord will be, it will be a sign that the greatest event in world history, the return of Jesus Christ, is near.

So, what exactly is the Day of the Lord? How has it been misunderstood? And how will it affect you and your loved ones? A careful study of your Bible and its prophecies reveals the amazing truth.

What Day Is This?

Near the end of the first century AD, the Apostle John wrote a detailed and complex book of prophecy. Some Bibles label it “The Revelation of Saint John the Divine,” but in fact, it is not John’s revelation—it is “the revelation of Jesus Christ” (Revelation 1:1).

In the first chapter of his book, John writes, “I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s

Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet” (Revelation 1:10). This simple statement has been the source of great confusion. Typical readers—professing Christians who attend their worship services on Sundays—may assume that John was mentioning that day of the week.

But this is a great misunderstanding. We know from John’s own writings that when he meant to talk about Sunday, he called it the “first day of the week,” as he did in his own gospel (John 20:1, 19). John knew that Jesus called Himself “Lord of the Sabbath” (Mark 2:28). The Sabbath, of course, is the seventh day of the week. Rather than referring to a day of the week, by “Lord’s Day” John was describing the theme of his whole book of Revelation—a time known as the prophetic Day of the Lord, which will culminate in Jesus Christ’s return as King of kings and Lord of lords!

When we read through the exciting and terrible events of Revelation, we may wonder, *How can all of this happen in a day?* Indeed, the word *day* here does not mean a 24-hour period, one revolution of our planet on its axis. It is used in the sense of a longer period of time, like an age or era.

So, how long will this prophesied “day” of the Lord last? Many Bible students are familiar with the prophetic principle of a year for a day. After Joshua’s twelve spies searched out the Promised Land and ten came back with false reports, God told the

Israelites, “According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, for each day you shall bear your guilt one year, namely forty years, and you shall know My rejection” (Numbers 14:34).

Another example of this day-for-a-year principle is found in the book of Isaiah. We read that “it is the *day* of the Lord’s vengeance, the *year* of recompense for the cause of Zion” (Isaiah 34:8). Yes, the book of Revelation has as its theme the Day of the Lord, an event-packed *year* during which God will pour out judgment on the rebellious peoples of planet Earth!

Seven Seals Reveal End-Time Events

Beginning with the Great Tribulation, dramatic events will come to pass on the earth. The Apostle John depicts them in Revelation as the unveiling of seven mys-

Martyrdom and Signs

Then Christ opens the fifth seal. “When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held” (Revelation 6:9). Here is described the martyrdom of the saints, true Christians. In the first century, the Emperor Nero violently persecuted Christians and put them to death. This fifth seal foretells that another major persecution of saints will occur in the end time.

When Jesus opens the sixth seal, He reveals the heavenly signs that will shock people all around the earth: “I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. And the stars of heaven fell to

the earth, as a fig tree drops its late figs when it is shaken by a mighty wind. Then the sky receded as a scroll when it is rolled up, and every mountain and island was moved out of its place” (Revelation 6:12–14).

THESE COSMIC DISTURBANCES AND EARTHQUAKES INTRODUCE THE DAY OF JUDGMENT ON ALL NATIONS. JESUS CHRIST WILL JUDGE THE NATIONS DURING THE DAY OF THE LORD!

terious seals. In his vision, John “saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, ‘Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?’ And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it” (Revelation 5:2–3).

Of course, only Jesus Christ was worthy to open the scroll and reveal its seven seals. The first four of those seals are often described as the Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse, which we read about in Matthew 24, where the same sequence of end-time events is described through Jesus’ prophetic words spoken on the Mount of Olives.

The first seal represents false christs and false religions claiming to be Christ’s (Revelation 6:2). The second seal reveals a horseman on a red horse, with the power to take peace away from the earth (v. 4). The third seal presents a rider on a black horse, representing worldwide famine (vv. 5–6). The fourth seal reveals a rider on a pale horse, named Death and Hades. As the four horsemen ride, they are poised to kill a fourth of the world’s population (v. 8).

Almighty God will get the attention of rebellious humans through violent earthquakes and shocking heavenly signs. The Creator God tells us, “Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven” (Hebrews 12:26).

These cosmic disturbances and earthquakes introduce the day of judgment on all nations. Jesus Christ will judge the nations during the Day of the Lord, the time when Almighty God will intervene powerfully in world affairs as never before. He will deliver judgment on rebellious nations, and He will even let those nations actively attempt to destroy one another in world conflict before they gather to oppose the returning Jesus Christ. The seventh seal of Revelation reveals the year-long Day of the Lord—the seven trumpet plagues and the wrath of the Lamb (Revelation 6:16–17).

A Prophecy for Our Generation

The Old Testament prophet Joel has a warning for our generation:

Blow the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in My holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; for the day of the LORD is coming, for it is at hand: a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, like the morning clouds spread over the mountains. A people come, great and strong, the like of whom has never been; nor will there ever be any such after them, even for many successive generations (Joel 2:1–2).

John’s vision was announced with a trumpet, and Joel here describes the sound of a trumpet announcing the Day of the Lord. He warns us of a time of terrible destruction, unique in all of history—in modern terms we might call it a “scorched earth policy,” as everything will be left desolate. “A fire devours before them, and behind them a flame burns; the land is like the Garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; surely nothing shall escape them” (Joel 2:3).

Joel also gives us his description of the same heavenly signs John reveals in the book of Revelation: “And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD” (Joel 2:30–31). In the coming Day of the Lord, our world will see incredible disruptions in the heavens, as well as devastation of the earth’s surface. “The earth quakes before them, the heavens tremble; the sun and moon grow dark, and the stars diminish their brightness. The LORD gives voice before His army, for His camp is very great; for strong is the One who executes His word. For the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; who can endure it?” (Joel 2:10–11).

Notice that God calls this *His* army! Almighty God will intervene in human affairs in a dramatic way. Major wars—world war, in fact—will bring incredible suffering to humanity while God pours out His judgment on the nations.

And not only will there be destruction from military weapons; there will also be incredible ecological devastation! When God brings punishments upon rebellious nations during the coming Day of

the Lord, He’ll call upon those nations to humble themselves and repent! A few individuals will, but many will continue in their hardened rebellion against God and His word.

Dear reader, you do not need to wait until then to repent. As conditions worsen on the world scene, leading to the intense year-long suffering of the Day of the Lord, each of us needs to pray fervently and cry out to God. We need to be sure that we are on God’s side! God’s most faithful people who are alive when this happens will be protected, kept safe (Revelation 12:14–17). Those will be the people who “keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus” (Revelation 14:12). Will you be one of those people?

Three Major Prophetic Time Periods in Forty-Two Months

We have seen that the Day of the Lord is an intense year of end-time prophecy being fulfilled. But where does it fit in the overall time frame of end-time prophecy? We need to recognize that there are three major periods of time described at the end of this present age. They are, in order, the Great Tribulation, the heavenly signs, and the Day of the Lord.

What does Scripture tell us about these times? Jesus spoke of the coming climax of this age: “For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened” (Matthew 24:21–22).

This unique time in all history, the Great Tribulation, is also called the time of Jacob’s trouble: “Alas! For that day is great, so that none is like it; and it is the time of Jacob’s trouble, but he shall be saved out of it” (Jeremiah 30:7). As regular readers of *Tomorrow’s World* know, Jacob—whose name was later changed to Israel—became the patriarch of the twelve tribes of Israel. These include not only the tribe of Judah, today’s Jewish people, but also the tribes that became known as the ten “lost” tribes, which today are found primarily in northwestern Europe and among the English-speaking peoples of the United States and the British-descended nations. Joel’s prophecy is a prophecy for *all* of modern-day Israel!

End-Time Prophetic Milestones

A false Christianity deceives many

MATTHEW 24:4-5

Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, "I am the Christ," and will deceive many."

The Abomination of Desolation begins

MATTHEW 24:15

Therefore when you see the "abomination of desolation," spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place...

The Great Tribulation begins

3 1/2 years

◀ PRE-TRIBULATION

GREAT TRIBULATION

DANIEL 11:31

Jews begin sacrifices sometime prior

AMOS 8:11

Possible "famine of hearing the words of the LORD."

30 days



End of Jewish Sacrifices

Daniel 12:11

REVELATION 6:1-8

The four horsemen begin their end-time ride, creating the conditions of the Great Tribulation.



Jerusalem Trodden Down

Revelation 11:2 42 months = 3 1/2 years



The Two Witnesses

Revelation 11:3 1,260 days = 3 1/2 years



Beast Given Authority

Revelation 13:5 42 months = 3 1/2 years



Portion of Church in the Wilderness

Revelation 12:14-17 Time, times, half a time = 3 1/2 years

The Abomination of Desolation

Daniel 12:11 1,290 days = 3 1/2 years + 30 days

1,260 days

1,290 days

"The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

Revelation 11:15

MATTHEW 24:21

For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be.

Heavenly Signs begin

MATTHEW 24:29

Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

Jesus Christ returns

MATTHEW 24:30-31

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

DAY OF THE LORD

MILLENNIUM ▶

1 year



The Seven Trumpets

Revelation 8:7-12, 9:1-21, 11:15-19

- Vegetation struck
- Seas struck
- Waters struck
- Heavens struck
- Locusts from bottomless pit
- Angels from the Euphrates
- The Kingdom proclaimed

Isaiah 34:8 *The year of recompense*



The First Resurrection

1 Thessalonians 4:13-17
Revelation 20:4-5



Seven Last Plagues

Revelation 16:1-20



Marriage of the Lamb

Revelation 19:6-9



Charge of the Heavenly Armies

Revelation 19:11-21



Satan and Demons Bound

Revelation 20:1-3

After the Great Tribulation, the world will see the “heavenly signs” we have previously described. Notice how Jesus described this time: “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken” (Matthew 24:29).

Following the heavenly signs, the Day of the Lord is the third time period in this sequence, the year immediately preceding Jesus’ return to planet Earth. Joel describes the sequence as follows: “And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, *before* the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD” (Joel 2:30–31).

Seven Trumpet Plagues

Revelation describes seven “trumpet plagues” being unleashed during the Day of the Lord, the year-long period pictured by the seventh seal. John describes its beginning: “When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets” (Revelation 8:1–2).

Each of these trumpets will announce a plague or judgment delivered to the rebellious peoples of the earth! As we read through Revelation 8, we see that as the first four angels sound their trumpets there will be great ecological devastation all over the earth. There will be earthquakes; vast areas of vegetation will be burned up; a third of all sea life will die; water sources will be poisoned; and the heavens will be darkened.

The final three trumpet plagues are called *woes*. The word *woe* is an exclamation of *grief*. “And I looked, and I heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, ‘Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!’” (Revelation 8:13).

The first woe—the fifth trumpet plague—is described in Revelation 9 as the fifth angel sounds a trumpet announcing a five-month-long military campaign. The second woe—the sixth trumpet plague—pictures an intense military counterattack: “One woe is past. Behold, still two more woes are coming after these things. Then the sixth angel sounded: And I

heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, ‘Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates’” (Revelation 9:12–14). At this key moment of history, an army of 200 million soldiers will proceed to the west across the Euphrates River—and will destroy an entire third of the earth’s population! This phase of the end-time World War III will kill literally *billions* of human beings. As Jesus said, unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved—if not for God’s intervention, all life on earth would be destroyed.

Good News Trumpeted

Finally, we read of the seventh trumpet. For Christians, the sounding of the seventh trumpet is good news, because it announces the establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth and the return of Jesus Christ. We all need to be preparing for that time! We read, “Then the seventh angel sounded: and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!’” (Revelation 11:15). This is the good news we all look forward to hearing—the moment when faithful Christians of this present age will be raised from the dead and born into God’s Family as His literal sons and daughters, assisting the returned Christ in ruling planet Earth during the prophesied Millennium (1 Thessalonians 4:16–17).

But that is not all. While Christians rejoice at the return of their Savior, the prophesied King of kings, we must remember that this seventh trumpet is also the announcement of the third woe. For those who continue to fight against the returned Christ, terrible judgment still awaits, as the seventh trumpet also announces the seven last plagues, described in Revelation 16. They include plagues of painful sores on those who have worshiped the beast power and its image. They include even more poisonous rivers and seas, to the extent that “every living creature in the sea died” (Revelation 16:3). The sun will become still hotter, resulting in extreme heat waves that torment those who will not repent of their sins!

Then will come a final, climactic battle between the forces of rebellion and the returned Jesus Christ.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Why does God allow evil?

Question: The world is filled with evil and suffering—so, how can God be good? Is He too weak to stop evil things, or just unaware that they happen? If so, He isn't really "God." But if He is all-powerful and all-knowing and still does nothing, is He truly good?

Answer: History certainly records many horrific evils, such as the Holocaust inflicted on the Jewish people, the Soviet Union's starvation of Ukrainians, and the chattel slavery in the pre-Civil War American South, to name just a few. And for the many who have been robbed, assaulted, or abused, the presence of evil hits home in a personal way.

We are mistaken, however, if we blame *God* for mankind's evil. Frankly, that is exactly what the devil, as the ultimate source and instigator of evil, wants us to do. After Adam and Eve sinned by disobeying God and eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, they tried to pass the blame. In fact, Adam blamed *God*, saying, "The woman whom *You* gave to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate" (Genesis 3:12–13).

To this day, people continue to blame God for mankind's evil. But throughout history, no example of man's inhumanity to man has ever been an "act of God"—human atrocities are inflicted by *human beings*, and the blame for them should lie with those human beings.

Still, the question remains: Why does God *allow* human beings to commit evil? Part of the answer involves the need for humans to have free will, which must include the ability to choose *wrong*. God's purpose for us requires us to grow in *character* by choosing right over wrong, so we must also be able to choose evil instead of good.

Accomplishing an Eternal Good

As the Apostle Paul explained, when we understand God's purpose we see that the eternal good that comes when human beings develop God's righteous character far outweighs all the evil mankind has ever done or suffered:

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the

earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God (Romans 8:18–21).

Indeed, our sufferings aren't even worthy to be *compared* to the coming glory. Even *creation itself* is suffering, yet it too will be delivered. When Adam and Eve sinned, they took God's place as caretaker of creation, as if they and their descendants could do it without Him. Without God in charge, even the natural world would become a challenge to deal with and a force to contend with (Genesis 3:17–19).


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only to suffering, leaving us vulnerable to the afflictions of nature, our own evils, and the devil's perversions and persecutions. How many times must parents let children feel the results of their own bad choices before they know the lessons will sink in? In God's case, He is teaching all of humanity by letting us suffer the consequences of our own sinful choices—and

the resulting lessons must make an eternal impact.

God promises that the glory revealed in His children will so greatly outshine any evil ever committed and any suffering ever experienced that a time will come when they never again come to mind (Isaiah 65:17). We should pray that time comes soon. Evil in our world is a consequence of our free will—yet God is mercifully allowing even our bad choices to achieve an eternal good that will far outweigh any suffering anyone has ever felt.

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The Cause of Israel's Woes

While the world's attention has been focused on the current Russian invasion of Ukraine, much has been happening in Israel and the wider Middle East.

By **Peter Nathan**

The nation of Israel has been widely condemned for failing to join most of the Western world in sanctioning Russia over its invasion of Ukraine. But Israel finds itself in a tight spot, because it relies on Russia in a way that the rest of the world does not. That reliance is not based upon oil, gas, or any other service or commodity, but rather upon Russian acquiescence to overflights of Syria by the Israeli Air Force. These flights are an effort to discourage Iranian interference in Syria and Lebanon.

Iran, as it happens, is the paymaster and arms supplier to Hezbollah and other terrorist groups in the area, which, along with Hamas—the governing party in Gaza—want to see the nation of Israel completely destroyed. Syria is a staging post for the delivery of weapons to Iran's clients; hence, the Israeli Air Force seeks to destroy those armaments before they can be delivered.

The Russian Air Force and its flight systems control Syrian air space, and it is only with Russian tolerance that the Israeli Air Force can operate in such an environment. This is why Israel has had to tread very carefully throughout Russia's war against Ukraine.

Religious Issues

But the Russian campaign in Ukraine is not the only challenge facing Israel. The Russian invasion overlapped the Islamic festival of Ramadan (April 1–May 1, 2022), as well as celebrations of Easter and the Passover earlier this year. This aligning of religious events inevitably creates tension on the Temple Mount, or Haram, as it is known to the Arab world—tension that persists even now. The al-Aqsa Mosque, one of Islam's holiest places, sits on the southern end of the Temple Mount and is a focus for Islamic worshippers during Ramadan. As the invasion of Ukraine unfolded, the world's attention shifted from the Middle East to Eastern Europe, and Palestinians became eager to do anything they could to bring attention back to their cause. As a result, repeated clashes have since occurred on the Temple Mount between Islamic worshippers at the al-Aqsa Mosque and Israeli police who seek to keep order on the mount.

On the wider international scene, the South African Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, Naledi Pandor, has insisted that Israel should be declared apartheid. Speaking earlier this year to a meeting of the Palestinian Heads of Mission throughout Africa, Pandor equated the Palestinians' cause

to that of black South Africans before 1994. Pandor wants the United Nations to establish a Human Rights Commission to examine the situation and, as a result, officially declare Israel an apartheid state. This is an approach that Palestinians have been actively promoting.

Within the state of Israel, Palestinians participate in what is widely recognized as the most democratic system of any Middle Eastern nation, having their own elected representatives in the Knesset. But Palestinians living in the Gaza Strip and West Bank have a very different experience. With the Palestinian leadership in both those areas implacably hostile to Israel's very existence, there is little chance of a peace deal between the two parties.

In Gaza, the Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ) operates alongside Hamas in seeking to wage war on Israel. Supplied with missiles from Iran, PIJ's sponsor, the group fired an estimated 1,100 rockets at Israel in a brutal August assault—but almost a quarter of the rockets fell within Gaza, destroying the very people PIJ seeks to support. The cause of the attack? Israel's capture of PIJ's military head and numerous other operatives in Jenin and surrounding West Bank towns, along with its subsequent assassination of PIJ's southern commander. Before Egyptian mediators brokered a truce, Israel had also assassinated PIJ's northern commander in Gaza.

United States President Joe Biden subsequently waded into Pandor's argument, denying that Israel is an apartheid state. But despite Biden's support, Israel faces hostility in the academic, political, and religious spheres of the U.S. and other Western nations.

BDS Movements on Many Campuses

Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) is a program currently waged against Israel "to end international support for Israel's oppression of Palestinians and pressure Israel to comply with international law." Drawing on activists' lessons from opposing South African apartheid in the 1980s, BDS has gained support from many U.S. campuses and churches. It has also been supported by many progressive Jewish groups in the U.S., and even finds a voice in the U.S. Congress. In Britain, the Methodist Church has voted to continue support for BDS. Essentially, and certainly at its extremes, BDS activities are a straightforward

expression of anti-Zionism—opposition even to the existence of the state of Israel.

With enemies like that, what about your "friends" at home?

With those come the fragile nature of Israel's government. In April of this year, a coalition government of eight parties, largely formed to keep Benjamin Netanyahu out of power, fractured when the Arab party, Ra'am, threatened to withdraw its support of the coalition over the clashes on the Temple Mount. By June 20, it had collapsed because of its inability to pass legislation, especially a budget. When the Knesset dissolved a week later, Israel was a nation without an operating government and budget—and with a record of five general elections within four years. The tiny nation with Jerusalem at its heart appears to be a stumbling block even to itself.

Elusive Peace

Why does Israel—and Jerusalem in particular—not have peace? Despite its widely proclaimed newfound relationships with some of the Gulf States and a cordial relationship with Saudi Arabia, Israel's security is no better than it ever was. Why? An answer is found in a source that few bother to consider today.

Those who founded the modern state of Israel did so based upon historic connections to the land. But historic connections alone do not provide for peace and well-being. In May 1948, immediately before the end of the British Mandate administration of the land that would become modern Israel, key Israeli leaders drafted a declaration of independence to take effect the moment British rule ended at midnight on May 15, 1948.

As Israeli historian Martin Kramer notes in a series of articles on the Israeli Declaration of Independence, David Ben Gurion—the leader of the People's Administration, who would soon be Prime Minister of the new state of Israel—wanted the declaration to be acceptable to the religious and the atheist alike. Hence, no direct reference to the God of Israel appeared in the final document. That Being was mentioned only once, and by a euphemism: "The Rock of Israel," wording that appeared in the last section of the document, just above the place for signatures. The Declaration said that the nation would "be based on freedom, justice and peace as envisaged by the prophets of Israel," but no reference was made to the Torah, which underpins the writings

of those prophets. The document's only other vestiges of Israel's religious heritage were the words used to describe Israel and the script used for the document, a script normally reserved for religious texts.

Despite these scriptural allusions, a vital element was missing. The declaration focused on the regathering of the Jewish people from the exile they had endured, yet their historical connection to the land is actually based on another element: a covenant established by the God of Israel with His people. The terms of that covenant were laid out by God, and the Israelites had to accept it *in toto*—no bargaining was permitted. This covenant was not referenced at all

Compare the modern situation with what happened more than 2,000 years ago, when the tribe of Judah returned to Judea in the days of the Persian Empire. Ezra and Nehemiah, as leaders of the Jewish people, recognized the centrality of the covenant to the success of their return from Babylonian exile. They reaffirmed their nation's acceptance of God's covenant (Nehemiah 1:5; 9:32–38).

Like the nation of Israel today, that fledgling state in the sixth century B.C. faced hostility from neighboring peoples—but adherence to the covenant relationship ensured their security despite the hostile environment they faced. Furthermore, the

prophets acknowledged in modern Israel's own declaration of independence wrote of a yet-future return that *will* be based on a covenant relationship with God. Jeremiah wrote that God's covenant would one day be internalized by the people, not just acknowledged by a few verbal references to a document no one

follows (Jeremiah 31:31–34). For the prophet Micah, the God of Israel was central to a peaceful existence in the land (Micah 4:6–13).

Failure to live by the terms of the Covenant brought about another exile from the land. And it is interesting that, in April of this year, the Israeli newspaper *Haaretz* published a Hamas preacher's claim, believed by an estimated 73 percent of Palestinians, that the Quran contains a numerological prediction that a huge event this year will lead to Israel's collapse. Though we know this prediction will fail—biblical prophecy shows that many significant events must occur before Gentile oppressors occupy the nation at the end of this present age—we can understand that, as long as Israelites neglect a covenant relationship with God, decline is bound to happen.

Israel faces continuing pressures from its enemies, especially those funded by Iran. Its foes want to see Israel destroyed. That battle will continue until Israel recognizes its need for a covenant relationship with God. TW

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in the Israeli Declaration of Independence, but since exile from the land always occurred because of the terms of that covenant being broken, one would expect the people returning to the land to acknowledge their past failure and commit to rectifying it.

Yet, missing from the declaration was any language based on the original covenant under which the land had been given to modern Israel's forebears. Ultimately, it was a secular document with a nod to the Orthodox community.

Prophecy Trumps Politics

The founders of the state of Israel saw their nation in secular terms. It was to be a state based on European political and philosophic ideals, not on a covenant with the One who had given them the land in the first place—hence, a major problem Israel faces today. The covenant entered at Mount Sinai provided for peace with its neighbors if it were adhered to (Deuteronomy 28:7, 10), but it promised constant problems and wars if it were ignored (Deuteronomy 28:15–20).

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In northern Israel, on the plain of Jezreel, will be gathered *massive* military power and might. These armies will come together to fight against the Commander of Heaven's armies, Jesus Christ.

Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS (Revelation 19:11–16).

Prepare Now for That Day


When Christ returns to this earth, He will conquer all His enemies, including the nations and their powerful armies that fight against Him at His coming. The Day of the Lord will bring God's judgment on the nations

and set the world stage for Jesus Christ's return. So our Lord Himself commands us, "Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man" (Luke 21:36).

In one sense, the Day of the Lord is, as we've seen, the year preceding the return of Christ. But in another sense, it continues through the Millennium and on to eternity. It is a time of woe for God's enemies, but a time of joy for His people.

God in His great love for us has revealed the future to His servants. John writes the following in your Bible's final chapter:

Then he said to me, "These words are faithful and true." And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must shortly take place. "Behold, I am coming quickly! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book" (Revelation 22:6–7).

We must be alert to the Day of the Lord, a sobering time that will bring judgment on the nations and prepare the world for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Beyond that lies tomorrow's world, a wonderful time with beauty, prosperity, and restoration under the rulership of the King of kings. May God speed that day! 

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THE UNINSPIRED BOOK OF ENOCH

Did the Apostle Jude quote from a missing book of the Bible?

The Book of Enoch has gained popularity in recent years, as indicated by a large variety of YouTube videos sporting millions of views. With this increase in the popularity of the Book of Enoch, and its alleged quote in the New Testament, let's take a brief look at it. Is it really an authentic biblical source?

For those who may not be familiar with it, the Book of Enoch is a collection of texts written 100–300 years before Jesus' birth and attributed to the biblical Enoch, one of the first people the Bible describes as having “walked with God” (Genesis 5:18–24). He was the great-great-great-great grandson of Adam and the great-grandfather of Noah (1 Chronicles 1:1–4). The book bearing Enoch's name is a collection of *pseudepigraphal* texts, meaning they have unknown authors and are falsely attributed to a famous person to make them seem more credible. There were many other pseudepigraphal texts circulating at the time the book of Enoch was written.

Considering all this, should the Book of Enoch be taken as the inspired word of God? In short, no. There is much evidence that the Book of Enoch is *not* part of the Bible.

Dubious and Dangerous

Let's start with Jude 14–15, because a popular claim suggests that these two verses quote the Book of Enoch and therefore show that this book is “missing” from the Bible.

Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.”

This passage is very similar to a passage in the Book of Enoch. However, notice that Jude didn't mention the Book of Enoch—he didn't write, “the Book of Enoch says.” Instead, he quoted Enoch's

prophecy, which, while not recorded elsewhere in the Bible, could very well have been part of the knowledge and traditions that had been passed down at that time. There is no proof that Jude was quoting from the Book of Enoch, which itself could easily have been quoting something else.

Another reason is that the Book of Enoch is a pseudepigraphal work, which, as we've seen, means that it *falsely* used Enoch's name. Enoch lived more than 3,000 years before the book was written. *The Lexham Bible Dictionary* confirms that “‘pseudepigrapha’ literally means ‘falsely ascribed writings,’ and refers to works that falsely claim to be written by a specific author.” The very title of the Book of Enoch is a lie.

A third reason is that the canon of the Old Testament was completed by Ezra and Nehemiah in about 420 BC. This is likely 100–200 years before the Book of Enoch was written. Romans 3:1–2 says that God entrusted the Hebrew Scriptures to the Jews, and according to them, the Book of Enoch is not a part of those inspired Scriptures, which they call the Tanakh.

Finally, the Book of Enoch contains far-fetched information that the Bible refutes. For instance, it states that fallen angels had sexual relations with human women to produce a race of giants called “Nephilim.” This is a popular but incorrect belief—even a potentially blasphemous one—that some try to add to Genesis 6. Our telecast titled “Six Myths About Angels and Demons” explains and debunks the concept of fallen angels fathering giants. This is just one example of erroneous information in the Book of Enoch that does not align with the Bible.

Lastly, there is abundant evidence that the Bible is a complete book, inerrant in its original form. The Book of Enoch contains material that can pique the interest of those with “itching ears” who want to “hear some new thing” (2 Timothy 4:3; Acts 17:21). Such “juicy” materials are especially dangerous when they attempt to corrupt understanding of God's true word. To learn more about the actual inspired Bible, its history, and its authenticity, request a free copy of *The Bible: Fact or Fiction?* or read it online at TomorrowsWorld.org.

—Josh Lyons



THE Works OF HIS HANDS

Flying by Ear

Deep within your head, covered by the flap of cartilage and skin you call your ear, you have a navigation system. It may not tell you how to get to a grocery store in Peoria, Illinois, but it does tell you which way is up. Your brain's perception of position and motion is actually accomplished through multiple systems, including horizon awareness from the eyes, stretch placed on nerves from connective tissues and joints, and even touch and pressure from skin. On display in every feat of skill and athleticism, our internal navigation system gives our healthy bodies extraordinary balance and positional awareness. Whether showcased by the admired professional athlete or by the daily functions of ordinary life, human beings were indeed designed to know "what's up."

A Delicate Balancing Act

Specific to detecting different types of rotational motion are unique semicircular canals, each less than an inch in diameter, that form part of the *vestibular system*. Reminiscent of tunnels left by a worm eating its way through an apple, these canals lie deep within the bone of your skull, and are filled with a thick, clear fluid called *endolymph*, which "sloshes" around in your head cavities. Within a section of the semicircular canals called the *ampulla*, hair-like structures respond to movement like grass swaying in the breeze.

These hairs are rooted in a special nerve called the *vestibulocochlear nerve* that is specifically routed to carry signals back to the brain stem, where the information is relayed to just the "right" areas of the brain. These other areas of the brain integrate the incoming information about bodily position and motion into

such things as muscular control of the body and eyes, adjustments in circulation and breathing, protective reflexes, and even emotions and conscious thought for choices and decisions. The well-designed flow of information and communication that occurs whenever we even roll over in bed is truly awe-inspiring!

Three different semicircular canals lie in three different planes at right angles to each other, enabling us to detect motion in our three-dimensional world. Further complicating the placement of these structures is how they are carefully oriented to cover every motion between the left and right set on each side of the skull. The brain makes sense of the twists and turns of an Olympic gymnast or even a toddler's tantrum, in some cases by automatically silencing signals coming in from opposite canals. Most of us have stood and spun in a circle on a vertical axis, and the perception of movement here would involve one semicircular canal. Another such canal allows you to skillfully execute a perfect cartwheel, all without upsetting the furniture. Finally, the third semicircular canal allows a person to do a forward or backward movement like a somersault—or, for those less athletically inclined, to simply nod in agreement with this article without disorienting ourselves.

Interestingly, the placement of semicircular canals in your skull allows them to integrate the information they transmit with visual information from your eyes. The brain is constantly reconciling information from these canals with what the eyes see. Like the target lock on a missile-sighting mechanism, this lets the brain track and hold a point of focus with the eyes. The human brain, like a massive flight control tower,

is monitoring a myriad of position and motion information coming in from all over the body and seeks to constantly reconcile its various sources to create an accurate picture of bodily posture, position, and motion.

Something like the precise descent of a world-class diver fearlessly spinning and flipping is a fantastic test of the limits of the vestibular system. However, these navigation senses can even be used by pilots operating an aircraft hurtling through the air. Even amidst the complex technology available today in modern aircraft, smaller, non-commercial airplanes still use sight-based flying, as their pilots follow landmarks, mountains, roads, and rivers, using guidance from the inner ear vestibular system to keep the aircraft properly oriented.

Spiritual Flight Control

However, no matter how expertly God has made us, there are limits to our physical bodies. Our vestibular system and even our mind and heart can fail to guide us through life's storms. The psalmist states, “My flesh and my heart fail” (Psalm 73:26). Notice that he does not say his flesh and heart *may* fail—it is a foregone conclusion that his flesh and heart *do* fail. We have a naïve confidence in our own perceptions when we are young, but the ravages and mistakes of life help us to see our own fallibility. As well-designed as we are, in the face of pressures and stressors, our judgment and even our perceptions of reality can become distorted.

Similarly, when a pilot is flying without instruments and with limited visibility, vestibular illusions can at

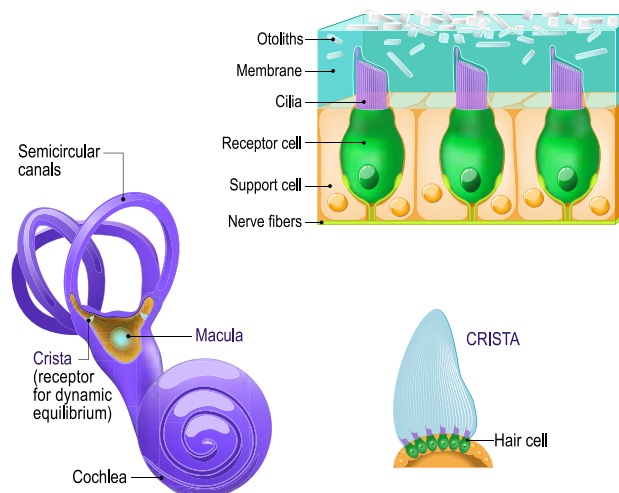
times threaten the safety of both pilot and passengers. The “graveyard spin” is one such danger. In this deadly illusion, a spin first registers in the semicircular canals. Then, as the endolymph stops sloshing in those canals, the signals of motion cease, and when the pilot applies an opposite rudder to stop the spin, the abrupt halt causes motion in the endolymph, which creates the illusion of a spin occurring in the opposite direction. In low visibility, this is where a deadly error can occur—a pilot who applies rudder to stop the perceived spin may inadvertently cause the plane to reenter its *initial* spin. Progressive overcorrection causes a tighter and tighter spin, increasing the rate of descent into the ground. According to CBS News, this is probably what occurred on December 28, 2019 in Lafayette, Louisiana; soon after takeoff, a pilot facing weather conditions of low visibility overcorrected and entered a spin, eventually crashing to the ground. On board were six passengers, including a mother and her teenage son, who were headed to a college football game. The tragic crash had only one survivor.

Sometimes, we are faced with storms of uncertainty in which our survival is completely out of our hands. It is in these moments that we must trust in what is sure and unshakable. The psalmist answers his own uncertainty by trusting what is certain: “My flesh and my heart fail; but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.” God is an unfailing Rock by whom we can orient our life. One of His sure and unshakable elements is the law He reveals to us: “The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple” (Psalm 19:7). God's statutes show us a way that is filled with lasting joy—the way His elect will walk for eternity.

We cannot always fly by the seat of our pants. For that matter, we cannot even fly by the amazing semicircular canals designed in the bony areas under our ears. But when our world inevitably gets rocked and our flesh and heart fail us, we can return to what is sure and unshakable—God and His laws. It may seem that we are witnessing a world in a “graveyard spin,” so for a fresh view on the “instruments” that can guide and direct every human being to a secure and stable walk, request a free copy of *The Ten Commandments* or read it online at TomorrowsWorld.org.

—Bryan Fall

Vestibular System



Severe European Drought

Europe is in the midst of an unprecedented drought. “Spanish farmers are grappling with heat waves and water scarcity. Grains and olives are going dry” (*Deutsche Welle*, August 10, 2022). Many farmers are facing drastic harvest losses this year as reservoirs dry up. In France, thousands of people have been evacuated from their homes as wildfires rage (*Reuters*, August 10, 2022), and other European nations are sending firefighters to help France battle the blazes. Southeast England has had nearly 150 days with little to no rain—the driest year since 1976 (*The Telegraph*, August 8, 2022).

According to the European Drought Observatory, “60 percent of Europe and the United Kingdom is currently in danger of drought” (*EU Observer*, August 9, 2022). The Dutch declared a water emergency and France has imposed unprecedented water restrictions. The sweltering heat and declining water levels in lakes and reservoirs have seriously reduced the production of hydropower throughout Europe—especially in Italy (*Politico*, August 9, 2022). Some water authorities are having to choose between using water for irrigation or hydropower. Low water levels are also affecting river traffic. The Rhine, a major trade route for European goods, may soon have sections that are impassable, crippling EU trade. The problems generated by

heat and drought are pushing European nations to address important common internal issues.

It is commonly believed that desperate times call for desperate measures. As Europe works to combat the effects of a continent-wide drought and the collateral impact of the war in Ukraine, students of biblical prophecy should watch for Europe to take more desperate measures that will influence geopolitics. Self-preservation instincts kick in when we become desperate, and Scripture indicates that significant events will occur in Europe that will lead to the emergence of a German-led “beast” power—the “king of the North” (Daniel 11:40–45). Jesus warned that, as the end of the age approaches, we need to “watch” and be ready (Matthew 24:42).

Global Nuclear Buildup Growing

Not long ago, there was a push for nuclear disarmament among the nations of the world. However, the atmosphere has changed dramatically. In the years just ahead,

the global nuclear arsenal is expected to grow for the first time since the Cold War (*The Guardian*, June 13, 2022). This buildup includes developed nations like the United Kingdom and France, not just rogue nations like North Korea and Iran.

Since the invasion of Ukraine, many nations are now focused on enhancing their nuclear weaponry, and a new “global nuclear arms race” appears to be underway (*Deutsche Welle*, June 13, 2022). Just a year ago, most Germans wanted U.S. nuclear missiles removed from their soil. Yet a recent poll noted that 52 percent of Germans now favor keeping those weapons in Germany. This is up from only 14 percent a year ago. As America modernizes its nuclear weaponry in Germany, German leaders are purchasing U.S.-made F-35 jets to deploy some of these weapons. According to a spokesman from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, China has built 300 nuclear missile silos in its deserts over the last two years, and Russia is threatening to deploy its new “Satan

II” nuclear missile by the end of the year. This hypersonic missile can reach the UK in just three minutes (*MSN.com*, June 22, 2022).

Today our world is becoming a more dangerous place for everyone. This echoes the warning of Jesus Christ about the end of the age: “And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened” (Matthew 24:22). However, Jesus will return, and will do so as the “Savior of the world” (Acts 1:11; John 4:42). Thankfully, there is real hope for the future. Jesus Christ will bring peace to the world (Isaiah 9:6–7) and a time when nations will not “learn war anymore” (Isaiah 2:2–4).

Breastfeeding Benefits Recognized Again

Breastfeeding has long been recognized as the healthiest option for feeding newborns and infants. Recent studies showing the benefits of breastfeeding have continued to validate this divinely designed method for feeding babies.

In the past, many of the benefits of breastfeeding were attributed to the fact that most breastfed babies come from families with higher income and higher levels of education. However, the *Guardian* reported in June on a recent study from University College London that followed 6,000 babies across Britain from 2000 to 2002 that suggests otherwise. Summarizing the



Intercontinental ballistic missiles on parade in Russia

results, the *Guardian* notes, “Children of poorer mothers who breastfeed are much better at tasks involving speaking, drawing and comprehension as a direct result” of breastfeeding. In fact, children who were breastfed for at least three months had an 8 percent increase on cognitive tests up to age seven, over those who were bottle-fed. This new research shows that the benefits of breastfeeding go beyond just the physical strength of the body, as they also affect brain function, memory, and ability to learn.

When bottle-feeding with infant formula became convenient, safe, and economical, it greatly facilitated a mother’s ability to enter the workplace outside the home. However, infant formulas do not improve upon God’s original design. God created breastmilk to be genetically and nutritionally compatible with the infant. When infants are breastfed, not only does it reduce the risk of breast cancer in the nursing

mother, but also babies are healthier and are less likely to face issues with being overweight later in life. And now we know their brains are more prepared to function better—all according to God’s design!

Is a “Middle East NATO” Ahead?

Is it possible that Arab nations of the Middle East could create a military alliance? Until recently, this idea would have been ludicrous to many, given the centuries of infighting among these nations. But today, this possibility is far more likely to become a reality. Jordan’s king recently “made headlines when he told journalists that he would support a military alliance in the Middle East that was similar to NATO” (*Deutsche Welle*, June 30, 2022). At secret meetings in Egypt, representatives from Saudi Arabia, Israel, Qatar, Egypt, Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, and Bahrain met to discuss common defense issues. As the U.S. pulls out,

Middle Eastern nations are beginning to consider that they must work together for their own defense. They also recognize that if they can include Israel, all the nations in the region would benefit from Israel’s advanced military technologies.

While experts warn us not to expect a “Middle East NATO” anytime soon, biblical prophecies indicate something different. The prophet Daniel was inspired to write of a “king of the South” that will come on the scene at the end of the age. This “king” represents a group of Arab nations that will unite against a coming German-led European “king of the North” (see Daniel 11). In addition, God inspired the psalmist to prophesy of an alliance among Middle Eastern nations that will, at least for a time, include Germany, or Assyria (see Psalm 83). Bible prophecies identify many players on the world scene at the end of the age. Major actions that will shape world affairs are foretold, in a coded way God’s people can nevertheless discern broadly, in the pages of Scripture.

When Currencies Die, So Do Nations

Pakistan’s rupee may be in its death throes. What was once a strong currency has been falling against the U.S. dollar for years and is performing poorly among a large group of peer nations, a drop intensified by the recent rise of the U.S. dollar and internal political strife. South Asia political analyst

Michael Kugelman notes that “Pakistan’s economy is at a near breaking point” and that hope of successful international intervention is weakened by the political instability of the nation (*Jerusalem Post*, July 25, 2022).

The current state of the Pakistani rupee provides a sobering insight into the coming decline of the currencies and currency replacements of the Israelite-descended nations. While the U.S. dollar is currently enjoying a peak of strength, helping to protect Americans against some of the worst effects of global inflation, biblical prophecy indicates that, at the end of the age, scarcity will explode, currencies and nations will decline, and even gold and silver won’t work as a tool to buy sufficient food and goods (Ezekiel 7:14–19). Human beings will no longer be able to rely on riches as they learn the sobering lesson that it is Christ who strengthens us, not ourselves, our governments, or our possessions (Philippians 4:13).

Watching other nations and situations can help us see how God may fulfill these ancient prophecies. As we look around the globe, we can begin to realize why Jesus Christ must return to the earth to save mankind from itself (Matthew 24:22). It is only through His return and wise leadership that the earth will finally experience the abundant blessings and peace that God intends for all human beings. TW



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—Subscriber in Oklahoma

I want to thank you for your booklets. I also want to thank you for your programs for they teach the true Sabbath. There is not much on TV for Saturday and most ministers do not teach the true Sabbath. I study your booklets each night before going to bed and for Saturday service each weekend.

—Subscriber in Indiana

Thank you so much for all you do through your TV telecast, free magazines, and free Bible study course lessons. I've learned so much from your church. You've helped me through my everyday journey to seek the truth from the Bible.

—Subscriber in New York

I have received your lessons and three books. I thank you very much. I have never read or listened about the Holy Bible because we are Muslims. But it is told to and

ordered of us to respect all religious books and prophets. Now about these lessons [in the *Tomorrow's World Bible Study Course*], I have to read questions and lessons again and again and then I am able to understand. Sometimes I cannot understand the answer. This time I am more careful to answer these lessons. There are not qualified teachers for English in our country, but some qualified teachers are in big cities. So that is why English is weak in every Pakistani. I shall send lessons after two or three days. All the best.

—Reader in Pakistan

Thank you so much for all your hard work and preaching God's Truth so powerfully. It is so needed in this sick world. I can't thank you enough! Keep up the great work you all are doing, not only in Australia but around the world.

—Subscriber in New South Wales, Australia

A few weeks ago, our youth director gave a children's sermon telling the kids "You can be a boy or a girl, or you can be both—or you could be non-binary, which means you're not either a boy or a girl." This ruffled the feathers of many of us, and I know of a few who left our church because of it. We have rainbow "Pride" flags all over inside the church, which makes me sick—how they misuse God's symbol of the rainbow is just plain wrong! I'm so grateful for your literature and broadcasts and watch faithfully every Sunday morning at 7:00 a.m. Thank you for not being afraid to stand up for the truth! Many of my friends also watch your broadcast. Thank you again for all you do to spread the Gospel and truth.

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Jacksonville WCWJ SU 6:30 a.m.

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GA Albany WALB (CW) SU 8:00 a.m.

Albany WALB SU 11:00 a.m.

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Moline Mediacom MO 5:00 p.m.

Peoria WHOI SU 7:00 a.m.

Quincy WGEM SU 7:00 a.m.

IN Fort Wayne WPTA SU 7:30 a.m.

Fort Wayne Comcast SU 9:00 a.m.

KS Parsons TWPAP WE 7:00 p.m.

Wichita KSCW-TV 33 SU 11:00 a.m.

KY Bowling Green WBKO SU 7:00 a.m.

Latonia PEG WE 6:30 p.m.

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Lexington Insight Various

Louisville WBNA SU 9:30 a.m.

LA Alexandria KBCA SU 7:00 a.m.

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Baton Rouge WBRZ SU 10:00 a.m.

Lafayette KATC SU 7:00 a.m.

Lake Charles KVHP SU 9:30 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 7:00 a.m.

Presque Isle WBPQ SU 8:00 a.m.

MI Alpena WBAE SU 8:00 a.m.

Lansing WLAI SU 11:00 a.m.

Marquette WBKP SU 8:00 a.m.

MN Cloquet KDLH CW Plus SU 8:00 a.m.

Duluth KDLH SU 8:00 a.m.

Mankato KMNF/KEYC (CW) SU 9:00 a.m.

Rochester KTTC SU 7:00 a.m.

Roseville CTV WE 12:00 p.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. Louis KPLR SU 6:30 a.m.

MS Biloxi WXXV SU 7:00 a.m.

Columbus WCBT SU 7:00 a.m.

Greenwood WBWO SU 7:00 a.m.

Jackson Spectrum SU 10:00 a.m.

Jackson Spectrum WE 4:00 p.m.

Meridian WTKO SU 7:00 a.m.

MT Billings KTVQ SU 7:00 a.m.

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Charlotte WMYT SU 8:30 a.m.

Greenville WNCN SU 8:00 a.m.

Hickory WHKY MO 7:30 p.m.

Raleigh WRAX SU 7:30 a.m.

ND Bismarck KXMA (CW2) SU 7:00 a.m.

Fargo KJXB (CW) SU 7:00 a.m.

NM Albuquerque KBWB SU 8:00 a.m.

Albuquerque KCHF MO 7:30 p.m.

Albuquerque KCHF FR 9:00 p.m.

Santa Fe KCHF MO 7:30 a.m.

Santa Fe KCHF FR 9:00 p.m.

NV Reno KREN SU 8:00 a.m.

NY Albany-Troy Spectrum MO 3:00 p.m.

Binghamton Spectrum WE 10:00 p.m.

Binghamton Spectrum FR 8:00 p.m.

Binghamton WBNG SU 8:00 a.m.

Brooklyn BCAT MO 4:30 p.m.

Canandaigua Finger Lakes SU 11:30 a.m.

Elmira WENY SU 8:00 a.m.

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Queens Public Access TU 4:30 p.m.

Riverhead Cablevision SU 7:00 p.m.

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Toledo BBCT SU 7:30 a.m.

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Portland Community SU 12:30 p.m.

PA Erie WSEE SU 8:00 a.m.

Johnstown Attn. Broadband MO 10:00 p.m.

Philadelphia WPSG SU 7:30 a.m.

SC Charleston WCBT SU 8:00 a.m.

Columbia WOLO SU 11:00 a.m.

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