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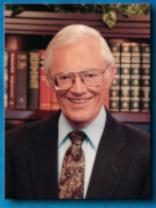
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By Roderick G. Meredith, Editor in Chief

God Is in Charge

Events are moving, more swiftly now than ever before, toward the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. He will soon be here on earth as King of kings. We can rejoice! Yet, as we should all know, it will definitely grow *darker* just before the dawn.

When we understand God's *purpose* in dealing with the nations of this world, we will not become anxious or discouraged, even though there may be sadness and despair all around us. After describing the terrible wars, famine, pestilence and great earthquakes that will strike our end-time generation, Jesus said: "Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near" (Luke 21:28).

Our eyes should "look up" to God, and to the living Jesus Christ at His right hand, understanding how and why they are planning and orchestrating world events to bring about God's kingdom on earth. As Christians, we should continually "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). As we grow, we should gain more and more of the mind of Christ (Philippians 2:5). We should increasingly be able to see things from the point of view of our Savior, who sits at the right hand of the Father. Mankind now possesses weapons of mass destruction that could erase human life from this entire planet. Apart from God, these weapons would be used. So all of us should cry out to God, with King David of Israel: "Arise, O LORD, do not let man prevail; let the nations be judged in Your sight. Put them in fear, O LORD, that the nations may know themselves to be but men. Selah" (Psalm 9:19-20).

In fact, the proper "fear" of God—the profound awe, respect and worship of the great Being who created and now rules the heaven and earth—is a great source of wisdom, faith and courage. As we are told in Proverbs 9:10: "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding." As David was

inspired to write: "The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. And those who know Your name will put their trust in You; for You, LORD, have not forsaken those who seek You" (Psalm 9:9-10). If we truly know God's "name"—His enormous love, wisdom, power and mercy—we will have a peace of mind that is incomprehensible to carnal people of this world. Even as a prisoner in chains—constantly in danger of being beaten or executed—the Apostle Paul exhorted: "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:4-7).

Rejoice? Even while in chains and guarded by a Roman soldier? Yes! Because God was absolutely "real" to the Apostle Paul. As Jesus did in human flesh, and as all of God's faithful servants have done through the ages, Paul prayed to God morning and night, studied or meditated continually on God's Word and His will, communed with God, walked and talked with God and made God the very center of his entire being. Therefore, with each passing year, Paul learned more and more how to look at things from God's point of view. He learned to see God's wisdom and purpose in allowing, and sometimes even orchestrating, events here on earth so that His overall Plan for mankind would be worked out.

Remember, when ancient King Nebuchadnezzar invaded and conquered Judah, it was *not* an accident. "Time and chance" was *not* involved. For God had repeatedly warned the people of Judah to *repent* and *return to God*. But they

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It is finally happening! The panorama of end-time events leading to the Second Coming of Christ is becoming visible to those with eyes to see!

or many years, I have had the opportunity to help preach and write the "Ezekiel warning" message to much of the English-speaking world. With the specific understanding of our nations' identity, as revealed in Bible prophecy, my colleagues and I have tried to warn the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples of the impending Great Tribulation. We have explained repeatedly via radio, television and the written word that the "pride and power" of the British-

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descended and American peoples would be absolutely broken-and that later they would be the focal point of the Great Tribulation prophesied in Matthew 24:21-22 and elsewhere. Over and over, we have explained that a powerful union of nations in Europe would arise and turn against America and Britain and eventually take us into the greatest national captivity in human history!

friends, the My pieces of the puzzle are now beginning to come together! The major nations of Europe are coming together. The British will indeed be the "odd man out." They will **not** be part of the eventual European Empire. Take note! This is a specific prediction I am making based on my knowledge of biblical prophecy.

The Roman Catholic-dominated nations of central Europe are beginning to assert themselves as never before since World War II. Slowly but surely, they are turning against the United States and Britain. The former respect and even love between the U.S. and its allies is being greatly diminished,

thanks to recent events and foreign policy decisions.

New York Times correspondent Patrick Tyler reported on this phenomenon: "The declaration issued Wednesday Germany, Russia and France against war in Iraq-with its implicit threat of veto-may go down as the loudest 'No!' shouted across the Atlantic in a half century or more.... But the fact that Europe's largest powers felt compelled to present President Bush with an eleventh-hour challenge deepened fissures that have opened in the last year with major allies.... Beyond the immediate issue of war, the declaration broad affront was Washington. It admonished the Bush administration that the international system is 'at a turning point' on establishing the rules of the road after the Cold War, and the Franco-German bloc is too large a force—if not in military power—in economic and cultural terms, to ignore" (quoted in The Charlotte Observer, March 6, 2003).

Yes, a revived European Empire is certainly in the making! It will soon be in a position to challenge the U.S. for the leadership of much of the world. This revived European Empire is prophesied to be a revival of the "Holy Roman Empire." And between the situation in Iraq, disagreements over trade policies, conflict over the International Criminal Court and other basic issues, a deepening chasm is developing between America and its erstwhile allies.

A Chasm Developing **Between America And Europe**

Writing in the influential journal Prospect, Robert Kagan states: "It is time to stop pretending that Europeans and Americans share a common view of the world, or even that they occupy the same world. On the all-important question of power—the efficacy of power, the morality of power, the desirability of power—American and European perspectives are diverging.... That is why on major strategic questions today, Americans and Europeans understand one another less and less. And this state of affairs is not transitory—the product of one U.S. election or one catastrophic event. The reasons for the transatlantic divide are deep and likely to endure. When it comes to setting national priorities, determining threats and fashioning and implementing foreign and defense policies, the U.S. and Europe have parted ways" (August 2002).

What Mr. Kagan and most journalists do not realize is that there is a very real God who controls the destinies of men and nations. When He chooses to intervene. He is the One who determines the outcome of battles (Proverbs 21:31). This great God told ancient King Nebuchadnezzar that he would be punished until he knew "that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He chooses" (Daniel 4:25).

The Creator of mankind is now beginning to intervene and chasten the nations that He has

blessed so much over the past 200 years. Regular readers of this magazine know that America and the British-descended peoples Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and, of course, Britain itself are the descendents of the ancient "House of Joseph" in the Bible. These nations have been given the "birthright" blessings promised to Jacob through his son Joseph. Remember, these were physical blessings given Joseph—not to Judah as so many people wrongly assume. "Now the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel—he was indeed the firstborn, but because he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph, the son of Israel, so that the genealogy is not listed according to the birthright; yet Judah prevailed over his brothers, and from him came a ruler, although the birthright was Joseph's" (1 Chronicles 5:1–2). So although Judah was to bring forth the coming Ruler, the Messiah, the "birthright" blessings of great wealth and power were given to Joseph.

These "birthright" blessings were to include great national wealth, power and military dominance. Joseph's elder son, Manasseh, was to be the greatest single nation on earth. Ephraim, the younger son, was to become a great "company" or commonwealth of nations (see Genesis 48:14–20; 35:9–11). Describing what would happen to Jacob's sons in the "last days" (49:1), God says of Joseph: "The blessings of your father have excelled the blessings of my ancestors, up to the utmost bound of the everlasting hills. They shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him who was separate from his brothers" (v. 26).

Modern "House of Israel" To Be Punished

In a dual prophecy, with a definite end-time application, God describes what is about to happen to the English speaking nations that have been so blessed: "Then the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many peoples, like dew from the LORD, like showers on the grass, that tarry for no man nor wait for the sons of men. And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles, in the midst of many peoples, like a lion among the beasts of the forest,

like a young lion among flocks of sheep, who, if he passes through, both treads down and tears in pieces, and none can deliver. Your hand shall be lifted against your adversaries, and all your enemies shall be cut off" (Micah 5:7–9).

Note that the "remnant"—the tail end generation—of the people of Israel (not Judah or the Jews) was to be the dominant world power that would "cut off" its enemies as America and Britain did in World War I and World War II. They were to be like "dew from the Lord"—a great blessing to other nations, just as dew is a blessing to farmers. Certainly, the beneficence of America and Britain—helping to reconstruct most of Europe after World War I, and then again through the Marshall Plan after World War II—is almost unparalleled in human history. In addition, *no other peoples* have sent foodstuffs all over the world and sent out doctors, nurses and educators to help other nations as widely as have America and the British-descended peoples.

But God continues in this prophecy: "And it shall be *in that day* (the very time when we have been so powerful),' says the LORD, 'That I will cut off your horses from your midst and destroy your chariots. I will cut off the cities of your land and throw down all your strongholds. I will cut off sorceries from your hand, and you shall have no soothsayers. Your carved images I will also cut off, and your sacred pillars from

America's Power Will Be "Broken"

God warned the forefathers of the American and British-descended peoples that if they kept on disobeying Him, catastrophe would result! In what is certainly a dual prophecy, applicable today just as it was back then, God said: "And after all this, if you do not obey Me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins. I will break the pride of your power" (Leviticus 26:18–19).

Has this been happening? Look at the challenges facing the U.S. Even in "victory," the U.S. is finding itself weak-ened after the war with Iraq. America has stirred the enmity of the entire Muslim world, and many other nations. The tragic aftermath of this war-increasing hatred throughout the Muslim world, and potential terrorist attacks on an unprecedented scale-may quickly mute any sense of rejoicing over America's Iraq adventure!

Meanwhile, North Korea has used America's distraction over Iraq as an opportunity to push its own agenda, threaten warfare unless it receives billions of dollars in aid and food, and in many ways harass President Bush and weaken his prestige in the eyes of the world-especially in the eyes of the other Asian nations.

Also, events will continue to push the European nations away from America and NATO, and toward an eventual alliance as some kind of "super-state"—preparing the way for the ultimate "Beast" power described in Revelation 17!

Yasser Arafat and the Palestinians are capitalizing on recent events to intensify their anti-Israeli and anti-American propaganda campaign. Watch for Israel to come increasingly under pressure and for Jerusalem to be brought under some kind of international control, probably involving, in some way, the Roman Catholic Church and the European powers. Watch, too, for Arab efforts to unify in a pan-Arab or Muslim confederation, and for the prophesied "King of the South" to arise. This powerful "Mahdi" is predicted to arise "at the time of the end" (Daniel 11:40). And before he turns on the "King of the North"—the coming "Beast" power in Europe—this King of the South will no doubt cause a great deal of trouble and sorrow for America and Britain.

As American dominance in world affairs wanes, the American dollar will continue to decline. Late last May, the euro reached an all-time high against the dollar, topping \$1.19-up from just \$0.82 in October 2000. With a falling dollar and fizzling economic recovery-aggravated by the high cost of surging oil prices-America's

your midst; you shall no more worship the work of your hands; I will pluck your wooden images from your midst; thus I will destroy your cities. And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury on the nations that have not heard" (vv. 10–15).

God predicts a quick and shocking turning point in world affairs! The very peoples who were—in human affairs—"the greatest," will suddenly be brought down and humiliated in war, with their cities overthrown and destroyed. Next, they will be taken into national slavery! Then, God will "execute vengeance" upon the Gentile nations of the world, whom He has used to punish the modern peoples of the House of Israel (v. 15).

Clearly, the above prophecy could *never* be applied correctly to the modern state of Israel! Israel has *never* in modern times been a great nation and "company of nations." It has *never* had the opportunity or the power to bless the other nations of the world as America and Britain have done for many decades. It is vital to understand—*as do very few mainstream students of prophecy*—that Israel and Judah were *separate* nations for many generations, as at present.

The first time the Bible mentions the word "Jew" occurs when Israel is at war *against the Jews* (see 2 Kings 16:5–6, *KJV*)! It is vital to realize that the term "House of Israel" often does **not** mean the Jews! Rather, in many major

prophecies of the Bible, it refers to the "Ten Lost Tribes of Israel." It refers, in modern times, to the peoples of America, the British-descended peoples and the peace loving nations of northwestern Europe. Sadly, many so-called "students" of prophecy either do not understand or have deliberately *rejected* this knowledge, so they are completely "in the dark" when it comes to understanding the staggering events that are now beginning to occur in Europe, the Middle East and around the world!

The Coming Great Tribulation

The book of Jeremiah primarily contains **end-time** prophecies. For, as all scholars acknowl-

economic condition may become increasingly bleak. This will also weaken the U.S. in the eyes of other nations, and certainly stir unrest at home.



These terrible economic conditions—worsened by increasing class warfare and disagreement with President Bush and his team over their conduct of international relations—may push the U.S. into various forms of internecine warfare. As during the Vietnam debacle, we are already witnessing anti-war riots and protests beginning to divide the nation in a way that it has never been divided before! Speaking of this coming time of confusion and split loyalties, God tells modern Israel: "They have blown the trumpet and made everyone ready, but no one goes to battle; for My wrath is on all their multitude" (Ezekiel 7:14).

Remember, Jesus Christ prophesied that, just before His coming, there will be "famines, pestilences and earthquakes in various places. All of these are the beginning of sorrows" (Matthew 24:7-8). The

crushing blow of famine will increasingly take its toll. Droughts, fires and floods will more and more ravage our nations, along with *massive disease epidemics*. Already, new "mystery" diseases such as SARS are a matter of grave concern. The American and British-descended peoples will be humbled in a way unprecedented in modern times!

The Bible shows that conditions will generally get worse, not better! As the Australian, British, Canadian and American peoples continue their slide into godless immorality, the Creator will begin to speak to us in a way that will get our attention! He will "shake" our peoples as one shakes a rag doll. Dear reader, we do not have that many more years to go. The prophesied "Beast" of Revelation is rising up, right before our eyes!

-Roderick C. Meredith

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edge, it was written between 605 and 585BC-more than 100 years after the fall of ancient Israel. Yet it predicts a future—obviously latter-day-punishment and captivity for the "House of Israel" and also for the Jews!

Notice that Jeremiah 30:4 refers to "Israel and Judah"—two separate peoples since Israel rebelled against Judah and became a separate nation (see 1 Kings 12:15-20). God describes the end-time tribulation to come on both parts of the House of Israel: "Alas! For that day is great, so that none is like it; and it is the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it" (Jeremiah 30:7). Note that this prophecy-written powerful more than 100 years after the ancient House of Israel went into captivity—foretells a yet future punishment and captivity on the modern house of Israel. This coming Great Tribulation is "the time of Jacob's trouble." This is a time, yet future, when the peoples of the modern House of Israel—the American and British-descended peoples—will be taken into slavery (v. 8) until the Second Coming of Christ. Clearly, it is the time just ahead of us, after which God says that He will "save" us from afar, "from the land of their captivity" (v. 10).

Why will God bring this punishment? God's inspired Word answers: "All your lovers [allies] have forgotten you; they do not seek you; for I have wounded you with the wound of an enemy: with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the multitude of your iniquities because your sins have increased" (v. 14).

The fall of the Britishdescended peoples and the U.S.

into absolute hedonism, materialism and corruption has been well documented. We have turned away from God. We have wallowed in adultery, fornication and sodomy, not to a couple of decades, the European Union will equal—if not surpass—the United States as the dominant economic force on the world stage" (Jan. 6, 2002). Reding's article was titled: "EU In

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mention continual filth and sexual double entendre in our entertainment. Our society promotes lying, cheating, stealing and violence of every sort. No wonder a righteous God, who has given us such great national blessings, has now decided in His great love and concern to intervene and chasten us with the greatest national captivity in human history in order to bring our peoples to real repentance!

After describing our captivity, and God's deliverance of modern-day Israel, God tells us: "In the latter days you will consider it" (v. 24). We are now living in those very latter days! The Chicago Tribune printed a powerful article last year, outlining these end-time events beginning unfold! Author Andrew Reding wrote: "While U.S. media focus on Europe's transition to the euro, Washington doesn't seem to understand the full implication of a unified continent across the Atlantic. The adoption of the euro by 12 European countries signals something far more important than anyone on this side of the Atlantic seems to realize. Europe is gradually emerging as the world's new superpower. Within Position To Be World's Next Superpower." Does that tell us something?

A Modern "Babylon"

The Bible is very clear about Europe's prominence at the time of the end. In Revelation 17, God describes a "great whore" who sits on "peoples, multitudes, nations and tongues" (v. 15), and describes this whore—a great false religious system—riding the "Beast." Clearly, the Beast is the Roman Empire, which has until now had six resurrections—with a seventh resurrection just ahead! "Here is the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits. There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, and the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time. The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition. 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." (vv. 9-12).

This final or seventh beast is headed by a human king or dictator, who is *himself* called the "Beast." For in Bible prophecy, the term King and kingdom are often used interchangeably. This final dictator is no doubt alive, somewhere in Europe, *right*

your hand. You showed them no mercy; on the elderly you laid your yoke very heavily. And you said, 'I shall be a lady forever,' so that you did not take these things to heart, nor remember through the abundance of her luxury" (Revelation 18:2–3). Then, notice that the next two verses virtually repeat the message of Isaiah 47:8–9: "Therefore her plagues will come in one day—death and

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now! He will arise with great subtlety and diplomacy, unlike Adolf Hitler. Ten lesser kings or leaders will "give their power" and authority to him (v. 13). The leaders of this foul religiopolitical system will become so totally arrogant that they will presume to fight against Christ Himself at His Second Coming! "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" (v. 14).

God Almighty will use this "daughter" of ancient Babylon to humble and bring about corrective punishment on the modern House of Israel-God's "birthright" people. Notice this message from the inspired Word of God: "Come down and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon; sit on the ground without a throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans! For you shall no more be called tender and delicate.... Sit in silence, and go into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans; for you shall no longer be called the Lady of Kingdoms. I was angry with My people; I have profaned My inheritance, and given them into the latter end of them" (Isaiah 47:1, 5–7).

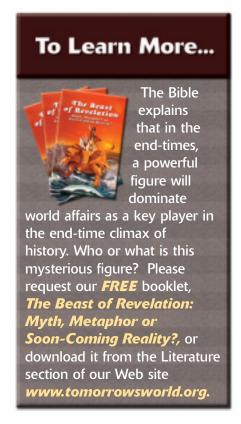
The next few verses further describe this "daughter" of ancient Babylon: "Therefore hear this now, you who are given to pleasures, who dwell securely, who say in your heart, 'I am, and there is no one else besides me: I shall not sit as a widow, nor shall I know the loss of children'; But these two things shall come to you In a moment, in one day: the loss of children, and widowhood. They shall come upon you in their fullness because of the multitude of your sorceries, for the great abundance of your enchantments" (vv. 8–9).

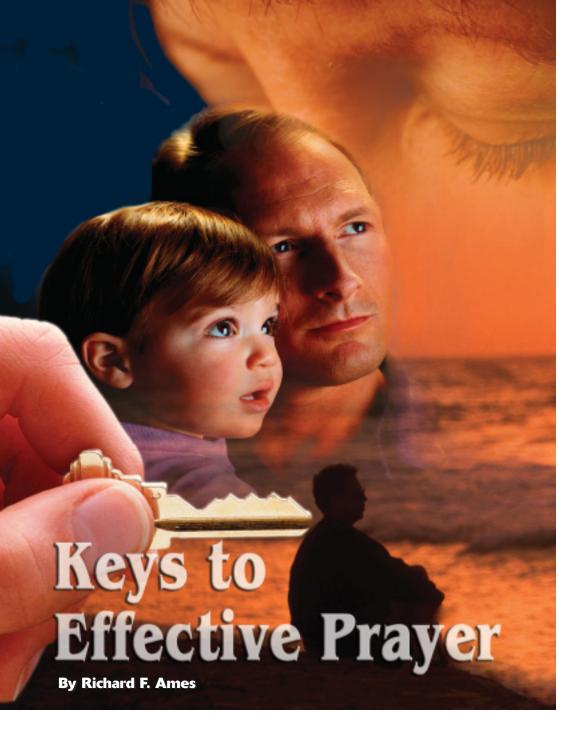
Isaiah 47 identifies this daughter of Babylon as the power that puts the "yoke" of slavery upon God's people of the modern House of Israel. But she, in turn, will soon receive her punishment at the hands of the returning Jesus Christ! "And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, 'Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird! For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich

mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord God who judges her. The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning" (vv. 7–9).

The true Jesus Christ of your Bible will return soon, as King of

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Does God answer prayers today? Does He answer your prayers? You can have your prayers answered—and the results can be dramatic!

ccording to a Barna Research poll: "More than four out of five [U.S.] adults (82%) pray during a typical week." That may sound impressive, but how many pray every day? Remember that in the "outline prayer," Jesus taught us to pray daily (Matthew 6:11).

Does prayer actually change things? According to Barna Research, "Americans believe in the power and impact of prayer. Four out of five (82%) believe that 'prayer can change what happens in a person's life.' (1994)." Do you personally believe that?

The Bible gives many examples of God's intervention in the lives of those who seek Him and trust in Him! Note the example of the prophet Daniel: "Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days" (Daniel 6:10). Daniel was thrown into the lion's den, but God rescued prayerful Daniel and preserved his life (vv. 11–12)!

Your Bible also reveals the power of prayer. Many recall that Jesus' prayer raised Lazarus from the dead (cf. John 11). But His disciples also experienced such power in prayer. When the Apostle Peter was in Joppa, he saw a dead Christian woman, much beloved by the widows who mourned her death. We read that "Peter put them [the mourning widows] all out, and knelt down and prayed. And turning to the body he said,

'Tabitha, arise.' And she opened her eyes, and when she saw Peter she sat up. Then he gave her his hand and lifted her up; and when he had called the saints and widows, he presented her alive. And it became known throughout all Joppa, and many believed on the Lord" (Acts 9:40–42). Yes, the Apostle Peter raised a woman from death!

"But these were great men of faith," you may say. "What if I don't have that much faith?" God's Word gives us the good news that we can have faith. Throughout the Bible, God gives many principles, or "keys," to effective prayer. If we use these keys, we can have our prayers answered.

Key #1: Pray Sincerely to the True God

Many people use memorized prayers. As a boy, I prayed the "Now I lay me down to sleep" prayer, but my parents also helped me to pray for others in *my own* words. When you pray, speak to God in your own words, and be sincere.

Remember that you *must* speak to the *true* God! There are many false gods, and many people do not believe in any God at all. You need to prove to yourself whether God exists! God is the Creator. He is the lawgiver, both of natural law as Einstein saw it, and spiritual law as the Bible reveals. Nobel prize winner Albert Einstein could see the design and awesome intelligence in the creation. He wrote that the scientist's "religious feeling takes the form of a rapturous amazement at the harmony of natural law, which reveals an intelligence of such superiority that, compared with it, all the systematic thinking and acting of human beings is an utterly insignificant reflection." (*Einstein: A Centenary Volume*, ed. A. P. French, p. 305)

God has given us overwhelming evidence of His existence and purpose. Still, some vain, egotistical, arrogant and ignorant people claim that there is no God. Do you know what God calls atheists? "The fool has said in his heart, 'There is no God'" (Psalm 14:1). Although some "intellectuals" may ridicule faith in God as foolish, it is *they* who are revealed as fools.

God is ready to have a conversation with all who truly seek Him, even in the most desperate circumstances. When Nebuchadnezzar had taken the people of Judah into captivity in Babylon, Jeremiah explained that they still had hope. "For thus says the LORD: After seventy years are completed at Babylon, I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and cause you to return to this place. For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of

peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you, says the LORD" (Jeremiah 29:10–14).

That same principle applies to you! *You* can have a conversation with the Creator of the universe! He says that you can find Him, *if* you seek Him with your whole heart. You can pray or talk to Him, and He says: "I will listen to you!" How wonderful that is!

Key #2: Study the Bible

As you read of how God helped people, and delivered them from great stress and trials, you can have more faith. Read the account of the ancient Israelites' escape through the Red Sea, of Daniel's deliverance from the lions' den and of Shadrach, Meshech, and Abed-nego being saved from Nebuchadnezzar's fiery furnace. Read of the miracles that Jesus performed—healing the diseased, the blind, the deaf and the lame. The Apostle Paul wrote that "faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Romans 10:17). The Bible is the Word of God. Read it every day! Understand what the Creator God has actually accomplished in the past—and what He promises you today!

God gives us promises that money cannot buy. One of my favorite scripture verses gives a wonderful perspective on what God can do: "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen" (Ephesians 3:20–21).

What kind of problems do you have? Health problems? Financial problems? Employment problems? Family problems? Academic problems? Mental health problems? God can solve any problem you have! We have to do our part, of course—He cannot solve our problems if we are actively working against His help—but we can be comforted in knowing that He can work miracles for us, "exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think." As you study the Bible, you will find examples of answered prayer, and encouragement that your own prayers will be answered, as God has promised.

Key #3: Deeply Repent of Your Sins

We must each take responsibility for our actions. Yet our human nature makes it difficult for us to admit our faults, problems and sins. We can-

not continue to practice sin as a way of life, while expecting that God will answer our prayers. As the prophet Isaiah wrote: "Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear" (Isaiah 59:1–2).

God will not answer the prayers of hardened, unrepentant, practicing sinners. But what if you really want to change your life, and be delivered from your sinful habits and actions? God will help you, if you go to Him humbly, ashamed of your sinful nature. We see this in the Gospel story of the Pharisee and the publican (a tax collector):

"Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, "God, I thank You that I am not like other men; extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess." And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, "God, be merciful to me a sinner!" I tell you, [Jesus said] this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted" (Luke 18:9–14).

God will hear your prayer if you are *really* sorry and acknowledge your sinfulness, determined to change. As the Apostle John wrote: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). It takes courage to admit your sins, and to resolve to turn from them. But we must *all* humble ourselves and seek God with all our heart. Isaiah exhorted us to: "Seek the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon" (Isaiah 55:6–7).

Key #4: Seek God's Will

In the "model prayer," Jesus taught us to pray that "Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven" (Luke 11:2). God's will, not ours! Jesus desired to do His Father's will. When He prayed in agony on the night before His crucifixion, He asked that the cup of suffering be passed from him—if it were God's will (cf. Luke

22:42). But He surrendered His will to His Father's will, and was willing to suffer for you and for me. Notice that God strengthened Jesus to endure His sacrifice (v. 43), just as He will strengthen us if we pray for His will to be done. Sometimes, it may be God's will to answer your prayer with a "No." But if He does say "No," He will strengthen you to endure.

It is also important to understand God's overall will for us, not just in some specific trial, but in the whole Way of life He reveals in the Bible. The Apostle John shared a vital principle of answered prayer when he wrote: "And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight" (1 John 3:22). Are you keeping His commandments and pleasing Him? If you have this submissive attitude of obedience—as Jesus had—your prayers will be in tune with God's will for your life.

Human beings are by nature selfish. We want to get. But God's way is to give. Is this how you pray? Do you pray for others before you pray for yourself? And do you pray for God's will to be done, rather than your own will? The world encourages greed and selfishness, but Jesus exemplified selflessness. Even while He was being crucified, He prayed for others: "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do" (Luke 23:34).

Key #5: Have Faith in God

We have already seen that we can grow in faith as we read the Bible. Hebrews 11 is called the "faith chapter." Here we read about the men and women of faith.

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Questions Answers

The Apostle Paul states that "love is the fulfillment of the law" (Romans 13:10). Does his statement mean that we need not keep the Ten Commandments if we have "love"?

The "love" of which Paul writes is not some sentimental feeling of human origin. He explains that it is the very *love* of God imparted to our minds by the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5; Galatians 5:22). This is the love that enables one to *keep*—"fulfill"—the Ten Commandments. But how exactly does God's love fulfill His commandments?

Jesus Christ set the example all Christians are to follow (1 Peter 2:21). He kept His Father's commandments, and taught others to keep them (John 14:15; 15:10; Matthew 19:16–19).

Jesus summarized the Ten Commandments as the expression of love to God and to our fellow man (Matthew 22:35–40). The first four commandments show us how to love God, and the last six commandments show us how to love our neighbors. Since the Apostle John tells us that the basic characteristic of God's nature and character is "love" (1 John 4:8, 16), the Ten Commandments are therefore expressions of the Supreme Lawgiver's divine love, because they reflect His very character—which is summarized by the word "love." This love is not some form of human love, but is the divine love that comes directly from God through His Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5).

As God is love, Jesus showed that the spiritual intent and purpose of God's law is *love*. The divine love of God, imparted to converted Christians by God's Holy Spirit, is expressed within the bounds of God's law—the Ten Commandments. It is manifested first of all in adoration and worship of God, and literal obedience to Him; and then in outgoing concern, compassion, kindness and service to those around us.

The love of God enables us to *fulfill* the spiritual intent of His law.

The Apostle Paul further explains: "He who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, You shall not covet,' and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law" (Romans 13:8–10).

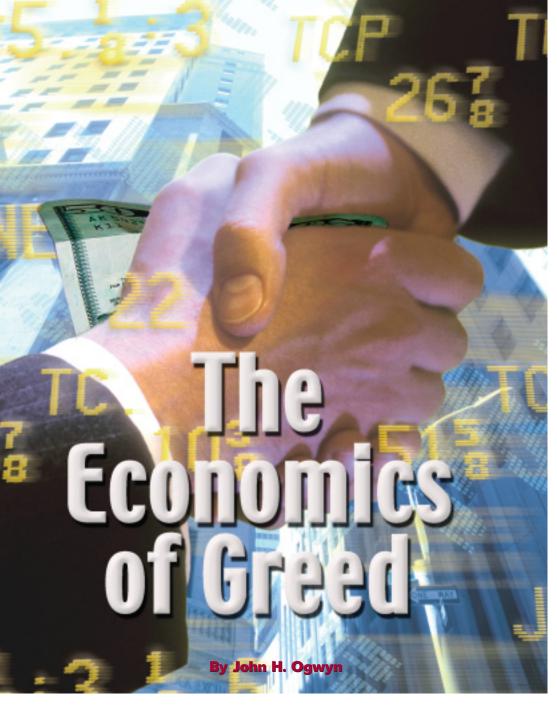
God reveals that His love is expressed by our *keeping* His commandments. The Apostle John plainly stated how God's love is expressed, and then defined it as follows: "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome" (1 John 5:2–3).

Nevertheless, could there possibly be *any truth whatsoever* in the widespread belief that "love" fulfills the law of God in such a way that the keeping of the Ten Commandments is no longer necessary?

The Apostle John emphatically tells us: *No* (1 John 2:3–6; 2 John 5–6).

John certainly emphasized the importance of God's love. But *never* did he, or any other writer of Scripture, say that love put away, superseded or invalidated the law of God. John, who was a close friend, disciple and Apostle of Jesus Christ, stated plainly that one who truly has the love of God will be *keeping* the commandments of God!

The time is coming soon when the whole world, ruled by Jesus Christ, will understand and appreciate what an incredible *blessing* the law of God really is. A glorious world of peace and harmony will be the result of keeping God's law (Isaiah 2:2–3).



History and Scripture show that the Western nations are sowing the seeds of their own economic ruin!

n recent years, the United States has had the role of the world's lone superpower. Today, the U.S. not only ranks as a military colossus without peer, it also stands as the world's greatest economic superpower. This is a far cry from the way things were at the opening of the twentieth century—or for that matter, at the beginning of the eighteenth or nineteenth centuries.

Why has the U.S. found itself in this role? To understand the present situation, we need to examine lessons from the past—both from recent history, and from ancient sources that gave warnings in

advance through which we can make sense of what is *really* happening in the world around us.

When the eighteenth century opened, Louis XIV was on the throne of France. He was called the "Sun King," and other European monarchs were said to revolve around him like the planets around the sun. His nation was the strongest European power of the time, and for a while it seemed that the wealth of the French economy was destined to grow ever greater. In fact, the word "millionaire" was coined in Paris around the year 1720 to describe financier John Law and some of the newly wealthy investors in his Mississippi Company. But within a short time, the Mississippi Company became the "Mississippi Bubble," and paper fortunes disappeared even more quickly than they had arisen. At the close of the eighteenth century, France found itself convulsing amid the aftermath of the French Revolution. Napoleon rose to power-and was even crowned Emperor by the pope—but failed in his attempt to recreate under French dominance the empire of the Caesars and Charlemagne.

The nineteenth century opened with Britain and France locked in a struggle for supremacy. That struggle was

resolved at Waterloo in 1815, and the nineteenth century became increasingly an Anglo-Saxon century. Britain expanded as the world's dominant economic and political power, while the fledgling U.S. expanded from a few million citizens clustered along the Atlantic seaboard to a bustling nation that spanned an entire continent. As the nineteenth century closed and the twentieth opened, Britain stood at the head of the greatest empire that the world had ever seen. The U.S. was emerging as the most prosperous of nations, with agricultural and industrial might that would bring it to world dominance during the twentieth century.

Beginning with World War I, an Anglo-American partnership developed that would dominate the world scene to the present day. Initially, Britain was the stronger partner, but by the close of World War II a clear power shift had taken place, leaving Britain increasingly in the role of junior partner in the alliance.

At crucial junctures during the twentieth century, Germany and the Soviet Union each sought to eclipse the Anglo-American colossus. However, neither succeeded. Germany was soundly defeated after each of the two World Wars. The Soviet Union engaged the U.S. and its allies in a half-century of "Cold War" after World War II, but its attempts at world dominance ended with the collapse of Soviet communism, leaving no rival on the scene to challenge U.S. supremacy directly.

Yes, there have been-and still are—jealousies and resentments, and there have been terrorist attacks at home and abroad. But there has not been a rival power with the economic, military and political muscle to directly challenge the U.S. History shows us, however, that no great military power retains its dominant position forever.

Not only did the world experience great geopolitical shifts from the time of World War II till the close of the twentieth century, but it also experienced great economic shifts as well. In particular, most have no idea how profoundly the economies in America, Britain, and Canada have changed since the end of World War II. and what has been behind those changes. While there has been growing unease with the stock market's downward slide in the opening years of the twentyfirst century, most are unsure of where it will really end and, even more importantly, of the real causes behind the many changes.

Few realize that the economic stresses now being experienced by our nations were foreseen centuries ago. Not only did the Bible predict the dramatic rise to world power of the Anglo-Saxon countries, it also predicted their decline. And not only does it describe, in advance, the economic problems that will unfold in the years ahead, it also describes the moral problems underlying those economic problems.

What is the real interaction between morality, justice and economics? There is actually a correlation that is as old as the prophets of the Bible, yet as new as tomorrow's front page. Many business analysts have discussed some aspects of this connection, but none have seen the overall picture.

Foundation for Economic Greatness

Land provides the true basis for economic greatness. The greatest expansion of land ownership in the world's history began on a grand scale early in the nineteenth century. Spreading across the North American continent. settlers created the U.S. and Canada by building family farms and ranches, and establishing towns as centers of trade. The same growth took place in Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa during this time. Unlike the earlier expansions of the Spanish and French colonial empires, land ownership was not concentrated in the hands of a few wealthy magnates; it was in the hands of many ordinary people.

By investing small amounts of money, and large amounts of work, ordinary people could become landowners-not just tenants or employees. This was the dream that fueled the settlement of the North American continent as well as Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa. Immigrants from the British Isles and other portions of northwestern Europe poured into these areas, lured by the promise of, in the words of the biblical prophet Micah, being able to sit under "their own vine and their own fig tree." The family farms and small family businesses spread across the vast expanses from sea to sea and established a broad based prosperity in the English-speaking world.

Perhaps none of the American founding fathers saw this dream and its value more clearly than did Thomas Iefferson. America's third President. He anticipated a nation of yeoman farmers, and saw the Louisiana Purchase as a great milestone in making this possible. Acquired from Napoleon's France at about a nickel an acre,

this vast tract of land practically doubled the size of the fledgling U.S. It opened to American settlement some of the richest agricultural land in the world.

Iefferson's vision of a nation of small farmers and tradesmen, however, was not the only one. Alexander Hamilton and others held to a competing vision, which saw the growth of the financial class as the key to future prosperity. Throughout the nineteenth century, East Coast financiers found their economic and political interests clashing with those of their rural and small town neighbors. As the nineteenth century ended and the twentieth began, this rivalry was characterized as "Wall Street versus Main Street." For a while, "Main Street" held its own, but certainly in the aftermath of World War II and beyond, "Wall Street" has held the advantage—and has never looked back.

Though the twentieth century opened with efforts to break up the great corporate monopolies and to curb the power of Wall Street interests, it closed with mergers and mega-mergers bringing these interests together on a scale never before seen. Small family farms were increasingly absorbed into vast agribusiness conglomerates. and familyowned small businesses were increasingly absorbed by large corporations—or simply forced to close their doors, overwhelmed by the competition. "Mom and Pop" cannot readily compete with Wal-Mart!

The Role of Financial Interests

This growth of large corporations at the expense of small, independent operators is only

part of the picture. Another key change in our world's economy is that these large corporationsand indeed governments themselves—have become overwhelmingly, if not entirely, creditdriven. As wise King Solomon observed three millennia ago: "The borrower is servant to the lender" (Proverbs 22:7). Noted financial analyst Michael Barone made a similar observation a decade ago, that still rings true today: "In one political capital after another, lenders are calling the shots. Politicians may sit in

anymore, at least not corporate citizens, just a shifting mass of merger and money managers, lawyers and investment bankers and other international thugs... corporations have become shells, figuratively a shell game, manicured hands moving faster than workers' eyes in a ceaseless quest for 'shareholder value.' That phrase is a euphemism for executive compensation and the transfer of workers' wages to big investors, with a nice percentage for investment bankers and other facilitators of 'downsizing.' And

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government offices, but decisions are being made to satisfy creditors with money to lend and investors with capital to invest" (US News & World Report, Aug. 15, 1994, p. 38).

Though these lenders may have their offices on New York's Wall Street or in the financial districts of London or Toronto, it is a serious mistake to think that they are deeply tied to their host countries' national interests. Today, money moves across national borders with the greatest of ease. Big companies and big banks are multi-national in their scope, and are transforming economies not only in the English-speaking world, but also around the globe. What is happening in America as well as in Britain, Australia and Canada is illustrated by the observations of nationally syndicated columnist Richard Reeves in a column dated October 27, 1995: "There is no more corporate America

'downsizing' is a euphemism for firing people with decent salaries and benefits and replacing them with temps and other benefitless Americans or with nimble-fingered villagers somewhere east of Krakatoa. It's a crime. But you can't call the police because the government is in on it, too."

As noted author and political analyst Kevin Phillips observed in his 2002 book, Wealth and "Corruption, like Democracy: larceny, comes in many forms, some blatant, others more subtle" (p. 317). Financial scandals—such as those involving Enron and Arthur Andersenhave made headlines in recent years, but they represent only the tip of the iceberg. The financial repercussions of such scandals are merely symptoms of deep underlying moral failings. Covetousness and greed are sins just as much as lying or theft. Though the Ten Commandments directly forbid covetousness and

greed, these attitudes permeate our culture, and actually *undermine* the very foundations of national prosperity and power.

A Lesson from Ancient Israel

The words of the ancient Hebrew prophets include very plain warnings for us. Though they wrote many millennia ago, the world in which they wrote was not nearly so unlike our own as many might think. Prophets such as Hosea, Amos and Micah wrote their warn-

thy, charity and brotherly consideration" (*The Twelve Prophets*, p. 153). Similarly, in its introduction to Micah, *The Expositor's Bible Commentary* describes "a time when Israel and Judah had risen to heights of economic affluence but had fallen to depths of spiritual decadence" (p. 395).

The eighth century BC saw ancient Israel and Judah rise to their greatest heights since the days of Solomon. But before the century's end, these nations had toppled "from the glory of economic prosperity and internation-

Israel seemed at the peak of prosperity and power. Men like Hosea, Micah and Amos were sent with a rebuke and a warning that seemed quite improbable to their contemporaries. However, a careful reading of their prophetic books shows that their warnings were not just for their contemporaries, but also for the end time. Just as the prosperity of eighth century BC Israel seems to strongly parallel that of the modern English speaking nations, so also does the description of national attitudes and

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ings and rebukes against a backdrop of national prosperity and power, not unlike what the Western nations are experiencing today.

Note the way the Jewish Soncino commentary introduces the book of Micah. "The eighth century [BC] witnessed the emergence in Israel and Judah of a commercial civilization of great material prosperity. Its foundations were laid in the peace and security which Jeroboam II (783-743) won for Israel and Uzziah (778-740) for Judah during their long reigns, and in the extensions of the borders of their kingdoms from Damascus to the Red Sea and from the Desert to the Mediterranean, giving the Hebrew States command of all the main trade routes of ancient days. But it was a civilization which displayed all the evils of a society making haste to be rich-greed and covetousness, reckless and unscrupulous competition, and a pitiless disregard of the claims of sympaal influence to virtual subjugation by a foreign power" (Expositor's, p. 269). The kingdoms prospered financially, but internal decay was eating away at them from within. The Soncino goes on to observe that in the eighth century, extremes of wealth and poverty began to divide the people into possessors and dispossessed, in a way that had not been possible during the kingdoms' earlier days as agricultural societies. Further, the pursuit of commerce encouraged the development of cities, "where wealth, luxury and vice dwelt side by side with poverty, misery and squalor. With the exchange of goods went the exchange of ideas. New religious cults, standards of luxury and splendour, and materialistic aims of living, which had hitherto been foreign to Israel, were introduced from Assyria and Egypt" (p. 154).

Thousands of years ago, God sent His prophets to cry out His warning message at a time when sins. Those national sins will engender national punishments from the great God, who is the source of our nations' prosperity and abundance—just as He was of theirs.

Hosea, who began his prophetic career during the days of Jeroboam of Israel and Uzziah of Judah—as the nations reached a peak of prosperity—described why God was displeased, and where that displeasure would lead. "Harlotry, wine and new wine enslave the heart," he wrote in Hosea 4:11. Immorality and intoxication (a term encompassing both alcohol and drug abuse) have increasingly enslaved recent generations of Americans, Britons, Canadians and Australians. "The more they increased [prospered] the more they sinned against me," God declared through Hosea (v. 7).

The prophet Amos, a farmer from Judah who traveled to northern Israel, at God's com-

mand, to deliver the divine message, indicted the nation for practicing the economics of greed. "These are the words of the LORD: For crime after crime of Israel I will grant them no reprieve, because they sell the innocent for silver and the destitute for a pair of shoes. They grind the heads of the poor into the earth and thrust the humble out of their way" (Amos 2:6-7, NEB). Amos went on to utter God's pronouncement against those who lived lives of luxury and ease by taking advantage of others. "Shame on you," Amos wrote in Amos 6:1, "You who loll on beds inlaid with ivory and sprawl over your couches, feasting on lambs from the flock and fatted calves, you pluck the strings of the lute... you who drink wine by the bowlful and lard yourselves with the richest of oils, but are not grieved at the ruin of Joseph" (vv. 4–6, NEB).

Micah, a contemporary of Hosea and Amos, described the sins both of ancient Israel and of us, today. "Woe to those who plan iniquity, to those who plot evil on their beds! At morning's light they carry it out because it is in their power to do it. They covet fields and seize them and houses, and take them. They defraud a man of his home, a fellowman of his inheritance" (Micah 2:1-2, NIV).

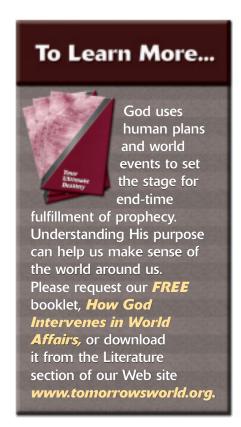
Attitudes that seek, covetously, to enrich the self to the detriment of neighbor and country are endemic in our society. Executives who pay themselves millions of dollars in bonuses and stock options, while bankrupting pension plans and laying off workers to enhance profit margins, are guilty at the least of breaking the tenth commandment: "Thou shalt not covet." Of

course, covetousness is also equated with idolatry—having another god in place of the true God (Colossians 3:5).

For every corporate scandal that results in fines or jail time, many other schemes "fly beneath the radar." Many are involved in practices that, though legal under the laws of the land, target those in society who are least able to protect themselves from abuse. For example, in recent months a major U.S. telephone long distance carrier included a note on customers' bills that their long distance rate was to rise from ten cents a minute to fifteen cents. For those who called the company and threatened to change long distance carriers, the company quickly backtracked and offered a reduced rate of seven cents a minute. Who wound up paying the higher rate? Primarily the elderly and the uneducated! These are the people who most commonly lacked the knowledge and the skills to challenge the price hike. The company surely realized that, in the current competitive market, its more astute consumers would refuse to pay the higher rate, but it relied on the expectation that many others would simply pay their bill! What does God have to say of such an approach to business? "Shall I count pure those with the wicked balances, and with the bag of deceitful weights... their tongue is deceitful in their mouth. Therefore I will also make you sick by striking you, and making you desolate because of your sins" (Micah 6:11-13).

What does God seek of us? Is He satisfied with merely an outward veneer of religiosity, while we continue to go about "business as usual"? Or does God want far more? Note Micah 6:8: "He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" Those who truly love their Creator, and stand in awe of Him, will treat their neighbors as they would wish to be treated themselves. Such converted Christians would never, ever manipulate the system to the detriment of those least able to defend themselves.

While the Anglo-Saxon nations stand at a pinnacle of economic prosperity and military power, we must yet note God's warning. Our nations cannot remain powerful and prosperous while pursuing the economics of greed, and the injustices engendered by such attitudes. The prophets of old recorded a warning not only to their society, but also to our own! Will we heed it? Will you? 📼



Petters to the Editor

TOMORROW'S WORLD MAGAZINE

I am an Anglican and belong to a wonderful church in my area. I feel so blessed to be able to worship in a church that recognizes the Holy Trinity. Reading your answer to the person in your March-April issue who asked about being born again, makes me wonder how you manage to so badly misinterpret the scriptures; you say, "At present, there are only two members in the God family—God the Father and Jesus Christ the Son!" What have you done with the Holy Spirit? He was certainly there at Jesus' baptism and at the Day of Pentecost. Please cancel my magazine. I simply can't believe what you purport to be the truth.

S. B., Peterborough, ON

Editor's Note: The Holy Spirit is the power of God. If it were a "person" as some wrongly teach, then surely the epistles would not consistently neglect this "person" when God is addressed personally as Father and Son (see 1 Corinthians 1:3; 2 Corinthians 1:2; Galatians 1:3; Ephesians 1:2; Philippians 1:2; Colossians 1:2; 1 Thessalonians 1:1; 2 Thessalonians 1:2; 1 Timothy 1:2; 2 Timothy 1:2; Titus 1:4; Philemon 1:3; 2 John 1:3, etc.). For more information about the vital role of the Holy Spirit in the life of a converted Christian, please write for our eye-opening FREE article, "Is God Really a Trinity?".

The literature that *Tomorrow's World* has sent has changed my total outlook in my personal relationship with the Father and Lord Jesus Christ. When I read the Sabbath booklet, I was hurt in my spirit to the point of tears. I read all the scriptures to check for errors, my spirit was grieved to know that I was not keeping God's day and how all the "mainstream" churches are afraid to be obedient to the Word. I started keeping the Sabbath this week from Friday sun-

set to Saturday sunset. Thank you, and I love you all for being real.

L. C., Chino, CA

I enjoy *Tomorrow's World* more than any other Christian magazine I have received. It is so full of true facts according to the Bible. I have read my Bible from beginning to end more times than I kept track of. *Tomorrow's World* has everything my Bible says.

J. H., Ozark, MO

Thank God for your wonderful teaching and ministry. I am being blessed and informed about many important things in the Bible. I do not want error in my life. I want absolute truth about God's Word.

L. P., Flushing, NY

BIBLE STUDY COURSE

I have been reading your *Tomorrow's World* magazine and your *Bible Study Course* for better than three years now. You have opened my mind to Bible prophecy. I would like very much to be baptized and attend a church that follows the Ten Commandments.

E. S. Bloomington, IL

Thank you for all your hard work to make the Truth of God's word known to those who want to know, that we may please God in obedience to His commandments and His way of life. My family and I have grown spiritually closer to God and understanding through the direct study of His word through your *Bible Study Course* and booklets.

J. N., Indianapolis, FL

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Betrayed—for a Reason!

The invasion of Iraq produced shockwaves that both stunned and shattered the alliance of Western democracies. In a matter of weeks, allies of the United States and Britain became adversaries, as pleasantries evaporated and animosity erupted. Almost overnight, a deep chasm split the Atlantic Alliance-leaving America, the British descendedpeoples and a few other countries on one side, and a large portion of "Old Europe" on the other. This was a split almost no one anticipated, wanted or needed. It has generated bad feeling, and a deep sense of betrayal. While analysts ponder why this happened and what lies ahead, the Bible explains what is driving these surprising developments. Ages ago, God predicted that this would happen. We are watching prophecy come alive!

The opening act of this drama began when Belgium, France and Germany moved to oppose the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq, and then blocked NATO military assistance to Turkey. This was followed by firm opposition, in the United Nations Security Council, to any resolutions authorizing the use of military force to disarm Iraq. Russia and China soon added their voices to the growing chorus against the U.S.-led endeavor. As the invasion began, without UN support and in spite of determined European resistance, opposing positions hardened. The crowning move came when Belgium, France and Germany announced a summit in Brussels to develop closer links between their armed forces as a counterbalance to the U.S. and Britain on the world stage. Britain was not invited to the summit.

The U.S. and several of its coalition allies sacrificed thousands of lives to liberate France and Belgium during World War II, gave considerable wartime economic military aid to the Soviet Union, and after the war donated countless millions of dollars to help rebuild Germany. These generous nations now find it *incredible* that Europeans would openly

oppose and undermine their benefactors' effort to remove what even the United Nations acknowledged was a dangerous and oppressive regime. Angry U.S. leaders feel *betrayed* by their allies who seem to have forgotten the help they received. To add insult to injury, Belgium, France and Germany are talking openly about a core of European nations moving ahead to develop a military capability to *rival* the U.S. and Britain—nations that *protected* Europe during 50 years of Cold War.

The Prophecies

These sudden and dramatic changes in the Western Alliance have surprised and astonished many seasoned observers, yet the Bible *predicted* that this scenario would occur. The key to understanding end-time prophecy is to know who, today, are the modern Israelite peoples—the descendants of the biblical patriarch Jacob. Israelite nations include not only the nation of Israel, but also the United States, the other British-descended nations and several nations of northwest Europe—many of the very nations that liberated Europe in the past, and were part of the U.S.-led coalition against Saddam Hussein in Iraq.

Long ago, the prophet Jeremiah described a future period of terrible trials called "the time of Jacob's trouble," when "all your lovers have forgotten you" (Jeremiah 30:7, 14) and "your lovers will despise you; they will seek your life" (Jeremiah 4:30). Elsewhere, Jeremiah speaks of this coming time of national trial. "All her friends have dealt treacherously with her; they have become her enemies" (Lamentations 1:2). The descendants of Jacob will cry: "I called for my lovers, but they deceived me" (v. 19). Ezekiel stresses the same theme: "You made payments to all your lovers... I will gather all your lovers against you" (Ezekiel 16:33, 37). Hosea pictures Israel as a woman who



will "chase her lovers" and has "hired lovers... among the nations" (Hosea 2:5; 8:9-10)—an apt description of U.S. attempts to buy support with offers of foreign aid. Speaking to the nations of Israel, God states: "I have delivered her into the hand of her lovers... I will stir up your lovers against you" (Ezekiel 23:9, 22). These dire predictions all focus on events that will occur "in the latter days" (Jeremiah 30:24)—the time just before Jesus Christ returns to the earth.

In light of these prophecies, it is sobering to hear of the U.S. and Britain suddenly feeling betrayed by their allies, of Europeans planning to become political, economic and military rivals of America and Britain, and for a French newspaper to write that "two hundred years ago, France was America's greatest ally... but today France is virtually the enemy of the United States." Why is this happening? What is driving these events? Why have the U.S. and Britain's allies suddenly turned into their antagonists?

The Reason

Perceptive secular analysts recognize that the crisis over Iraq was merely the spark that ignited long-standing resentments among European leaders, who chafed at being dependent upon U.S. power. French leaders have made no secret of their belief that France should play a leading role in Europe, and not be overshadowed by either Britain or the U.S. German leaders have sought on several occasions to impose Germany's will upon Europe. Many in the U.S. take for granted their religious-based feeling of a "moral mission to change the world," but this does not set well with secular minded Europeans, who feel that they have "matured" and outgrown such a narrow and naïve view of the world. From this perspective, we can under-

stand how Iraq brought these smoldering feelings to a head, and provided European leaders with an opportunity to challenge the U.S. and Britainnations that stand in their way of playing a bigger role on the world stage.

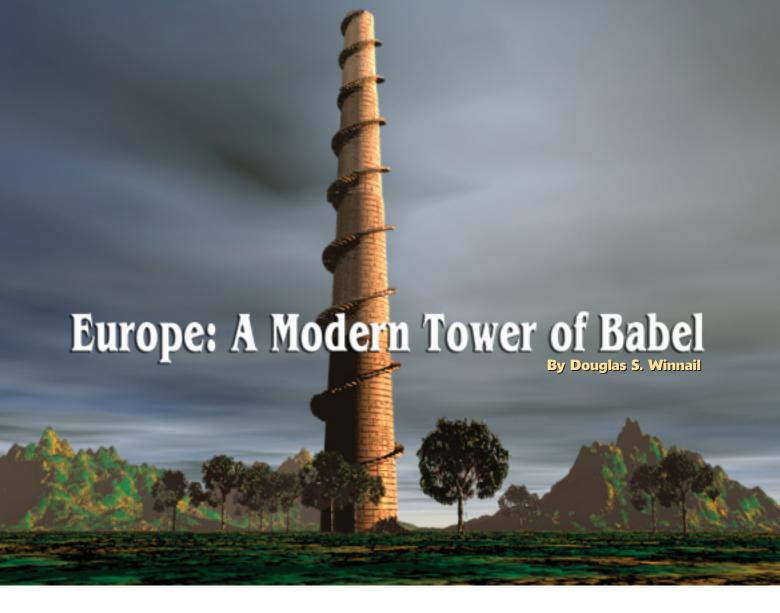
However, Bible prophecy indicates that there is more to the story! Jeremiah reveals that these events are taking place because God has a purpose (Jeremiah 4:28). The prophets warn that, because the nations of Israel "have forgotten the LORD their God" and have rebelled against Him they will reap the results of their ways (Jeremiah 3:21; 4:17-18). God explains through Jeremiah: "I have wounded you with the wound of an enemy... because your sins have increased, I have done these things unto you" (Jeremiah 30:14-15). Jeremiah laments for his nation "the Lord has afflicted her because of the multitude of her transgressions" (Lamentations

1:5). Ezekiel indicates that God will punish the modern Israelite nations because they trusted in human allies instead of trusting in God (Ezekiel 23:5, 12).

The catalogue of Israel's sins ranges from lying, killing, stealing and adultery, to idolatry and defiling God's Sabbaths (see Jeremiah 2; Ezekiel 20; Hosea 4). Repeatedly, God warns the nations of Israel that "because you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children" (Hosea 4:6).

The surprising developments we are seeing today—long-time allies of the U.S. and Britain suddenly turning against their former protectors and benefactors-were predicted long ago as God's punishment on His people who have turned their back on Him. We need to learn from these events and begin to obey God, knowing that there is more ahead, as prophecies are coming alive!

—Douglas S. Winnail



Profound changes are underway in Europe. National alignments frozen in place for decades have begun to thaw and shift. Powerful forces are once again rearranging the geopolitical landscape on this historic continent, yet many are too busy to notice. Fewer, still, understand why this is happening and where these dramatic events are heading! After all, why does it matter what happens in Europe?

Henry Kissinger, the former United States Secretary of State, observed that "the emergence of a united Europe is one of the *most revolutionary* events of our time" (*Does America Need a Foreign Policy?*, p. 47). Former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has noted that "the move towards a bureaucratic European superstate... has *huge implications* for the world as a whole. Yet I am repeatedly struck on my travels outside Europe by just how little understanding there is of this" (*Statecraft*, p. 324). Richard Leone, president of the Century Foundation,

has written that "we are living through an *unusual era* in terms of U.S. relations with the new Europe" and that the process of integrating European nations "is of awesome importance" (*Rethinking Europe's Future*, Calleo, pp. xii–xiii).

But why is the current attempt to unify Europe so significant? Why has history suddenly gone into "fast forward?" What does the future hold? Surprisingly, no one—not even "authorities" on international relations—seems to know! David Calleo, Director of European Studies at Johns Hopkins University states that "given Europe's roller coaster ride through the past century, no one can predict with much assurance what its fate will be... There are too many unpredictable elements" (ibid., p. 1).

Yet Calleo's statement is *not* true! There *are* sources that explain the significance of what is happening in Europe, why it is occurring and where these events will ultimately lead. These sources have been forgotten or ignored by the "chattering class-

es"-today's media and scholars. Dr. Kissinger candidly observes that modern journalists and political leaders tend to focus on the "crisis of the moment" because they are "the product of an educational system that puts little emphasis on history" (Kissinger, p. 30). He laments that since "the study of history and philosophy [religion], the disciplines most relevant to perfecting the art of statesmanship, neglected everywhere." Modern generations, Kissinger says, do not grasp how current events fit into the flow of history—people simply do not see or understand the "big picture" (ibid., pp. 30, 286).

Bible prophecies that reveal the future are *ignored*, and biblical accounts that provide vital perspectives on world events are *dismissed*. However, it is the *height of folly* to ignore this crucial biblical dimension at a time when dramatic events are transforming our modern world. The biblical account of the Tower of Babel is a case in point.

Tower of Babel

The Tower of Babel is not just a fanciful story, nor is it simply mythical imagery. It is a carefully crafted account that holds important lessons for mankind. The construction of the Tower was related to a pivotal event that influenced the entire course of human history. The city and tower of Babel were part of a kingdom (the first time Scripture uses this word) founded by Nimrod, a great-grandson of Noah, in Babylonia and Assyria—which corresponds to modern-day Iraq. Nimrod established the first postflood empire (Genesis 10:10). The

Bible states that "he began to be a mighty one on the earth" and that "he was a mighty hunter before the LORD (vv. 8-9). This sounds innocent enough on the surface. yet the name Nimrod means "a hero" and "to rebel." The phrase "mighty one" comes from the Hebrew word gibbor meaning "warrior, strong man or tyrant." The Chaldee paraphrase of 1 Chronicles 1:10 reads: "Cush begat Nimrod, who began to prevail in wickedness, for he shed innocent blood, and rebelled against Jehovah" (The Companion Bible, Appendix 28). Secular sources indicate that Nimrod was a large, powerful man—an ambitious warrior who hunted men and assembled an empire by plunder, conquest, guile and tyranny (see The Antiquities of the *Iews*, Josephus, Bk. 1, ch. 4; also the Jerusalem Targum). Nimrod's rebellion spawned the system of political and military rivalries and conflicts that have marked the course of human history.

In order to promote the integration of peoples and foster unity within his empire, Nimrod initiated great building projects the construction of fortified cities, and massive public buildings like the Tower of Babel. The earliest walled cities are found in this region. The biblical statement, "come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top is in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad" reveals that human vanity motivated Nimrod's policies (Genesis 11:4). Building an impressive and powerful walled city with a huge tower enhanced the prestige of the builders. Forging an empire of many cities enabled Nimrod to dominate the surrounding region

militarily, economically and politically. Both Scripture and secular sources suggest that Nimrod aspired to a *world empire*.

The rise of Nimrod's empire was a crucial turning point in world history. Nimrod set a pattern of rebelling against God's instructions, and empire building through vanity-motivated conquest, subjugation and control that has continued down through history. This is why God intervened and confused the languages at the Tower of Babel which caused the construction process to cease! However, the pattern set by Nimrod at Babel does not end there. Babylon and Nineveh, as two of the most prominent cities in the ancient world, spread Nimrod's ideas far and wide. In the Bible, Babylon becomes synonymous with every evil practice imaginable. Babylon and the land of Iraq both figure prominently in end time prophecies, so we clearly need to understand these important biblical accounts. But what does this have to do with Europe today?

Modern Europe

The architects of the European Union recognize the parallel between the Tower of Babel and their efforts to "construct" a new Europe. The Council of Europe used a poster of the Tower of Babel to promote the construction of Europe. Tours through the EU Parliament chamber in Brussels hear an audiotape describing the multiple languages used by delegates as a "modern tower of Babel." Opponents have called the EU the "Babel Express," on the analogy of a runaway train characterized by "Eurospeak"—highflown rhetoric and pork barrel politics. Amazingly, the significant parallels run much deeper.

The basic attitude that motivated the builders of the city and Tower of Babel was a desire for power and glory. That same motive is deeply embedded in the desire to construct a unified Europe. In the years following World War I, Europe lost its leading position in the world to the U.S. and the Soviet Union. Intellectual elites on the continent saw unification as the only way to reverse Europe's decline. The current effort at European integration is an attempt to regain a leading role on the world stage. German Foreign minister Joschka Fischer has stated: "Europe will only be able to play its due role in global economic and political competition if we move forward courageously." Margaret Thatcher has observed that Europe's "ambitions to assert itself are unmatched. But... its attempts to play a role on the world stage have been universally embarrassing" (Thatcher, p. 342). The plans to create a European army are deeply motivated by politics—to give Europe a sense of identity—and not merely military considerations.

Just as Nimrod organized great building projects to unite the peoples of his empire, the construction of Europe involves many projects under way at the same time: the creation of a common currency, a central bank, common laws, a continental judicial system and police force, a European army, a common foreign policy and a constitution. A major goal is the elimination of individual states by pooling (surrendering) national sovereignty to supranational European institutions. The builders believe that

the only way to guarantee peace and prevent future wars in Europe is to eliminate the nation state, by creating a European super-state. European nocrats view small nations as an outmoded form of organization, incompatible with our globalized world. Anyone who does not recognize this inevitability, they say, is out of touch with reality and stands in the way of progress.

But just how valid are these lofty notions? Is the unification of Europe the only hope of the future? Does the record of history support this ambitious undertaking? Will the great experiment to construct an enlarged and unified Europe succeed in bringing peace to a divided continent, or will it falter unexpectedly—like the Tower of Babel?

A Darker Side

Builders of the new Europe seek to restore the unity of the Roman Empire. The empire of Charlemagne, and the medieval "Holy Roman Empire" are also cited as models of continental unity. Yet these empires were not exactly models of peace, harmony or unity. The "Christianity" adopted by the Roman Empire was mixed with paganism, as doctrinal controversies divided both church and empire. Charlemagne expanded "Christian" empire through military conquests, and conversions often came at the point of a sword. Medieval "Christendom" saw bitter rivalries between popes and emperors who waged wars against each other in the heart of Europe. Napoleon also attempted to unify Europe under the crown of the "Holy Roman Emperor." His goal was to redraw the map of

Europe, establish a common legal system and bring peace to a troubled continent, by the force of French arms. Less than a century later, Hitler set out on a similar path using German military force.

The lesson of history is that all these attempts failed to bring lasting unity or peace to a war-torn continent. In fact, one reason for Europe's blood-stained past is the recurring struggle to establish a single empire under one ruler and one religion. These are the real fruits of the system of conquest, dominion and control that Nimrod initiated at the Tower of Babel. This is a record that stretches back more than 4,000 years!

Perhaps the most surprising aspect of the current attempt to unify Europe is the actual legacy of terms, plans and ideas employed in the construction of the new Europe. Although historians acknowledge that Nazis and Fascists promoted the goal and glories of a unified Europe, this subject receives little attention today. However, accessible historical documents reveal a similarity of plans, goals and terminology that is nothing short of astounding! The "new" Europe is being constructed according to blueprints created in Germany in the 1940s. As one scholar asks, "can it be that the noble conception of a United Europe is... contaminated by the ideas reflected in the documents [speeches and writings of prominent Nazis and Fascists] here assembled? The answer must be Yes" (Documents on the History of European Integration, Lipgens, p. 53). This scholar attempts to rationalize that the striking similarity "has nothing to do with any intellectual, still less moral affinity" (ibid.). Yet this is hardly believable, since the German blueprints to unify Europe were created by a "generation of German-speaking intellectuals [who] had backed the Nazi cause" (The Rebirth of the West, Duignan & Gann, p. 2).

When you read wartime documents detailing plans for the New Order in Europe, you have a strange feeling that you are reading today's news. Even the terminology is the same! Mussolini proclaimed: "Europe may once again grasp the

helm of world civilization if it can develop a modicum of political unity" (The Tainted Source, Laughland, p. 47). Hitler spoke of the need to eliminate "the clutter of small nations" in Europe and that "only the Germans can really organize Europe... thereafter the way to world domination is

practically certain" (Lipgens, p. 10). In Nazis' plans, Germany and Italy were to be the "hard core" of continental unity and "the axis of Europe, around which the rest of the continent would articulate itself" (ibid., p. 10). Today the hard core is France and Germany, and the axis of the new Europe runs between Paris and Berlin. In the Nazi vision, Europe was seen as a "huge building site" where a bright future was being assembled (ibid., p. 56). The talk today is still of building, and constructing the edifice of a new Europe. Pro-Nazi German scholars devised elaborate plans to redraw the map of Europe and create a European Economic Community with a common currency and a common agricultural policy (ibid., pp. 123–162). Nazi propaganda envisioned a Europe

at peace, where conflicts would disappear. The same themes are heard today.

In 1940, Joseph Goebbels exulted: "We have the opportunity to reorganize Europe... the greatest historical drama that history has ever known is being played out at this moment" (ibid., pp. 73–74). He also warned that "no single European nation can... be allowed to stand in the way of the general process of organization" (ibid., p.



Berlin, once again capital of a unified Germany, looks forward to increased importance in a united Europe. ©ArtToday.com

75). A Nazi official, using phrases evocative of ancient Babylon (see Genesis 11:3-4: Daniel 4:28-30) proclaimed that Berlin would become "the mightiest and most beautiful city in the world... Europe's center of gravity... a magnet" at the heart of Europe (ibid., p. 98). In 1990, Joschka Fischer described "the unique opportunity to unite our continent," and that a core Europe would be the *center of* gravity and act like a magnet in the heart of Europe. He spoke of creating a new order in Europe, and warned that nations not wanting to unite "cannot prevent others from doing so."

In 1941, Hitler proclaimed that "the future [did] not belong to the ridiculous half-civilized America, but to the newly arisen Europe" (Lipgens, p. 89). Nazis leaders

spoke of "Germany's mission" to unite the peoples of Europe. In the 1950s, German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer stated: "Germany has a divine mission to save Western Europe." Helmut Kohl has asserted that "the future belongs to the Germans... when we build the house of Europe" (The Principality and Power of Europe, Hilton, p. 39). Nazis and Fascists used anti-American and anti-British slogans to promote their new Europe. Nazi

> leaders were notorious for not divulging their true aims for domination of Europe. The same is underway in Europe today. The Nazis repeatedly lied about their intentions. Investigative reporters have seen a similar pattern in the EU; one book about the EU was titled The Castle of Lies (Booker &North, 1997).

While the present architects of Europe may not appreciate the link between their ideas and Nazi and Fascist plans of the war years, the statements of successive European leaders demonstrate that these Nazi-era ideas remain alive today! The silence of scholars and modern advocates of European unity regarding this obvious overlap is remarkable and ominous. The Bible reveals that the real roots of grandiose schemes to dominate and control others by arms or contrived plans began with Nimrod at the Tower of Babel. With such an origin, the future should come as no surprise.

Trouble Ahead

The unity of Europe is an old dream with a colorful but tainted past. It is also an intoxicating idea—and one with prophetic significance. Today many Europeans are mesmerized by this enticing vision, even though history "richly demonstrates the futility and danger of attempting to subjugate Europe's states to a single centralizing power" (Calleo, p. 343). Yet Europe's builders seem

blind to the lessons of history, oblivious to prophecy quick to dismiss the warnings of critics. This does not bode well for the future.

The European house is a fragile structure built on a shaky foundation of illusions, assumptions and misconceptions. The architects of Europe assume that unification, negotiation, consensus-building and declarations against hostilities will eliminate war from the continent. Yet "the most striking common feature" of these pacifist assumptions is "their almost total failure to influence the course of history" (The Question of Europe, Gowan, p. 99). The Bible states plainly that mankind does not know the way to peace (Isaiah 59:8). The popular mantra that democracies do not go to war with each other is another naïve assumption (Calleo, pp. 5, 357). The European democracies' attempt to speak with one voice regarding policy toward Iraq produced serious divisions. While integration is hailed as the way to prosperity and full employment, unemployment in Europe has reached worrisome levels. The "affluence" provided by Europe's welfare states is threatened, as aging populations are supported by fewer young workers.

Assertions that European unification is inevitable—even required by our globalized economy—are also met with skepticism by those who remember that German geopolitical theorists in the 1930s and 40s spoke of the "laws of leben-

sraum" and proclaimed

that "the unification of Europe [is] inevitable development in accordance with the iron laws of history" (Lipgens, 95, 111). pp. Dutch historian Rietbergen Peter notes that "if the past has anything to teach us,

it is that ideas which are proclaimed to have absolute validity are always dangerous" (Europe: A Cultural History, xxiii).

While continental planners envision a United States of Europe, others see a "dangerous mirage" (Gowan, p. 84). The "bold" Franco-German attempt to forge closer ties is also viewed as "the great gamble" and a "project... very likely to fail" (ibid., p. 123). Margaret Thatcher labeled the attempt to unite Europe "a classic utopian project, a monument to the vanity of intellectuals, a program whose inevitable destiny is failure... I predict... that such an unnecessary and irrational project... will seem in future years to be perhaps the greatest folly of the modern era" (Thatcher, pp. 359, 410). Even the pope has stated that attempts to build Europe on a secular foundation "would collapse within a decade" (The Economist, Aug. 24, 2002, p. 43). The Bible reveals that "unless the LORD builds the house, they labor in vain who build it" (Psalm 127:1).

Both history and the Bible indicate that there is nothing new or inevitable about the latest attempt to unite the nations of Europe. While scholars suggest that the "future is unknowable," Bible prophecy reveals what lies ahead. The Scriptures describe a modern Babylon that will be part of an end-time military-economic system with global connections. This powerful, yet fragile configuration (iron and clay, cf. Daniel 2:40-43) will appear on the world scene just before the return of Jesus Christ. Externally, this system will be characterized by material wealth and power, but internally it will be wicked, corrupt and exploitive. It will be composed of ten leaders who surrender their sovereignty to a political ruler for a short period of three and one half years. However, like Nimrod's Tower of Babel, this modern Babylonian system will experience a cataclysmic demise (Revelation 17-18). This final revival of grandiose schemes devised by men will be ended by God's direct intervention, when Jesus Christ returns to establish the kingdom of God. Nearly 2,500 years ago, the prophet Daniel explained a dream to the Babylonian king Nebuchadnezzar, revealing that "in the days of these [10] kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed." Daniel stated further that "the dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure" (Daniel 2:44-45). The acceleration of history we are witnessing today indicates that the end-time is fast approaching. Do you recognize what is coming?

The Impossible Dream

Recently, *Reuters* reported that "the Beatles' guru"— Maharishi Mahesh Yogi—had announced a plan to destroy world terrorism. The yogi was quoted as saying that "with \$1 billion he could train 40,000 expert meditators" who would generate enough "good vibes" to save the world.

This religious leader, like most others, certainly recognizes that current approaches years to prove itself unable to live in peace. Certainly some *talk* of peace and goodwill and brotherhood. But it has never been achieved. As the Apostle Paul observed nearly 2,000 years ago: "Their feet are swift to shed blood; destruction and misery are in their ways; and the way of peace they have not known" (Romans 3:15–17).

Simply put, human beings cannot live together in peace

It will take overwhelming force and power from the Great God to put an end to the warfare and military might of the nations. The Creator of the universe is the only One who has such power, and has the capacity to bring—and enforce—world peace.

to peace are not working. Terrorism threatens America and much of the western world. Palestinians and Israelis are locked in a vicious spiral of destruction. Pakistan and India appear on the verge of nuclear war.

Virtually every nation and religion says that it wants peace—but peace on *its own* terms, leading to the dominance of one religion, one nation or one ideology above all others. With such a wide range of beliefs on this planet, the deck seems to be stacked against peace, as it has been for the last 6,000 years of mankind's history.

Is world peace, then, an impossible dream? Yes, it is—if left in human hands. God has allowed mankind 6,000

apart from the true God. In fact, Jesus Christ indicated that there would be such worldwide conflict at the end of this age that, unless He intervened, there would be no beings left alive (Matthew 24:21, 22).

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God will bring peace on *His* terms. He will institute, for all peoples, His spiritual laws that are the blueprint for human happiness. Jesus Christ Himself will lead the worldwide government that will enforce God's

laws. Gone will be the current multitude of governments, languages and ideologies. No longer will there be hundreds of different religions. In fact, there will no longer be "religion" as the world has known it. There will simply be Jesus Christ at the head of the government, bringing about the way of life that leads to peace, justice and happiness.

Peace will not come through large sums of money, or by "meditation," or by human good intentions. Living God's way, peace will simply be a by-product of that way of life. "Great peace have they which love Your law" (Psalm 119:165). On a national level, God promises to those nations that truly follow His way of life: "I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down and none will make you afraid" (Leviticus 26:6).

World peace is coming, whether you believe it or not. But you can believe this message—and prove it for yourself—from your Bible. And you can begin to *live* by His laws even now. If you want to have in your life the "great peace" that God promises, why not begin *right now* to study His instruction book for humanity, the Bible—the literal Word of God?

You can have, *right now*, the peace in your life that most of the world will only enjoy after Jesus Christ returns. So why wait?

—Jeffrey Fall

PROPHECY IS SPEEDING FORWARD (continued from page 9)

kings, to rule the nations 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 forever and ever" reign (Revelation 11:15). When Christ returns, He will deliver His people-both Jews and the ten supposedly "lost" tribes of Israelfrom the power that had enslaved them: "Therefore do not fear, O My servant Jacob,' says the LORD, 'Nor be dismayed, O Israel; for behold, I will save you from afar, and your seed from the land of their captivity. Jacob shall return, have rest and be quiet, and no one shall make him afraid" (Jeremiah 30:10).

Then: "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah-not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people" (Hebrews 8:8-10). God speed that day!

Come OUT of Babylon!

In the perilous times ahead, as this powerful system arises in the same lands where it *has before existed*, all Bible-believing

Christians must be willing to fully trust God to take care of them and their loved ones. For it will become increasingly difficult even for us in this Work of God to directly warn you of this system! It will be "politically incorrect." It will become more and more dangerous because, as time goes on, it will become increasingly obvious—at least to those who study and understand the Bible—who is fulfilling this prophecy.

This soon-coming religiopolitical union of nations will be a powerful system, not only militarily but also in merchandise and wealth of every sort. It will become so rich, God says, that when it is finally crushed by the returning Christ: "The merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore" (Revelation 18:11). This system will become very appealing to most people on this earth. It will become very difficult not to join this system, for persecution and harassment will come on those who do not become part of it. Yet the great God of creation cries out to us through His Word: "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins unless you receive of her plagues. For her sins have reached the heaven. and God has remembered her iniquities" (Revelation 18:4–5).

We in this Work of the living Christ do not wish to insult any of you who read these words. But we deeply know and understand that these events *are absolutely coming!* In Christ's name, we therefore urge you to be willing to *wake up* and *rethink* some of your religious ideas, practices and doctrines. Be willing to face the Truth. For Truth is *powerful!* Truth is the ultimate *reality!*

In Jesus' name, I urge you to face squarely the reality that the basic prophecies of the Bible, which we in this Work have preached for decades, are now coming to pass. America and Britain are being greatly weakened by offending most of the Muslim world, by expending their great national wealth trying to be the "world's policeman"—and also by turning away from the God who gave so many blessings, therefore putting ourselves under His condemnation. As a loving father rebukes and chastens every son he loves, so the great God who loves us will chasten our peoples before it is too late (see Hebrews 12:5–7).

May God help you to understand. May He help you to act on His Truth while you have a genuine opportunity. May God grant you the strength and courage to do His will, and so be protected from this Great Tribulation, which will come on our peoples within this generation!



KEYS TO EFFECTIVE PRAYER (continued from page 12)

You can have faith in God. God promises that if you seek Him sincerely, you will find Him: "But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him" (Hebrews 11:6).

But first you will have to acknowledge the existence of an all-wise, all-powerful Creator God who loves you and every human on earth! We read: "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much" (James 5:16).

Key #7: Pray in the Name of Jesus Christ

Prayer is a privilege. It is our opportunity to spiritually come to the throne of Heaven. But we do not pray on our own authority. We pray in the name, or the authority, of our Lord, who instructs us to pray. It is the Son of God who in the Bible instructs us to "ask, seek and knock." Several times in the gospel of John, Jesus promises that God will hear our prayer if we ask in His Name. Jesus gives us the authority and

We need to pray fervently, and we need to pray fervently for others! Do you pray for those who are ill? Remember what the Apostle James wrote: "Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much" (James 5:16).

of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible" (Hebrews 11:1-3).

Key #6: Pray Fervently

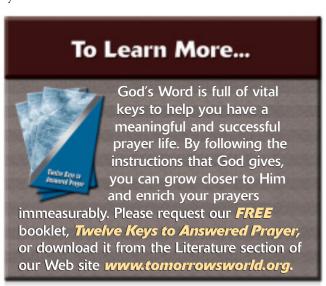
God is creating a spiritual family. He wants you to be His son or daughter! So, in your prayers, recognize God as your Father! Also, acknowledge God as the Creator, as King David often did in his prayers. King David was a man after God's own heart, as it tells us in Acts 13:22. David prayed with feeling and enthusiasm.

Many of the Psalms are the heartfelt prayers of David. He was very straightforward—very open and honest—with God about his feelings, his anxieties and his problems. He fervently expressed his faith and confidence that God would hear his prayer. He cried out: "I have called upon You, for You will hear me, O God; incline Your ear to me, and hear my speech!" (Psalm 17:6). David put his heart into his prayers, unlike many ancient Israelites, about whom God observed: "They never put their heart into their prayers" (Hosea 7:14, Moffatt).

We need to pray fervently, and we need to pray fervently for others! Do you pray for those who are ill? Remember what the Apostle James wrote: "Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one the encouragement to pray. Asking in Jesus' name means that we are asking by His authority! Jesus instructed His disciples: "And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you" (John 16:23).

So, when you pray, realize that you are not coming before God's throne on your own authority, but on the authority of the Son of God: Jesus Christ.

Apply these seven keys of effective prayer, and you will see dramatic changes for good in your life, and in the lives of those around you. You can pray more sincerely, more effectively and more frequently—with faith and confidence.



GOD IS IN CHARGE (continued from page 3)

would not. So God used King Nebuchadnezzar as a tool in His hands to invade and conquer Judah—to be *God's* instrument in chastening and humbling Judah to bring about *real repentance!* Notice carefully the message God sent to Judah through the prophet Jeremiah: "Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts: 'Because you have not heard My words, behold, I will send and take all the families of the north,' says the LORD, 'and *Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon*, My servant, and will bring them against this land, against its inhabitants, and against these nations all around, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, a hissing, and perpetual desolations" (Jeremiah 25:8–9).

So when we see the foreign enemy beginning to invade and conquer modern America, Canada and Britain, we should not be horrified, confused or disheartened. Those of you who have read and truly understood the prophetic articles in this magazine undoubtedly realize by now that the great God will soon intervene and powerfully *chasten* our peoples, **unless** we deeply repent and turn to the *true ways* of God!

Yet during the greatest of trials and tests, God's true children will understand that "God is love" (1 John 4:16). They will realize that God brings trials and tests on us for our good. Fervently studying God's Word, and drinking in more and more of the "mind" of God, God's people will realize in the years just ahead that God is intervening to bring this corrective punishment on His people because of His great love, and in order to teach them lessons for all eternity that they are unwilling to learn any other way. True Christians will understand that the great God who says: "For I am the LORD, I do not change; therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob" (Malachi 3:6) is dealing with modern Israel just as He did in sending ancient Judah into Babylonian captivity.

Remember what God said to those Jewish captives: "For thus says the LORD: After seventy years are completed at Babylon, I will visit you and perform My good word toward you, and cause you to return to this place. For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you" (Jeremiah 29:10–12).

As the storm clouds gather, and as the darkness falls over our people, we should remember, as Jeremiah said to Judah, that God wants to give us a "future and a hope." We should know that when *our people* finally turn to God "with all their hearts," He will *then* bring them "back from captivity" and bless our peoples more than they have ever been blessed.

God tells us: "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah-not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. 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. No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more" (Jeremiah 31:31–34). At that time, there will be no false ministers teaching that God's holy law is "nailed to the cross" or "done away." All human beings will eventually learn to live by all ten of the Ten Commandments as a way of life. Then there will be genuine peace and overflowing iov over the entire earth.

As David was inspired to tell us: "For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. As a father pities his children, so the Lord pities those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust" (Psalm 103:11–14). When we come to *surrender* to this great God as our Father, when we come to genuinely "know" Him through Jesus Christ living within us, then we will fully understand that the absolute Source of all love and goodness is truly "in charge." Finally, as we grow in this understanding, truly "the **peace** of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:7).

Robert Meredith

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INTERNATIONAL:

Brisbane: BRIZ-Ch 31, SUN 8:30 am Melbourne: MCTC—Ch 31, TUE 11:00 pm **Sydney:** CTS-31—Ch 31, SUN 9:00 am Perth: CETL—Ch 31, SUN 9:30 am

—RARRADOS

St. Michael: CBC—Ch 8, SUN 9:30 am

ON, Toronto: Vision—SUN 3:30 am; SUN 5:30 pm

Kingston: TV|—Ch 7, 9, 11 & 13, SUN 9:00 am

—NEW ZEALAND
Nationwide: PRIME TELEVISION—SUN 8:30 am

—PHILIPPINES

Bansalan: Bansalan Cable—Ch 10, SAT 10:00 am Borongan: Borongan Cable—Ch 17, SAT 3:00 pm Kidapawan: Metro Cable—Ch 19, SAT 8:30 am Naval, Leyte: Naval Cable—Ch 11, SUN 9:00 am Nabunturan: Nabunturan Cable—Ch 21, SAT 10:00 am Maasin City: Maasin Cable—Ch 13, SAT 9:00 am Naval Biliran: Bilinet Cable—Ch 11, Sun 9:00 am; SAT 9:00 am
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Sogod: Sogod Cable—Ch 13, SAT 8:00 am

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Trinidad, Port of Spain: CCN—Ch 6, SAT 3:30 pm

UNITED STATES:

- Birmingham: Cable—Ch 4, WED 1:30 pm
 Birmingham: WOTM—Ch 19, TUE 5:00 pm; FRI 7:00 pm;
 Troy/Montgomery: WRJM—Ch 67, SUN 7:30 am
 Fayetteville: Access TV—Ch 8, SUN 8:30 pm
 Little Rock: KASN—Ch 38, SAI 8:00 am
 Phoenix: Access—Ch 22, WED 10:00 pm
 Prescott: Cable—Ch 13, SAI 5:30 pm; SUN 6:30 am
 Tucson: Access—Ch 73, SAI 4:30 pm; SUN 11:30 am
 Anaheim: Adelphia—Ch 3, WED 6:00 pm
 Buena Park: Adelphia—Ch 3, WED 6:00 pm
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 Garden Grove: Time Warner—Ch 6, SUN 11:30 am
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 Los Angeles: KDOC—Ch 56, SAT 7:00 am Modesto: AT&T—Ch 2, TUE 3:00 pm
 Oceanside: KOCT—Ch 18, SUN 5:30 pm
 Sacramento: RCCTV—Ch 19, MON 5:30 pm
 San Diego: Cox—Ch 18 & 23, THUR 6:00 pm
 San Francisco: Access TV—Ch 29, SUN 10:30 am
 San Jose: Community TV—Ch 15A, SAT 11:30 pm
 Sonora: TCCCA—Ch 8, SUN 8:00 pm
 Turlock: Charter—Ch 2, MON 8:00 pm
 Enfield: Comcast—Ch 15, THUR 6:30 pm
 Naugatuck: Tele-Media—Ch 10, TUE 9:30 pm
 Gainesville: Cox—Ch 55, SUN 8:00 pm
 Ocala: Cox—Ch 71, SUN 10:00 am
 Atlanta: AIB—Cable, THUR 6:30 pm; SAT 1:30 am
 Macon: Cox Cable—Ch 18, SUN 5:00 pm;
 TUE 7:30 am; FRI 2:00 pm
 Hilo: Na Leo—Ch 14, SUN 12:30 pm; FRI 9:30 pm
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- THUR 5:30 am
- Des Moines: Mediacom—Ch 15, SAT 10:00 am; SUN 11:00 am IA,
- Dubuque: TCl of lowa—Ch 16, THUR 7:30 pm; MON 3:30 pm & 7:30 pm; TUE 10:00 am; WED 2:00 pm Pocatello: Vision—Ch 12, SUN 7:30 pm; FRI 1:00 pm

- Bloomington: Insight—Ch 20, SUN 1:00 pm;
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 Chicago: WGN—Ch 9, SUN 5:00 am
 Moline: MediaCom—Ch 7, SUN 5:00 am
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 Peoria: Insight—Ch 20, SUN 7:30 pm
 Chanute: Cablewision—Ch 5, SUN 7:30 am; TUE 5:30 pm
 Parsons: Time Warner—Ch 21, WED 7:00 pm & 9:30 pm
 Paducah: Public Cable—Ch 2, WED 3:30 pm
 Williamstown: Insight—Ch 20, WED 7:00 pm
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 Williamstown: Access—Ch 16, MON 12:30 pm; TUE 12:30 pm
 Baton Rouge: KZUP—Ch 44, SUN 11:00 am
 Lafayette: KATC—Ch 3, SUN 9:00 am
 Monroe: Time Warner—Ch 49, WED 10:00 pm
 Shreveport: KSHY—Ch 45, SUN 8:30 am
 Belchertown: BCTV—Ch 5, SUN 8:00 pm
 Cambridge: CCTV—Ch 22, TUE 4:00 pm
 Malden: Access TV—CH 3, SUN 11:00 am
 Baltimore: TI—Ch 5, SUN 4:00 pm; WED 4:00 pm
 Mockville: Comcast—Ch 19, THUR 5:00 pm
 Westminster: Adelphia—Ch 19, THUR 5:00 pm
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 Minneapolis: NTN—Ch 75, THUR 6:30 pm
 Roseville: CTV—Ch 15, SUN 7:30 pm; MON 3:30 am
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 Missoula: BSC—Cable, SUN 8:30 am
 Burlington: Time Warner—Ch 5/10, SUN 9:00 pm
 Greensboro: GCTV—Ch 8, SAT 7:30 am; SUN 9:00 pm
 Wilmington: Time Warner—Ch 4, WED 10:00 pm
 Omaha: KPTM—Ch 42, SUN 8:00 am
 Hanover: CATV—Ch 6, SUN 5:00 pm & 11:00 pm;
 MON 5:00 am & 11:00 am
 East Windsor: Comcast—Ch 27, WED 5:30 pm
 Oakland: Cablevision—Ch 71, SUN 6:00 pm
 Trenton: Comcast—Ch 26, MON 10:00 pm
 Albuquerque: CCC27—Ch 27, SUN 7:00 pm
 Rio Rancho: CABLE ONE—Ch 51, THUR 7:00 pm
 Carson City: Access TV—Ch 10, SAT 9:00 pm
 Gardnerville: Community Access—Ch 26, SAT 3:00
 am & 3:00 pm; SUN 3:00 am & 3:00 pm
 Reno/Sparks: SNCT—Ch 30/16, SUN 7:30 pm
 Batavia: Time Warner—Ch 19, TUE 5:30 pm
 Binghamton: Time Warner—Ch 6, FRI 5:00 pm
 Brooklyn: BCAT—Ch 56/69, SUN 3:00 pm
 Canandaigua: FLTV—Ch 12, SUN 11:30 am
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 Dallas: Community Television—Ch 14b, FRI 2:00 pm;
 SAT 1:00 pm; SUN 11:00 am

 Lufkin: KIRE—Ch 9, SUN 6:30 am

 Temple: KPLE—Ch 31/45, SUN 7:30 pm

 Tyler: KLTV—Ch 7, SUN 6:30 am

 Chesterfield: Comcast—Ch 6, THUR 6:30 pm

 Roanoke: WDRL—Ch 24/54, SUN 7:00 am

 Virginia Beach: Cox—Ch 71 & 74, SAT 8:30 am

 Barre: Charter—Ch 7, SAT 9:00 pm; SUN 2:00 pm & 11:00 pm

 Middlebury: Adelphia—Ch 15, SUN 10:30 am; MON 9:30 am;

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- Montpelier: Adelphia—Ch 15, TUE 9:00 pm;
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 Richmond: Community TV—Ch 15, SUN 1:30 am, 9:30 am,
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 Kennewick: Charter—Ch 13/99, SUN 8:00 pm;
 TUE 8:00 pm
 Seattle: TCI—Ch 29, FRI 5:30 pm
 Spokane: AT&T—Ch 14, MON 8:00 pm
 Vancouver: FVCT—Ch 11, SUN 9:30 am
 Wausau: Charter—Ch 10, THUR 9:00 pm; FRI 7:30 am
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