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Personal

By Roderick C. Meredith, Editor in Chief

BIG Trouble Ahead!

Most people do not like to face reality, especially when looming reality is unpleasant. It is much easier to look the other way—hoping that “bad things” will never happen. It is also easier to procrastinate than to take action. For action demands effort, and real action might require *changing things* rather than comfortably drifting along.

But as a servant of the living God, I am a “watchman” for the modern “House of Israel” (not just Judah). I am required to warn God’s people of what lies ahead. The inspired word of God says: “But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at the watchman’s hand. So you, son of man: I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; therefore you shall hear a word from My mouth *and warn them for Me*” (Ezekiel 33:6–7).

God also tells His servants: “Cry aloud, spare not; lift up your voice like a trumpet; tell My people their transgression, and the house of Jacob their sins” (Isaiah 58:1).

I must solemnly warn you faithful subscribers—*those of you who understand*—that events and movements now underway should be a definite “signal” to you and to me that the **end** of this present age is truly at hand. For now a virtual avalanche of filth and pornography is descending upon our society. More and more films and television productions are emphasizing the misuse of sex in every possible way. Besides regularly depicting horrifying and gratuitous *violence*, and fornication and adultery, our “entertainment” increasingly emphasizes various forms of sexual perversion.

Even worse, perhaps, is that many of our leading politicians and judges are helping promote these perverted lifestyles that are being foisted upon our unthinking peoples. Liberal politicians have even attacked and tried to discredit the

President of the United States for supporting a constitutional amendment declaring that legitimate marriage is between one man and one woman!

How far we have come!

What this deceived world does **not** understand, but what you *Tomorrow’s World* readers *need to understand*, is that this type of behavior certainly indicates that the **end** of this world’s society really is *very near*. In what is truly a fundamental prophecy for our English-speaking world, the Eternal God outlined for our forefathers certain basic issues. God said: “If you walk in My **statutes** and keep My **commandments**, and perform them, then I will give you rain in its season, the land shall yield its produce, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. Your threshing shall last till the time of vintage, and the vintage shall last till the time of sowing; you shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely” (Leviticus 26:3–5).

However, God stated: “But if you do not obey Me, and do not observe all these **commandments**, and if you **despise** My **statutes**, or if your soul **abhors** My judgments, so that you do not perform all My commandments, but break My covenant, I also will do this to you: I will even appoint **terror** over you, **wasting disease** and **fever** which shall consume the eyes and cause sorrow of heart. And you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it” (vv. 14–16). The prophecy continues, describing the truly *awful things* that will happen if His people do not come to their senses and *obey* their Creator: “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*; I will make your heavens like iron and your earth like bronze. And your strength shall be spent in vain; for your land shall not yield its produce, nor shall the trees of the land yield their fruit” (vv. 18–20).

If there is *still* not repentance, **more corrective punishments** are to follow: “I will lay your **cities**

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How Would Jesus Vote for President?

By Roderick C. Meredith

Across the United States, the Presidential election campaign is in full swing. Weeks before the major parties will hold their official nominating conventions, the media are already bombarding our senses with partisan appeals: “Vote for George W. Bush!” or “Vote for John Kerry!”

Claims and counter-claims are being traded. Whose fault is it that Iraqi detainees have been abused? Who is lying about his military record? Which candidate’s values truly represent the American people?

What should a real Christian do? How should we respond? Most importantly, *how would Jesus Christ respond* in this politically charged atmosphere?

Mired in an Iraq conflict that is damaging America’s reputation abroad, is the U.S. pursuing the right strategies in its “war on terrorism”? With its massive nation-

al debt and economic uncertainty at home, is the U.S. pursuing the proper domestic policies?

Who can lead us out of the morass of our plummeting morality, our insecure economy, our declining standard of living and the increasing racial and ethnic tensions in our society? *Who*?

We all need to recognize that a true Christian is one who has Christ living in him through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Apostle Paul wrote: “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20, KJV).

A true Christian must learn to live as Jesus Christ actually lived—not as many people incorrectly imagine He *might* have lived. Jesus Himself told us: “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God” (Luke 4:4).

The genuine answer as to how we ought to live and function in a democratic nation is to be found in the Bible—the inspired Word of God. For we are to have the “mind of Christ” (Philippians 2:5). And the Bible is the revelation of God’s mind—telling us how the Father and Jesus Christ really think about the fundamental issues of life.

Independent from Whom?

In the shadow of July 4—“Independence Day” in the U.S.—patriotic messages urge citizens to support one candidate or another. Looking at the men who would be President, we ask ourselves: “Does he *really* believe he is fit to lead the world’s only superpower? Does he think that *any man* is fit for the task?” Where is *God* in all of this?

From the beginning, mankind has tried to rule himself without God’s direct leadership. Most pro-

fessing Christians do not even realize what Jesus Christ has to do with government. For they have been told far more about the “little Lord Jesus, away in a manger,” than they have about the biblical Jesus Christ who is now standing at the right hand of God in heaven (Acts 7:55–56). The real Christ will soon return in majestic glory as the literal King of kings over the entire earth! To most people, this Jesus is unknown.

Remember, very few professing Christians realize that Jesus’ gospel was about world government. One of the most clever, Satanic deceptions ever spread is that Jesus Christ’s message was principally about Himself. The starting point of true Christianity is accepting the shed blood of Jesus Christ after truly *repenting* (seldom mentioned elsewhere!) of sin. However, Jesus’ main message—the gospel He preached—centered on world government and the willingness of each human to genuinely surrender to God and eventually become part of His divine Family. This divine government will soon *rule* over this entire earth!

Who RULES This Present World?

Though many have been led to believe that this world is God’s world, the Bible tells us something entirely different. The Apostle John was inspired to write: “Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him” (1 John 2:15).

During the temptation of Jesus Christ, He was taken to a mountain and shown the glory of all the kingdoms of this world: “And the devil said to Him, ‘All this authori-

ty [to govern] I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish” (Luke 4:6).

Did Jesus contradict Satan and tell him that he was *not* in charge of the kingdoms of this world? No. He did not. Rather, near the end of His ministry, Jesus spoke of Satan in this way: “Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out” (John 12:31). As He also said: “I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me” (John 14:30).

Later, Paul wrote: “But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them” (2 Corinthians 4:3–4). Satan the Devil is the invisible ruler—the “god” of this age, which has covered about 6,000 years of human history since the creation of Adam. But this age will end at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ as King of kings! God inspired Paul to reveal to us that Satan is “the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience” (Ephesians 2:2). So the invisible spirit ruler—the prince—over this world’s society is actually Satan the Devil!

Nevertheless, the true Creator God intervenes when necessary, to accomplish His purpose. In Galatians 1:4, Paul taught that Christ “gave Himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world” (KJV). But egotistical men, who think they know it all, are actually unaware that they are under the powerful sway of the invisible Satan. They

think that their ideas about society and about government—often diametrically contrary to those of God—make sense. But God says: “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death” (Proverbs 14:12).

Satan *deceives* this world in a thousand different ways! In the book of Revelation, John foresaw a spirit war just ahead when “the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him” (Revelation 12:9).

Later, God reveals to us that at the beginning of Christ’s reign on earth, Satan is cast into a bottomless pit “so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished” (Revelation 20:3). The Bible makes it exceedingly clear that this present society is Satan’s. Rather than truly seeking God’s will, today’s civilization is based on vanity, competition, deception and fraud.

Jesus told Pontius Pilate: “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here” (John 18:36). Clearly, Jesus had no intention of trying to get into this world’s politics and wars. He represented another world, another government—the kingdom of God. Therefore, Jesus would definitely not try to reorganize this world and get into the midst of a lying, scheming political system under the sway of Satan the Devil!

Training To Be Kings

Probably within the next generation, the biblical Jesus Christ

will return to sit on a real throne in the city of Jerusalem. His government will be established throughout the entire earth—a literal government empowered by Almighty God, ruled by the King of kings and Lord of lords (Revelation 19:15–16). And what will Jesus’ followers—the true saints of God—be doing? “Do you not know that the saints will judge the

learn to practice God’s government now. Notice this “prayer of the saints” in Revelation 5:9–10: “You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth.” Clearly,

incorrect approach to governing. Rather, when Christ returns, He will deal decisively with the governments of this world. “And in the days of these kings [in power just prior to Christ’s return] the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all

Paul tells us to pray for those in positions of authority. “Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications be made for kings and for all who are in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence” (1 Timothy 2:1–2).

world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?” (1 Corinthians 6:2–3). In the next few verses, Paul went on to expound how the Christians in Corinth were supposed to learn to practice God’s government in the Church by correctly “judging” problems among themselves. From Genesis to Revelation, a position in God’s government has always been filled by appointment—*not* by politicking or otherwise making deceptive promises to people to buy their votes. It was in this context that Paul could ask: “[Why] do you appoint those who are least esteemed by the church to judge?” (v. 4).

Christians are in training, now, to be kings and priests in the soon-coming kingdom of God. Jesus stated: “He who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations— ‘He shall rule them with a rod of iron; they shall be dashed to pieces like the potter’s vessels’—as I also have received from My Father” (Revelation 2:26–27). So we need to overcome our human ways and human selfishness—and

the true saints of God will soon have rulership—*not* up in heaven, but *on this earth*!

Carefully study the parable of the pounds in Luke 19:11–27 in the King James Version. Here Jesus is pictured as going off to heaven to receive His kingdom and to return. When Christ returns, He rewards His servants according to how well each has done in using God-given time, talents and wisdom in serving God. What reward did Christ give His faithful servants? “And he said to him, ‘Well [done], thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities’” (v. 17). And to the servant who had only gained five pounds? “Be thou also over five cities” (v. 19).

Do you see any indication of politicking or voting here? Not at all. Rather, it is just one more scriptural example to make clear to Christians that the best form of government—God’s government—is not in any way based on human politicking, compromising, wheeling and dealing, and coming up with half-baked solutions to our problems.

Jesus said: “My kingdom is not of this world” (John 18:36). He certainly would not lower Himself to be part of this world’s

these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever” (Daniel 2:44).

Later in Daniel, God clearly describes how the true saints will be given authority, under Christ, over *all* the governments of this earth at the Messiah’s return. “Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him” (7:27).

How Should Christians Interact with Human Governments NOW?

Although Jesus Christ did not actively participate in the governments of this deceived world, He did set us an example of obedience to civil law, showing respect to those in office. When the Pharisees came to ask Jesus about paying taxes, He answered: “Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s” (Matthew 22:21).

God inspired Paul to write: “Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are

appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves” (Romans 13:1–2). And Paul further explains: “For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God’s ministers attending continually to this very thing. Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom

which he is residing, to respect the authorities and to give honor to whom honor is due. On the two occasions when I visited Winfield House—the ambassador’s residence—a toast was proposed to the Queen. All rose and lifted their glasses in honor of the gracious lady who is still monarch of the British people. On each occasion, both U.S. ambassadors—Elliot Richardson in

But, as Paul wrote, we are “*ambassadors* for Christ” (2 Corinthians 5:20). We should conduct ourselves with love and respect for all human beings—including those in political offices. But we must always remember that our ultimate citizenship is *not* in or from the governments of this Satan-inspired society! Although we should serve others and do good on

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taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor” (vv. 6–7).

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True Christians—who make up the church (Greek *ekklesia*, literally, the “called-out ones”)—are like foreign ambassadors. “For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ” (Philippians 3:20).

A number of years ago, I had the opportunity to act as deputy chancellor of a small college near London, England. Because of this and other responsibilities, I attended a number of distinguished gatherings in London and at the home of the U.S. ambassador to Her Majesty’s government. On two of these occasions, I met the American ambassador.

The U.S. ambassador to Britain—or to any other government, for that matter—is expected to obey the laws of the land in

one instance and Walter Annenberg in the other—joined in the toast. Showing this kind of respect to those in authority is clearly reflective of the attitude that God wants us all to have. And certainly to obey all the legitimate laws of the land and to pay our taxes is required. Of course, if some totalitarian government ever tried to make us directly disobey the higher laws of Almighty God, then we should follow the inspired example of the Apostles who said, “We ought to obey God rather than men” (Acts 5:29). Even then, if we decide to stay in that nation, we should expect to suffer any penalty or punishment such authorities might impose—looking in *faith* to God to take care of us (cf. Daniel 3).

an individual basis, we cannot and must not get involved with political efforts to reorganize or to clean up Satan’s deceived world. *For the system itself is not God’s system!* He is only allowing deceived human beings to go their own way and experiment with various types of government during these last 6,000 years of human experience.

Paul wrote: “Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?” (2 Corinthians 6:14–15). Referring

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Will the Terrorists Win?

By John H. Ogwyn

A worldwide war on terrorism has been in progress for almost three years, since the attacks of September 11, 2001. It is a war that is being fought on many fronts, and shows no signs yet of being contained or of winding down. The battleground stretches to every inhabited continent. Although the United States and its allies have forced regime changes in Afghanistan and Iraq, the war—even in those countries—continues.

From places as diverse as Bali and Madrid come reports of explosions and mangled bodies. Suicide bombings in Israel have become so commonplace that they rarely even warrant front-page coverage any longer. Kidnappings and terrorist tactics have seriously dampened foreign tourist interest in countries such as Colombia and the Philippines. Add to that the periodic discoveries of anthrax-laden envelopes at the post office, and airport delays and temporary closures due to security fears, and it quickly becomes apparent that terrorism and the threat of terrorism

carry a multi-billion dollar price tag.

In human terms, the cost of this war has included the lives of thousands of civilians who were simply at the wrong place at the wrong time. Many have lost family members, friends and homes. Thousands of American National Guard members have had their lives turned upside down when their units were activated and dispatched to the Middle East. Dubbed “weekend warriors” in times past, National Guard members were generally associated with cleaning up after hurricanes and floods. Now they have been filling in the gaps of an overstretched American military trying to fight a war on several fronts. Scenes of young husbands and fathers—and even young *mothers*—being dispatched for who-knows-how-long to areas remote from America’s shores have tugged at the heartstrings of millions who watch on television. Far more sobering have been the stories and pictures of the hundreds of young soldiers, many not even out of their teens, who have returned to home and family in military coffins.

In addition to an economic cost reaching into the billions of dollars, the war on terrorism has had an enormous psychological cost as well. The most mundane and prosaic places have been the front lines in this war. Restaurants and coffee houses, malls and small retail shops, train stations and bus stops have been the targets of terror strikes that

have killed and maimed victims of all ages, from babies in arms to the elderly. The very randomness of the violence has had a dismaying and terrorizing effect.

Another casualty has been some of the very freedoms that we in the Western world have long taken for granted. Freedom of easy travel, and freedom from oppressive government surveillance have long been taken for granted by citizens throughout the English-speaking world. Yet, as a result of the war on global terrorism, there are now checks and restrictions at which people would have rebelled just a few years ago. Frightened by the potential dangers, people now

ers, killing everyone on board and thousands inside—and completely destroying the buildings—would have seemed like the plot of an adventure thriller before September 11, 2001.

Some analysts have asserted that the roots of terrorism lie in poverty and political oppression. However, as Walter Laqueur pointed out in his book *No End to War: Terrorism in the 21st Century*, almost no terrorism occurs in the world's poorest 49 countries. Furthermore, the 20th century's most repressive regimes—Hitler's Germany and Stalin's Russia—were free of terrorism. Laqueur argues that terrorism flour-

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tolerate restrictions that would once have been considered more characteristic of authoritarian states.

A war on terrorism is being waged using the vast military and economic resources of the United States and its allies. Yet, in spite of all of this massive expenditure, the war continues on, un-won. Why? How is it that relatively few fanatics are able to set the agenda for the world's most powerful nations? And what does all of this portend for our world in the years immediately ahead?

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Do you realize that some of the great geopolitical changes in the years immediately ahead of us will be in response to the effects of the global terrorist threat? Do you want to understand what all of this really means and where it is actually leading? If so, then read on!

Roots of Terrorism

What has fuelled such an explosion of terrorism on the world scene? Many of us cannot comprehend the mindset of a person strapping explosives onto his body and calmly walking up to a crowded bus stop to kill himself and as many victims as possible. Of course, the idea that terrorists would hijack airplanes and fly them into two of the world's tallest skyscrap-

ishes either in countries that are democratic in character or else in wholly inefficient dictatorships. He asserts that, far from "suicide terrorism" being a purposeless manifestation of despair, it is rather a tool of highly organized groups that train, guide and arm terrorists.

Wes Vernon, in an article for *NewsMax.com*, cites this analysis from Paul Weyrich of the Free Congress Foundation: "We are not at war with a gang of terrorists... It is not even that we are at war with Islam. Rather, Islam is at war with us" (March 25, 2003). Elsewhere in the article, Vernon quotes scholar Daniel Pipes as declaring that in pre-modern times, "*jihad* meant mainly one thing among Sunni Muslims, then as now the Islamic majority. It meant the legal compulsory communal effort to expand the territories ruled by Muslims... at the expense of territories ruled by non-Muslims." The goal of *jihad* is offensive, not defensive. The ultimate intent is to extend Muslim dominion throughout the entire globe.

Historically, there has been a clash of civilizations between the Islamic powers from the south and European "Christendom" from the north. For more than seven centuries, the Byzantine Empire (the remains of the eastern leg of the old Roman Empire) steadily retreated before the onslaught of advancing Islamic armies. Constantinople fell in 1453, but Muslim armies continued to advance through the Balkans into the heart of Europe until they besieged the gates of Vienna in 1529.

Moving swiftly across North Africa during the eighth century, Muslims crossed the Straits of

Gibraltar and conquered Spain. Crossing the Pyrenees Mountains into France, they were finally turned back by the armies of Charles Martel at the Battle of Tours in 732.

Muslim armies pushed eastward, and threatened Russia from the south. They crossed the Mediterranean, taking Rhodes and Cyprus, and made incursions into Sicily—threatening Italy itself. North African Muslims made slave raids not only on Mediterranean coastal towns, but also as far north as Ireland and England, enslaving upwards of 1.5 million Europeans during a 400-year period lasting into the mid-1500s.

European civilization struck at Muslim civilization as well. There were, of course, the medieval Crusaders' attempts to seize control of Jerusalem from the Muslims. Beginning in the 18th and 19th

News & World Report, Dec. 15, 2003, p. 20). American officials now acknowledge that it was some of these key "charities" that helped transform ragtag bands of insurgents into a sophisticated global movement.

Where Is the War on Terrorism Headed?

As we look at the terrible atrocities occurring in today's world, we have to wonder where it will lead. Will the U.S. and Britain successfully install a stable democratic regime in Iraq? Will the state of Israel be able to make peace with the Palestinians and finally enjoy a sense of normalcy?

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centuries, the European sphere of influence again expanded gradually into the Islamic world. Back and forth, this clash of civilizations has gone on for well over 1,000 years.

The most recent resurgence of this clash can be dated from the rise of Egyptian President Gamal Abdel Nasser in the 1950s. For years he railed against the Jews, the British and the U.S. in passionate tirades broadcast to the whole Middle East over Radio Cairo. In the 1970s, fuelled by the overthrow of the *Shah of Iran* and the coming to power of Muslim clerics, incidents of terrorism began to rise. Since the 1980s, there has been a well-financed terror network that has grown in its worldwide reach and influence.

Where does the money for such an enterprise come from? According to a task force formed by the Bush administration's National Security Council, the money has largely come from Saudi Arabia. "Over the past 25 years, the desert kingdom has been the single greatest force in spreading Islamic fundamentalism, while its huge unregulated charities funneled hundreds of millions of dollars to jihad groups and al-Qaeda cells around the world... Starting in the 1980s... Saudi Arabia's quasi-official charities became the primary source of funds for the fast-growing jihad movement. In some 20 countries, the money was used to run paramilitary training camps, purchase weapons, and recruit new members" (U.S.

response to the threats of terrorism with its assault on life and property will undoubtedly be *one of the factors* propelling events in Europe over the next few years. An international poll taken by the Pew Research Center in February 2004 revealed some interesting insights into the thinking of many people both in Europe and the Middle East. Majorities in Jordan, Pakistan, Turkey and Morocco believe that the war on terror is simply a smokescreen to allow the Americans to control Middle Eastern oil and to dominate the world. Perhaps even more surprising to most in the United States is that a majority of people in France and Germany *do not believe* that President Bush's declared "war on terror" *really* represents a sincere effort to reduce international terrorism. News of American treatment of Iraqi prisoners has caused even many in the U.S. to question the way the war is being handled.

In continental Europe, there is a growing suspicion—and even antipathy—toward the English-speaking nations. As Andrew Kohut, director of the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press observed: "Europeans want to check our power. There's considerable support for making the European Union as powerful as the United States." In fact, at least two-thirds of those living in France, Germany, and Russia told pollsters that they thought it would be good for the European Union to become as powerful as the United States. Where will these attitudes lead?

As long-time readers of this magazine realize, Bible prophecy shows that a great power bloc centered in continental Europe will ultimately challenge the U.S. and Britain for world leadership. This end-time revival of the old Roman Empire will achieve a level of success far beyond Germany's two ill-fated attempts in the first half of the 20th century. Events in the Middle East, along with international terrorism, will provide much of the catalyst to bring this about.

We know this because not only does history tell us of a clash of civilizations from north and south of the Mediterranean; so also does Bible prophecy. Writing more than a millennium before the rise of Islam, the prophet Daniel described a coming clash between a future "king of the north" and a "king of the south." Daniel 11:40 declares that "at the time of the end" a ruler called the king of the south will push at a counterpart labeled the king of the north. This will provoke the king of the north to launch a lightning attack on the Middle East, occupying several countries including Egypt and Libya. The end-time king of the north, the ruler of the revived Holy Roman Empire, is called "the Beast" in the book of Revelation. The king of the south describes a coming Middle Eastern strongman who will attempt to forge a confederation of Muslim states. His attempt to gain the upper hand in this escalating clash of civilizations will provoke an all-out European-led assault (For more detailed understanding of these prophecies, please request our free booklet, *The Middle East in Prophecy*).

Terrorist tactics are a growing threat to security and prosperity worldwide. Not only the Jews living in the state of Israel, but also inhabitants of the United States, Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand will find themselves singled out in a special way by the terrorists. There will be a growing wedge between these nations and a power bloc centered in continental Europe. When a clever and charismatic leader begins to emerge on the scene in Europe, it will be in a climate of escalating uncertainty and crisis. Promising a restoration of peace, security and prosperity, he will inaugurate an authoritarian state that most today can scarcely imagine. While this authori-

tarian control will suppress the sort of terrorism that is currently growing, it will do so at the cost of launching a *campaign of state-sponsored terror* against all who do not give their total allegiance to this future union of church and state (Revelation 13:12, 15–17). Please request our free booklet, *The Beast of Revelation: Myth, Metaphor or Soon-Coming Reality?*, for more detailed information on this vital topic.

Why Are America and Britain Singled Out?

How can we really *know* that the English-speaking world, in particular, will experience much of the brunt of this growing campaign of terrorism? And *why* will such a terrible thing happen? Writing many centuries ago, Moses directed a warning to the end-time descendants of the people of Israel. After detailing the blessings connected with faithful worship of the Creator, Moses then recorded a series of dreadful curses that would result from an attitude of contempt and disobedience to Almighty God.

Notice the solemn warning of Leviticus 26:14–16: "But if you do not obey Me, and do not observe all these commandments, and if you **despise** My statutes, or if your soul **abhors** My judgments... I also will do this to you: *I will even appoint terror over you*, wasting disease and fever which shall consume the eyes and cause sorrow of heart." An attitude of *utter*

contempt for God and His laws has come to increasingly permeate our society and that attitude will result in the catastrophic punishment of our people.

Various perversions, including homosexuality, are labeled an abomination to Almighty God (cf. Leviticus 18). Israel of old was told that the promised land had "vomited out" the nations that were there before them because of such perversions (v. 28) and that if they did likewise, the same results would follow. In 21st century America, it is considered acceptable for a judge who refuses to remove the Ten Commandments from his courtroom to be tossed from the bench, as was Chief Justice Roy Moore of the Alabama Supreme Court. Yet, on the other hand, the media labels as "progressive" and "courageous"



Terrorism struck at the heart of U.S. military power on September 11, 2001, when a hijacked commercial airliner was flown into the Pentagon in Washington, DC. ©Photos.com Image.

those magistrates who perform “marriages” between homosexuals and lesbians! Such an incredibly upside-down situation would have been unimaginable even a generation ago.

Simply put, our nations cannot treat our Maker and His instructions with contempt and expect to retain His blessing. As God removes His protection, we will see our enemies successfully strike at us again and again. Ultimately, our English-speaking nations will be

an absence of terror as a direct result of truly looking to God and wanting to live His wonderful way of life.

The returning Jesus Christ will establish a government that will encompass all nations. He will strongly rebuke those who would terrorize their neighbors, and He will usher in a time when hurt and destruction will come to an end. In its place, the knowledge of the Creator and His laws will fill the earth like the waters fill the seas (Isaiah 11:9)!

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subjugated by a coming European superpower and taken into national captivity, called the “time of Jacob’s trouble” (Jeremiah 30:7). To understand these prophecies in greater depth, please request our free booklet, *The United States and Great Britain in Prophecy*.

Beyond the Bad News

Future terrorism and national punishment is *not* the end of the story. The prophet Isaiah describes a time beyond the bad news. “For a mere moment I have forsaken you, but with great mercies I will gather you. With a little wrath I hid My face from you for a moment; but with *everlasting kindness* I will have mercy on you, says the LORD, your Redeemer” (Isaiah 54:7–8). While God figuratively “hides His eyes” for a short time, He anticipates our deliverance and restoration in the aftermath of national repentance.

A greatly humbled people will actually *want* to learn God’s ways. Notice this description of our people after they are regathered from captivity: “All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children. In righteousness you shall be established; you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near you” (Isaiah 54:13–14). There will be *peace* and

In the years between now and that glorious future time when the kingdom of God will hold sway over all the earth, what hope is there for you and your family? While terror and disease epidemics will stalk much of the world around us, those who genuinely seek to walk with their Creator need not fear! They will echo the words of the psalmist in Psalm 91: “I will say of the LORD, ‘He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust’... You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day, nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that lays waste at noonday” (vv. 2, 5–6).

Rebellious and disobedient nations will be brought to their knees by the events of the coming years. Global terrorism will indeed play its part in these terrible times. However, there is good news that lies ahead for a chastened and repentant humanity.

You can partake of that good news now, without having to suffer these coming punishments, *if* you will turn to your Creator with all your heart and become willing to truly obey Him. Think about it—if you walk with God, you need *never* walk alone! You will be able to say with David: “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me” (Psalm 23:4). TW

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Questions & Answers

Q The Apostle Paul wrote: “Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight, for by the law is the knowledge of sin” (Romans 3:20). Does this mean that Christians do not need to keep God’s law?

A Paul is reminding us that not even the most vigilant law-keeping can *justify* a Christian in God’s sight. Only our acceptance of Jesus Christ’s sacrifice, and His shed blood, can atone for our sins and justify us to God.

We know that “all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (v. 23). Even if we were somehow to keep the law perfectly, starting today, for the rest of our lives, our perfect commandment-keeping could not pay for the sins we committed in the past. We need Christ’s sacrifice.

What is sin? “Sin is the transgression of the law” (1 John 3:4, KJV). What is the consequence of sin? Scripture tells us, “the wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23). Because of the law, we know what sin is, but only through Christ’s sacrifice can the penalty of that sin be removed.

Does this mean that we can *continue to disobey* God’s law, yet expect to have a place in God’s

kingdom? Paul asked: “What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?” (vv. 1–2). Rather, Paul reminds us, we “should walk in newness of life” (v. 4).

Jesus plainly taught that we must keep the Ten Commandments (Matthew 19:17–19). Remember that Jesus said: Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill” (Matthew 5:17). “Fulfill”—fill to the full—does *not* mean “eliminate” or “cancel.” Christ’s followers keep the law. Can we do this under our own power? No! We obey the law by yielding to Jesus Christ, who lives within us after baptism and the laying on of hands, and through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. As Paul wrote: “I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by *the faith of the Son of God*, who loved me, and gave himself for me. I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain” (Galatians 2:20–21, KJV). True Christians will not “frustrate the grace of God” by yielding to sin, or by trying to keep the law with only their own strength, apart from God.

Jesus instructed His disciples: “If you love Me, keep My commandments” (John 14:15). But will we sometimes fail? Yes. And when we do, if we truly love our Savior and are yielded to Him, we will come before Him and sincerely repent. Repentance is not just a feeling of sorrow; it is a willful commitment to turn away from sin, and to obey our beloved Savior (2 Corinthians 7:10).

How do we know we are true Christians? The Apostle John explains: “Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments. He who says, ‘I know Him,’ and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked” (1 John 2:3–6).

If Christ is living His life in us and we are living in Him, we will be keeping God’s commandments. We will then be fulfilling the law, demonstrating God’s love: “Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law” (Romans 13:10). “The deeds of the law” are the *result* of a life yielded to Christ; they are not the *cause* of our justification.



Who Will Invade The Middle East?

By Richard F. Ames

Jerusalem will be at the heart of a world-changing conflict in the Middle East, which will set the stage for Jesus Christ's return.

Jerusalem is the most important city in the world. Many of its landmarks are sacred to Jews, Christians and Muslims. Crusaders and Arabs fought for control of the city centuries ago. Even in modern times, the desire for control of Jerusalem has pitted bitter enemies against one another.

News events may catch us by surprise, as one group or another gains advantage in the long-term struggle for control of Jerusalem and its surrounding countryside. But did you know that Bible prophecy reveals plainly the

future of this war-plagued city—and indeed reveals the future of the entire Middle East?

Jesus Christ foretold that there would be an end-time invasion of Jerusalem. But *who* will invade—and come to control—the Middle East?

Patience Required

The gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke give three parallel accounts that are vital for our understanding. First, however, note that Luke gives us some unique information, which he

prefaces with a vital warning: “By your patience possess your souls” (Luke 21:19). Or, as another translation puts it: “By your endurance you will gain your souls” (NRSV).

Bible-reading Christians will know what to expect in the Middle East, but God’s exact timetable is not for us to know. So God shares promises that can strengthen us and give us hope during trying times.

Of course, we know the ultimate outcome. The gospel of the kingdom of God shows us that a time of lasting world peace is

just ahead. The King of kings and Lord of lords—Jesus Christ—will rule over every nation on the earth, and will do so in the not-too-distant future! In the pages of the *Tomorrow's World* magazine, on the *Tomorrow's World* telecast and at www.tomorrowsworld.org, we have been sharing that good news with you and with millions of others who want to know more about God's plan for our world—and for every one of us. This good news helps us have patience, while we wait for God's kingdom to come.

Warning Sign

Jesus gives us a warning sign concerning Jerusalem's end-time fate: "But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near" (v. 20). Do we know whose armies these are? Some Bible commentators believe this prophecy applies only to the first century AD, when the Roman commander Titus besieged Jerusalem and destroyed the temple. Hundreds of thousands of Jews died of starvation and disease. You can read the details of this destruction in the Jewish historian Josephus' book, *The Wars of the Jews*. Josephus recounted that "no fewer than *six hundred thousand* were thrown out at the gates, though still the number of the rest could not be discovered" (Book V, chapter 13, section 7).

The army of Rome brought disaster upon Jerusalem once before. Will another Roman army repeat history in the 21st century? We will cover this point later, and you can read about it in detail in our free booklet, *The Beast of Revelation: Myth, Metaphor, or Soon-Coming Reality?* which you can order online at

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Jesus' warning in Luke 21 certainly applied to this first century desolation. But, as regular readers of this magazine know, prophecy is often dual. There is type and anti-type. There is a former fulfillment and a later fulfillment of prophecy. Such is the case here in Luke 21.

Additionally, notice the context. Jesus said: "And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory" (Luke 21:25–27).

In other words, following the heavenly signs and the desolation of Jerusalem, many would see Jesus' return to earth. The context of Jerusalem's desolation, then, is clearly the end-time. What does this mean for the end-time invasion of the Middle East and its most important city, Jerusalem?

When Will Russia Attack?

A common but incorrect teaching is that Russia will take over the Middle East *before Jesus' Second Coming*. Perhaps your minister has taught you this. It is true that Revelation 16:12–16 *does* speak of an invasion of the Middle East by an alliance of nations lying east of the Euphrates River. A huge army of 200 million will sweep westward to the mount of Megiddo, about 55 miles north of

Jerusalem in order to confront the European-led "Beast power." However, according to Revelation 16:12 this invasion takes place after the seventh trumpet and shortly before Christ's feet stand once again on the Mount of Olives. Shockingly, the armies of the "Beast" and those of the eastern alliance combine to fight against the returning Christ just outside of Jerusalem. Jesus Christ will utterly destroy all of these armies opposing Him and usher in a millennium of peace.

The idea of a Russian-led conquest of the Middle East comes mainly from a passage in Ezekiel: "Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, Son of man, set your face against Gog, of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him, and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal. I will turn you around, put hooks into your jaws, and lead you out, with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all splendidly clothed, a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords. Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya are with them, all of them with shield and helmet; Gomer and all its troops; the house of Togarmah from the *far north* and all its troops; many people are with you" (Ezekiel 38:1–6).

Most Bible scholars, like Wilhelm Gesenius, identify Rosh, Meshech and Tubal as peoples from northern Russia, pointing out that the city of Moscow derives its name from the Hebrew name Meshech. Notice that the house of Togarmah is from the far north (north of Jerusalem). When you look at a map, Russia is indeed in the far north. Additionally, we see

that Persia is mentioned; scholars widely agree that this indicates modern-day Iran. The Hebrew word for Ethiopia is *Cush*, the eastern branch of which is identified with India. The Hebrew word for Libya is *Put* (Put was the third son of Ham, according to Genesis 10:6), whose eastern branch, like *Cush*, is also identified with India. *Magog* is identified with the Mongols and *Gomer* with Indochina. *Togarmah* is most likely identified with Siberia.

So we can generally agree upon the identities of these peoples mentioned in Ezekiel 38. But will these peoples comprise the armies that Jesus mentions in Luke 21? You may be surprised to learn that the answer is: No!

Certainly these non-European nations will eventually enter the Middle East, but the question is: *when?* After Jesus' Second Coming, He will work to bring world peace and reeducate the nations (Isaiah 2; Micah 4). But this will take time. All nations will *not* automatically accept the rule of Jesus Christ when He returns. Even Egypt will apparently refuse God's command to keep the Feast of Tabernacles in Jerusalem (Zechariah 14:18–19).

Russia's alliance will attack *after* the millennium begins—*after* the Second Coming of Christ and the establishment of peace in the Holy Land. Notice what God says of the invading armies: "You will say, 'I will go up against a land of *unwalled* villages; I will go to a *peaceful* people, who *dwell safely*, all of them dwelling without walls, and hav-

ing neither bars nor gates'—to take plunder and to take booty, to stretch out your hand against the waste places that are again inhabited, and against a people gathered from the nations, who have acquired livestock and goods, who dwell in the midst of the land" (Ezekiel 38:11–12).

Does Israel today "dwell safely" in "unwalled villages"—that is, without military protection?



Palestinians gather to protest Israeli security measures, charging that they are being deprived of their rights, their homes and their livelihoods.
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Of course not! Ezekiel is speaking of a time yet future, when Christ establishes peace in the Holy Land. Notice: "Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "On that day when My people Israel *dwell safely*, will you not know it?"'" (v. 14).

God will punish Russia and its armies. There will be so many dead bodies that it will take months to bury them. "For *seven months* the house of Israel will be burying them, in order to cleanse the land" (39:12). Almighty God has all the power in the universe to fulfill His will. It is folly for nations to fight against Him and His purpose. But the nations will fight Him, and will learn who is in charge. As God states: "Thus I

will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations. Then they shall know that I am the LORD" (38:23).

Forty-Two Months

We have seen that Russia and its allies will attack Jerusalem after Jesus' Second Coming. What, then, will happen to Jerusalem *before* Jesus returns? The Apostle John wrote of what he saw in vision: "Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, 'Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months'" (Revelation 11:1–2).

Yes, for 42 months—three-and-a-half years—Jerusalem will be controlled by this Gentile power. It is Jesus' return that will end this Gentile control of the city. As we have explained in previous articles, the seventh trumpet completes the prophetic Day of the Lord—God's one-year intervention in world affairs before the Second Coming. "Then the seventh angel sounded: and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, 'The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!'" (v. 15). This is the *good news* in which I hope you personally rejoice. It is the only hope for the earth.

Luke further describes Jerusalem's condition just before

Jesus' return. Notice Jesus' powerful statement: "Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her. For these are the days of vengeance, that *all things* which are written may be fulfilled. But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people. And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled" (Luke 21:21–24).

This is clearly describing an end-time fulfillment of prophecy. Jerusalem will be controlled by a superpower during a period of time called the "times of the Gentiles"—and God's people are commanded to flee.

Abomination of Desolation

Notice another key event. In an account parallel to Luke 21, Matthew reminds us that we need to pay careful attention to Jesus' words: "Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (whoever reads, let him understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains" (Matthew 24:15–16).

Historically, Antiochus Epiphanes placed an idol in Jerusalem's temple after occupying the city in 168BC. The prophet Daniel spoke of this. But now we read of an *end-time* abomination of desolation. What religion will dominate the Middle

East in the end-time? The book of Revelation refers to the great false end-time religion as MYSTERY BABYLON. The Apostle John sees, in vision, the judgment of a great harlot—which symbolizes a great false church or religious system. John writes: "Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters, with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication" (Revelation 17:1–2). This woman rides a Beast that has seven heads and ten horns (v. 3).

Who is that Beast? It is the political and military power that will invade the Middle East. John goes on to describe the great harlot: "And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH" (Revelation 17:5). This will be that system dominating the Great Tribulation. The leader of that system will even call down fire from heaven (Revelation 13:13). *Do not let yourself be deceived by such displays!* Revelation 13:11 tells us that this religious figure symbolically looks like a lamb—the symbol of Christ—but speaks as a dragon! He will stand in Jerusalem's holy place, and even claim that he is God (cf. 2 Thessalonians 2:4).

In Revelation 17, we saw that the harlot rides the Beast. Who is this Beast? The answer will tell us who will invade the Middle East. John writes: "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. These are of one mind, and they will give their power and authority to the beast. These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen, and faithful" (Revelation 17:11–14).

For years, the Church of God has pointed out that the end-time Beast power of Revelation will be a revival or final resurrection of the ancient Roman Empire. That empire continued from about 31BC to 476AD. There were six revivals including the Imperial Restoration under Justinian in 544 AD and another revival led by Charlemagne in 800AD.

Other commentators have also identified this Beast as the Roman Empire. In the notes of many older copies of the *New Catholic Edition* of the Bible, translated from the Latin Vulgate—commonly known as the *Douay-Rheims*—one can find the following comment concerning Revelation 17:11—"The beast spoken of here seems to be the Roman Empire, as in chapter 13."

The book of Revelation, in combination with Jesus' Olivet prophecy and the book of Daniel, reveals a coming revival of the Roman Empire, influenced and "ridden" by a "woman." The woman is symbolic of a church. The Beast power eventually turns against the woman: "And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will hate the harlot, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with fire. For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their king-

dom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled. And the woman whom you saw is that great city which reigns over the kings of the earth" (vv. 16–18).

Interestingly, as the *Douay-Rheims* comments on the Beast's ultimate destruction of the woman, "ten other kingdoms are allies of the beast and battle against the Church. But their dominion is short, typified as an hour." While the *Douay-Rheims* identifies the Beast with the Roman Empire, and the woman with a church, it does not admit that the great city mentioned in verse 18 is Rome itself. However, many Bible commentaries plainly agree that the great city of Revelation 17:18, is, in fact, Rome!

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream

The prophecies we have briefly examined indicate that a great historic power will intervene in the Middle East. Historically, the Roman Empire in Jesus' day enforced a *Pax Romana*—a "Roman Peace"—on the Holy Land. Daniel's prophecies also reveal an end-time Roman Empire. Daniel recounts that King Nebuchadnezzar was going to execute all the wise men of Babylon if they did not tell Nebuchadnezzar his dream, as well as its interpretation (Daniel 2). God used Daniel to reveal the rise and fall of great empires—even down to our mod-

ern times. Here is what Daniel told the king: "But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the *latter days*" (Daniel 2:28). Daniel told Nebuchadnezzar that God had made him a king of kings (v. 37). Daniel described the image envisioned by the king. A great statue had a head of gold. Daniel told King Nebuchadnezzar, the king of the Babylonian empire, "You are this head of gold" (v. 38).

The remaining elements of the great image symbolized the great empires to follow after the Babylonian empire.

What were these empires? Virtually all reputable Bible scholars agree on their identity and their prophetic fulfillment. Daniel continued to describe what would eventually happen to this great image. The head of gold represents the Babylonian Empire from 625 to 539BC. This empire was replaced by the Medo-Persian

Empire from 558 to 330BC, represented by the chest and arms of silver. The

belly and thighs of bronze represent the Greco-Macedonian Empire of Alexander the Great from 333 to 31BC. The two legs of iron represent the Roman Empire from 31BC to 476AD. Finally, the ten toes on two feet of iron mixed with ceramic clay represent a future revival of the Roman Empire.

How do we know that the feet of the image will continue into our modern times? Daniel

describes a great stone that smashes the image on its feet. What is that stone? Daniel describes its meaning: "And in the days of these kings [symbolized by the ten toes] the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever" (v. 44).

The end-time power that will eventually dominate the Middle East will be a revived Roman Empire—symbolized in the prophecies of Revelation and Daniel as a "beast." This great power will be political, military and economic. The current European Union is moving toward fulfilling all three dimensions of that power. The EU could have the potential of being a force for good. However, history teaches us that great empires and political alliances can also revert to dictatorial power for the purpose of global expansion and domination, without regard for the welfare of conquered nation-states.

God *will* use such an empire in the future, just as He has in the past. God used Assyria to punish the rebellious kingdom of Israel. In the opening verses of Isaiah 10, God indicts Israel for all her sins. Then He states: "Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger and the staff in whose hand is My indignation. I will send him against an ungodly nation, and against the people of My wrath I will give him charge, to seize the spoil, to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets. Yet he does not mean so, nor does his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy,



and cut off not a few nations” (Isaiah 10:5–7).

God will once again use the end-time descendants of Assyria (the nation of Germany) in punishing His people, the modern descendents of the ancient House of Israel—the American and British-descended peoples. Even now, Germany is considered the leading nation of the European Union. Be sure to watch developments in Europe, as they will have profound consequences for the future of the Middle East.

Two Kings

In Daniel 11, we find two antagonists: the “king of the north” and the “king of the south.” In ancient times, Syria was considered the king of the north. Later, the Roman Empire conquered Syria, which became a province of Rome in 64BC. At the time of the end, the king of the North is identified as the revived Roman Empire. Then: “And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon” (Daniel 11:40–41, KJV).

Notice that the king of the North enters into the “Glorious Land.” That is modern Israel. Edom, Moab and Ammon (generally identified as modern-day

Jordan) escape out of his hand, which indicates that Jordan will be allied with the European power. Psalm 83 identifies those peoples who will confederate with Assyria against Israel, an alliance including Moab, Ammon and Edom.

Daniel 11:43 gives us an indication of which nations will ally with the king of the south. They include the peoples of North Africa.

We have seen (v. 40) that the king of the South will push at the king of the North. What will provoke this aggression? Will it be the passion of Islamic fundamentalists? Be sure to read the article “Will the Terrorists Win?” on page 8 of this issue.

Who will invade the Middle East? Look for a revived Roman Empire, now beginning in type with the European Union as a nucleus. There will be a forced peace upon the nation of Israel, but the Beast power that comes to occupy the Middle East will be overthrown by the returning commander of heaven’s armies—Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords. He will see that the Beast and the false prophet are cast into a lake of fire (Revelation 19:20). Jerusalem will be occupied by the new King

over planet earth, Jesus Christ. “Then the LORD will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle. And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east” (Zechariah 14:3–4). The name of the city will even be called “The LORD is There” (Ezekiel 48:35). Let us rejoice in that future vision of peace. Yes, peace will finally come to the Middle East—and to the City of Peace, Jerusalem.

As we await that glorious day, we can be mindful of one more sign that Jesus gave, which will mark the beginning of the Great Tribulation and trouble in the Middle East. He said: “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come” (Matthew 24:14).

You have been hearing that gospel on the *Tomorrow’s World* telecast, and reading it in this magazine. Jesus Christ will expand the preaching of that gospel in this beginning of the 21st century, before He returns to usher in Tomorrow’s World. May we wait patiently, and with hope, doing His will so that we may be found “so doing” (v. 46) upon His return! TW

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Violence and War: The Second Horseman

Many have been told that Jesus Christ could return at any moment—perhaps even tonight! Yet the Bible reveals something *very different*! Jesus told His disciples to *watch* because His second coming would be preceded by a *recognizable series of events*. Jesus used symbols of Four Horsemen to picture major global events that would escalate out of control just before His return. Jesus said *at the end of the age* the Second Horseman—riding a fiery red horse and waving a great sword—would “take peace from the earth, and... people should kill one another” (Revelation 6:3–4). The sobering reality of modern world news indicates that end time prophecies—of increasing violence and wars—are *coming alive* today!

When Jesus was asked by His disciples, “what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?” (Matthew 24:3), He responded, “you will hear of wars and rumors of wars... *nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom*... these are the beginning of sorrows” (Matthew 24:6–8; Mark 13:7–8; Luke 21:8–10). Wars have raged throughout history, yet in the last century the scope and magnitude of destructive warfare reached unprecedented levels. Historian Phillipe Gigantes offers this summary of the 20th century: “There were two world wars; a cold war; many smaller wars; one great depression; two monster regimes and their fall—Nazism and communism; decolonization; *mass carnage*; *war-planes*; *atomic bombs*...” (Power and Greed, p. 187). The death toll for World War I was more than 8.5 million; for WWII it was more than 14 million soldiers and 27 million civilians. In addition, Joseph Stalin and Mao Zedong each killed at least 50 million of their own countrymen as they established communist states. *Never before* have wars been fought on a *global scale* and so many lives lost!

Jesus’ prediction that “*nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom*” is an accurate

description of what is happening today. The biblical Greek word for nation—*ethnos*—refers to a people, race, tribe or ethnic group. The biblical Greek word for kingdom—*basileia*—means a nation, realm or empire. Jesus prophesied that *ethnic strife* and *wars between nations* would dominate the news at the end of the age. Harvard professor Samuel Huntington has observed that “the rivalry between superpowers is being replaced by the clash of civilizations... between peoples belonging to different cultural groups... the central and most dangerous dimension of the emerging global politics [will] be conflict between groups from differing civilizations... clashes between civilizations are the *greatest threat to world peace*” (*The Clash of Civilizations*, pp. 13, 28). Religious and ethnic strife is at the heart of many of the violent clashes during the last 20 years—in Africa, the Balkans, the Middle East, across Asia, in the Pacific and in South America.

The Apostle Paul warned that “in the *last days* perilous times will come: for men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud... unloving [callous], unforgiving [irreconcilable]... brutal” (2 Timothy 3:1–5). These words describe what we have seen in recent years on a global scale—tribesmen in Africa raping, mutilating and hacking neighboring tribes to death (including women and children); rape and gruesome ethnic killings in the Balkans; human bombers detonating themselves on crowded buses; airplanes carrying civilians blown up in mid-air or deliberately flown into office buildings! International terrorism came into its own with the dawning of the 21st century. *Never before* have a few individuals armed with high explosives or biological weapons been able to intimidate major powers. Weapons of mass destruction have become household words *today*!

Against this background of international terror and threats of nuclear blackmail from rogue states,



once formidable nations are beginning to rearm! Japan is altering its constitution to permit Japanese forces to be deployed outside Japan. Germany has already begun to participate in military actions outside Germany. Europe—the site of numerous bloody conflicts—is creating its own army under the auspices of the European Union. While these beefed-up forces are being organized for “peace-keeping” duties, they will be capable of fighting wars! A disturbing parallel development is that modern nations are increasingly willing to intervene militarily in the affairs of other nations under the label of “pre-emptive strikes.”

In another end-time prophecy, Paul foretold that “the day of the Lord will come as a thief [unexpectedly] in the night. For when they say, ‘Peace and safety!’ then sudden destruction comes upon them” (1 Thessalonians 5:2–3). In recent decades, we have witnessed peace conferences, prayers for peace and marches for peace. The pope has urged lighting candles for peace, yet the world becomes more dangerous every day! This is exactly what Jeremiah predicted more than 2,500 years ago. In prophecies that apply both to Jeremiah’s time and the future, he wrote that “from the prophet even to the priest, everyone deals falsely... saying, ‘Peace, Peace!’ *when there is no peace*” (Jeremiah 6:13–14; 8:10–11). We are witnessing this today!

Jesus made other predictions about conditions that would prevail just before his return. While He cautioned that no one would know “the day or hour” of His coming, He warned that “*as the days of Noah were*, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be” (Matthew 24:36–39). Scripture reveals that in the days of Noah, “the earth was *filled with violence*... all flesh had *corrupted* their way on the earth” (Genesis 6:9–13). Today, our society is *per-*

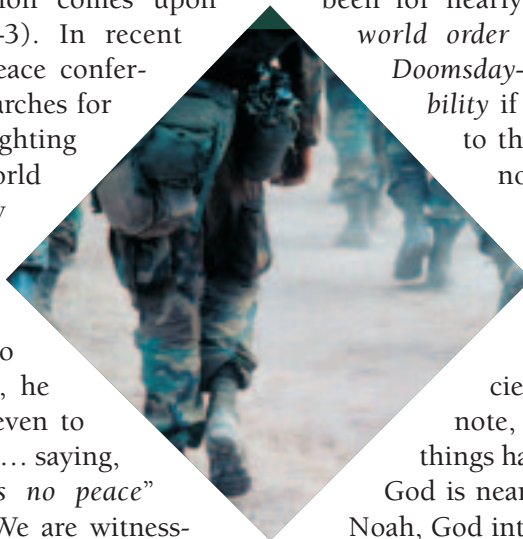
meated with violence—in the media, in homes, in schools, in communities and on the world scene: it is everywhere! Jesus explained that because of escalating violence, war and the erosion of godly values, “unless those days were shortened [by the return of Christ], *no flesh would be saved*” (Matthew 24:21–22). Jesus clearly foresaw the possibility of *cosmocide*, which became a real danger with the advent of the atomic bomb in the mid-20th century!

Today, students of international affairs echo these same concerns. Shortly after the invasion of Iraq, Canadian journalist Robert Harvey (a former member of the Canadian Parliament) commented: “Has the Fourth World War broken out?... The world is a much more dangerous place than it has been for nearly half a century... *without a new world order there will be no world order*...

Doomsday—global anarchy... is a real possibility if America and its allies do not rise to the occasion... the consequences of not acting in time are terrifying” (*Global Disorder*, pp. xiii, xxxii, 456).

We are living in perilous times, but the news is *not all bad*! Jesus concluded His prophecies of the end of the age on a positive note, saying that “when you see these things happening know that the kingdom of God is near” (Luke 21:28–33). In the days of Noah, God intervened with a flood to put an end to human corruption and violence, yet He *saved* Noah and his family to repopulate the earth. In the years ahead, God will intervene again to put an end to corrupt human behavior and global violence. This time, Jesus Christ will return to establish the kingdom of God on this earth. The sobering prophecies about events that will occur just before Christ’s second coming are *coming alive today*! Do you recognize the signs? Will you be ready?

—Douglas S. Winnail





Nation Building: God's Way!

By Douglas S. Winnail

Can failing nations be saved? Can cultural decline be reversed? The Bible contains important guidelines!

In recent years, “nation building” has been transformed from a concern of diplomats into an issue of global importance. Millions have watched the efforts of America, Britain and the United Nations to rebuild Bosnia, Afghanistan, Iraq and other struggling countries. While it is shocking to see the devastation and suffering caused by war, it has also been sobering to witness the difficulties, frustrations and intrigues that have accompanied these *human-driven* attempts to intervene and rebuild nations where millions have been abused and exploited.

Again and again, the 20th century witnessed the phenomenon of *failed nations*. All too frequently, the

excitement and euphoria of a newly independent nation soured into disillusionment as leaders driven by vanity and greed (and governments riddled with corruption) robbed national treasuries, exploited national resources for private gain, destroyed economies and allowed their nations’ infrastructure to decay and disintegrate. The resulting poverty and suffering spawned waves of emigrants fleeing faltering countries in search of a better life. Yet this surge of immigrants and asylum-seekers—which continues into the 21st century—also threatens to overwhelm social services and ignite fires of resentment in host countries that feel the cultural fabric of their own nations weakening and beginning to unravel.

Failing nations and cultural decline have made nation building a *major* concern in our world today. There is no shortage of candidates willing to tackle the challenge. Communists, socialists, monarchists, dictators and democracies—and even religious leaders—have all tried their hand at solving these problems. Yet none have found the key for building truly successful nations or salvaging faltering countries. *All nations today are struggling with their own serious problems!*

So where should we look for solutions? Is there a sound model that clearly explains how to build solid and successful nations? Are there instructions to follow, and specific steps to be taken? It is widely perceived that the U.S. does not know what it is doing; *The Economist* magazine last year illustrated the point vividly with a cover graphic showing “Uncle Sam” frantically searching through a pile of books, seeking useful information about nation building (March 8–14, 2003).

Yet there *are* solutions and practical guidelines about nation building in a source that is little understood and seldom consulted today. Modern planners do not look into the Bible for answers to complex social problems, because they consider it only a religious book with mythical stories and wispy ideas. However, the Bible contains a *blueprint for nation building* that God recorded thousands of years ago for our benefit. The gospel of Jesus Christ is about *right government* and a *new world order*. God put this information in the Bible *for a reason*, though that reason has been *obscured* from most people's vision. As we will see, the Bible contains vital perspectives and practical guidelines for dealing with real problems that face society today. It offers hope—and offers exciting news about the future, in which *you* could play a role!

A Promise to Abraham

The Bible reveals much more than sweet promises that “Jesus loves you.” Much of Scripture describes God's dealings with the children of Israel—the descendants of Abraham—and *how God molded them into a nation* He called His “special people” (Deuteronomy 26:18). This process of nation building is recorded as history in the Bible. It is instructive to study the biblical account because the One doing the nation building was none other than God Himself! Bible prophecies indicate that nation building will be one of the major challenges facing Jesus Christ and the saints when Christ returns to this earth to establish the kingdom of God. This is *why* it is important to understand what God has revealed on this subject.

When God began to work with Abraham, God revealed His overall intent and purpose: “*I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing [to the world]... in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed*” (Genesis 12:2–3). This was not an account of some local deity consoling an insignificant tribal group in an arid and insignificant corner of the world. The God of the universe was initiating a process of nation building that was to have *global implications with lasting significance*!

This process of nation building began in earnest when God used Moses to bring the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt. Moses told the children of Israel that God intended to make them a *model nation* and an *example* that other nations could follow

(Deuteronomy 4:6). God fully intends that other nations learn how to become great, and that they discover how to “prosper... and be in health” (3 John 2). This is why He has recorded *His method of nation building* in the Bible. We need to ask: *How* did God do it? What *steps* did He take? What *model* for nation building do we find in the Bible?

The Fundamental First Step

While it may seem strange to most modern “enlightened” and “secular” minds, God began His process of nation building with *religion*. His first step was to put the entire nation of Israel on a solid religious footing, with *right religious beliefs*. The Bible shows that God began working first with the leaders of Israel, and eventually reached the entire nation. God first revealed Himself to Moses by capturing his attention with a burning bush (Exodus 3). The Scriptures do not indicate that Moses was an especially religious man prior to his encounter with God. Moses was an Israelite raised in the court of Egypt's Pharaoh, surrounded by pagan gods. This is why the *real* God had to make Himself known to Moses (see Exodus 3:3–6, 13–15). God explained to Moses that He would lead the Israelites out of Egyptian bondage into a promised land where He would fulfill His promise to Abraham and make his descendants a great nation (Exodus 6:6–8).

When Moses began to deal with Pharaoh, the *real* God began to reveal Himself through the plagues that came on Egypt. At first the plagues fell on everyone, but later plagues afflicted only the Egyptians; God spared the Israelites (see Exodus 8:22). As the plagues progressed, it became obvious that the God of Israel was *real* and *all-powerful*, and the pagan gods of Egypt were exposed as powerless false gods.

When the Israelites left Egypt, their religious reorientation began. At Mount Sinai, they were introduced to the laws of God. Amidst a spectacular display of lightning, thunder and smoke, God gave the Ten Commandments that were to form the *foundational values* of the new nation (Exodus 20). The Israelites were introduced to God's weekly Sabbath (Exodus 16; 20:8–11) and annual Holy Days (Exodus 23; Leviticus 23), which would mark important milestones on the yearly calendar. The civil laws God gave to the Israelites were designed to create an enlightened and humanitarian society (see Exodus 21–22). The health laws recorded in the Bible were thousands of years *ahead of their time* (see

Leviticus 3:17; 7:23–27; Deuteronomy 23:9–14), given by God to *prevent disease* and *promote health* within this *model* nation (Exodus 15:26). The Bible also contains conservation laws that were given long before there was an “environmental movement” (see Deuteronomy 20:19–20; 22:6–7). Strong warnings were issued about the dangers and consequences of following false gods and misguided religious practices (Deuteronomy 12:29–32; 18:9–14). God’s process of nation building began by establishing a *right religious foundation*. History has shown that when the religious foundation of a nation erodes, or falls into error, the nation will decline.

Contrary to what many are taught today, the laws that God gave to Israel were *not a burden!* These laws

119:172) and justice (Genesis 18:16–18). He learned to set right priorities, putting God first (Genesis 22). God saw that Abraham “obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes and My laws” (Genesis 26:4–5). Because of his *character*, Scripture describes Abraham as a *role model* and *founding father* of the nation of Israel (Romans 4:16–17).

Moses was a highly educated man of ability. He was “learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was mighty in words and deeds” (Acts 7:20–22). Moses was a general in Pharaoh’s army (see Josephus’ *Antiquities of the Jews*, Book II, chapter 10), but the Bible shows that God chose to work with him not because of his leadership, but because he was *humble*

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were part of the religion that God designed to make His nation *stand out as a light* and an *example* to the rest of the world (see Deuteronomy 4:1–8). It is not by accident that America and Britain became great nations; their culture, government and legal systems are based on these same biblical laws! The laws and religion of the Bible are not secrets hidden from the world; they are available for anyone to read and heed. Any nation that adopts these laws and follows the religious instructions of the Bible will experience positive results. God designed the religion and laws of the Bible *to build a great nation*, and He has made this information freely available so it can be used by anyone in the nation building process.

Keys to Good Government

A second vital step in God’s process of nation building was the selection and training of leaders to provide good government. No government is better than the character of its leaders. This is why the Bible clearly lists the *qualities of character* that God looks for in those He has chosen for positions of leadership. In stark contrast to the modern criteria for selecting political leaders—popularity, voter appeal, good television presence, excellence in repartee and skill at fundraising—God chose Abraham because he was responsive to God’s instructions (Genesis 12:1–4). Abraham proved that he would teach his household to follow God’s righteous law (Psalm

and teachable (Numbers 12:3). God admonished Joshua, who replaced Moses, to “be strong and very courageous... do according to all the law” and do not compromise God’s instructions “that you may prosper wherever you go” (Joshua 1:6–9). God chose David as Israel’s king because of his deep desire to follow the laws of God (Psalm 119:18, 27, 97, 105, 127). These were important qualities of character that God looked for in the leaders He used to build His great nation.

God told Moses to staff his government with “able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness” (Exodus 18:21). God indicated that *He* would choose the king, that foreigners were not to lead the nation of Israel and that a leader should not use his office to enrich himself (Deuteronomy 17:14–20). Leaders were to make a personal copy of the law of God, and to study it daily so their nation would prosper. The Bible explains that godly leaders should have a good reputation, and be known for their wisdom and the fruits of the Holy Spirit that are visible in their lives (see Acts 6:3; Galatians 5:22–23). It is interesting to note that in God’s process of nation building, leaders were *appointed* on the basis of ability, character and their willingness to follow God’s laws; they were not popularly elected by the people (see Exodus 18:21; Deuteronomy 1:15; Acts 6:3; Titus 1:5).

God established, in His model nation, a government structured and organized according to levels of

responsibility (see Exodus 18:21–26; Deuteronomy 1:15). Leaders were placed over entire tribes, and over groups of thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens. The economic basis for God's government was the biblical system of tithing (Deuteronomy 14:22–29). Each year, a person who earned a profit was to give 10 percent to the Church and retain 10 percent for observing the Holy Days. Every third and sixth year in a seven-year cycle, an additional 10 percent was given to the poor. Every 50th year was a Jubilee year, when lands were to be returned to their original owners and debts cancelled (Leviticus 25:8–17). It was a simple and equitable system. When the Israelites followed God's instructions for good government, the nation prospered. When they ignored those laws, they experienced problems (see Proverbs 29:2). As Jesus stressed, leaders were to serve the needs of their people—not their own desires (Matthew 20:25–28).

Right Education

A third major step in God's process of nation building was to establish a right foundation and focus for education. A nation's educational system molds and shapes its citizens' ideas and perspectives. If the educational system is not built on solid fundamental truths and values, the nation will eventually weaken and crumble. In the last century, we have witnessed how nations that tried to live by the erroneous assumptions and false values of communism and fascism experienced devastating consequences. Our secular, materialistic and amoral societies—which even seek to “remove Christianity” from religious education in schools while “giving atheism, agnosticism, humanism and paganism as much classroom time” (*Sunday Express*, February 15, 2004)—are heading for a similar fate! This is a fundamental reason for the cultural decline of the Western nations.

The biblical model for education stands in remarkable contrast to modern methods. Moses repeatedly emphasized the *parents' role* in teaching children (Deuteronomy 4:9; 6:1–8; 11:18–21). The biblical model shows that the most vital knowledge to convey to the next generation concerns the laws of God—not nursery rhymes or the liberal arts. Of

course, schools certainly existed in ancient Israel, as they do today, and the Bible reveals that curriculum should be based on the word of God. Solomon wrote that “the fear of the LORD is the beginning [starting point] of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction” (Proverbs 1:7; 9:10). The correct approach to nearly every field of study is found in the Bible—not in Greek or Roman philosophical ideas. Nations that ignore this biblical advice will reap tragic results.

God pointed out that the *right goals* for education are to grow in wisdom (Proverbs 4:7), to gain useful knowledge to serve others (Matthew 20:26–28) and to develop the mind and character of God (Philippians 2:5–11). For most today, however, the primary motivation for education is to earn more

money to buy things, or to enhance one's reputation or satisfy personal interests. God's educational system is based on *revealed truth*, not on the changeable theories of educators. Jesus said: “Thy word is truth” (John 17:17). David wrote: “Your law is truth... all Your commandments are truth... the entirety of Your word is truth” (Psalm 119:142, 151, 160).

An educational system built

on the solid foundation of truth will produce a great nation, free of false and misleading ideas that bring dangerous and unwanted consequences (John 8:32). This is why it is important to carefully examine and prove what is really true (1 Thessalonians 5:21).

Considering these biblical instructions, it is not surprising that modern educational systems have produced dysfunctional societies where crime, violence, greed, dishonesty, drug abuse, divorce, sexually transmitted disease, mental disorders and suicides have skyrocketed to alarming levels.

Huge amounts of money are being spent to give students an education grounded in Greek and Roman philosophy, evolutionary theory and secular humanism that rejects God and biblical values. What is the result? Test scores have plummeted, and many graduates can barely read or solve simple arithmetic problems. Many have no sense of purpose in life. While students may learn a few dates in history, most do not have a *clue* about the lessons of history. Nations that are ignorant of their own history and



the great lessons of history are headed for the “dustbin” of history!

A Challenging Future

Today, for millions around the world, life is a difficult and desperate struggle. Discerning individuals realize that the nations of the world face an ominous future. Robert Cooper, one of Europe’s most respect-

assume power over all the nations (Revelation 11:17–18), and will delegate positions of authority to qualified saints (Daniel 7:27) who will reign on this earth as kings and priests—as civil and religious leaders (Revelation 1:6; 5:10). *This event will be the crucial turning point for the troubled nations of the world!*

Jesus Christ and the saints will embark on a global program of nation building. They will set up


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ed scholar-diplomats, warns that “the twenty-first century may be worse” than any previous time in history, because “the new century risks being overrun by both anarchy and technology... western governments are losing control... of the means of violence [facing terrorism and weapons of mass destruction]. Civilization and order rests on the control of violence: if it becomes uncontrollable *there will be no order and no civilization*” (*The Breaking of Nations*, preface). Cooper sees the modern world teetering on the brink of a “descent into chaos.” Yet he expresses the hope, shared by many, that science and human ingenuity will save us from the “storm that threatens us” (*ibid.*).

Most today prefer to ignore these looming problems. Some professing Christians believe that their problems will be “solved” when they are rescued from the future disasters by being “raptured” off to heaven. Bible prophecy, however, reveals a very different reality.

Scripture clearly states that world problems will grow *worse*, not better (see Matthew 24:3–8). Human efforts to rebuild nations and manage world affairs will ultimately fail, and God will need to intervene to prevent human extinction and cosmocide (Matthew 24:21, 22, 30). Jesus Christ will return to this earth to establish the kingdom of God. He will

the government of God, and it will lead to a “restitution of all things” (Acts 3:19–21). The chaos, confusion, suffering and delusion created by failed nations and misguided human reason will end, as nations are restructured and reoriented on a biblical foundation of *right religion* (Zechariah 14), *right government* (Isaiah 9:6–7) and *right education* (Isaiah 30:20–21). Although nations will continue to exist (Isaiah 19:24–25), wars will cease (Isaiah 2:4), the environment will be restored (Isaiah 35:1–2) and roads and cities will be rebuilt (Isaiah 19:23; 61:4). Nations will learn the way to peace (Psalm 119:165), how to build strong families (Micah 4:4–6) and how to live healthful and fulfilling lives.

God’s process of nation building will begin in Jerusalem and spread around the world (Isaiah 2:2–4; 11:9), ushering in a thousand-year period of peace and prosperity known as the “Millennium” (Revelation 20:4–6). This is what the *true gospel* of Jesus Christ is pointing toward (Mark 1:14–15), as foreshadowed by many Old Testament prophets (see Daniel 2:44–45; 7:27). Christians who develop the mind and character of God, and learn how to apply the laws of God, will play a role in solving major problems and rebuilding nations in Tomorrow’s World. This is the *real* future—and it is worth preparing for! 

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Letters to the Editor

Your Personal in the March-April 2004 issue hits residents of the U.S. too severely for their "materialism." Americans have done more for more people, in more countries, in more ways, with their own money, than have any other people in all history.

R. T, Gulfport, MS

I was blown away by what was preached on your telecast, concerning God's intervention in world affairs. For the first time in years, I am hungry for more of what God has in store for us in tomorrow's world. You have—or, should I say, God has through you—sparked a new desire to live by His word as His word is written. I have been saying for years that some people tend to shade His word to fit their lives, rather than adapting their lives to the word of God. The "sweet Jesus message" is all I hear in my church, and in itself is wonderful—but man cannot live on bread alone. I need as much info as you can send. I have ordered, and will continue to order, more info.

R. B., Ft. St. John, BC, Canada

I would like to thank you so much for keeping me updated about the world's major events from a Biblical perspective. I am so concerned with what is happening in my country, Iraq, because it has become a world news focus. I would like to request your free booklet, *Revelation: The Mystery Unveiled!* and also *The United States and Great Britain in Prophecy*, because I wish to know if it is true that the U.S. and the U.K. are really mentioned in the Holy Bible.

F. B., Baghdad, Iraq

I just read the March-April 2004 issue of the *Tomorrow's World* magazine, and it is yet again inspiring from cover to cover. With reference to "Bible Health Laws," I found this article fascinating, and congratulate you for the straightforward easily digestible information.

A. R., West Midlands, United Kingdom

I just read the booklet *Your Ultimate Destiny*. Wow! Thank you. Thank you for not only showing me where I am going, but also what I have to do until that day, and how I should go about it. In Scotland, our national game is association football, or soccer, but what happened to me today was that someone just switched on the floodlights for the start of the ball game!

D. M., Aberdeen, Scotland

Each edition of the *Tomorrow's World* magazine comes out more informative and educative than the last. The March-April 2004 edition, with the cover article "What Happens When You Die?" has answered all my puzzles concerning death, resurrection and the Sabbath. Thank you, and keep it up!

O. O., Providence, RI

I just read the article, "God Is Creating A Family" (March-April 2004). I do not feel that I can find within myself words to write here to express my feelings. I will just say that the article impressed me profoundly.

T. A., Sayre, PA

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“They’re Just Words, Aren’t They?”

Obscenity has been making news lately. Obscenities in the media have attracted attention not only to themselves, but also to the question: what is obscene, and why does it matter?

As *San Francisco Chronicle* staff writer Jonathan Curiel recently reported: “The United States is in the middle of a culture war that shows no signs of abating. It began with the Janet Jackson incident then snowballed with the FCC’s \$495,000 fine over radio provocateur Howard Stern, which prompted Clear Channel to remove him from six of their radio stations” (“Decency gets some heavy opposition,” May 16, 2004).

Some people think obscene words should not be an issue. They say this is simply a matter of free speech—a constitutional right. Others believe public obscenity is not a matter of free speech at all, and that it is insulting, unacceptable and crude—and infringes on others’ constitutional rights.

Webster’s Dictionary defines obscenity as: “Offensive to accepted standards of decency or modesty. Repulsive; disgusting.” But who decides what is “offensive,” and whose “accepted standards” are the right measure? If we rely only on mankind for the answer, we will find only conflicting opinions. However, there is a source we can go to that will give us the truth about obscene words. That source is God’s word—the Holy Bible, which tells us: “Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth” (John 17:17).

Words flow from thoughts. Luke 6:45 says it well: “A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth evil. For out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.” Obscene thoughts generate obscene words. The two are inseparable. “For as he thinks in his heart, so is he” (Proverbs 23:7).

The way we think determines what we say, what we do and what kind of individuals

we are. Therefore, it is essential that we develop good, clean and right thought patterns. A pure mind and heart produce wholesome, upright words and actions. We become upstanding citizens who respect our neighbors and contribute worthwhile, positive and lasting standards to our communities and neighborhoods. We build a legacy of virtues and values for our families to live by, which leads to decency, good comportment and lasting success.

How can we develop such patterns of thought? The Apostle Paul advises us: “Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate [think] on these things” (Philippians 4:8).

Our thoughts shape our words, and our words reflect our character. Sooner or later, we become known not just by our actions, but by what we say. The language we use becomes part of our reputation—good or bad, clean or dirty. So we should always carefully consider our words, to ensure that we are speaking with propriety, keeping in mind the feelings and dignity of our fellow human beings.

Words mean so much, and can be very powerful, whether written or spoken. As Bulwer-Lytton said, “The pen is mightier than the sword.” The speech we use, and the words we read and hear, should fit the beautiful description found in Proverbs 25:11: “A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver.” Our words mirror our innermost being, and project profound influence on all who hear them. Obscene words have no legitimate place in society. They are out of place in any home or life that stands for quality, decency and respect for every individual.

—Charles E. Bryce

How Would Jesus Vote? (continued from page 7)

to the religio-political system that will dominate the entire Western world when Jesus Christ returns, God commands His people: “And I heard another voice from heaven saying, ‘*Come out* of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues” (Revelation 18:4).

What would Jesus do in this election year in the United States? He would be so busy proclaiming

the *good news* of the soon-coming kingdom of God that He would have no time—and no interest—in politicking, voting or taking part in any groups pressuring to clean up Satan’s world. For He would know that—although often well-meaning—human attempts to save this world are doomed to failure because they are under Satan’s sway and are part of his system which God Himself calls “Babylon” (Revelation 14:8).

The mission and calling of all true Christians is to help prepare

the way—as advance emissaries—for the kingdom of God, the literal government that the Living Jesus Christ will soon set up. It will replace all the misguided human governments of this earth. “Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, ‘The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!’” (Revelation 11:15).

May God speed that day! 

Big Trouble Ahead! (continued from page 3)

waste... I will scatter you among the nations and draw out a sword after you; your land shall be **desolate** and your cities **waste**” (vv. 31–33).

It will be tempting for many liberals to “make fun” of these ancient prophecies. However, sad to say, these prophesied events will *soon begin to happen unless* our people come to a deep and sincere **repentance** before the God of creation! But we have already gone so far and sunk so low that this is *extremely unlikely* to happen.

Back in the 1940s and 1950s, when I was a young man, most Americans and Britons were only mildly religious. But they still had a certain respect for the idea of a real God, for the Ten Commandments and for the traditional family structure. Our leading politicians and leaders still exhibited a respect for the Bible. Sexual acts were not seen on television, or in the average motion picture theatre—and certainly not even the *inference* of perverted acts!

But today, many if not most in the entertainment industry obviously **despise** the God of the Bible and His laws and statutes, and hundreds of mainstream ministers and politicians “just go along.” So now we have “arrived.” The Creator has every reason, at this point, to begin to chastise our peoples *before it is too late*.

Even those politicians, professing Christian ministers and entertainment moguls who do not actively promote perverted behaviors generally “go along” and try to speak approvingly—or at least remain neutral—saying **nothing** to rouse our people from their spiritual lethargy. They ignore the very direct

instruction of the Apostle Paul: “Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s” (1 Corinthians 6:18–20).

God also spoke to our fathers in a companion prophecy in Deuteronomy 28. After promising awesome blessings for *obedience* to His ways, God gave this solemn warning: “But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you: Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the country. Cursed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Cursed shall be the fruit of your body and the produce of your land, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks. Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall you be when you go out” (Deuteronomy 28:15–19).

If we continue to **despise** God’s commandments and statutes, *these specific prophecies will* begin to come to pass! Later, God continues in this powerful prophecy: “The alien who is among you shall rise higher and higher above you, and you shall come down lower and lower. He shall lend to you, but you shall not lend to him; he shall be the head, and you shall be the tail. Moreover all these curses shall come upon you and pursue and overtake you, until you are destroyed, because you did not obey the voice of the

LORD your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you” (vv. 43–45).

More and more American jobs are being taken away by foreigners. As columnist Lou Dobbs recently wrote: “Illegals displace more than 700,000 American workers annually. In fact, the total direct cost of illegal immigration to our economy, including social services, is roughly \$20 billion per year. To the costs of illegal immigration, add the exporting of America: the outsourcing of U.S. jobs to cheap overseas labor markets. No one has yet calculated the total cost to our economy of the hundreds of thousands of jobs shipped overseas by what Democratic Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts calls ‘Benedict Arnold companies.’ The most striking evidence of our national dependences is the U.S. trade deficit. The U.S. trade shortfall with Japan and China alone will total about \$190 billion for 2003. Almost half of U.S. treasury bonds are now owned in Asia. ‘We are too dependent on foreign capital,’ says Peter Morici, professor of logistics, business, and public policy at the University of Maryland’s Robert H. Smith School of Business” (*U.S. News & World Report*, Feb. 9, 2004).

Although the U.S. was the world’s *greatest lender* just a few years ago, it is now easily the *world’s greatest borrower*! As reported by *Reuters* on Feb. 18, 2004: “The U.S. government’s national debt—the accumulation of past budget shortfalls—totaled more than \$7 trillion for the first time as of Tuesday, according to a Treasury Department report. In its daily financial statement released on Wednesday, the Treasury said the U.S. debt subject to a congressionally set limit totaled \$7.015 trillion, up from \$6.983 trillion on Friday.” This *Reuters* release went on to quote a reaction from a member of the U.S. House of Representatives: “Rep. Baron Hill of Indiana, part of a centrist group of Democrats said, ‘It is simply immoral to run a national debt exceeding \$7 trillion, every penny of which our children and grandchildren will be responsible for paying back.’”

Yes, it is certainly “immoral” for our politicians in *both parties* to keep promising more and more, spending more and more and absolutely *bankrupting* our future!

But we need to “connect the dots.” All of these events are occurring because we have *turned away* from the God who gave us our national blessings in the first place. Today, many want to remove the Ten Commandments from the public square. Some even want to *remove* the words “under God” from the Pledge of Allegiance and “In God We Trust” from our currency. In such an anti-God environment, is it any wonder that so many want to *defy* our Creator’s very

words about marriage: “Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. And Adam said: ‘This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.’ Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh” (Genesis 2:22–24)?

So what does the Eternal God propose to do to *wake us up*? The prophecy of Deuteronomy 28 gives us the answer: “Because you did not serve the LORD your God with joy and gladness of heart, for the abundance of everything, therefore *you shall serve your enemies*, whom the LORD will send against you, in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in need of everything; and *He will put a yoke of iron on your neck until He has destroyed you*. The LORD will bring a nation against you from afar, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flies, a nation whose language you will not understand, a nation of fierce countenance, which does not respect the elderly nor show favor to the young” (vv. 47–50).

For a complete explanation of the background of this prophecy and for biblical and historical *proof* of our national origins, be sure to write for our eye-opening booklet, *The United States and Great Britain in Prophecy*. You truly *need* this information to understand end-time events now starting to unfold! This attractive booklet will be sent absolutely *free* upon your request.

I have given you this brief **warning** because I sincerely hope that **all** of you subscribers can *understand* and *take action* while there is still time. Bit by bit, you and I are going to have to witness more and more circumstances “going wrong” for the U.S., Canada, Britain and our English-speaking world. Step by step, the Eternal God is going to **shake** our nations and humble our peoples as never before in hopes that many will wake up in time to arise in the first resurrection.

In each issue of *Tomorrow’s World* magazine you will be given further information about the unfolding drama of **end-time** prophecy. You, personally, need not be afraid—if *you are willing to take action*. For Jesus Christ told His faithful disciples: “Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near” (Luke 21:28).



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Melbourne: MCTC—Ch 31, SUN 9:00 am
Perth: CETL—Ch 31, SUN 9:30 am

—BARBADOS

St. Michael: CBC—Ch 8, SUN 9:30 am

—CANADA

ON, Toronto: Vision—THUR 3:00 am; SUN 5:30 pm

—JAMAICA

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

—NEW ZEALAND

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Bansalan: Bansalan Cable—Ch 10, SAT 10:00 am
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Camiguin: Cable TV—Ch 21, SUN 8:00 am
Kidapawan: Metro Cable—Ch 19, SAT 8:30 am
Nabunturan: Nabunturan Cable—Ch 21, SAT 10:00 am
Maasin City: Maasin Cable—Ch 13, SAT 10:00 am
Ormoc City: Ormoc Cable—Ch 3, SAT 12:00 pm
Sogod: Sogod Cable—Ch 13, SAT 12:00 pm

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AL, Birmingham: Bright House—Ch 4, FRI 1:30 pm
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AR, Fayetteville: Access TV—Ch 8, SUN 8:30 pm
AR, Little Rock: KASN—Ch 38, SAT 8:00 am
AZ, Lake Havasu City: KLHU—Ch 45, SUN 10:30 am
AZ, Phoenix: Access—Ch 22, WED 12:30 pm
AZ, Prescott: Cable—Ch 13, SAT 5:30 pm; SUN 6:30 am
AZ, Tucson: Access—Ch 73, SAT 2:00 pm; SUN 11:30 pm
CA, Anaheim: Adelphia—Ch 97/98, MON 4:30 pm
CA, Eureka: Cox—Ch 10, MON 8:00 pm
CA, Garden Grove: Time Warner—Ch 6, SUN 9:30 am & 6:30 pm
CA, Los Angeles: KDOC—Ch 56, SUN 7:30 am
CA, Modesto: AT&T—Ch 2, TUE 3:00 pm
CA, Oceanside: KOCT—Ch 18, SUN 5:30 pm
CA, Sacramento: RCTV—Ch 19, MON 5:30 pm
CA, San Diego: Cox—Ch 18 & 23, THUR 6:00 pm
CA, San Francisco: Access TV—Ch 29, SUN 10:30 am
CA, San Jose: Community TV—Ch 15A, SAT 11:30 pm
CA, Sonora: TCCCA—Ch 8, SUN 8:00 pm
CA, Turlock: Charter—Ch 2, MON 8:00 pm
CT, Enfield: Comcast—Ch 15, THUR 6:30 pm
CT, Naugatuck: Tele-Media—Ch 10, TUE 9:30 pm
FL, Gainesville: Cox—Ch 55, SUN 8:00 pm
FL, Ocala: Cox—Ch 71, SUN 10:00 am
GA, Atlanta: AIB—Cable, THUR 9:30 pm; SAT 1:30 am
GA, Atlanta: PTV—Ch 24, THUR 11:30 am
GA, Macon: Cox Cable—Ch 18, SUN 5:00 pm; TUE 7:30 am; FRI 2:00 pm
HI, Hilo: Na Leo—Ch 2, FRI 9:30 pm; SUN 12:30 pm
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IA, Des Moines: Mediacom—Ch 15, SAT 10:00 am; SUN 11:00 am
IA, Dubuque: TCI of Iowa—Ch 16, THUR 8:00 pm; MON 3:30 pm & 7:30 pm; TUE 10:00 am; WED 2:00 pm
ID, Pocatello: Vision—Ch 12, SUN 7:30 pm; FRI 1:00 pm
IL, Bloomington: Insight—Ch 20, SUN 1:00 pm;

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IL, Chicago: WGN—Ch 9, SUN 5:00 am
IL, Moline: MediaCom—Ch 75, MON-WED 2:00 pm; THUR 6:00 pm; FRI 3:00 pm; SAT & SUN 2:00 pm
IL, Peoria: Insight—Ch 20, SUN 7:30 pm
IN, Bloomington: CATS—Ch 3, MON 5:30 pm
KS, Chanute: Cablevision—Ch 5, SUN 7:30 am; TUE 5:30 pm
KS, Parsons: Time Warner—Ch 21, WED 7:00 pm & 9:30 pm
KY, Latonia: PEG 17—Ch 17, WED 5:30 pm; THUR 12:00 am
KY, Lexington: Ch 14, Check Local Listing
KY, Paducah: Public Access—Ch 2, WED 3:30 pm
LA, Baton Rouge: KZUP—Ch 44, SUN 11:00 am
LA, Shreveport: KSHV—Ch 45, SUN 8:30 am
MA, Cambridge: CCTV—Ch 22, TUE 4:00 pm
MA, Malden: Access TV—Ch 3, SUN 11:00 am
MD, Rockville: Comcast—Ch 19, THUR 5:00 pm
MD, Westminster: Adelphia—Ch 19, THUR & FRI 10:00 am
MI, Traverse City: TCTV2—Ch 2, SUN 5:30 pm
MN, Duluth: Public Access—Ch 24, SAT 11:00 am; SUN 7:00 pm
MN, Minneapolis: MTN—Ch 75, THUR 6:30 pm
MN, Minneapolis: NW Community—Ch 19, SAT 10:30 pm; SUN 4:30 am, 10:30 am & 4:30 pm
MN, Roseville: CTV—Ch 15, SUN 7:30 pm; MON 3:30 am & 11:30 am
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MT, Helena: BSC—Cable, SUN 8:30 am
MT, Missoula: BSC—Cable, SUN 8:30 am
NC, Burlington: Time Warner—Ch 5/10, SUN 9:00 pm
NC, Greensboro: GCTV—Ch 8, FRI 6:30 pm; SAT 7:00 am
NC, Wilmington: Time Warner—Ch 4, WED 10:00 pm
NE, Omaha: KPTM—Ch 42, SUN 8:00 am
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NJ, Trenton: Comcast—Ch 26, MON 10:00 pm
NM, Albuquerque: CCC27—Ch 27, SUN 7:00 pm
NM, Rio Rancho: CABLE ONE—Ch 51, THUR 7:00 pm
NV, Carson City: Access TV—Ch 10, SAT 9:00 pm
NV, Gardnerville: Community Access—Ch 26, SAT 3:30 am & 3:30 pm; SUN 3:30 am & 3:30 pm
NV, Reno/Sparks: SNCT—Ch 30/16, SUN 7:30 pm
NY, Batavia: Time Warner—Ch 19, TUE 5:30 pm
NY, Binghamton: Time Warner—Ch 6, FRI 5:00 pm
NY, Brookhaven: Cablevision—Ch 20, FRI 9:30 pm
NY, Brooklyn: BCAT—Ch 56/69, SUN 3:00 pm
NY, Canandaigua: FLTV—Ch 12, SUN 11:30 am
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NY, Fairport: FACT—Ch 15, SUN 11:00 am
NY, Hauppauge: Cablevision—Ch 20, FRI 9:30 pm
NY, Irondequoit: ICAT—Ch 15, SUN 7:30 pm; WED 11:30 am & 7:30 pm
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NY, Oneida: Community Access—Ch 99, THUR 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm
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NY, Staten Island: CTV—Ch 34, SUN 8:00 pm; TUE 12:00 pm
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PA, Sayre: Time Warner—Ch 18, MON-FRI 5:00 pm
RI, Providence: WPXQ—Ch 69, SUN 9:30 am; MON 11:30 am
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TX, Tyler: KLTW—Ch 7, SUN 6:30 am
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VA, Roanoke: WDRL—Ch 24/54, SUN 7:00 am
VA, Virginia Beach: Cox—Ch 71 & 74, SAT 8:30 am
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WA, Seattle: TCI—Ch 29, FRI 5:30 pm
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