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Personal

By Roderick C. Meredith, Editor in Chief

Are You PREPARED?

Events prophesied in your Bible are now beginning to occur with increasing frequency. In this Work of the living God, we are able to warn you about *what* is going to happen soon. We are not talking about decades in the future. We are talking about Bible prophecies that will intensify within the next five to 15 years of *your life!*

Please understand. We are not “scaremongers.” We *love* our fellow man. So it is our responsibility to *warn our peoples*—ahead of time—to prepare for the future. Most of our advice is spiritual in nature. However, in this editorial I want to give you some common sense advice involving your *physical* survival and your financial well-being.

We must always remember the “Big Picture” prophecy of Matthew 24:6–11. Christ explains that there will be smaller wars within “nations” and major conflicts between “kingdoms.” He indicates in Luke 21:11 that “fearful sights”—or, as a number of translations have it, “terrors”—will come upon us, as well as truly “great” earthquakes at the time of the end. Concurrently, there will be *famine* and *disease epidemics*.

If we are truly *Bible-believing* Christians, we need to **prepare** for these situations. We are reminded of the old adage, “God helps those who help themselves!” Many examples indicate that although God will often *intervene supernaturally* to deliver us, He *expects* us to use wisdom and do our part to protect ourselves.

God warned Joseph, back in the land of Egypt, to set aside *extra food* for a prophesied famine (Genesis 41:25–57). Obviously, God *could* have said: “Don’t worry or take any evasive action, I will simply deliver you—no matter what happens!” However, the Bible—which reveals the *mind of God*—indicates that God wanted Joseph and his people to go through the *experience* of setting aside extra foodstuffs and learning to do *their part* in preparing for a future calamity. As the Apostle James wrote, “*faith without works is dead*” (James 2:20).

It is better for human beings to *learn the lessons* through these situations, and experience exercising

caution, wisdom and perseverance, rather than having God “deliver” us from every possible catastrophe. For God is training us to be His *full sons* in His Kingdom and family forever. We must learn to develop the understanding of His will and the *wisdom* to do what is right in handling many different situations. Then we will be better fit and better prepared to be kings and priests, ruling under Christ, in Tomorrow’s World.

Our Father tells us in Proverbs 22:3 that a “prudent man foresees evil and hides himself, but the simple pass on and are punished.” Obviously, God does not want us to be cowards. But it is also obvious that a wise man or woman should sometimes “hide himself”—take evasive action—or be secretly let down over the city wall and “flee”—as the Apostle Paul did in a dangerous situation (Acts 9:23–25)!

So we must each examine our own situation to determine what action we should take. Are we living in a low-lying coastal area where we may be in danger at a time of increasing hurricanes, tsunamis or similar natural disasters? Do we have at least a week’s supply of emergency food and water, flashlight batteries, a first-aid kit, a battery-powered radio, prescription medications and other essential items? Have we read the instructions from our nation or region about *how* to prepare for such emergencies as hurricanes, earthquakes or terrorists attacks?

I also want to *strongly encourage* our subscribers—especially the Americans—to prepare for a *financial emergency* that may strike our nation within a *very few years*. Although I am certainly not a financial expert, I do have access to *many* very reliable news sources. Right now, more and more news reports are warning of an impending financial collapse that may *devastate* the United States within the next several years! Note carefully a few highlights from a September 12, 2004 article by Carolyn Lochhead in the *San Francisco Chronicle*:

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World Government Coming Soon: What Will It Be Like?

By Roderick C. Meredith

A genuine “New World Order” will soon be set up on this earth. Most religious people do not understand this. Most ministers do not understand this either. But it is coming *soon*! It will *dramatically* affect your life. It is coming whether mankind likes it or not. In fact, *most will not* like it at first—and they will directly fight the coming Ruler of this earth when He comes!

Why? How?

The great God who gives us life and breath is beginning to intervene, *powerfully*, in human affairs. The God of the Bible *will* do exactly what His inspired word clearly says—*whether we believe it or not*. Strange as it may seem, the world dominance of the American and British-descended peoples is coming to an *end*—as we will increasingly understand within the next decade! This will change the entire complexion of world affairs. And our lives will *never again* be the same.

Concurrent with the ultimate fall of the English-speaking peoples, a Great Tribulation that Jesus Christ prophesied will *totally shatter* the present order of human society (Matthew 24:21–22). Then, after dramatic “signs” (v. 30), the *real* Jesus Christ of the Bible will return to the earth. He will return as *King* over all the other rulers of this earth: “Then the seventh angel sounded: and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdoms of this world have

become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!’” (Revelation 11:15).

Will the nations of this earth be glad? *No way!* Many of us in the western, Christianity-professing nations sometimes *assume* that most people are “Christian.” And we sometimes *assume* that most professing Christians really *believe the Bible*. However, neither assumption is true!

If you read the results of various polls of religious people, you will quickly realize that even most Catholic and Protestant churchgoers have very little biblical knowledge. Many pollsters call America a “nation of biblical illiterates.” A recent survey from the Barna Group gave this report: “Over the past 20 years we have seen the nation’s theological views slowly become less aligned with the Bible. Americans still revere the Bible and like to think of themselves as Bible-believing people, but the evidence suggests otherwise. Christians have increasingly been adopting spiritual views that come from Islam, Wicca, secular humanism, the eastern religions and other sources. Because we remain a largely **Bible-illiterate** society, few are alarmed or even aware of the slide toward syncretism—a belief system that blindly combines beliefs from many different faith perspectives.” All this is no surprise, as scandalously many churchgoers cannot even *name* the four Gospels—let alone truly *understand* what they say!

This should not surprise us. For *your own Bible* clearly reveals—again and again—that this *entire world* is *deceived!* Of course, being deceived, most people *do not realize* they are deceived. If they *knew* they were deceived, they would not be deceived—*would they?*

Notice these inspired verses: “So the great dragon was cast out, that

serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who **deceives the whole world**; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him” (Revelation 12:9). After Christ’s return, Satan will be bound and put in a place of restraint “so that he should **deceive the nations no more**” (Revelation 20:3). Remember, as the Apostle Paul wrote, Satan has **blinded** this world: “But even if our gospel is *veiled*, it is *veiled* to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has **blinded**, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them” (2 Corinthians 4:3–4).

We had better quit **assuming** that the “whole world” being deceived only means a few folks “somewhere else!”

The REAL “Gospel” of Jesus Christ

If you will carefully read Matthew 24:30, you will see that, rather than rejoice, the nations of this earth will “mourn” at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. The Bible also clearly reveals that when Christ returns, the ten kings of the coming Beast Power *and their vast armies* will **fight** the returning Son of God! “The ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. These will **make war** with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are

called, chosen, and faithful” (Revelation 17:12–14).

How could this *possibly* happen? How *could* the armies of a “Christian” Europe *directly attack* Christ at His coming? Because the Bible *says so!*

The *truth* is that the *entire Bible* points us toward a time of *world government* under Christ at the end of this present age. In an inspired sermon delivered soon after Pentecost, the Apostle Peter said that God would send Jesus Christ back to earth, “Whom *heaven must receive* until the *times of restoration* of **all things**, which God has spoken by the mouth of **all His holy prophets** since the world began” (Acts 3:20–21).

So Peter tells us in the *New Testament* that “all” the prophets of the *Old Testament* described the coming time of “restoration.” What, then, does the Bible clearly reveal about this soon-coming time? It is indeed a message most people have heard precious little about! But it plainly describes an **awesome future** for our children and grandchildren *after* Jesus Christ returns to earth. It is a *vital part* of the Good News that Christ and His Apostles preached. For Jesus Christ came preaching *not only* about personal salvation, but also about a coming **world government** that would bring *peace* and **joy** to this entire earth!

The real Jesus of your Bible came preaching the message of the Kingdom of God (Mark 1:14). It was *not* a gospel about some vague warm feeling in your heart, or about just “accepting” the *Person* of Christ. Rather, it was about the soon-coming *government of God*, which will bring genuine peace, prosperity, health and happiness to this sick and confused world. Jesus *promised*

His original Apostles: “But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. And I bestow upon you a *kingdom*, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and *sit on thrones judging* the twelve tribes of Israel” (Luke 22:28–30).

Many theologians try to “spiritualize away” the dozens of plain statements like this throughout the Bible. But if Jesus said what He meant and meant what He said, it is *very clear* that a magnificent **New World Order** is indeed coming—a *literal kingdom or government*, to be set up *here on earth* at His Second Coming, called “the Kingdom of God.”

Notice what the Apostle John was inspired to write, describing Jesus’ return to the earth at the “last trump”—“Then the seventh angel sounded: and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!’” (Revelation 11:15). Note that the returning Jesus Christ will rule over the “kingdoms of **this world**”—**not over** people in heaven!

Also, read the inspired “Song of the Saints” recorded in Revelation 5:9–10: “And they sang a new song, saying: ‘You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth.’” So a time is coming when the true saints of God will definitely reign with Christ **on the earth**. There is not *one single verse* in your Bible, any-

where, which promises “going to heaven” as a reward of the saints!

Why do the mainstream churches fail to preach the powerful message about the soon-coming Kingdom of God on this earth? Why do they insist on talking about the *Person* of Jesus and yet almost *totally neglect* the

surrender our lives, to let Christ live within us and build within us the very *character of God!* (cf. Galatians 2:20). Then, and *only then*, will we be fit to rule with Christ in His coming Kingdom.

God’s word tells us: “Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms

Christ in ruling the nations and in straightening out the wretched problems of this world’s society.

Will we rule directly under Jesus Christ—or does the living Christ already have a **plan** in mind—an *entire governmental structure* that He and the Father will use in Tomorrow’s World?



“Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?” (1 Corinthians 6:2–3). In this passage, Paul explains that true Christians must prepare to “judge” or to rule this entire earth.

powerful message that He brought from the Father about a coming world government?

Why?

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

An Awesome GOAL

What an exciting future! What an awesome goal! What a wonderful reason to serve God, to overcome our sins—and to fully

under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him” (Daniel 7:27). We must learn to believe Paul’s inspired words: “Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters?” (1 Corinthians 6:2).

Yet most professing Christians **do not** believe that, because they have never been *taught* that. They do not remotely understand the supreme **purpose** for which we have been put on this earth—which goes even beyond what I have described here!

Speaking in the first person, Jesus Christ tells us: “And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations; He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter’s vessels—as I also have received from My Father” (Revelation 2:26–27). Those true Christians who overcome Satan, the world and themselves will be given **awesome** responsibilities under Jesus

The prophet Abraham is called the “father” of the faithful (Romans 4:1, 11–12, 16). He, along with Isaac and Jacob, will be in top positions—perhaps akin to cabinet ministers or key advisers in today’s society—in Christ’s coming government (Matthew 8:11). Other outstanding servants of God from ancient times will also be in top positions. In one scriptural “vision” of the coming Kingdom of God (Matthew 17:1–9), both Moses and Elijah were shown to be key figures in the coming Kingdom of God.

Then there is King David of ancient Israel, one whom God described as “a man after My own heart, who will do all My will” (Acts 13:22). What will David do in Christ’s world-ruling government? Many scriptures give us the answer. As Hosea tells us, in a prophecy for the **latter days**: “For the children of Israel shall abide many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar, without ephod or teraphim. Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. They shall fear the LORD and His goodness in the latter days” (Hosea 3:4–5).

God tells us that after the ten-tribed “House of Israel”—along with the Jewish people—all return from their coming captivity: “For it shall come to pass in that day,” Says the LORD of hosts, ‘That I will break his yoke from your neck, and will burst your bonds; Foreigners shall no more enslave them. But they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up for them” (Jeremiah 30:8–9). Ezekiel 34:23–24 and Ezekiel 37:24–25 describe David as the coming king over the tribes of Israel—with the Jews and Israelites finally reunited as *one nation* again (vv. 19–22). There will be **no more** “anti-Semitism” when all the tribes of Israel finally realize that they are truly brothers!

Serving directly under King David, and ruling each individual tribe or *nation* of Israel, will be the Twelve Apostles. Jesus Himself promised His Apostles: “So Jesus said to them, ‘Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve **thrones**, *judging the twelve tribes* of Israel” (Matthew 19:28).

The True “Saints” Given **RULERSHIP**

If you and I truly *surrender to God* and Christ uses us in His coming government, what might *we* be doing? In the inspired “parable of

the minas” (or “pounds” in the *KJV*, describing a unit of currency), God’s *faithful* servants were given **rule** over cities in Christ’s government: “Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, *have authority over ten cities*” (Luke 19:11–19).

“**But**,” some of the liberal scholars will exclaim, “This was just a parable. You surely don’t think Jesus was telling of actual rulership over real cities here on earth, do you?”

Yes! I certainly do!

For even the Apostle Paul—**not** speaking in parables—clearly explained: “Do you not know that the *saints will judge the world*? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?” (1 Corinthians 6:2–3).

For nearly 2,000 years, various scholars, monks, bishops and theologians have desperately tried to “water down” the consistent teaching of Scripture that a **literal government** will be set up *on this earth* under the direct rulership of Christ and the resurrected saints! Yet the early Christians all understood and believed this inspired truth. Describing the beliefs of the early Church in his monumental work, *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, the renowned historian Edward Gibbon wrote:

“The ancient and popular doctrine of the Millennium was intimately connected with the second coming of Christ. As the works of the creation had been finished in six days, their duration in their present state, according to a tradition which was attributed to the prophet Elijah, was fixed to six thousand years. By the same analogy it was inferred that this long period of labour and contention, which was now almost elapsed, would be succeeded by a joyful Sabbath of a thousand years; and that Christ, with the triumphant band of the saints and the elect who had escaped death, or who had been miraculously revived, would reign upon earth till the time appointed for the last and general resurrection.”

So one of the most preeminent historians on this period admits that the original Christians believed *exactly* what we have been telling you in this magazine! They certainly believed that the true saints “**would reign** upon the earth.”

Back in the book of Daniel, Almighty God revealed that at the time of the end: “Then the king-

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dom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him” (Daniel 7:27). Indeed, as the Apostle Peter stated, God has spoken of Christ’s coming rule over the earth and the “times of restoration of all things” by the mouth of *all* His holy prophets since the world began (Acts 3:21).

We have also seen that Christ and the Father have a specific **governmental structure** planned with definite responsibilities outlined for Abraham, Moses, David, the Apostles and other true saints of God. We, the “saints”—*if* we will yield to let Christ rule our lives—will also be given positions of responsibility ruling individual cities or perhaps departments in Christ’s government—ruling from the new world capital in Jerusalem. What an exciting life we have just ahead of us in Christ’s soon-coming Kingdom!

Christ’s GLORIOUS Kingdom

In Zechariah 14:1–4, God’s word gives us a detailed description of Christ’s return and the early years of His Kingdom: “Behold, the day of the LORD is coming, and your spoil will be divided in your midst. For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; the city shall be taken, the houses rifled, and the women ravished. Half of the city shall go into captivity, but the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as

He fights in the day of battle. And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives.” Then God reveals in verse 9: “And the LORD shall be King over all the earth.” So Christ and the saints will be *on the earth—not up in heaven!*

Next, immediately after Christ’s return, He will *punish* all the nations that fought against Jerusalem (vv. 12–13). Then, “the **wealth** of all the surrounding nations shall be gathered together



Drought will be a thing of the past in the Millennium, after mankind learns to obey God’s law. ©2005 Istock.com Image

er: Gold, silver, and apparel in great abundance” (v. 14). God will bless the physical peoples of Israel and Judah with awesome **wealth** once they have repented and have been brought to the land of Israel after their national captivity.

What then?

What happens next, after Christ’s return, is something most “mainstream Christians” have heard **nothing** about, because they have never been taught about the Sabbath and the religious festivals given by God for **all** mankind through all ages. Notice: “And it shall come to pass that everyone who is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the

LORD of hosts, and to keep the Feast of Tabernacles. And it shall be that 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” (vv. 16–17).

The professing Christian peoples of the world have been taught that God’s Sabbaths and Festivals are “Jewish”—and so ought not to be observed. The living Christ will *shake* these people by literally cutting off their water, and finally sending “plagues” on them, if they stubbornly refuse to come up and “**keep** the Feast of Tabernacles” (v. 18).

Egyptians, Chinese, Americans—all will learn to “keep” this inspiring Festival of God (and all of God’s Festivals!) which pictures the millennial rule of Christ and the resulting great “fall harvest” of souls when God’s truth will permeate the earth. When God first gave these Feasts to ancient Israel, the fall festival was called the “Feast of Ingathering” (Exodus 23:16). Jesus and the Apostles kept this Festival (John 7:1–14) and *all* of God’s Festivals. Soon, God will teach the whole world to **keep** these Festivals, which picture His great **plan**. Please write for our very informative booklet, *The Holy Days: God’s Master Plan*, if you would like to learn more about this vital subject.

It may now be difficult for us to imagine the *thrill* and the joy of untold numbers of people from all over the world coming to Jerusalem to **keep** God’s Festivals. For they will know that Christ the King will literally *be there in Person—not only in Spirit*. They will come up to rejoice in God’s

blessings in Tomorrow's World, and to **worship** the King of kings!

God is the author of beauty and of all good music. He guided King David and King Solomon and others to organize magnificent choirs to sing praise to God on special occasions (1 Chronicles 15:16; 2 Chronicles 5:12–13). Can you imagine the awesome music that will accompany the Festivals of God and the worship of the living Christ at Jerusalem? Can you imagine the magnificent processions of dignitaries, and of men and women from all walks of life, streaming into the Holy City—**thrilled** with the opportunity to see and to directly worship their Creator? Many will bring beautiful gifts for Christ the King. Nearly all will bring precious items with which to **worship** the “Lord of Hosts” sitting *in person* on His throne in Jerusalem!

Since Jesus Christ is “*the same* yesterday, today and forever” (Hebrews 13:8), there will undoubtedly be many such occasions like the one cited above during His thousand-year rule. The hundreds of singers and musicians were in perfect harmony singing, praising and worshiping God when “the House of the Lord was filled with a cloud, so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God” (2 Chronicles 5:14)!

Obedience Brings BLESSINGS

The prophet Isaiah tells us: “Now it shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the LORD’s house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above

the hills; and all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall come and say, ‘Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.’ For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem” (Isaiah 2:2–3).

God’s great spiritual law—the Ten Commandments—will be the basis for Christ’s rule in Tomorrow’s World. Through the teaching and guidance of Christ and His resurrected saints, the whole world will learn **how** to love and worship God, and **how** to genuinely love and care for their neighbors. God’s word describes that time: “They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea” (Isaiah 11:9).

Isaiah describes what will transpire when thousands of Israelites are brought back from slavery and even many of their children are restored to them: “Lift up your eyes all around, and see: they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be nursed at your side. Then you shall see and become

radiant, and your heart shall swell with joy; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you” (Isaiah 60:4–5).

Notice the physical **blessings** that will be poured out on regathered Israel and Judah: “Surely the coastlands shall wait for Me; and the ships of Tarshish will come first, to bring your sons from afar, their silver and their gold with them, to the name of the LORD your God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because He has glorified you. The sons of foreigners shall build up your walls, and their kings shall minister to you; for in My wrath I struck you, but in My favor I have had mercy on you. Therefore your gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day or night, that *men may bring to you the wealth of the Gentiles, and their kings in procession*” (Isaiah 60:9–11).

It will be as when God restored to Job **double** of what He had taken from him (Job 42:10). Truly, the spoiled and arrogant descendants of the so-called “Lost Ten Tribes” of Israel are today found among the American and British-descended peoples,

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Most of mankind today is unaware of the festival days, described in your Bible, which Jesus kept and which true Christians today continue to keep. Understanding the meaning of these days will help you deepen your understanding of God’s plan.

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Shadows Over Europe

By Douglas S. Winnail

Bible prophecy reveals that startling events in Europe are about to alter the course of world history!

Current events and Bible prophecy are *converging* in a remarkable manner in Europe. *Shadows of the past* are shaping the present and molding the future of this key part of the globe. These ominous shadows—like ghosts from the Middle Ages—represent well-defined historical forces that have influenced the direction of European history down through the centuries. These *ghosts of history* are *rising again*, to cast ominous shadows over the future of Europe and the world. Regrettably, our modern society—a consumer-oriented fantasyland—is so obsessed with immediate pressures and temporary pleasures that we are ignoring lessons history could teach us.

Major trends are emerging in Europe that have *disturbing* links to the past and *definite* links to Bible prophecy. Yet few seem to realize that Europe's past offers important insights about the present and future. Most modern scholars, writers and news commentators do not understand that the Bible

explains the *real significance* of the dynamic transformations now occurring in Europe—and *where* these events will ultimately lead. The nations of Europe are moving toward a surprising and turbulent future that will dramatically alter the course of world history. You need to understand how the shadows rising over Europe will affect your life in the years just ahead!

The Southern Threat

One of the biggest shadows looming over Europe is the threat of terrorism by Muslim extremists. This threat casts an ominous shadow not only over Europe, but over much of the globe. Yet terrorist activity is only the most dramatic aspect of a growing threat to Europe *from the south*. In recent decades, Europeans have watched with increasing alarm the resurgence of Islamic culture—in their midst and along their southern borders. Islam is the fastest-growing religion in the world (*World Religions*,

Keene, p. 144). Birth rates in Islamic countries are two or three times higher than for Europeans (who have a zero rate of growth). Muslims now comprise one-fifth of the world's population. High birth rates and lack of economic opportunities in many Islamic countries have propelled millions of immigrants toward Europe—where they now comprise nearly 10 percent of the population of some European countries.

This Islamic resurgence and waves of immigrants are both *felt and feared* in Europe—where many Westerners feel that “they are being invaded not by armies and tanks but by migrants who speak other languages, worship other gods, belong to other cultures, and, they fear, will take their jobs, occupy their land, live off the welfare system, and threaten their way of life” (*Global Migration Crisis*, Weiner, p. 2). In Europe, these fears have fueled hostility toward Muslims and have generated support for right wing, nationalistic, anti-immigration political parties. One French scholar lamented: “History, proximity and poverty ensure that France and Europe are destined to be overwhelmed by people from the failed societies of the south” (*Strangers at the Gates*, Miller, p. 80).

While liberal Western leaders speak of toleration, negotiation and co-existence in a multicultural society, the realities of history point in the opposite direction. For nearly 1,400 years the relationship between Islam and “Christendom” has been stormy and bloody with conquests and re-conquests, massacres and reprisals. In the 600s, Muslim warriors swept out of the Middle East, across North Africa and into Europe, bent on conquest, to spread their religion at sword-point. Around 1100AD, European popes launched the crusades—armed attempts to re-conquer the Holy Land. Thousands of knights “took the cross” and headed toward Jerusalem to fight battles “for God.” However, Muslim armies re-conquered these areas and went on to capture Constantinople, much of the Balkans and besiege Vienna. For nearly 1,000 years, Europe felt a constant threat from the Islamic world to the south and east. Harvard University professor Samuel Huntington has observed, “Islam is the only civilization which has put the survival of the West in doubt, and it has done that at least twice” (*The Clash of Civilizations*, p. 210).

What many in the West do not seem to realize is that Islam and Western democracy are **simply not compatible** (see “Islam and democracy: the impossible union,” *The London Times*, May 23, 2004). In a democracy, common people make laws; Islamic soci-

eties derive their laws from their religion's holy book, the Koran. Leading Muslims have proclaimed that “the root cause of contemporary ills [is] the spread of democracy” and “only one ambition is worthy of Islam... to save the world from the *curse of democracy*” (*ibid.*). One sobering lesson of the last century is “the general failure of liberal democracy to take hold in Muslim countries” (Huntington, p. 114).

This incompatibility extends into the religious sphere. Islam and Christianity *both claim* to be the “true” faith. They are both missionary religions that seek to convert unbelievers—which includes *all other religions*. Christianity teaches that Jesus is the Son of God; Muslims say that God did not have a son and that it is blasphemy to say so. Many Muslims view Western, secular, materialistic, hedonistic societies as having “forgotten God” and as *corrupting the world* with licentious values spread by films, fashion and the media. This is why, as one Muslim militant stated, “We’re not trying to negotiate with you. We’re trying to *destroy you*” (*The London Daily Telegraph*, March 14, 2004). In country after country, the resurgence of Islam has led to a *rejection and loathing* of Western institutions and values that are viewed as cheap, degrading, inferior and as a *threat to Islamic culture!*

Perceptive observers recognize that the resurgence of Islam and the rise of Islamic terrorism are merely the *latest chapter* in the centuries-long struggle between Islam and “Christendom” for world supremacy (see *A Brief History of the Crusades*, Hindley). British historian Paul Johnson has written that “we are clearly entering a new phase of an old war” (*ibid.*). A prominent Muslim said a decade ago that the West’s “next confrontation is definitely going to come from the Muslim world” (*Time*, June 15, 1994, p. 24). Others have noted that “*Europe would be on the front line*” in this emerging struggle between the West and Islam, and that a confrontation with Islam could “*serve to strengthen the European identity... at a crucial time for the process of European union*”—a fact that *could be exploited* by European leaders (Huntington, p. 212). In light of these developments, and with the demise of the Russian threat, NATO planning for Europe’s defense “is increasingly directed toward potential *threats from the south*” (*ibid.*, p. 215).

But what is the *real significance* of the resurgence of Islam and the growing threat to Europe *from the south*—and where will it lead? While scholars in the field of international relations shrink from predicting the future, the Bible *reveals the significance* of the events we are witnessing, and *predicts where they are*

leading. More than 2,500 years ago, the prophet Daniel (writing in language that clearly echoes modern concerns) stated, “At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack [push at] him [the king of the North]; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm them and pass through. He shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown” (Daniel 11:40–41). Daniel’s reference point is Jerusalem. He clearly predicts that *just before the return of Jesus Christ, militant activities by a power to the south would provoke a military response by a power to the north*. This is the trend that is developing today between Europe and the Islamic nations to Europe’s south and east. Islamic terrorist activities could be the trigger that will activate other events foreshadowed by this prophecy. The years ahead will be telling.

The Rise of Rome

Another development casting a long shadow over Europe is the growing influence and increasingly visible role of the pontiff of Rome. Pope John Paul II has emerged as the leading spokesman of western “Christendom”—perhaps even the most prominent religious leader in the world. During his 25-year pontificate he has traveled the globe and gained international stature. He counsels and admonishes world leaders, receives ambassadors from other nations and has his emissaries circle the earth on diplomatic missions. Like the leader of a nation, he has even addressed the United Nations.

While John Paul II has done more than any recent pope to elevate the role of the papacy on the world stage, his real roots are in southern Europe—Rome—from where he casts an unmistakable shadow. Like previous popes, John Paul II has staunchly supported efforts to unite Europe. As chief spokesman for the Roman Catholic Church, he has composed apostolic letters to European leaders stating, for example, that: “Europe needs a *religious dimension*... the Catholic Church is convinced that she can make a unique contribution to the prospect of unification... the Church of today, with a renewed sense of responsibility, is conscious of the urgency of... helping Europe to build herself by revitalizing her original Christian roots” (*Ecclesia in Europa*, pp. 23, 80). John Paul II is aware of how his predecessors molded and shaped the history of Europe and the world, and he envisions the Roman Catholic Church as God’s instrument for

transforming history and shaping the future, as described in his January 2001 apostolic letter, *At the Beginning of The New Millennium* (see pp. 27, 32).

However, history records the sobering details of what happened when the papacy presided over a Europe united under the Roman Catholic religion. Conversion and unity were often achieved at the point of a sword. Jews were expelled from Roman Catholic countries, or herded into ghettos and made to wear distinctive clothing, centuries before the Nazis did the same (see *Unholy War: The Vatican’s Role in the Rise of Modern Anti-Semitism*, Kertzer). Muslims were banished from Europe, and crusades were launched against infidels—even against dissenting Christians (see *The Cathars*, Barber). Non-conformists were burned at the stake, imprisoned or sentenced to the galleys—*by the decree, and with the blessing of, medieval popes!* The history of this period when Roman Catholicism prevailed over Europe makes gruesome reading (see *The Inquisition*, Baigent & Leigh). Europe’s blood-stained past should make modern Europeans leery of uniting again under the banner of the pontiffs of Rome! Even so, these “ghosts of the past” are *rising again, expressing their desire* to once more cast a long shadow over Europe.

The current rise of the papacy in Europe is also *prophetically significant!* It is portrayed in numerous prophecies that focus on end-time events. Daniel predicted that a “little horn” would preside over several revivals of the Roman Empire; that it would speak pompous words and “make war against the saints” until Christ returns (Daniel 7:8, 21–22, 24–25). This accurately describes the history of the papacy. Popes crowned the emperors of Europe, and persecuted those who believed the Bible and who rejected church traditions borrowed from paganism. The Apostle Paul warned that a powerful religious figure will appear at the end of the age who, by working signs and wonders, will deceive millions (2 Thessalonians 2:1–12). For centuries, “popular Catholicism” has seen a series of “weeping Madonnas” and “bleeding statues” as a distinctive aspect of Catholic popular piety. Today thousands flock to Marian shrines in Europe and other parts of the world hoping to glimpse a miracle. Bible prophecy indicates that this type of spectacle *will increase* as the end of the age approaches—deceiving many people!

The Apostle John writes of an *end-time coalition* between a powerful religious figure and a devious political figure—the “beast”—who will lead a federation of ten nations just before the return of Christ (Revelation 13; 17). John states that this miracle-working religious

leader will convince people to support the beast (Revelation 13:11–18). This cleric will lead a church (the woman clothed in ornamented garments) that will *ride* (influence) the beast power (Revelation 17:3–4). These prophetic images—which hearken back to what occurred in the Middle Ages when the papacy and the Holy Roman Empire dominated Europe—are *rising again* over Europe! The prophet Isaiah indicates that this religious organization—the “daughter of Babylon”—will lead an ecumenical movement to bring her errant children back together under her dominion (Isaiah 47:1, 8).

Reading these prophecies, it is difficult to avoid the obvious connection to the pope and the Roman Catholic Church. Today the Roman pontiff is the leading figure in the drive to unite world Christendom. John Paul II has given more than 700 speeches promoting European unity on the basis of Europe’s *historical religious foundation*. He has admonished the European Union for not mentioning Europe’s Roman Catholic heritage in its Constitution. The Roman Catholic Church has issued a Decalogue for Europe—ten points the Church feels should guide the future of the European Union. Bible prophecy reveals that the rise of an influential religious figure with links to Rome will occur *just before the return of Jesus Christ*. This is the *real significance* of the Roman Catholic shadow that is looming again over Europe!

Reviving the Beast

Another foreboding shadow is the prospect of a politically united Europe, dominated by Germany. Former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger has observed, “The emergence of a unified Europe is one of the most revolutionary events of our time,” and he recognizes that this could threaten America (see *Does America Need a Foreign Policy?*, p. 41). Former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has written: “The movement towards a bureaucratic European superstate... has huge implications for the whole world” (*Statecraft*, p. 324).

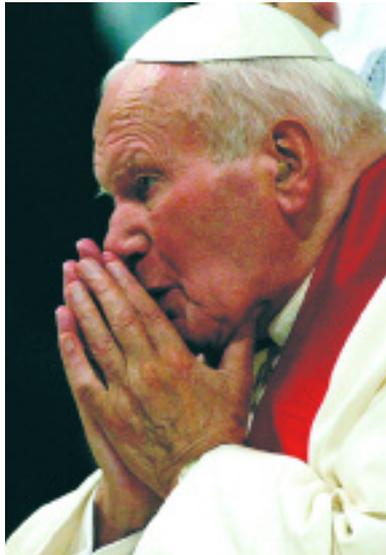
While European intellectuals have for centuries dreamed of uniting the continent, it was *only in the last*

decade that Europe’s leaders have succeeded in establishing a European Parliament, a European Union, a common currency (the euro), a European Bank and a European Court. A European Constitution is in the process of ratification, and a European police force has been approved. A European army is taking shape, and a President of Europe and a European Foreign Minister are being discussed. The shadowy “creature” under construction in Europe should become a reality *within the next decade!*

These developments are hailed as remarkable advances on the road to a united and peaceful Europe—as the ultimate solution to bloody squabbles that divided Europeans in the past, and as a model the world can follow. Yet many attempts to unify Europe have floundered in the past. The Roman Empire succeeded for several centuries before crumbling. Charlemagne’s attempt to revive the empire and unify Europe ended at his death. Revivals of the empire under Otto the Great of Germany and Charles V and the Hapsburgs of the Holy Roman Empire were hardly times of peace or unity, as popes and emperors battled for supremacy. Napoleon, Mussolini and Hitler found that their aspirations to revive the Roman Empire and unite Europe were short-lived. All these efforts to unify Europe depended

upon military force, and all eventually failed. Popes in Rome supported these attempts to unify Europe; Mussolini and Hitler even signed concordats [agreements] with the Catholic Church that aided their ascent to power (see *Hitler’s Pope*, Cornwell). However, papal blessings did not guarantee success.

Europe’s modern leaders are still trying to unite Europe on a Roman model. When the Treaty of Rome was signed in 1957, laying the foundation of European unity, the participants stated that “we felt like Romans that day... *we were consciously recreating the Roman Empire once more*” (*The Signature of God*, Jeffrey, pp. 190–191). Today’s leaders are attempting to unify the continent by economic and legal means—along with arm-twisting, intimidation and backroom deals. They have yet to tap the latent power of religion to aid their efforts, but that will happen again—as it has in the past! And the growing



Pope John Paul II has spoken often of his hope that a united Europe will formally acknowledge Roman Catholicism as its heritage and guiding force. ©2005 Reuters Image

shadow of a politically united Europe is of *profound prophetic significance*. Daniel predicted that four empires would dominate the Middle East (Daniel 2, 7). He indicated that the fourth empire, Rome, would be *revived many times* (the ten horns—Daniel 7:7, 20, 24). The last revival, which will occur just before the return of Jesus Christ, will involve ten kings (ten toes, as in Daniel 2:42–44) who will surrender their sovereignty to a strong leader (the beast, described in Revelation 17:12) as they create a global trading block (see

The Bible associates this *king of the north* with Assyria—modern Germany (see Isaiah 7:17–25; 10:5–19; Hosea 11:5); for more on this topic please request a free copy of our article, *A Fourth Reich?*

Bible prophecy reveals that God will use this end-time German-led power to *punish* His own chosen people—the modern Israelite nations of America, Britain, Canada, Israel, Australia and other nations of northwest European descent (Isaiah 10:5–19; Hosea 11:1–6). This sudden chastisement will come because these nations

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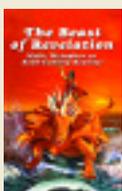
Revelation 18). This final revival is described as an *unstable mixture of “iron and clay”* that will crumble at Christ’s return (Daniel 2:40–45). This is an apt description of the nations of Europe, who argue among themselves as they strive to create an edifice that will help them play a major role on the world stage. One historian said that the European Union is being constructed on “political quicksand” (*The Question of Europe*, Gowan & Anderson, p. 144).

While the leaders of Europe talk of peace, and nations jockey for positions of influence, Bible prophecies—and current trends—indicate that Germany will emerge as the dominant player. The European Bank is modeled after the German Bundesbank, the enlargement into Eastern Europe has been described as a “German project” and the person to head the European Army is a German. Bible prophecy indicates that a strong leader—the “king of the north”—will gain control of this political “creature” and use it for a malicious purpose. Daniel states that this evil leader will gain power by devious means (Daniel 11:15, 21, 32), will make an agreement (that he will later break) allowing the Jews to begin sacrifices (8:11; 9:27; 11:31), will persecute true believers (11:33–35), will initiate military activities (11:36–39) and finally will invade the Middle East (11:40–45).

have turned away from God and despised His laws (see Leviticus 26). Isaiah indicates that this German-led political-economic-military power based in Europe will be subdued and chastened at the return of Christ (Isaiah 12:12–16) and that its sudden demise will shock the world (Revelation 18). Bible prophecy reveals that these dramatic events will occur during a period of three and one half years *just before Christ returns* (Revelation 13:5).

We are living in very significant times. Long-pondered prophecies are *coming alive* before our eyes. World conditions are about to change in a sudden and astonishing manner, yet many are oblivious to these startling facts! Because our modern societies are so immersed in the present, and have forgotten the lessons of history—having little or no knowledge of Bible prophecy—many will be surprised and bewildered as these incredible events come to pass in the years just ahead. Historian R. Allen Brown warned, several decades ago, that “the danger at the present time is not of a new ignorance of the Middle Ages but of *the revival of an old one which one had thought dead*” (*The Origins of Modern Europe*, Brown, p. 7). This echoes warnings in Revelation 13:3, 12, 14; 17:8. However, if you grasp the significance of these shadows over Europe, you can be prepared for these challenging times—if you are willing to study the Bible and follow God’s instructions to change your life! ☐

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Questions & Answers

Q Is it ever acceptable to seek information from “clairvoyants” such as psychics, mediums or fortune tellers? Many people seem to receive great help and comfort from such information. What does the Bible say about this?

A When they were about to enter the Promised Land, God warned the Israelites not to follow the abominations of the nations He was driving out from before them (Deuteronomy 18:9). God had found those nations detestable because they “listened to soothsayers and diviners” (v. 14), and He specifically forbade the Israelites from engaging in those nations’ abominations, including idolatry, human sacrifice, witchcraft, soothsaying, interpretation of omens, sorcery, casting of spells, mediumship, spiritism and calling up the dead (vv. 10–12). Scripture thus makes plain that such practices are not acceptable for those who seek to obey God.

Some deceivers may appear to be “Christian” or “holy” or “well-meaning.” But notice that Satan’s ministers appear righteous. The Apostle Paul, describing false apostles, wrote: “For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness,

whose end will be according to their works (2 Corinthians 11:14–15).

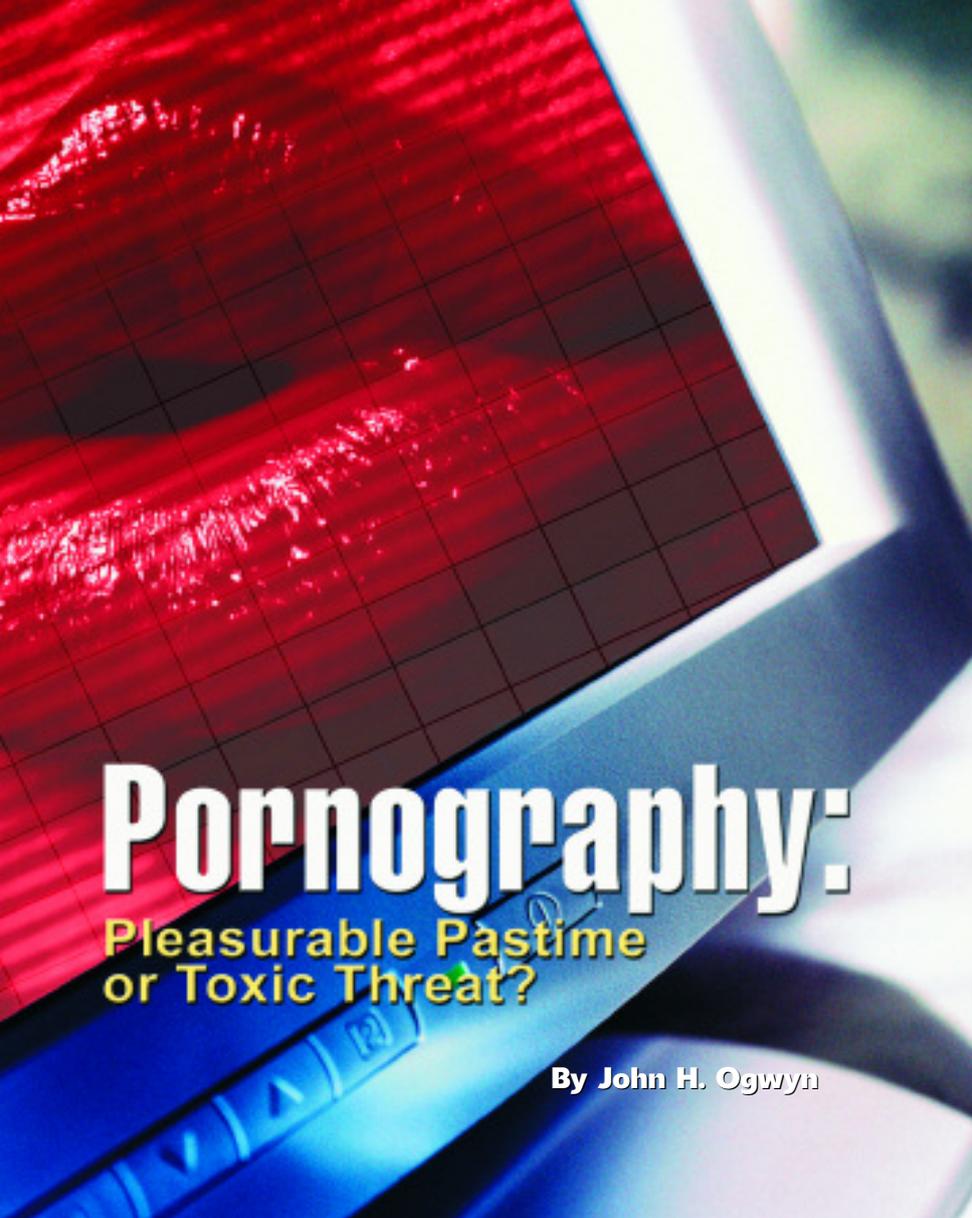
Jesus Himself warned that “many false prophets will rise up and deceive many” (Matthew 24:11). It is important to realize that those who call themselves “mediums” or “prophets” are in fact deceived—or are deliberate deceivers. God warns: “Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world” (1 John 4:1).

One example of a false prophet is the sorcerer Simon Magus, who deceived many in one Samaritan city into thinking that he was “the great power of God” (Acts 8:9–11). When Philip came preaching the true gospel of Jesus Christ, accompanied by signs and miracles given by the Holy Spirit (8:5–8, 12), Simon wanted to purchase this power, but Peter rebuked him (v. 20). Peter then said, “Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you, for I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity” (v. 22–23). Simon Magus had a spirit of rebellion and bitterness. His power came not from God, but from the practice of sorcery. By contrast, Philip and Peter taught the truth and obedience to God’s Word, backed up by the unmistakable power of the Holy Spirit. Upon seeing this contrast,

many people were released from Simon’s deception, and received genuine help leading to the beginning of their salvation.

During the New Testament age, much of the “civilized” world was immersed in idolatry, demonism and occultism (Acts 17:16; 19:18–20). We read of a slave girl, possessed by a spirit of divination, who brought her handlers much profit through fortune telling (16:16–18). Paul, after being harassed by that evil spirit, commanded it to come out—and it obeyed. A true Christian should never seek help from psychic or paranormal sources, since Satan and his demons are either directly or indirectly behind all such activity. Notice the prophet Isaiah’s admonition: “And when they say to you, ‘Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter,’ should not a people seek their God? Should they seek the dead on behalf of the living? To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them” (Isaiah 8:19–20).

Christians must be on guard against all forms of witchcraft and spiritism. God warns that sorcerers will be burned in the lake of fire (Revelation 21:8). By contrast, those who seek God, and believe and obey what He says, will always be guided by the truth. As Jesus Christ prayed to the Father: “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth” (John 17:17).



Pornography:

Pleasurable Pastime or Toxic Threat?

By John H. Ogwyn

The so-called “adult entertainment industry” has gone mainstream. In supermarket tabloids and on freeway billboards, messages and pictures that were once labeled pornographic are now available for all to see. No longer relegated to “peep shows” in the seedy parts of town, pornography has not only gone high-tech, but has also become highly available!

If you think this is an exaggeration, just look around you. Each year, the “swimsuit” edition of *Sports Illustrated* features images more graphic and titillating than the controversial photographs of Marilyn Monroe that 50 years ago were relegated to the back rooms of greasy garages. Prime-time network television is filled with sexual innuendo and provocative themes. Fornication is treated as normal, and is practically a given in shows pitched at teens and young adults. Cable fare and movies push limits much farther, with nudity and sexually explicit themes commonplace.

This does not even begin to address what is available via the Internet, where the most graphic and hardcore pictures imagi-

nable are readily accessible for anyone who cares to look. Internet pornography is “big business.” One survey determined, after the “dot-com crash” several years ago, that a majority of the surviving profit-making Internet businesses were directly or indirectly related to pornography. Countless millions every day look to the Internet for pornography.

“Well, what’s the big deal?” you may ask. “Aren’t there many things much more harmful than a few sexually explicit pictures? At worst, isn’t it a ‘victimless crime’?”

In the United States, the debate over pornography is often framed in terms of “freedom of speech.” Draping themselves with the flag and the Constitution, pornographers such as Larry Flynt (publisher of *Hustler* magazine) have defended their rights in front of the U.S. Supreme Court—and have won!

After all, who defines what is pornographic or obscene? U.S. Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart, ruling on the 1964 *Jacobellis v. Ohio* case, made the famous comment that, while he could not define obscenity, “I know it when I see it.” *Is there* an objective standard of decency, or does it exist only in the eye of the beholder?

From the “soft porn” pictures adorning the covers of supermarket-shelf “romance novels,” to the sad-eyed teenagers staffing the brothels of Bangkok, Thailand, the faces of “adult entertainment” are many and varied. The glitz and the glamour of the “girlie shows” in Las Vegas cannot obscure the real-life pain and suffering of many who staff the sex industry.

What about the prime consumers of pornography—millions of adult men? How are they and their families affected by the pull of pornography? Make no mistake

about it, pornography attracts the married as well as the unmarried, and has become an **addiction** for people in every category and walk of life. The anonymity made possible by the Internet has emboldened many to dabble with porn, who otherwise would have been too embarrassed to seek it out in the bright light of day.

Pornography's effect is widespread and insidious. For each addict who has begun to act out the degrading images with which

How widespread is pornography? A *New York Times* report found: "There were 11,000 porn video titles last year [2000] versus 400 movie releases from Hollywood... [as well as] 70,000 pornographic web sites" ("Naked Capitalists," May 20, 2001). Pornographic movies are marketed over the Internet and through video stores. Industry records suggest that almost one-third of all video rentals on the east and west coasts of the U.S. are sex films.

estimate how much money these mainstream companies make off porn, because they do not publicize it in their portfolios. "Their financial statements do not mention profits from adult movies. However, one industry analyst estimated that the combination of cable and satellite outlets makes about \$1 billion a year from the adult movie market." As author and counselor Gene McConnell expressed it, "Pornography makes a profit from the ruined

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he has filled his mind, there are many others who are simply ensnared in the guilt and shame that comes with their addiction. Excitement over the "forbidden fruit" is followed by bouts of self-loathing and depression, which they assuage by once again pursuing the excitement of the "forbidden fruit." Millions have been caught in this cycle, unable to escape. Is there any hope for them?

Porn Is Big Business

According to Laurie Hall, author of *An Affair of the Mind*, pornography is a \$13 billion (annual) industry. This puts it ahead of Coca-Cola! In fact, in the realm of profitable entertainment, the so-called "adult entertainment industry" brings its purveyors profits larger than the National Football League, National Basketball Association and Major League Baseball combined.

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The *ABC News* report went on to emphasize that it is hard to

lives of young women and entraps men who will spend lots of time *and* money succumbing to their product" (*ibid.*).

The sex industry has been around for a long, long time. The Bible first mentions prostitution directly in Genesis 38, where we read of Judah propositioning a young woman he thought was a prostitute (though she was actually his daughter-in-law, Tamar). Although prostitution was considered a punishable crime in the laws God gave through Moses, subsequent scriptural accounts demonstrate that prostitution continued to thrive throughout much of Israel's history. Cult prostitution was also a key part of Canaanite religious practices, and the priests of the fertility cults made a tidy profit from the temple prostitutes.

In our modern age, entrepreneurs have quickly adapted to new technologies in order to satisfy old lusts. Photography and movie-making sowed the seeds of

the modern pornography business. In 1954, Hugh Hefner's *Playboy* magazine first hit the newsstands, and mass-marketed pornography began its emergence from the shadows into the mainstream. Hefner's marketing strategy—placing a slick, glossy magazine on the same newsstands as respectable periodicals—worked well. As the years went by, *Playboy's* success spawned imitators and competitors, many of which tried to “push the envelope” further and further—to distinguish themselves and to gain a competitive advantage in an increasingly crowded marketplace. As mass-market video became commonplace in the 1980s, pornography expanded from the newsstand to the video shelf. Most recently, with the growth of the Internet, demand for pornography has skyrocketed as consumers need no longer even leave their homes to find it!

A Porn Culture

After World War I came the “Roaring Twenties” and the “flapper era.” Styles and images once associated with prostitution began to be glamorized and copied by otherwise respectable young women. Movie stars had a tremendous effect on the thinking of young people enamored with the idea of being “modern.” The decadence of the twenties—which affected Europe even more than America—was interrupted by the Great Depression of the 1930s and the coming of World War II, but postwar prosperity set the stage for continued moral decline. Since then, wars and recessions have come and gone, but moral decline has become

institutionalized, and shows no sign of abating.

Today, few would consider the “rock and roll” groups of the 1950s anything other than tame by today's standards. Yet performers such as Elvis Presley—nicknamed “Elvis the Pelvis” for his sexually suggestive gyrations—were considered too “raunchy” for television for many years, and network censors insisted that for Presley's first appearance on the *Ed Sullivan Show*, he be shown only from the waist up!

By the late 1960s, as disillusionment with the Vietnam War grew, so too grew a youth culture characterized by protest and alienation. Drug use, rock music, and “free love” became rallying cries for many of the “best and brightest” of Western youth. These alienated youth, however, were rebelling in an environment of great material prosperity, which cynical and greedy marketers were quick to exploit. The “free love” lifestyle became part of a marketing package sold back to searching youth at a tidy profit. Increasingly, art and music had to be more and more rude, crude and vulgar to distinguish itself and gain more profits for the sellers. As a result, more and more overt sexuality came to be paraded to younger and younger audiences.

At first the main audience was teenagers, but marketers soon found it desirable to reach “tweens”—youngsters aged 10 to 12—who are at an age when they are keen to emulate their “idols.” Nowadays, it is common to see junior high school girls—and some even younger—sporting fashions that in earlier decades would only have been worn by professional prostitutes. Millions

of young girls have been seduced into cultivating an image that is sexual and sleazy. In this environment, we should not be surprised that promiscuity has risen among younger and younger children.

A prominent British newspaper, *The Guardian*, recently ran an article describing the exploitation of girls as young as seven or eight by advertisers who seek to make money by enticing them into the world of adult sexuality. “The plastic bag that wraps around *Bliss*, a magazine for teenage girls this month says it all. ‘FREE INSIDE! Makeup palette,’ it screams. Across the bottom of the bag it teases with a ‘Lush mascara offer’ ‘Generous lip gloss offer’, as well as a £5 voucher for ‘spray tan’... *Bliss*, *Sugar*, *Cosmo girl*, *Elle girl*, the list goes on... The power of such marketing is highlighted today by a survey that most seven- to ten-year olds are using makeup... Two years ago the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Rowan Williams, criticized consumerism for its ‘corruption and premature sexualisation of children’. *Paris Fashion Week* has provoked outcries for parading nine- and ten-year-old girls on a catwalk wearing plunging necklines and high hemlines.” (*The Guardian*, September 8, 2004).

A culture that denigrates the values of chastity and modesty finds itself with an ever-shifting definition of pornography. What would have created a public outcry and perhaps resulted in jail time in 1950 now scarcely raises an eyebrow. What would have been considered plainly pornographic a few decades ago is now treated as mainstream entertainment, and what was once thought to be totally beyond the pale is now routinely discussed

and gradually edging toward acceptance.

There Is an Answer

The purveyors of porn declare that the issue is “freedom,” and cry “censorship” at the suggestion that sexually explicit material be regulated. Organizations such as the American Civil Liberties Union, working to promote “freedom of expression,” have had the effect of undermining local community standards of moral integrity. Ironically, these efforts in the name of “freedom” have allowed countless millions to be enslaved by pornography.

Ultimately, Christians recognize that it is the truth that makes us free (John 8:32) and sin that enslaves (Romans 6:16). Pornography is based upon lies, from start to finish, and produces the very opposite of the fulfillment and happiness it promises. It is a continuation of Satan’s old lie, first told in the Garden of Eden, that what God forbids is really what is best.

When God reached the end of creation week, He beheld all that He had made and pronounced it “very good” (Genesis 1:31). This included human sexuality. God created Adam and Eve as complementary beings so that they might join together in marriage, and reproduce children in their own image. The marriage relationship between one man and one woman was intended to be the basis of the human family—and of society as a whole. The natural sexual attraction between male and female was designed to promote the intimacy of marriage.

However, human sexuality is a very strong urge and has great

potential for both good and evil. If properly guarded and channeled, it plays a vital role in producing the warmth and intimacy of a happy home. When misused and abused, it degrades and destroys lives and civilizations.

Pornography lies about sexuality and degrades human beings made in the image of God. In the world of pornography, women are portrayed as mere toys to be played with—“pets,” “bunnies” or “playmates.” In this way, they are degraded as less than human. Men are pictured as having “animal drives,” over which they supposedly have no more control than a dog or a tomcat pursuing a female in heat. Sex is portrayed as a sport in which men are expected to “score.”

Pornography presents sex as an end in and of itself. Sex becomes a substitute for intimacy. Pornography exploits genuine desires for intimacy, seducing young women into trading sexual favors for physical or emotional sustenance they have otherwise been unable to find. Yet this trade leaves them unfulfilled, and the day comes when they awaken to find themselves used and abused rather than fulfilled and cherished. Sometimes there are other tragic consequences—unwed motherhood or abortion—but the pornography industry never talks about this. It presents the false promise that sex is something to which you are

entitled anywhere, anytime and with anyone—and that no bad consequences will flow from such behavior.

In Scripture, God inspired vital instructions about human sexuality that are just as relevant today as when they were first written. “Can a man take fire to his bosom, and his clothes not be burned?” Solomon asked anciently (Proverbs 6:27). God’s com-

mandments are to serve as a lamp and His law as a light, “To keep you from the evil woman, from the flattering tongue of a seductress. Do not lust after her beauty in your heart, nor let her allure you with her eyelids. For by means of a harlot a man is reduced to a crust of bread,

and an adulteress will prey upon his precious life” (vv. 24–26).

If you have become ensnared in the pernicious net cast by the purveyors of pornography, you must first and foremost recognize that it is *not* a pleasurable pastime with no ill consequences. It creates a toxic mental, spiritual and emotional environment where real love, loyalty, and intimacy cannot survive, much less flourish.

Unlike an addiction to drugs or alcohol, which becomes visible to family and friends, a pornography addiction is usually a private matter known to no one but the addict himself. So, rather than wait for someone else to discover your problem, it is vitally important that



God designed men and women to share true intimacy—emotional, physical and sexual—in marriage.
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“Times of the Gentiles”

Are we approaching the *end of the age*? Is the return of Jesus Christ *just ahead*? Are such notions merely the alarmist cries of religious fanatics? How can *you* know, and what does the Bible reveal about this vital subject?

When Jesus was asked these same questions, He provided definite answers. Jesus said that a *series of specific signs* would indicate that His return was near, and He told His disciples *to watch* for these signs. Matthew lists the initial signs as widespread religious deception by false teachers, wars and spreading violence, increasing droughts, famine and disease epidemics and increasing natural disasters—which He called “the beginning of sorrows” (Matthew 24:1–8). The Apostle John used symbols of four horsemen to describe the same events (Revelation 6:1–8). These signs are increasingly visible today, and are making news around the world!

However, Jesus mentioned another specific sign that would become apparent just before His return. He referred to this sign as “the times of the Gentiles” (Luke 21:24). Bible prophecies about this crucial time—when Gentile nations gain prominent positions on the world stage—are *coming alive today!*

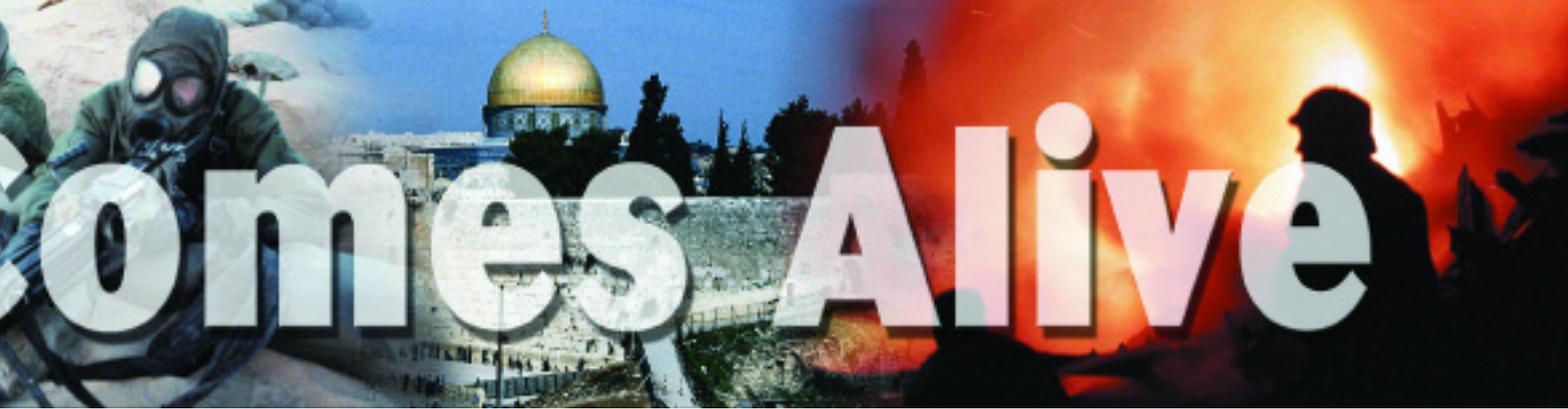
More Specific Signs

The Bible makes several references to the “times of the Gentiles” that reveal specific details about this period. Jesus said that just before His return, armies would surround Jerusalem and that the city would be “trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled” (Luke 21:20–24). Jesus did not pull this idea out of thin air. He was referring to a prophecy made 600 years earlier by Ezekiel, who wrote that “*the day of the LORD is near*; it will be a day of clouds [a forebod-

ing period], *the time of the Gentiles*” (Ezekiel 30:1–4). Ezekiel links the time of the Gentiles with key events at the end of the age—a time when God dramatically intervenes in world history. The prophet Joel uses the same ominous language to describe severe drought, famine and war associated with the “day of the LORD” at the end of the age (Joel 2–3). In the Bible, the “times of the Gentiles” are clearly associated with the period just before the return of Jesus Christ.

The Apostle John states that Gentile powers will gain control of the city of Jerusalem, including the precincts around the temple, for 42 months (three-and-a-half years) just before Christ’s return (Revelation 11:2). Zechariah is even more specific with his prediction: “Behold the day of the LORD is coming... I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; the city shall be taken... *Half of the city shall go into captivity*” (Zechariah 14:1–4). This prophecy implies that when the Gentiles gain control of Jerusalem, the *Jewish half* of the population will be taken into captivity. This is to occur during the time of the Gentiles—just before Christ’s return.

Jesus mentions another specific event that will occur during this time. He warned that, “when you see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place... then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains” (Matthew 24:15–16). According to Daniel, an evil end-time Gentile ruler (the king of the north) will make an agreement with Jews of Jerusalem to allow sacrifices to begin, but after three-and-a-half years he will break that agreement (Daniel 9:27). He will then set up an image that will defile the holy place (Daniel 11:31; 12:11). This will be a specific sign that Christ’s return is imminent. It will occur during the “time of the Gentiles”—when Gentiles gain control of Jerusalem.



A Historical Perspective

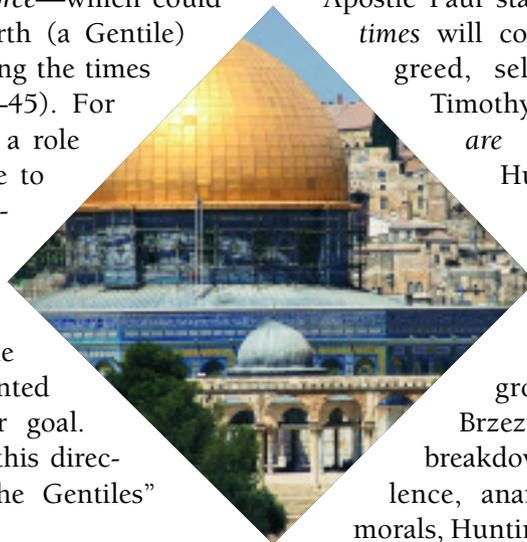
But are there any indications that this will really happen and that Christ's return is near? Recent history is informative. While the Jews currently control the city of Jerusalem, hostility toward the nation of Israel is building—especially among Muslim nations in the Middle East. In the Arab-Israeli conflicts that have occurred since the founding of the nation of Israel, many Arabs have made no secret of their desire to *eliminate* this young country. European nations, including the Vatican, have voiced their desire to see Jerusalem declared an “open city” *administered by an international agency* like the United Nations to give Christians, Jews and Muslims access to the city. This will require an *occupation by an international peacekeeping force*—which could occur when a king of the north (a Gentile) moves into the Holy Land during the times of the Gentiles (Daniel 11:40–45). For the nations of Europe seeking a role on the world stage, the chance to occupy Jerusalem—to quell rising tensions between Arabs and Israelis and to “liberate” the holy places—will be a repetition of history. During the Middle Ages, Europeans mounted crusades to achieve a similar goal. Current events are moving in this direction *again* as the “time of the Gentiles” draws near!

Scholars in the field of world affairs have also noted several major trends that are occurring today. For the last 200 years, “Israelite” nations (most notably Britain and America) have dominated the world—controlling nearly half of the world's land surface and half of its people. However, this is all changing, and the 200-year “Israelite blip” on the world stage is ending. Harvard's Samuel Huntington commented: “European colonialism is over; American hegemo-

ny is receding... The growing power of non-Western societies produced by modernization is generating the *revival of non-Western cultures throughout the world*” (*The Clash of Civilizations*, pp. 91–92). During this transition, respect and appreciation toward the West has been replaced by hostility and antagonism. Huntington notes that this “*revolt against the West* was legitimated by [Gentile nations] asserting the superiority of non-Western values” (*ibid.*, p. 93). The Bible predicts that this will happen *as the end of the age approaches* (see Leviticus 26:17).

But what will this coming “time of the Gentiles” be like, and how will it affect the world? Jesus said that the end of the age will be an increasingly violent, calamitous and chaotic time (Matthew 24:1–8). The Apostle Paul states that “in the last days *perilous times* will come” characterized by selfishness, greed, self-gratification and brutality (2 Timothy 3:1–5). *Modern secular scholars are voicing the same concerns!*

Huntington comments on the emerging Gentile-dominated world, noting that “a world without U.S. primacy will be a world with more violence and disorder and less democracy and economic growth” (*The Grand Chessboard*, Brzezinski, p. 31). Regarding the global breakdown of law and order, increasing violence, anarchy and precipitous decline in morals, Huntington states, “On a worldwide basis Civilization seems... to be yielding to barbarism, generating the image of an unprecedented phenomenon, a *global Dark Ages*, possibly descending on humanity” (*The Clash of Civilizations*, p. 321). These are not the alarmist cries of a religious fanatic, but of a Harvard scholar and recognized authority on world affairs. His words echo Bible prophecies about “the times of the Gentiles”—that are a sign that Christ's return is near. We need to *watch*, because these prophecies are *coming alive today!*





Will Wars Ever Cease?

By Richard F. Ames

Since the beginning of recorded history, mankind has been at war. Will we ever find the way to peace?

Throughout world history, nations, alliances and empires have battled one another. Mankind has practiced warfare as a way of life. Have we ever enjoyed an extended period of global peace? What is our historic record? Historians Will and Ariel Durant researched that question. In their book, *The Lessons of History*, they concluded: “In the last 3,421 years of recorded history only 268 have seen no war” (p. 81).

Incredible! That amounts to nearly 13 years of war for every year without war! How long must we continue to endure before the world experiences total peace? Will nations ever coop-

erate and find the way to world peace? Or will nations continue to fight one another with weapons of mass destruction until no one is left alive? Will *your* nation go to war soon, if it is not *already* at war? What does Bible prophecy reveal?

In the 20th century, we experienced World War I and World War II. Millions suffered through wars in Korea, Vietnam, Cambodia, the Middle East and other regions around the world. Now in the 21st century, according to *The Economist* magazine, one out of every eight countries around the world is fighting a civil war (May 22, 2003). Indeed, your Bible predicted ongoing wars during

the end-time. Yet Bible prophecy also reveals the ultimate good news of world peace. Jesus of Nazareth gave a sequence of world events that would precede His Second Coming. He said: "And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the *beginning* of sorrows" (Matthew 24:6-8).

There was a time when the United States won its wars as a matter of course. World War I and World War II led Americans to expect victory in their nation's military efforts. That confidence was interrupted by a seeming stalemate in the Korean War, and by the loss of the Vietnam War. When in early 1991 the U.S. successfully led a massive multinational coalition against Saddam Hussein's Iraq, to free Kuwait from Iraqi occupation, military analysts proclaimed that the U.S. had overcome the "Vietnam Syndrome" of expecting defeat in war. Yet with the onset of the Second Gulf War, Americans are once again wondering: can they win a war? And even if they can win a war, can they win the *peace*? In 2003, the U.S., Great Britain and other coalition forces defeated Iraq militarily in little more than three weeks, overthrowing Saddam Hussein's regime. Afterward, however, occupying forces faced seemingly insurmountable challenges in winning the peace, and casualties on all sides continued to mount. Soldiers continued to die as insurgents ambushed, killed and injured long after the "war" was ended.

To anyone who views individual lives as precious, the casualty figures from mankind's wars boggle the mind. World War I resulted in 10 million deaths, and World War II resulted in 55 million deaths. Yet we often forget other major wars that have caused terrible loss. The Iran-Iraq war in the early 1980s cost one million lives. More than a million (some estimates suggest nearly two million) died in the "killing fields" of Kampuchea under Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge regime. Little more than ten years ago, in 1994, nearly one million Rwandans died in the Hutu-Tutsi genocidal conflict.

And these are just "the tip of the iceberg." The United Nations recently reported that there are more than 35 major conflicts going on in the world today, and that there have been more than 250 major wars since World War II. Three times more people have been killed in wars in the last 90 years than in all the previous 500. History teaches us that wars will not cease. Thankfully, the Bible teaches us that war *will* eventually cease—thanks to the intervention of Jesus Christ!

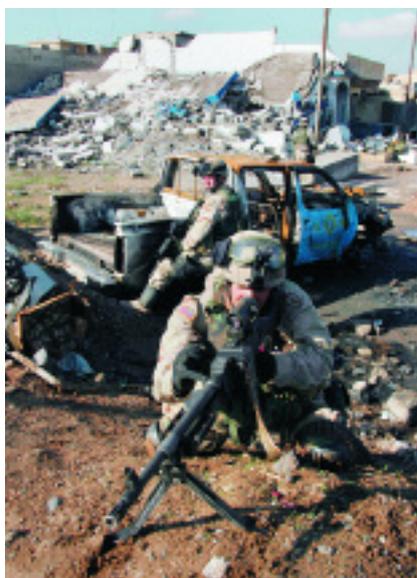
Many of us have lost loved ones in war. In the U.S., the tradition of honoring war dead began in 1868. General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, gave orders to place flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery. In 1971, the U.S. Congress set aside the last Monday in May as Memorial Day to honor all war veterans, living and dead. Military cemeteries are scattered all over the world: from the Philippines to Europe, and from Australia to the Middle East.

We all remember fondly our loved ones who have died, and hope to see them again. Christians look forward to the prophesied resurrection of the dead, when all who have died will live again. Those whom God called, and who accepted His call, will rise as "firstfruits" in the first resurrection. Those who lived and died without hearing God's truth will be raised at the "White Throne Judgment" (Revelation 20), when they will have their first opportunity to hear and accept the message of Jesus

Christ. Your minister, or your church, may not have taught you this vital and hope-filled truth, but it is right there in your Bible! There is hope for many of your loved ones, whom you may have feared would be "lost!"

Countless Lives Lost

Over the centuries, countless millions of soldiers have given their lives for the cause of freedom. Today, however, peaceful citizens die alongside sol-



U.S. soldiers in Mosul, Iraq, secure a police station that had been overrun by opponents of Iraq's interim government. Once confident of winning any wars they entered, American troops are finding their Iraq involvement more difficult than first expected. ©2005 Reuters Image

diers in barbaric acts of terrorism. We still recall with sadness and outrage the events of September 11, 2001, when 19 terrorists crashed hijacked airliners into New York City's World Trade Center and the Pentagon in Washington, DC, and into a Pennsylvania field. American leaders called that day a "day of infamy," echoing President Franklin D. Roosevelt's condemnation of Japan's December 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

September 11, 2001 was a wake-up call to the U.S. and to the whole western world. *Business Week's* cover, the week after the attack, called it an "act of war." *The Economist* magazine's post-September 11 cover proclaimed it "The Day the World Changed." As the *Wall Street Journal* reported on September 12, 2001: "A shaken Rep. Curt Weldon (R-PA) said, 'This is 21st century war.'"

Terrorists have also mounted attacks in India, Indonesia, Israel, Russia and many other nations around the world. Our world remains a dangerous place, very vulnerable to terrorism. Yet while the world fears terrorism, many brutal wars go almost unreported. How many people outside Africa are even aware of the five-year-long war in the Congo at the turn of this century? As one news magazine reported about this war, largely unknown yet typical of so many modern wars:

"The death toll since Congo's war began in 1998 is higher, at between 3.1m and 4.7m, than in any other ongoing war. But otherwise the conflict is typical of today's wars. The combatants are mostly irregular militias, their victims mostly unarmed, and the fighting has gone on for nearly five years. A century ago most conflicts were between nations, and 90 percent of casualties were soldiers; today almost all wars are civil, and 90 percent of the victims are civilians.... Why are poor, stagnant countries so vulnerable? Partly because it is easy to give a poor man a cause. But also, almost certainly, because poverty and low or negative growth are often symptoms of corrupt, incompetent government, which can provoke rebellion. They are also common in immature societies, whose people have

not yet figured out how to live together" (*The Economist*, May 22, 2003).

Has mankind not advanced since Cain slew Abel? How tragic, that "people have not yet figured out how to live together." Is there a solution? Thankfully, the answer is: *Yes!* The Bible teaches us how to live together. First, warring parties must acknowledge the Creator God as sovereign over their nations. Ancient King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon had to learn that lesson the hard way (Daniel 4). Next, nations must learn to obey God and His commandments. God's commandments show us how to live together! Instead of trying to remove God's commandments from the public arena—as many in the U.S. are striving to do, and as many around the world have already done—we need to have those commandments written in our hearts! What is the most important of these commandments, and how should they affect our lives? Jesus gave an answer to a lawyer who asked him which commandment was the greatest: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your

heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets" (Matthew 22:37–40).

As long as nations and individuals disobey God's commandments, we will have war! Your Bible makes that plain. James asked: "Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do

they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures" (James 4:1–3). Or as the *KJV* states it: "From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members?"

This was true in the first century AD, and it remains true today! Unless we live by the principles and commandments of the Bible, God will condemn our nations. And unless the U.S. and Great Britain repent, these nations are headed for judgment! Did



Russians, touched by last September's terrorist assault on a Beslan school, gather to mourn the dead and protest against terrorism. © 2005 YURI KADOBNOV/AFP/Getty Images

we learn any lasting lessons from World War II? Have we learned the way to peace? Or do we resemble those about whom the Apostle Paul wrote, who reject God's way of life: "Destruction and misery are in their ways; and the way of peace they have not known. There is no fear of God before their eyes" (Romans 3:16-18).

General Douglas MacArthur had much understanding of the problem with human nature. In his statement aboard the U.S.S. Missouri, accepting the

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Japanese surrender at the end of World War II, he proclaimed: "Military alliances, balances of power, leagues of nations, all in turn failed, leaving the only path to be the way of the crucible of war. The utter destructiveness of war now blocks out this alternative. We have had our last chance. If we will not devise some greater and more equitable system, our Armageddon will be at our door."

Yet we have not devised "some greater and more equitable system." So, surely, as MacArthur stated, "our Armageddon will be at our door."

As long as we do not replace human nature with God's divine, loving nature, we will have war! And with man's desire and drive to invent even more powerful weapons of mass destruction, we can expect massive loss of life on planet earth. As General MacArthur also stated: "The problem basically is theological and involves a spiritual recrudescence and improvement of human character that will synchronize with our almost matchless advances in science, art, literature and all material and cultural developments of the past two thousand years. It must be of the spirit if we are to save the flesh."

Yes, human nature must be changed! And it can only be changed by repentance and conversion, and by surrendering to the Savior of the world. God will give us His Spirit, the Holy Spirit, if we repent and are baptized (Acts 2:38). But the vast majority of human beings will have to learn the hard way. Bible prophecy reveals that more wars are coming. General MacArthur referred to Armageddon, which the Bible mentions in Revelation 16. This will be the gathering place for the greatest battle in all history, where "the kings of the earth and of the whole world" (v. 14) are gathered together for "the battle of that great day of God Almighty" (*ibid.*).

The actual battle is *not* called the battle of Armageddon, although people commonly refer to it as such. It is "the battle of that great day of God Almighty," which begins at "Armageddon" (v. 16). Just what *is* "Armageddon"? The word "Armageddon" is a transliteration of the original Hebrew *har megiddo*, which means the "hill of Megiddo" or "the mountain of Megiddo."

Megiddo is located about 55 miles north of Jerusalem in Israel. In ancient times it guarded the

main trade route between Egypt and Damascus. It also overlooks the largest plain in Israel, called the Valley of Jezreel or the Plain of Esdraelon. The Old Testament records several major battles that took place there. In World War I, British General Allenby defeated Turkish military forces there, in what became known as "the Battle of Megiddo."

At Megiddo, earth's armies will gather to fight against Christ at His coming, as the Apostle John described: "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 19:14-16).

God Is in Charge!

The nations will lose this war, and learn that God is in charge. But even though nations now, and in the future, may reject God's way of life, *you individually* can find peace and blessings, if you seek God with all your heart. Even though the nations may be headed for future catastrophe and judgment, *you* can find the way to peace!

Most of us yearn for world peace and prosperity for all peoples. The good news is that world peace will prevail when the returning King of kings sets up the Kingdom of God on earth, after defeating the armies that fight against Him at His Second Coming. He will set up a "disarmament program," as the prophet Isaiah famously described: "He [the King, Jesus Christ] shall judge between the nations, and

rebuke many people; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore” (Isaiah 2:4). Nations will no longer spend billions of dollars on military equipment; they will use their resources for peaceful purposes. Instead of tanks, nations will produce tractors. Instead of rifles, nations will produce pruning hooks and farm implements. The whole world can look forward to a Millennium of peace and prosperity, as nations learn the way to peace!

We must learn the way of the Bible. We must overcome the influence of hate and evil. We must read the Bible and practice the Sermon on the Mount, in which Jesus said, “Blessed are the *peacemakers*, for they shall be called sons of God” (Matthew 5:9), and also taught a vital lesson in Christian conduct: “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’

But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust” (vv. 43–45).

How many in the world today are practicing that way of life, as was taught by the Apostle Paul, who wrote: “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good” (Romans 12:21)? True Christians today are learning the way of life that Christ taught and exemplified. They are called to live the way of peace. Christians pray for their leaders and constituted authority (1 Timothy 2:1–2). They submit to governmental authority that does not force them to disobey

God (Romans 13). Of course, when there is a conflict, Christians obey God, rather than men (Acts 5:29).

We are living in dangerous times. Bible prophecy tells us that there are wars that will yet be fought. But Christ will totally conquer all warring nations at His coming. We can take comfort in this good news: “Come, behold the works of the LORD, who has made desolations in the earth. *He makes wars cease* to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariot in the fire. Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!” (Psalm 46:8–10).

Yes, the Messiah will make wars cease to the end of the earth. The Prince of Peace will establish world peace. The prophet Isaiah wrote about the ultimate destiny of the world under the rulership of Christ: “For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor,

Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this” (Isaiah 9:6–7).

Will wars ever cease? Yes, they will. But only after the Messiah, Jesus Christ, establishes the Kingdom of God here on earth. Only then will all humanity learn the way to peace. During the Millennium, mankind will have the opportunity to gain a new heart—a heart and mind filled with the Spirit of God. As General MacArthur stated: “It must be of the spirit if we are to save the flesh.” Pray for the Kingdom to come. And pray that you individually can learn the way to lasting peace. TW



World peace, which mankind has been unable to achieve on its own, will come when Jesus Christ returns to rule the earth. ©2005 Istock.com Image.

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Letters to the Editor

I know many readers like to read your magazine because the contents are very practical and knowledgeable. But I am sorry to tell you some information is untrue and misled. You said that God is not a trinity in "What is God Really Like?" by John H. Ogwyn (January-February 2004). This is a great offense and mistake you have made. God is a spirit. He sees our heart when we worship Him. Therefore, God does not really care what day and what time we should gather together to worship Him. Worship Him on Sabbath days (Saturdays) or Sundays does not need to be so strongly emphasized. Let me ask you how many people can go to church on Saturdays? Most of the people in other countries and even many people in the U.S. need to go to work on Saturdays. Our God is not an unreasonable God.

L. V., Lacey, WA

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I have been reading your magazine and booklets for about a year now and I can't tell you what a blessing and inspiration they have been to me. My eyes are slowly opening to the plan the Lord has for me, and my life has been turned 180 degrees from where I used to be going. I am learning God's Plan and His will for me and for the human race. You all have had a huge

impact on all that! I am currently also working on your *Bible Study Course*. Thank you so much for all your help and keep up the good work.

J. H., Hustonville, KY

Tomorrow's World magazine is very inspiring, informative and educative to the readers and myself. It has brought light to my dark world giving me a crystal clear vision of the past, present and future outlook with terrorists on the battleground. Thank you for your heart, vision and purpose.

W. S., Walla Walla, WA

Since I have been reading *Tomorrow's World* magazine, the booklets and doing your *Bible Study Course*, I no longer feel incarcerated, but truly free as an eagle in the sky! What I like about *Tomorrow's World* is that you don't try to manipulate your readers by using your own false propaganda. You are merely opening our eyes to what has been in the Bible all along! You are truly servants of the one true God.

D. B., Tehachapi, CA

I am enjoying the *Bible Study Course*. I am learning so many things that I never knew. I so much enjoy the *Tomorrow's World* television program also. It is so nice to hear the truth, and scriptural answers to the questions that are in the *Bible Study Course*. Thank you so much. I just wanted to let you know what wonderful work you are all doing.

B. F., Des Moines, IA

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We Shall Overcome!

“I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character.”

—Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., August 28, 1963

More than 40 years after Dr. King delivered his “I Have a Dream” speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, DC, are we any closer to realizing his dream? Few would deny that in spite of many changes in society, King’s dream has not yet been realized. Most often, however, both those who have supported and who have opposed King have neglected the importance of King’s final five words above: *“the content of their character.”*

Laws can be imposed from without, but only individually can we develop the character of which King spoke. This development of character is at the heart of true Christianity, as the Apostle Paul explained:

“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also

we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope” (Romans 5:1–4).

As we build character, and hope, we learn how to yield to Christ, allowing Him to work His will in us (Philippians 2:13). As we learn to rely on our Savior, and on the Holy Spirit dwelling within us, Christ can live His holy and righteous life within us (Galatians 2:20).

It is not enough merely to say that we have faith; remember that Jesus said: “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven” (Matthew 7:21). What happens to those who fail to do God’s will? The Apostle John explained: “But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death” (Revelation 21:8).

King hoped for social change in his lifetime, but even his “I Have a Dream” speech tacitly acknowledged that his dream would not be fully realized until Christ’s return. King said: “I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, and every

hill and every mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plains and the crooked places will be made straight and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together.”

Those words are King’s paraphrase of Isaiah 40:4–5. Many forget that Isaiah was not describing some human-engineered utopia; he was describing the world under the rule of the Messiah—Jesus Christ. In that soon-coming world, not only will Christians build character from within, but the laws from without will also encourage godly behavior. King’s dream *will* be realized, when Jesus Christ returns.

But Christians today can build the character that comes from yielding to God and obeying Him. Those who do so, in today’s world where mankind’s laws sometimes challenge the development of godly character, are promised the special blessing of being the “firstfruits” at the resurrection when Christ returns (1 Corinthians 15:23). Overcoming the temptations of Satan, self and society, a wonderful reward awaits them: “He who overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be his God and he shall be My son” (Revelation 21:7). Let us rejoice that true Christians can “do all things through Christ who strengthens us” (Philippians 4:13) and can say: “We *shall* overcome!”

—William Bowmer

WORLD GOVERNMENT **(continued from page 9)**

and the *peace-loving* nations of northwestern Europe. Be sure to request and *study* our **free** booklet, *The United States and Great Britain in Prophecy*, if you do not yet understand this basic truth.

Unless an unprecedented national **repentance** soon occurs, our peoples are to be humbled, chastened and *taken into national slavery*! Then, when we have begun to “learn our lesson,” God will bring our peoples back to the land of Israel and **ble**ss them in a truly awesome manner.

Then, as we have seen, the **law** will go forth from Jerusalem. The entire world will learn God’s true ways—and **peace** and joy will at last permeate the entire earth! Finally, the “new covenant” will be understood and *practiced* by both the “House of Israel and the House of Judah” (Jeremiah 31:31). For God says: “But this is the covenant that I will make

with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people” (v. 33).

When Satan is banished at the beginning of Christ’s rule (Revelation 20:1–3), people will soon get over their hostility to God and His great spiritual law. There will then be outward **peace** over the entire earth. And an “inner peace”—the “peace of God, which surpasses all understanding” (Philippians 4:7), will descend on mankind in a manner never before experienced in all human history.

For Christ’s soon-coming **world government** will be in charge. You and I can be *part of* that government if we are willing to genuinely *surrender to God* and actually **do** what He commands! We can be **pioneers** in assisting Christ in *reorganizing* this confused world and teaching the nations *God’s ways*. A **glorious** future awaits this entire earth at the return of Jesus Christ! [TW]

PORNOGRAPHY **(continued from page 19)**

if you want to break out of the addictive cycle of pornography, you face your problem and seek help. Find a trusted counselor to whom you can admit the nature of your problem. Go to God for repentance and deliverance, and seek help to change. Fill your life and your mind with what is of real value. Fill the loneliness and emptiness with giving of yourself to help and serve others. Recognize pornography, and the world it glamorizes, for the sleazy illusion that it really is. This will help you start replacing the old sick attitudes with attitudes that are new and healthful.

God is the author of human sexuality which, when used as He intended, is a wonderful boon and benefit. Because of its great value, a loving Creator gave us laws to protect it. *Do not be duped!* Recognize the false and degraded message of pornography for the lie that it is! Men who do this will distance themselves from the kind of entertainment that fosters this approach to life. Young women who value chastity and modesty will seek to project that image through their grooming and dress, regardless of the styles promoted by highly sexualized popular entertainers. Parents who recognize the importance of biblical morality will not only

insist that their children conform to godly standards in entertainment and dress, they will seek to teach them the “why” behind it.

As you put godly principles into practice in your life, you can have the blessings that God intends—including the proper and joyous expression of human sexuality. Sex within a godly marriage is a wonderful blessing, but it is a blessing denied to the dissolute and reserved for those who are faithful and loyal. Get the help you need, and seek God. Put these principles into practice in your life, and you can experience fulfillment far more than those involved in pornography can ever hope to understand [TW]

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Used as God intended, sexuality is not only a great blessing for husband and wife, but also a reminder of God’s plan for all of mankind. You *can* have God’s blessings in this most intimate aspect of your life!

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ARE YOU PREPARED? (continued from page 3)

“The first of the 77 million-strong Baby Boom generation will begin to retire in just four years.... ‘Chilling’ is the word U.S. Comptroller General David Walker uses to describe the budget outlook.

‘The long-term budget projections are just horrifying,’ added Leonard Burman, co-director of tax policy for the Urban Institute. ‘I’ve got four children and it really disturbs me. I just think it’s irresponsible what we’re doing to them.’

‘To give you [an] idea how big the problem is,’ said Laurence Kotlikoff, economics chairman at Boston University, who has written extensively on the subject, to close a \$51 trillion fiscal gap, ‘you’d have to have an immediate and permanent 78 percent hike in the federal income tax.’

These obligations are not imaginary. And unlike the 1980s and 1990s, economic growth cannot bail out the government because the Baby Boom retirement is at hand. Those born in 1946 will reach age 62 in 2008, allowing them to take early retirement and receive Social Security benefits.... A pathbreaking study by Jagadeesh Gokhale of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland and Knet Smetters, a former deputy assistant secretary at the Treasury—commissioned by former Treasury Secretary Paul O’Neill—estimated a \$44 trillion fiscal gap. It laid out a few painful options on how to meet the liabilities:

More than double the payroll tax, immediately and forever, from 15.3 percent of wages to nearly 32 percent; Raise income taxes by two-thirds, immediately and forever;

Cut Social Security and Medicare benefits by 45 percent, immediately and forever;

Or eliminate forever all discretionary spending, which includes the military, homeland security, highways, courts, national parks and most of what the federal government does outside of the transfer of payments to the elderly.

Such corrective actions grow more severe each year. Waiting just until 2008, the end of the next presidency, would mean raising the payroll tax to 33.5 percent instead of 32 percent, the study found.

Gokhale said that fresh numbers from the Medicare trustees show the fiscal gap has since grown to \$72 trillion, \$10 trillion of that for Social Security and an astonishing \$62 trillion for Medicare, the government health care program for the elderly.”

Think!

Does an amount like \$72 trillion get your attention? Does the need to raise the income tax by two-thirds—“*immediately and forever*”—seem significant? Does the need to cut Social Security and Medicare benefits by *nearly half* seem serious?

And **whom** have we just quoted? Some religious fanatics or financial weirdos? *No!* We have just quoted the U.S. Comptroller General and several respected economists, including two Federal Reserve Bank officials. *They* are the ones giving these astonishing figures, which portend the *biggest economic challenge of modern times*. So each of us should carefully consider what lies ahead, and get our own financial house in order.

A first priority would be to pay off *all* credit card debts—and *all other* debts we possibly can. We should also have at least the equivalent of 60 days’ living expenses in case of a sudden breakdown in the banking system or a similar emergency. Also, we should gradually work out a family budget that allows us, over time, to set aside financial resources to carry us through a year or more in case of job loss, catastrophic health situation, etc.

Finally, we should *not* leave God out of the picture. Although the natural reaction would be to take care of the financial side and *forget about God*, the truly wise approach is to **honor** our Creator in this matter and **know**, in faith, that *He* will then bless and guide all our other efforts. The Bible tells us, “Honor the LORD with your possessions, and with the first-fruits of all your increase; so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine” (Proverbs 3:9–10).

Jesus Christ Himself instructed: “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:19–21).

If you truly *believe* in the living God and in His inspired word, you will do *your part* to support His Work even in trying times. Then the Creator will certainly “be there” when you desperately need Him. But even if you do not yet understand this spiritual matter, be sure to be aware of what is going to happen physically, and *take immediate* steps to begin putting your own financial house in order. You owe it to your family and yourself!



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KY, Paducah: Public Access—Ch 2, WED 3:30 pm
LA, Baton Rouge: KZUP—Ch 44, SUN 11:00 am
LA, Lafayette: KATC—Ch 3, SUN 9:00 am
LA, Shreveport: KSHV—Ch 45, SUN 8:30 am
MA, Cambridge: CCTV—Ch 22, TUE 4:00 pm
MA, Malden: Access TV—Ch 3, SUN 11:00 am
MD, Rockville: Comcast—Ch 19, THUR 5:00 pm
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NY, Hauppauge: Cablevision—Ch 20, FRI 10:30 pm
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