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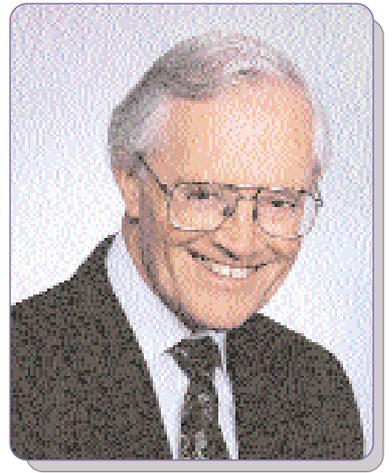
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## Jews, Israelites, God's Love and Prophecy

The pace of end-time prophesied events is certainly beginning to speed up. The handwriting is clearly on the wall for America and the British-descended peoples unless we wake up and *genuinely* turn to God. Our job at *Tomorrow's World* is to help you grasp the real *meaning* of world events as they relate to prophecy, and to show you *what to do* to fulfill the Creator's purpose in your life.

A vital key to understanding the many Bible prophecies pertaining to this modern age is to know *who* America and the British-descended peoples are in prophecy. What *names* does God call our peoples in the prophecies of the Bible? Which prophecies have special meaning for *our peoples*?

In his powerful and most revealing booklet, *What's Ahead for America and Britain?*, John H. Ogwyn answers all the above questions. This enormously important booklet reveals—with biblical and historical PROOF—that our peoples are directly descended from the peoples of ancient Israel and are, in fact, the so-called “lost ten tribes” of Israel!

That's right! When Bible prophecies refer to “Israel” or the “house of Israel” they usually apply to *our peoples*—either ancient or modern, depending upon the context. And *many* major prophecies for *our time* refer to *both* the Jewish people and the “house of Israel.” For instance, the book of Jeremiah was written in approximately 590BC—more than *100 years* AFTER ancient Israel was taken into captivity by Assyria's King Shalmaneser in 721BC. Jeremiah wrote of a massive *future* national PUNISHMENT for both Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 30:4). As explained in my feature article in this issue, “A Turning Point in World Affairs,” this severe national chastening, “the time of Jacob's trouble” (Jeremiah 30:7), is the same “Great Tribulation” that Jesus Christ predicted in Matthew 24:21–22.

Understanding this vital prophetic key makes literally *dozens* of Bible prophecies COME ALIVE for us today. These inspired prophecies in your Bible have ENORMOUS implications for your *immediate* future! To understand properly these prophecies from God, please write us to request your FREE copy of this most important booklet. Be sure to *study* it DEEPLY so you can understand our peoples' prophesied future!

But are there *negative* aspects of this “identity” question? *There shouldn't be*. Yet sadly, some “right-wing” extremists have *terribly misused* this wonderful truth. These individuals have convinced themselves—totally CONTRARY to the Bible and to what this Work has taught for decades—that the truth about our national identity makes other peoples inferior. Worse still, some of these “identity” groups have distorted the matter in a way that demeans the Jewish people.

This is NOT correct. And it is absolutely OUTRAGEOUS.

The clear biblical truth, of course, is that Jesus Christ, King David and all the twelve apostles were Jewish! The names of these Jewish apostles will be engraved in the very foundation of the New Jerusalem for *all eternity* (Revelation 21:14). God used the Jewish people to write most of the Bible—both Old and New Testaments. And, unmistakably, your Savior Jesus Christ was a Jew (Hebrews 7:14).

Those of us leading this Work of Almighty God have consistently taught for decades a deep and sincere LOVE for the Jewish people. We profoundly admire their brilliant talents and the service so many loving, serving Jews have exhibited in such key fields as science, music, literature, and so many more. And we sincerely love and appreciate the gifts and service of ALL human beings, of ALL races and ethnicities! For *all* of us are made in God's image and ALL will—in

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# *A Turning Point in World Affairs*

By Roderick C. Meredith

**Staggering changes are destined to take place in world affairs. The world around you will NOT be the same for many more years!**

**T**hings seem to be going along normally for most people. Although they hear about far-off bombings, earthquakes or storms, *their* daily lives remain largely unaffected. They are not shaken or terribly concerned about world events. The economy is humming along in good shape, so *why worry* about world affairs?

All that is soon going to CHANGE!

For in the lives of millions in formerly placid areas of America, Canada and Britain, things will *never be the same*. I tell you on the authority of the Living GOD that the lives of American and British-descended peoples around the world will experience a massive upheaval such as most have never dreamed! Our once-proud nations—at one time controlling almost three-fourths of the world's developed resources—will experience tragedy and ignominy on a cosmic scale.

We will begin to be beaten or at the very least humiliated in many of our military engagements with other nations. We will be subject to increasing terrorist attacks. *No one* will be totally safe! We will experience earthquakes, drought, famine and disease epidemics such as have never affected our people before. Our young people will get almost totally out of control—dishonoring and humiliating their elders and terrorizing large parts of society. And the former ruling class of our nations—largely of Anglo-Saxon-Celtic descent—will be brought down as foreign influences gain control of the places of power within our society.

WHY? How could all these MASSIVE and almost unbelievable changes take place within this generation?

## **The END of an Age**

Though even most professing Christians do not recognize or remotely understand Him, a very REAL God guides and controls the destinies of men and nations. In the Bible, His instruction manual to

mankind, the Creator tells us, "This decision is by the decree of the watchers, and the sentence by the word of the holy ones, in order that the living may know that the Most High RULES in the kingdom of men, gives it to whomever He will, and sets over it the lowest of men" (Daniel 4:17). If a nation or people are sinning—thumbing their noses at God—He will often set over them "the lowest of men." In the end, we usually get what we deserve.

But God's great PURPOSE remains. Our Creator is working out a 7,000-year plan. Almost 6,000 years of recorded human history have now passed. And although our present man-made calendar may be off by about 15 to 20 years because of details (such as the accession years of kings) that mankind has failed to calculate precisely, we likely are now living in *the last full generation* before our Creator will *supernaturally* intervene in human affairs.

In God's eyes, the number seven is the number of completion or perfection. God ordained that there be *seven* days in the week (Genesis 2:1–3). He blessed the *seventh* day as His Holy Sabbath. For food, God told Noah to take into the ark *seven* pairs of each of the clean animals (Genesis 7:2). Later, God ordained *seven* annual Holy Days to be observed each year (Leviticus 23). And each *seventh* year was to be a land Sabbath. In the New Testament, we find described *seven* eras of God's true Church (Revelation 2,3). We read of the *seven* spirits of God (Revelation 1:4), the *seven* lampstands (v. 13), the *seven* stars (v. 16), the *seven* seals (Revelation 6), the *seven* trumpets (Revelation 8, 9), and of Christ's prophesied return to this earth at the *seventh* trumpet (Revelation 11:15). Many

other "significant sevens" are noted in God's inspired Word.

The Prophet Moses wrote: "For a thousand years in Your sight are like yesterday when it is past, and like a watch in the night" (Psalm 90:4). The Apostle Peter wrote: "But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:8–9). In His dealings with mankind, God is indeed longsuffering and patient. He counts a "thousand years as a day." So in His "work week" of dealing with rebellious mankind, God has allotted six millennial days (6,000 years). And the seventh "day" of 1,000 years will be the millennial reign of Jesus Christ—finally bringing *genuine* PEACE and GODLI-NESS to a deceived world.

"Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, *and shall REIGN with Him a thousand years*" (Revelation 20:6).

As I explained to you in the last issue of this magazine, even the famous secular historian, Edward Gibbon, wrote in his celebrated work, *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*:

"The ancient and popular doctrine of the Millennium was

intimately connected with the second coming of Christ. As the works of the creation had been finished in six days, their duration in their present state, according to a tradition which was attributed to the prophet Elijah, was fixed to six thousand years. By the same analogy it was inferred that this long period of labor and contention, which was now almost elapsed, would be succeeded by a joyful Sabbath of a thousand years; and that Christ, with the triumphant band of the saints and the elect who had escaped death, or who had been miraculously revived, would reign upon earth till the time appointed for the last and general resurrection (Vol. I, p. 403).



Clearly, we are now near the END of an age! God's Word makes it very plain that *this present age* is under the influence of Satan the Devil, for the Apostle Paul was inspired to write: "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). Paul describes Satan as the "PRINCE of

the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience” (Ephesians 2:2). John, the “beloved Apostle” wrote: “So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil



and Satan, *who DECEIVES the whole world*; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him” (Revelation 12:9).

Soon, God will send the Living Jesus Christ—now seated at God’s right hand—back to this earth as King of kings (Revelation 19:15–16). This mixed-up world—*almost totally under Satan’s influence*—will come to its bitter END, and the *seventh* millennium will begin with Christ and His faithful saints RULING over and *rehabilitating* the entire earth (Revelation 5:9–10).

But, again, WHY will so many have to endure such tremendous human suffering and ignominy before that time?

## What’s Ahead and WHY

In Matthew 24:21–22, Jesus describes the soon-coming time of Tribulation that will SHAKE the entire earth: “For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those

days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened.” In modern language, Jesus is telling us that humans would be so hateful and rebellious as to *totally DESTROY* all life off this planet except for God’s intervention!

I know it is not “nice” to think about this, but I must tell you in Christ’s name that we are going to experience more and *more* tragedies like the murderous assaults at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado. Unless we *genuinely* REPENT and turn to the *true* God of the Bible in a way that we have *never done before*, more and *more* terrible tornadoes such as recently occurred in Oklahoma will take place, and many more TERRORIST acts such as occurred at the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City and the World Trade Center in New York will strike our nation.

*I’m sorry.* But I am NOT exaggerating!

For we, the American and British-descended peoples, were given by God the choicest blessings of the earth. For almost 200 years we have been the richest and most powerful peoples on earth. But we have *turned our backs* on the TRUE God of the Bible. In truth, we are descendants of the so-called “lost ten tribes” of Israel. We have been the chief of the nations because of God’s promises to Abraham. We were given the vital “gates” of our enemies—which we are NOW beginning to lose—as Dr. Douglas Winnail explains in this issue in his article “Sea Gates in Peril.”

Again, *unless we repent*, we will be brought DOWN and OUT—probably within *this* generation!

If you do not yet fully understand our national identity, please write *immediately* for our absolutely FREE booklet entitled *What’s Ahead for America and Britain?* Write to us at the address listed on the second page of this magazine. You will come to understand that when the Bible talks about “all Israel” or the “house of Israel” it refers not only to the Jewish people but also to the *other tribes* of Israel—clearly identified in our new booklet as the American and British-descended peoples and the peace-loving democratic nations of northwestern Europe.

We—the American and British-descended peoples—are the “birthright” peoples to whom God Almighty promised national



greatness. But God also predicted that *when*—not *if*—we turned aside, He would dramatically CHASTISE us for our own good and as a LESSON for all humanity! Notice this powerful warning to our ancestors: “When you beget children and grandchildren and have grown old in the land, and act corruptly and make a carved image in the form of anything, and do evil in the sight of the LORD your God to provoke

Him to anger, I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that you will soon utterly perish from the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess; you will not prolong your days in it, but will be utterly destroyed. And the LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the LORD will drive you" (Deuteronomy 4:25–27).

Many of these Old Testament prophecies are clearly *dual*, having both an earlier and an END-time fulfillment. Notice how this powerful prophecy continues: "But from there you will seek the LORD your God, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul. When you are in distress, and *all these things come upon you in the LATTER DAYS*, when you turn to the LORD your God and obey His voice" (vv. 29–30).

We are NOW in the "latter days" and we *have* "grown old" in the land, gradually taking for granted the awesome material blessings God has given us. We have certainly begun to "act corruptly" in dozens of different ways. That is why God will SOON bring upon us the needed corrective national punishment predicted many times in His inspired Word!

In Jeremiah 30:4–7, we read of the coming time of "Jacob's trouble." This national punishment is so powerful that the prophet says, "NONE is like it." This is the SAME tribulation

described in Matthew 24:21 as the time of the GREATEST tribulation ever! For there cannot be two or three "greatest" tribulations.

This enormous CHASTISEMENT on modern Jacob or Israel

results in our being "enslaved" (Jeremiah 30:8). And it ends only at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ and the *resurrection* of the dead! So this prophecy is definitely for *our time*—NOW.

In Jeremiah's prophecy, God tells us *exactly* why we are to be punished: "All your lovers have

forgotten you; they do not seek you; for I have wounded you with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the multitude of your iniquities, because your sins have increased. Why do you cry about your affliction? Your sorrow is incurable. Because of the multitude of your iniquities, *because your SINS have increased, I have done these things to you*" (vv. 14–15). Our personal and national SINS are now mounting to high heaven! As God looks down from heaven and beholds the ongoing slaughter of *millions* of American, British and Canadian unborn babies, as He sees our people totally absorbed in illicit sex, illicit drugs, drunkenness, lying, cheating and stealing—the Great God knows that we desperately "need" to be SHAKEN to our senses before it is too late! As Jesus predicted in Matthew 24, God knows that

we—and the other nations of the earth—will ultimately DESTROY ourselves unless He intervenes to stop it.

THAT is *why* the God of genuine love and understanding will soon intervene in human affairs!

## A Series of Punishments

In many powerful prophecies pertaining to the "house of Israel," God indicates that He will bring upon us a series of national punishments. A vital "dual" prophecy—for both ancient AND modern Israel—is set forth in Leviticus 26. *Read it very carefully!*

Here God said that IF we would keep His commandments and laws, He would bless us beyond measure (vv. 3–13). But if we turned aside and DISHONORED the One who gives us life and breath, He promised to *chasten us severely*.

First, God promised to begin the "humbling process" by bringing "terror" and various diseases and fevers upon us (v. 16). Then,



He predicted foreign incursions—with our produce consumed by enemies reigning over at least parts of the territories of Israel. I say "begin" and "parts" because the prophecy clearly indicates that

the *final* and TOTAL capitulation and enslavement would yet be in the future.

So part of this fundamental prophecy had its modern fulfill-



ment in World Wars I and II. In these wars, large areas of Israelitish lands in Europe were overrun by the troops of the Kaiser and of Adolph Hitler. The people were certainly terrorized. Millions died or suffered untold agony in the concentration camps.

But that was just the BEGINNING, for we did NOT repent or turn to the true God at all. So the prophecy continues: “And if in spite of this you will not obey me, I will continue to punish you sevenfold for your sins. I will break your proud glory, and I will make your sky like iron and your earth like copper. Your strength shall be spent to no purpose: your land shall not yield its produce, and the trees of the land shall not yield their fruit” (vv. 18–20, RSV).

It appears that we are now at the point where God is going to break the “pride” of the United States’ national power. In fact, He has *already* been doing this ever since America settled for a stalemate in Korea and virtual defeat in Vietnam after going more than 150 years without ever losing a war! Britain, too, has been almost totally stripped of her empire and her former national greatness.

God describes this in another prophecy for our peoples: “Aliens have devoured his strength, but he does not know it; yes, gray hairs are here and there on him, yet he does not know it. And the pride of Israel testifies to his face, but they do not return to the LORD their God, nor seek Him for all this” (Hosea 7:9–10).

As our national strength and resolve is weakened in foreign entanglements such as we have experienced in Kosovo, the world’s Gentile nations will begin to sneer, to laugh and finally to DESPISE “bungling old Uncle Sam.” Led by a president neither trusted nor respected, our nation and its selfish and hedonistic peoples will soon be ripe for plucking!

### A Humbling Process

“If you continue hostile to me, and will not obey me,” God continues, “I will continue to plague you sevenfold for your sins” (Leviticus 26:21, RSV). Verse 22 then describes wild beasts—perhaps rabid animals—turning on our peoples, and desolate highways which may indicate a TOTAL oil embargo far beyond what the United States experienced in the 1970s.

Then, if we STILL will not repent and heartfully cry out to our Maker, finally willing to DO *what God says*, Our Creator promises, “I Myself will smite you sevenfold for your sins.... I will bring a sword upon you.... I will send pestilence among you.... You should be delivered into the hand of the enemy.... You shall eat and not be satisfied” (vv. 23–26, RSV).

Clearly the “sword” at this stage does NOT destroy or con-

quer all of Israel—nor is there yet total devastation and starvation, for verses 27–34 describe this final phase. What we *do* see indicated here are the progressive punishments upon the modern “house of Israel”—*especially* the birthright peoples of Ephraim and Manasseh. These include the American, Canadian, British, Australian, New Zealand and South African peoples. As we behold the continuing humiliation of the British-descended peoples in South Africa—where the incidence of rape, robbery and murder is now one of the highest in the world—we get a *small glimpse of what lies ahead!*

Many areas of our Israelitish nations and cities may be virtually taken over by Gentiles even BEFORE the final Great Tribulation.

Am I “condemning” the Gentiles by saying this? *Not at all!*



**Left: Kosovar Albanians flee to Macedonia across southern Kosovo mountains. Above: In a Macedonian field near the Albanian border, where 25,000 are encamped, Kosovar Albanian refugees reach for food. © Presslink**

For God Himself is using them as His “paddle”—so to speak—to “spank” us and give us the much needed national correction He predicted in His Word. We are the ones being “spanked.” *Please remember that!*

Nevertheless, vast areas of South Africa, Australia and other British-descended nations may be taken over even *before* the final attack and enslavement which God predicts for Israel. As you read newspapers and magazines carefully to watch prophetic events, you will see the continuing pattern of the decline of power and prestige of the American and British-descended peoples. *It will NOT be a pretty picture!*

### What Should YOU Do?

Jesus Christ commands us, “Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:36). As we sorrowfully behold the weakening of our beloved peoples, those of us living in America and the British-descended nations should truly CRY OUT to God for *understanding* and for *His* deliverance. We should really *study* the Bible as never before! As Jesus said, we should watch world events and be sensitive to what our Creator is doing as He guides the affairs of men and nations.

Individually and collectively, we *all* must reflect soberly on how God has to deal with us when we turn aside from His ways. “And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: ‘My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; for whom the LORD loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives’” (Hebrews 12:5–6).

Many different ideas and theories about prophecy abound in the religious community. But the

scenario explained in this article is definitely DIFFERENT, for it is based on the understanding that the American and British-descended peoples are descended from the “lost ten tribes” of Israel. Without this vital key to understanding prophecy, most religious leaders and students of prophecy are simply in a fog when it comes to grasping the real meaning of biblical prophecy. Most of them, even when sincere, are simply BLINDED to real understanding—as is the *vast majority of all humanity* (Revelation 12:9). And as Jesus said, “Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch” (Matthew 14:15).

God gives us this vital truth to think about very carefully: “Surely the Lord GOD does nothing, unless He reveals His secret to His servants the prophets” (Amos 3:7). If God shows *you* that our Israelitish nations do undergo the series of national setbacks, humiliations and finally the severe PUNISHMENTS outlined in this

article, what will *you* do? Will you listen to those who scoff and make fun of the *true* servants of God who are now giving you this warning? Or will you HEED God’s warning and begin to take ACTION—*before it is too late?*

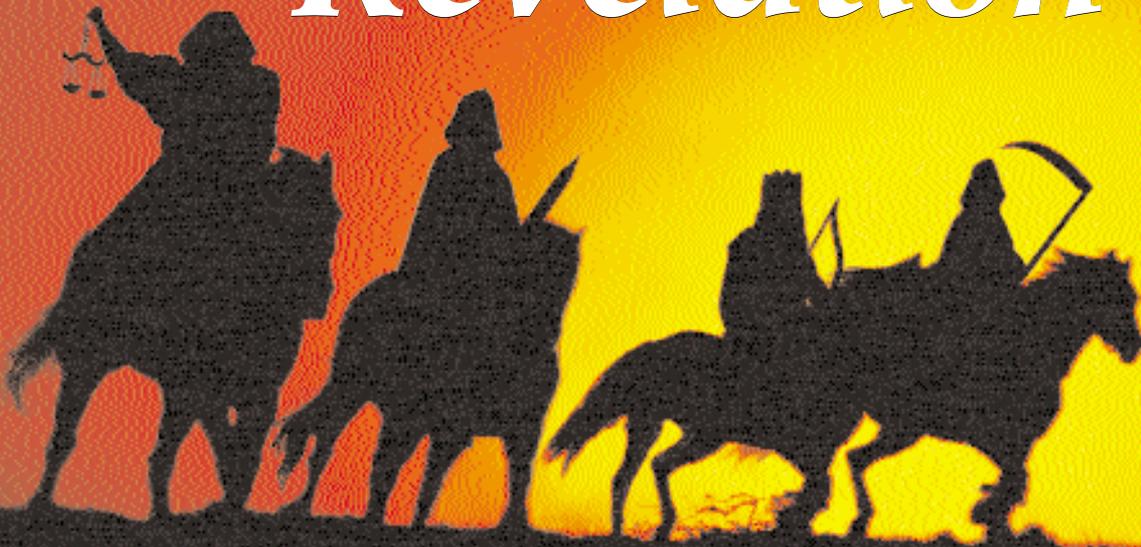
In His dealings with men and nations, God is consistent. “For I am the LORD, I do not change; therefore you are not consumed, O sons of Jacob” (Malachi 3:6). So we should listen to God’s instructions to ancient Judah when it was awaiting final deliverance from a national captivity: “Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart” (Jeremiah 29:12–13).

If any of us, now, truly begin to SEEK God with *all* of our hearts and *surrender* to heartfelly OBEY His commandments and let the true Jesus Christ live within us, then we CAN and WILL be spared from the coming end-time holocaust. May God help *you* to understand and to DO His will! 



Send for our **FREE** booklet entitled *What’s Ahead For America and Britain?*

# The Mystery of Revelation



By Richard F. Ames

**I**t is one of the greatest books ever written, but it is a mystery to most people. Even many Christians don't bother to read it, because they feel unable to make any sense out of it. What is this great book? It is the book of Revelation—also known as the Apocalypse—the very last book in your Bible.

In one sense it is tragic that the vast majority of humanity is ignorant of the importance of this great book. Yet we know that the deep meanings of Revelation are, by design, obscured and hidden from those who are spiritually blinded—which means most of the world. It is an astounding but fundamental truth that, spiritually speaking, the world is almost completely blind except for a

relative few. The Apostle Paul also emphasized this truth when he 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).

If the world is generally blinded and deceived, how can *you* understand? Only through the Light of the world can one gain spiritual light and understanding. We know from John 8:12 that Jesus Christ is the Light of the world, so it is through Him that we can gain understanding. Jesus told His followers: “If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the

truth, and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:31–32 KJV).

Throughout the Bible we are reminded that in order to understand its mysteries, we must practice the precepts and instructions it contains. In the Psalms, we read: “The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who *do His commandments*. His praise endures forever” (Psalm 111:10). That's right! If you are willing to study the Bible to see what God wants you to do—if you will practice and continue in His word and instructions—God will open your mind to understanding!

To deepen our understanding of this mysterious book, let us begin at the beginning. The book begins with the words: “The Reve-

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lation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show His servants; things which must shortly take place. And He sent and signified it by His angel to His servant John, who bore witness to the word of God, and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, to all things that he saw” (Revelation 1:1–2).

### **Christ’s Revelation— Not John’s**

The very first fact we learn in this book is that it is the revelation of *Jesus Christ*—not of the Apostle John (or “St. John the Divine” as some Bibles title the book). We also notice the purpose of Jesus’ revelation—to *show* His servants things which must shortly take place. The purpose of this hard-to-understand book is *not to hide* the truth, but to reveal events leading up to Christ’s return! You need to know what those events are, and how they came to be known to the “beloved Apostle.”

John wrote down the inspired words of God while exiled to the island of Patmos off the southwest coast of Turkey in the Aegean Sea. Patmos was used as a Roman penal colony in the 1st century. John wrote: “I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was on the island that is called Patmos for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ.” (Revelation 1:9).

Most scholars set the time of John’s writing at the end of the first century, about 95AD. In a vision, John was shown the end-time events surrounding Christ’s return and the establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth. He saw the events leading up to the seventh trumpet in the prophetic time period known as the Day of the Lord. John thus wrote: “I was

in the Spirit on the Lord’s Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet.” John was not speaking of a day of the week as some commentators wrongly teach! John was projected in the spirit and in vision to the time of the Lord’s Day—also known in scripture as the Day of the Lord, which is mentioned in more than 30 prophecies in your Bible.

What is the key event revealed in Revelation? It is Christ’s return to the earth! We are told: “Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen” (Revelation 1:7).

Yes, a time of judgment is coming. But the good news is that those who look forward to Christ’s return will rejoice when all the world’s kingdoms submit to the King of kings and Lord of lords, Jesus Christ, at the seventh, the last, trumpet: “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!’ And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying: ‘We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was and who is to come, because You have taken Your great power and reigned!’” (Revelation 11:15–17).

Remember, it is Christ Who gives us this revelation, through the Apostle John. John saw the throne of God in a vision; he wrote: “And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals” (Revelation 5:1).

### **The Seven Seals**

John cried upon learning that no one was worthy to open the scroll. He continues: “But one of the elders said to me, ‘Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals’” (Revelation 5:5). The Lion of the tribe of Judah is Jesus Christ—here He begins to open the scroll that had been sealed with seven seals.

“Now I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals; and I heard one of the four living creatures saying with a voice like thunder, ‘Come and see.’ And I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer” (Revelation 6:1). Thus begins Revelation 6, in which six of the seven seals are described. The first four seals are the famous four horsemen of the apocalypse. What do these seals mean? Christ is the Revelator, so we look to *Him* for the interpretation. One basic key to understanding the Bible is the principle “the Bible interprets the Bible” and we will find in Matthew 24 Jesus Christ’s own explanation of the signs of the end of the age, and the seals’ significance.

Some commentaries wrongly interpret the first seal to mean that Christianity will evangelize the world and conquer it spiritually. But when we examine Christ’s words in Matthew, we come to a very different conclusion. Jesus warns his followers: “Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many” (Matthew 24:4). Compare this to Revelation 6 and we can see that the first horse and

its rider represent FALSE Christs and FALSE religion.

Notice the difference between this first horse and its rider, and the description of the true Christ at His return. The first horseman of Revelation 6 carries a bow, and wears one crown. By contrast, Revelation 19:15 describes Jesus Christ returning to this earth with a sharp sword, and Revelation 19:12 pictures Him as wearing MANY crowns. Clearly, the man on the white horse in Revelation 6 is NOT the true Christ. We must heed Jesus Christ's warning to beware of false Christs, false messiahs, and counterfeit religion.

Jesus' words in Matthew go on to describe the second horseman: "And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places" (Matthew 24:7).

The second horseman of Revelation 6 rides a red horse. We read: "Another horse, fiery red, went out. And it was granted to the one who sat on it to take peace from the earth, and that people should kill one another; and there was given to him a great sword" (Revelation 6:4). The parallel with Christ's words in Matthew is clear.

The third seal of Revelation 6 depicts a rider on a black horse revealing famine in the world. The fourth seal presents a rider who is given the name "death." He rides a pale horse indicating the pestilence following on the heels of famine. Yes, these are the same famines and pestilences of

which Jesus Christ spoke in Matthew 24:7!

The effects of these four horsemen are devastating: "And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword, with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth" (Revelation 6:8). One-fourth of the earth's population will die! These are realities few people are



willing to face! But your Savior wants you to know what lies ahead—He wants you to be able to prepare, for your own good and indeed for your salvation!

The fifth seal, in Revelation 6:9, depicts the martyrdom of the saints and the persecution of Christians. This is a historical fact—in the first century after Christ, the Roman empire under Nero persecuted thousands of Christians and put them to death—but it also refers to a future revival of the Roman Empire that will again persecute true Christians!

After the Great Tribulation, the sixth seal will be opened—a series of heavenly signs. The Apostle John wrote: "I looked when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became like blood. And the

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

Do you appreciate the magnitude of this seal? The earth will convulse with a great earthquake. People will be terrified of meteorites and asteroids streaking through the sky. God will *physically shake* the earth to get our attention!

In the face of this great show of God's power, even dictators and despots will be humbled. We read: "And the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, and said to the mountains and rocks, 'Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb! For the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?'" (Revelation 6:15–17)

These terrifying signs introduce the dramatic Day of the Lord. And what is that day called? "The great day of His wrath." The Lamb, Jesus Christ, will be wrathful! Some professing Christians may find it hard to accept that Jesus will be angry, but we see it clearly here—He has the power and the right to judge rebellious nations. These nations and alliances will quickly learn that their military and political strengths are weak and worthless against the divine power of God! This power will be demonstrated not only during the sixth seal, but during the final, seventh seal—the great day of God's wrath, the Day of the Lord.

## A Framework for Understanding

We must understand the major prophetic events that give us a framework for understanding the events of the book of Revelation, and the events leading up to the return of Jesus Christ. Our framework begins with the Great Tribulation prophesied by Jesus Himself: “For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened” (Matthew 24:21–22).

To this day, the world has not eliminated the danger of nuclear war and even nuclear terrorism, and it will not be able to eradicate this threat. At the same time, humanity is facing ever-increasing danger from biological and chemical weapons of mass destruction!

This is a fact not just known by top military and political strategists; the January, 1999 edition of *Reader’s Digest* featured an



article entitled, “Are We Ready for Bioterror?” The article explained that the United States is unprepared for such attacks, and quoted United States Secretary of Defense William Cohen openly acknowl-

edging that a biological attack on the U.S. “is not a remote possibility but a real probability in the present. Imagine the horror.”

This Great Tribulation is a time unlike any other in human history. The prophet Jeremiah described its uniqueness and severity: “Alas! For that day is great, so that none is like it; and it is the time of Jacob’s trouble, but he shall be saved out of it” (Jeremiah 30:7). This will be the time of God’s punishment on the United States, Canada, Great Britain, Australia, New Zealand and the British-descended peoples. The Great Tribulation is the time of Jacob’s trouble!

We need to be prepared for that time and alert to its coming. As Jesus said: “Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:36). As we wait, we need to remain close to God and to His Son Jesus Christ! How can we do this? As Jesus tells us in this verse, we must “pray always.”

If you are not already in the habit of daily prayer, you will find that reading the Bible can help you to pray. What should you pray to God about? Jesus gave the answer in Luke 11, where he gave the disciples the “model prayer” as an outline of the areas in which we should communicate with God.

The Psalms, too, can be an aid to your prayer. Many of the Psalms are themselves prayers, and as you read them you will find that they touch on your own heartfelt thoughts toward God, as well as your short-

comings, anxieties and other aspects of your intimate, personal relationship with your Creator! If you follow Jesus’ admonition, and pray always, you will develop a



relationship with Him that will sustain you even as the seven seals of Revelation unfold, and the Day of the Lord approaches.

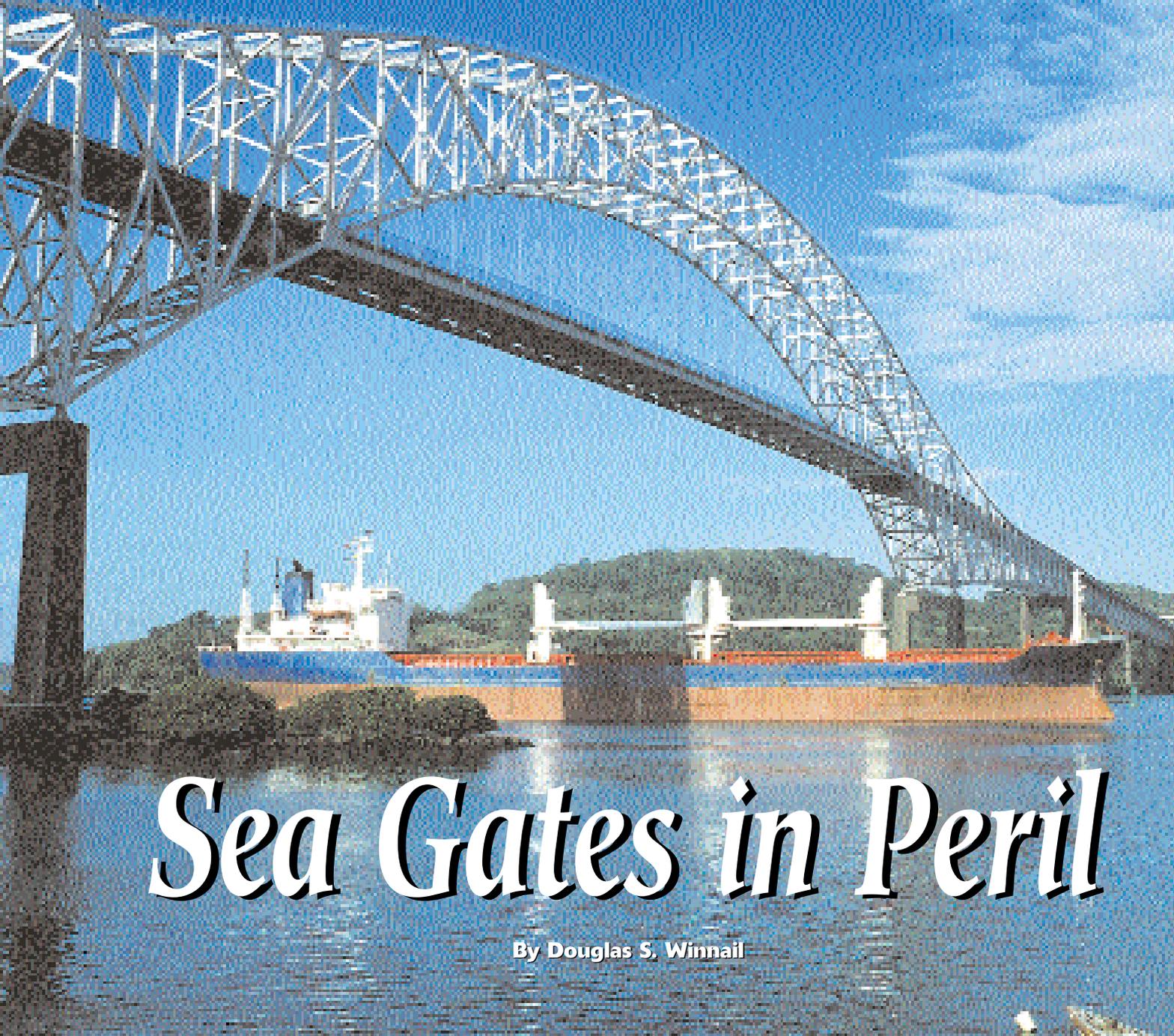
That seventh seal, the Day of the Lord, contains seven “trumpet judgments” or plagues. “When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets” (Revelation 8:1). These trumpets are trumpets of warning, announcing impending plagues or judgments.

Reading through Revelation 8 we see that as the first four angels sound their trumpets, terrible ecological devastation ravages the earth, and frightening signs are found in the heavens. Vegetation is burned, sea turns to blood and ocean life dies, bitter waters cause many to die, and the sun and moon are obscured.

### Three Woes

After these first four plagues, we reach the final three, called “woes”—exclamations of grief. We read: “And I looked, and I heard an

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# Sea Gates in Peril

By Douglas S. Winnail

**V**ital sea gates—ocean passageways such as the Panama Canal and the Straits of Gibraltar—are changing hands as the 20th century draws to a close. Yet these changes, so critical to global commerce and regional defense, seldom rate front-page headlines.

For nearly two centuries, the United States and Britain (or friendly allies) have controlled nearly all of these important sites. In fact, the possession of these strategic sea gates was directly responsible for the emergence of America and Britain as world powers. Most politicians and Western secular

media appear oblivious to the real significance of these changes, yet the Bible provides sobering insights as to why these transfers are occurring and where they will lead. You cannot afford to ignore what is taking place right before our eyes!

## **A Promised Blessing**

Just how did the United States and Britain come to possess such critical pieces of global real estate—Panama, Suez, Gibraltar, Singapore, and many other strategic locations around the world—at the particu-

lar time that they did? Was it merely a matter of chance, or was it part of a greater plan being worked out here on earth? Most journalists and historians don't have a clue. Yet the Bible reveals, through a series of specific promises and prophecies, how the Americans and British came to control these sea gates—and why they are losing that control.

Approximately 4,000 years ago, God began to work with a man named Abram (later Abraham). God prepared Abraham to become the father of a people—the Israelites—through whom God would show the world how to function according to His way of life. Abraham and his descendants were promised certain blessings if they would obey God's instructions (Genesis 12:1–3). God intended the Israelites to be a blessing to mankind as they learned to follow His instructions, but the Israelite nations have not always lived up to God's intended purpose.

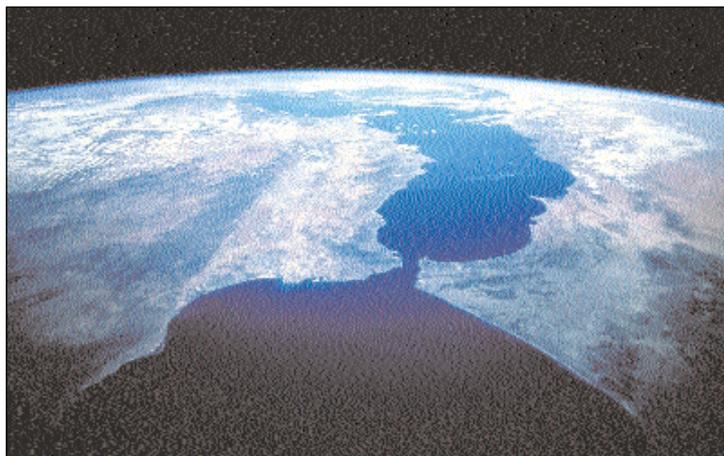
God specifically promised Abraham “your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies” (Genesis 22:17). This promise was repeated to Rebekah (who became the bride of Isaac—Abraham's son). She was told “may your descendants possess the gates of those who hate them” (Genesis 24:60). While some modern Bible versions translate the Hebrew word for gate as city or town, this totally overlooks or obscures the real intent of the word, and it misses the whole point of the prophetic promise. The Hebrew word for gate is *sha'ar* which means “an opening” like a door, a gate, a port or city (see *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*, #8179). The Hebrew language of the Bible uses completely different words for city and town (see *Strong's*, #5892, #7023, #7151). Modern reference books refer to locations such as the Strait of Gibraltar, the Bosphorus and the Suez Canal as “the gateways to Europe” (see *National Geographic Satellite Atlas of the World*, 1998) in the same sense as the word used in the biblical promise.

Not only does the Bible state that the Israelite nations would gain possession of the gates of their enemies, it indicates that control would come at a particular point in time. In the book of Leviticus, the Israelites were warned that their promised blessings would be withheld seven times if they despised God's instructions (Leviticus 26:17–18). The “seven times” in this prophecy suggests both intensity and duration of time. It is interesting to note that Israel's Assyrian captivity began in 721BC and Judah's Babylonian cap-

tivity began in 604BC. Using the “day for a year” principle of Ezekiel 4:6, the seven times would equal 2,520 years (360 days x 7=2,520). Projecting ahead 2,520 years from the beginning of the captivities would bring us to the period from 1800AD to 1917—the very time period in which the British and Americans gained control of these vital sea gates! The probability of these many acquisitions occurring by chance is extremely small! (For more information on this vital topic, please request our free booklet entitled *What's Ahead for America and Britain?*).

### Blessings to be Lost!

These amazing prophecies do not end with the descendants of Abraham retaining possession of the gates of their enemies. Nearly 3,500 years ago, God told Moses to inform the Israelites that if they obeyed His instructions they would be blessed, but if they disobeyed and failed to observe His commandments they would be punished (Deuteronomy



**Above: The Straits of Gibraltar guard the western entrance of the Mediterranean. Left: Shipping in the Panama Canal.**

28:1–2,15). In another specific prophecy, God stated that as punishment for disobedience the enemies of Israel would “besiege [vex, trouble, oppress] you at all your gates” (Deuteronomy 28:52, 55). Many prophecies indicate that the Israelite nations will be defeated suddenly and quickly by their enemies, and carried into captivity in foreign lands (Deuteronomy 28:20–25; Isaiah 29:5; 30:12–13; Jeremiah 15:1–8; 30:1–7,24). The Bible clearly predicts that the sea gates promised as a blessing to Abraham's descendants will be lost to their enemies when God begins to “break the pride of your power” as punishment for their disobedience (Leviticus 26:17–18). This process, which began in the mid-1900s, appears to

be reaching a climax as we approach the end of the 20th century.

## Gates in Peril

In 1956, Egypt took over the Suez Canal by force. The canal had been built by the French in the 1850s and operated by a joint British-French company for almost a century. During the period of British-French control the canal operated under a policy that guaranteed freedom passage for ships of all nations, without discrimination, in peace and in war (see *Encyclopedia Americana*, vol. 25, 1997). However, after Egypt nationalized the canal, it was closed to Israeli ships and to ships carrying Israeli goods. Then, after the 1967 Arab-Israeli war, Egypt closed the canal to all ships until 1975. As most Middle East oil reaches Europe and North America via the Suez Canal, we can see that a future conflict between Western powers and Egypt or its Arab neighbors could quickly jeopardize both the economy and the military deployments of Egypt's opponents who rely on the Suez Canal.

The Bosphorus, a narrow waterway connecting the Black Sea with the Mediterranean, is controlled by Turkey—a nation that is 98 percent Muslim and has had on-again, off-again relations with northwest Europe, Russia and other Middle Eastern nations. The Bosphorus stands to gain increased importance as oil and gas from the Caspian Sea are shipped to other parts of the world. Depending on which way the political winds blow, this could also spell trouble in the future for non-Muslim Western nations.

The rock of Gibraltar guards the western entrance to the Mediterranean. Gibraltar is actually a Spanish peninsula, and was held by Spain from 1462 until 1704 when it was captured by the British. The British have controlled this valuable naval base for nearly 300 years, but Spain has been demanding that Gibraltar be returned to Spanish sovereignty. If Spain gains control as a member of the European Union, and Britain does not eventually link up with the EU, the movement of

British and American traffic into and out of the Mediterranean could be curtailed. The United States and Britain would lose their ability to influence events in southern Europe and the Middle East.

Singapore, at the southeastern edge of the Eurasian landmass, is one of the busiest ports in the world. It stands adjacent to the Straits of Malacca—the preferred route between the Indian Ocean, South China Sea and Pacific Ocean—a strategic location “that for centuries has been coveted by regional and, especially, non-regional powers” (*Encyclopedia Americana*, vol. 24, 1997).

Founded by the British in 1819, it remained under their control for nearly 150 years until it became an independent nation in 1965. Singapore's population is more than 75 percent Chinese. Current news reports indicate that China desires control of the South China Sea—through which is transported most of the Middle East oil destined for Japan and the Philippines. China also wants to regain control of Taiwan, which dominates



**Above: Nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS George Washington sails through the Suez Canal en route to the Red Sea. Right: Chinese protesters, near the United States' embassy in Phnom Penh, decry the U.S.-led NATO bombing of China's embassy in Belgrade. Anti-American demonstrations are increasing in number as the U.S. loses influence in world affairs. © Presslink Images**

the northern entrance to the South China Sea. The Chinese have indicated that they could threaten cities on the west coast of North America if the United States were to come to Taiwan's defense should hostilities occur in that region (see *The Coming Conflict with China*, Bernstein and Ross, 1997). This critical area of the world will be worth watching—especially as the influence of America and Britain wanes in this region.

The Panama Canal is at America's very doorstep. It has been called one of the great crossroads of the world and the most vital strategic waterway in the world. The canal, first envisioned by Spanish explorers in the 1500s, was begun by the French and completed by the Americans in 1914. When it opened, the Panama Canal was considered “the greatest construction project the world had ever seen” (*Encyclopedia Americana*, vol. 21, 1997). A real boon to international trade, the canal is traversed by as many as 50 ships each day, and between 12,000 to 15,000 vessels per year. The 50-mile trip through the canal saves approximately 7,000 miles that would be required to sail

around the southern tip of South America. This important sea gate is not only vital to world trade, it has also played a key role in the movement of United States naval vessels during many military conflicts.

Despite the Panama Canal's importance, the United States will on December 31, 1999 give control of the canal to the nation of Panama. The United States will also relinquish control of military bases, deep water ports and airfields in Panama. The official United States government position is that "the canal has lost its importance and the country its strategic value—and that there is no need for continued military presence there" (*Arizona Republic*, May 1, 1999). Incredible as it may seem, a large Hong Kong-based firm with close ties to the Chinese will gain control over the key ports, Balboa and Cristobal, at each end of this strategic waterway. This corporation will also have long-term options on military installations vacated by the United States (*National Security Center 1998 Briefing Report*). Considering China's continuing military build-up and declared intent to limit United States influence in the world, the canal turnover could prove, in the not-too-distant future, to be a costly mistake. One analyst believes the next major war will be based on "strategic positioning, aerospace, and the ability to protect maritime assets" which are the focus of China's current policies (*WorldNetDaily.com*, 1999).

## A Sobering Picture

One of the key reasons that the United States and Britain rose to prominence was their gaining possession of strategic gateways around the globe. This occurred according to prophecies that have been recorded in the Bible for thousands of years, and happened in the prophesied time period between 1800 and 1917—approximately 2,520 years after the nations of Israel and Judah went into captivity. These fulfillments of prophecy are facts of history. But now these vital gateways are changing hands. Nations with interests and desires that clearly clash with America and Britain are taking control of these strategic locations. This should be a cause for concern for anyone thinking about the future.

Many foreign policy analysts have openly offered warnings. Samuel Huntington of Harvard University has described a growing trend that "virtually all major regional powers are increasingly asserting themselves to promote their own distinct interests, which often conflict with those of the United States" (*The Lonely Superpower*, *Foreign Affairs*, March/April, p. 37, 1999). Huntington and others sense a move by

nations around the world to limit and counterbalance the influence of the United States, which is increasingly viewed by other nations as "a menace to their integrity, autonomy, prosperity and freedom of action. They view the United States as intrusive, interventionist, exploitative, unilateralist, hegemonic, hypocritical, and applying double standards... engaging in financial imperialism and intellectual colonialism" (*Ibid*, p. 43). When America speaks for the international community it is primarily on behalf of her "Anglo-Saxon cousins (Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand)"—not the rest of the world (*Ibid*, p. 41). Huntington warns that other nations' reactions to the superpower United States could escalate from fear, resentment and envy to opposition and collective action (*Ibid*, p. 45). With the loss of strategic sea gates to nations opposing the influence of the United States and her Anglo-Saxon allies, the future is sobering to contemplate—and that future is just around the corner!



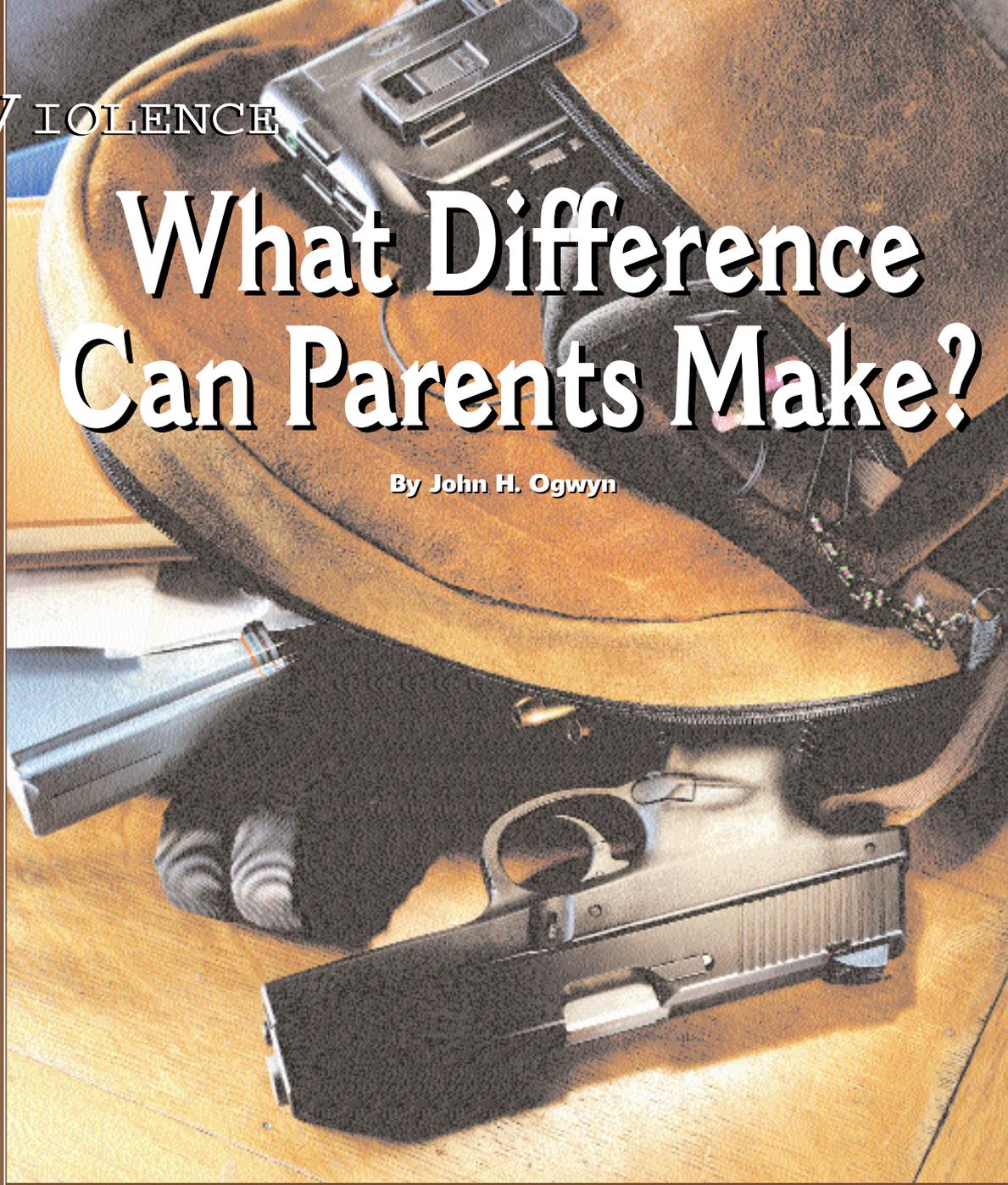
## The Lesson for Us

The peoples of the United States, Britain and other nations whose roots trace to northwest Europe have inherited the blessings God promised the descendants of Abraham. Those promises were based on the obedience of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and their families to the laws of Almighty God. God chose to work with Israel so it would become a light to the world and an example of God's way of life to mankind (Deuteronomy 4:1–8). As the Israelites learned to apply His commandments and statutes they would be a blessing to all who came into contact with them. To a degree this has happened. The Israelite nations have spread the benefits of civilization, culture, science and technology around the globe. But God repeatedly warned His chosen people not to depart from His way or disregard His commandments or follow other gods—lest they be punished (Deuteronomy 4:9, 15–28; 6:10–17; 28:15–28).

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# What Difference Can Parents Make?

By John H. Ogwyn



**L**ittleton, Colorado. Pearl, Mississippi. West Paducah, Kentucky. Springfield, Oregon. Jonesboro, Arkansas...

Small town and suburban America aren't supposed to be dangerous and violent. Yet each of these communities, largely unknown just months ago, has now achieved a macabre notoriety.

Why?

Even more importantly, what can be done? Kids are killing kids, and adults do not know how to prevent it! Why have we seen such an upsurge in youthful violence at this end of the 20th century? What can parents do to prevent their own children from becoming further grim statistics?

Of course, such schools as Columbine and West Paducah High represent just a tiny fraction of youth violence. Every day young people die violent deaths at the hands of other young people. The sound of gunfire has become routine in many American inner cities. Yet most of this other violence fails to make news. Certainly it is not the stuff of headlines and network news special reports. It is generally drug and gang related—and it lacks the shock value of violence in “good” neighborhoods.

The rising tide of youth crime, of which the sensationalized school shootings are merely the tip of the iceberg, is a symptom. It is evidence that something is deeply wrong and out of control in our society. Everyone agrees that a serious problem exists. Yet that is where the agreement ends. Depending on the political leanings and the social agenda being advanced, commentators differ greatly in their analyses of the problem and in the solutions they proffer.

Some blame the gun manufacturers, while others call Hollywood the real culprit. Schools’ advocates want more money made available for education. Some seek more laws and government regulations on youth, while others seek to try young violent criminals as adults.

Youth crime and violence is not simply a societal nightmare. It is, in a very personal sense, a parental nightmare. No parent wants to receive a call that his child has been arrested or charged with a crime.

Is it simply random chance that some young people become caught up in criminal violence? If not, apart from the efforts of government and schools, what difference can individual parents make?

As we shall see, there are solutions which *you* can apply in your own home. Those solutions are written in a much overlooked source of wisdom. Before we address the solutions, however, let us understand the cultural roots of the problems we face.

### **A Culture that Breeds Violence**

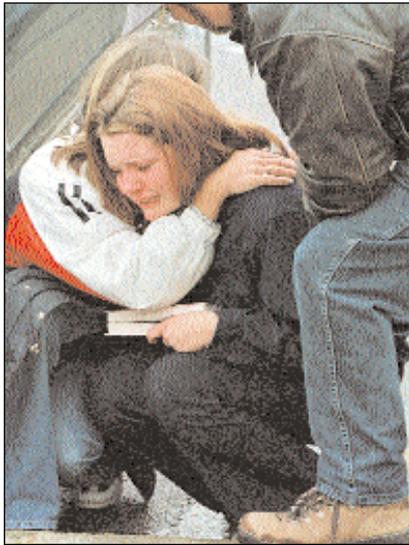
Violence doesn’t start with guns; it starts with attitudes in the human heart and mind. After all, Cain didn’t need an Uzi to murder his brother Abel. The spirit of murder and violence is the very opposite of the Biblical injunction to do unto others as you would have them do unto you. It involves an utter lack of respect for others and a total lack of empathy.

Social commentators bemoan the direction of much of popular

youth culture. Nihilism, the belief that there is no meaning or purpose to existence, has crept into youth culture and is pervasive in much of the popular music that has shaped this generation.

*U. S. News and World Report* contributor John Leo recently wrote a column entitled “When Life Imitates Video” (May 3, 1999, p. 14). He posed the question: “Did the sensibilities created by the modern, video kill games play a role in the Littleton massacre?” He continued: “But there is a cultural problem here: We are now a society in which the chief form of play for millions of youngsters is making large numbers of people die. Hurting and maiming others is the central fun activity in video games played so addictively by the young.”

Rebellion against societal norms has increasingly marked the younger generation in this century. Within a decade after the end of World War II, music had become a symbol of the



**A Columbine High student is comforted after fainting. Two teenage gunmen went on a shooting rampage killing 13 victims and themselves, April 20. © Presslink**



emerging generation gap. Rock music was characterized as the sound of protest and rebellion. Generally coupled with unorthodox clothing and hair styles, it was in the front ranks of an emerging youth culture. In the

late sixties and early seventies, drug use exploded onto the scene as a part of this youth counterculture, encouraged explicitly and implicitly by rock music.

In order to retain shock effect, the cutting edge of youth culture became increasingly bizarre and extreme. In more

absolute moral values which will never change. If there is no eternal truth, then who is to say what is right and wrong?

The ideas of such men as Charles Darwin, Sigmund Freud and John Dewey set the intellectual tone prevalent in schools and universities throughout most of this past century. The seed planted

by these men and nurtured by their successors has now blossomed and brought forth fruit that is both bitter and deadly.

Our modern world has rejected God and His revelation as the source of ultimate knowledge.

The results around us are bad and will only get worse. Fortunately, as individuals, we can choose to reject the decadent culture that permeates our society and can go to God's instruction book for the answers.

### Where Can Parents Begin?

For parents trying to make a difference in their own families, where is the starting point? While there are many aspects of the problem and its solution, the solution has to start somewhere.

The first thing a child is capable of learning is that he is loved and wanted. If that is not successfully learned, no further lessons can be counted on. Children learn to express love by being loved. A sense of being loved and of proper self-worth underlies everything else that a child needs to learn. Genuine care and affection in word and deed sets the proper tone for life.

The mother is the first person with whom a child comes in contact. She plays the most vital role in a child's young life. Any attitude or action that diminishes a mother's importance is both wrong and destructive. Day care may be a necessity for some, but it is no substitute for maternal love.

Yet love alone is not enough to rear successful children. Parents can deeply care for their children and still impart harmful attitudes. It is simply wishful thinking to believe that by giving affection and meeting a child's physical and material needs, the child will automatically become a successful, well-adjusted adult.

### The Vital Role of Respect and Self-Control

Dr. James Dobson points out in his classic work, *Dare to Discipline*: "Affection and warmth underlie all mental and physical health, yet they do not eliminate the need for careful training and



guidance. At a recent psychologists' conference in Los Angeles, the keynote speaker made the statement that *the greatest social disaster of this century is the belief that abundant love makes discipline unnecessary*. He said that some of the little terrors who are unman-



recent years, body piercing and tattoos have been popularized among the young. Some youths, fascinated with death and the macabre, call themselves "Goths" and wear black clothes and dark-painted fingernails, embracing a decadent and nihilistic culture.

With each new development, the counterculture moves further to the edge of what is considered destructive and insane. One step behind, the mainstream moves increasingly in the direction of what was previously the counterculture.

Like it or not, there is a battle being waged for the hearts and minds of the younger generation—a battle many parents are losing for a variety of reasons. Many parents are not even aware of the values so many young people are embracing, even as mainstream society is also in rebellion against the idea that there are

ageable in the school classroom are *mistakenly* believed to have emotional problems... it becomes obvious that the children have simply never been required to inhibit their behavior or restrict their impulses" (p. 21). The first lesson a child is capable of being taught is to give and receive love and affection. That should be the starting point for teaching respect. The parents are the first authority figures with whom the child comes in contact, and his relationship with them will set the stage for the future. The first of God's Ten Commandments that a child is capable of either understanding or obeying is: "Honor your father and your mother."

Respect for others in general, and respect for authority in particular, is vital for a healthy approach toward life. This includes respecting others' property, learning to say please and thank you, and showing proper deference toward adults. Respect must be instilled from a very early age.

Parents must also recognize the many ways in which children are bombarded with the opposite message. Much of children's popular entertainment, from music to cartoons, popularizes a "smart-aleck" approach to life. Parents must not sit idly by while their children are exposed to messages that contradict all that is good; they must ensure that their children look to them with love as the primary influences in their young lives.

While parents can't totally shut out other influences, they can, particularly with young children, greatly minimize them,

though this takes time—and a willingness to reject the path of least resistance. This will undoubtedly mean shutting off the television much of the time and carefully monitoring the messages to which a child is being exposed.

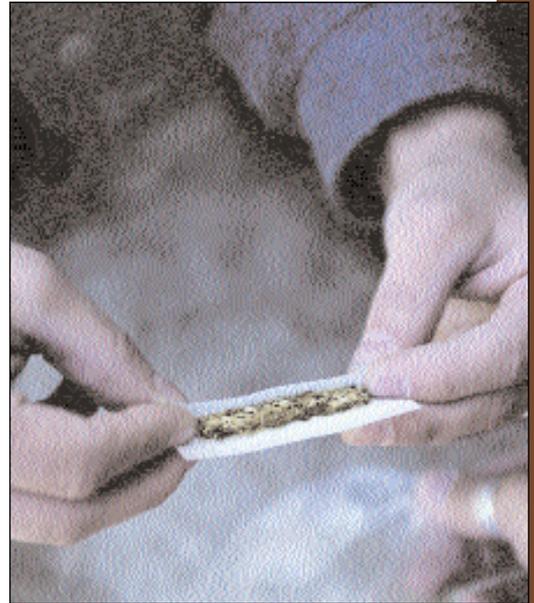
But parents can't be full-time censors; they must teach their children proper self-control. A little baby comes into the world with virtually no self-control whatsoever. He can't even control his own bodily functions, much less his attitudes and impulses. If he is hungry, or wet, or uncomfortable in any way he will probably let you know it quickly and at top volume! This may be "cute" in an infant, but has long since ceased to be so by the time a child is four or five, or perhaps an adolescent or even an adult.

External discipline should not be viewed as an end in itself, but rather as a means to develop self-discipline. Permissiveness produces a person who is self-centered and self-indulgent. It should not come as a shock that our permissive culture has produced undisciplined adolescents and adults. It is simply a matter of cause and effect.

Partially because of excesses that are truly abusive, the pendulum in western society has increasingly swung away from accepting any corporal punishment for children. Many so-called experts are opposed to spanking in any form. Yet any adult who has grown up in a balanced home can testify to the truth of the Biblical injunction: "The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother" (Proverbs 29:15).

Proper discipline or punishment must be administered in

love, not in anger. It also must be swift and sure, and appropriate to the infraction. A parent who can't make his five-year-old pick up the toys should not be surprised at his utter inability to exercise con-



control over the child as an adolescent. The question of "who's in charge here?" must be answered clearly and decisively before the child reaches adolescence. If those boundaries are established early and then maintained, the teen years need not be the terror that they are often portrayed to be. However, to do this does take determination and consistency on the part of the parent.

A child taught respect and self-discipline will be equipped with valuable tools for life; the undisciplined life is rarely productive or successful. Along with these values, a child must also be taught how to set and achieve goals, as an aimless life will produce neither happiness nor fulfillment.

Many teens, accepting a nihilistic philosophy, lack goals and motivation. Setting realistic goals and working to achieve them is vital for healthy mental



and emotional development, yet these are skills that must be taught and developed. Parents have an important role to play in guiding their children in this area.

entertainment, and proper masculine and feminine roles and expressions, are covered in principle in the Bible.

The Bible clearly teaches an abhorrence for the decadent and an appreciation for the good, the lovely, and the pure (cf. Romans 12:9, Philippians 4:8). Music and video games that celebrate the rude, crude, vulgar, and violent have no place in a godly home. Sure, "Everybody else is doing it." But, as my parents used to tell me, "Everybody else doesn't live here!"

We live in a society increasingly troubled by violence, drugs, immorality and lack of proper respect. The ancient prophet Isaiah told of a time when "...the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbor; the child shall behave himself proudly and with insolence against the old man..." (Isaiah 3:5, *Amplified*).

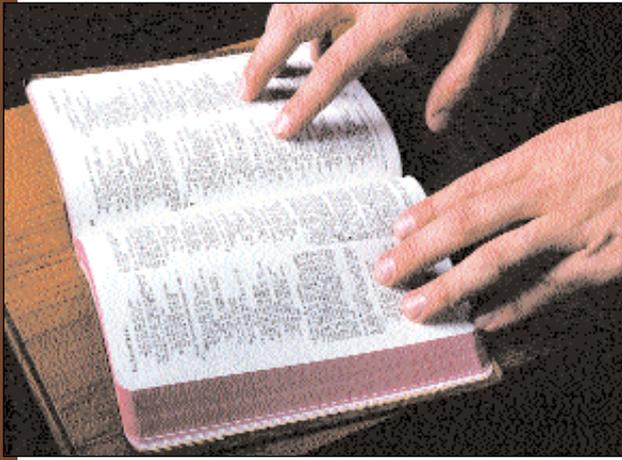
The bad news is that things will get worse before they get better. Our society has a rendezvous with judgment because, as a nation, we refuse to repent and turn from our ways to God's ways. Still, you and your family can reap the consequences of a far better way of life. If you personally will turn to God for help and strength and *really use* God's word as an instruction manual for life, you will see

the benefits both now and in the future.

What difference can parents make in today's culture of violence and decadence? Quite a bit if they are willing to take the necessary steps. While no parent has absolute control over the future choices his children will make, a parent can very strongly influence what those choices will be!

Do not abdicate that influence to others! Use every opportunity you have to crowd out negative influences—whether from peer group, school, or the entertainment industry—and to bring your children godly teaching and influence.

Love your children. Demonstrate that love by teaching them, by listening to them, by doing things together with them, and



### Coming to Know God's Plan and Purpose

The word of God is the foundation of knowledge. Coming to understand about their Creator, His laws, and His plan and purpose for their lives is the most valuable information that can be conveyed to the young. This knowledge puts everything else in life into perspective.

Parents have an opportunity to teach their youngsters about the great God from earliest childhood. Teaching them stories from the Bible, and helping them relate the principles to everyday life, is one important aspect of this. By helping a child memorize key scriptures (such as the Ten Commandments and the 23rd Psalm) a parent can give a child a resource that will last a lifetime.

The Bible contains values that should underlie our choices in every area of life. Parents should, from the time children are pre-schoolers, help them hold up contemporary values to the mirror of God's word. All aspects of life, including contemporary trends in fashion and



by imposing boundaries and discipline upon their conduct. Seek to equip them with the tools that will point them toward success. No parent should ever forget that the most important aspect of success involves coming to know and to have a relationship with the Creator God.

Parents can and should make a world of difference in their children's lives. Determine to make a difference in the lives of yours! 

# Questions & Answers

## **QUESTION:**

I read in John 6:44 that no one can find the true God unless God calls him. But I thought we were free moral agents, able to choose for ourselves, so this “calling” makes it seem as if we have no choice. Please explain.

## **ANSWER:**

First, we must understand that God will eventually offer salvation to everyone who has ever lived, each in his own time, as it pleases Him (Romans 9:15; 1 Timothy 2:3–5). It is His will that all would receive eternal life and that no one would perish (John 3:16–17, 2 Peter 3:9). Yet many do not realize that *God is not calling everyone now*. Were He trying to save all mankind at this time, we would have to call His effort a colossal failure. But if God were truly trying to save the whole world now, He would succeed! Did God not intend salvation for the countless millions who have died without ever hearing the name of Jesus Christ? Of course He did! Scripture tells us (cf. Revelation 20) of a future time when all will hear the true Gospel and receive God’s calling. Yet some are called as “firstfruits” (James 1:18) who are given the chance to respond to the Gospel even in this evil age.

From the day Adam and Eve chose to follow Satan rather than obey the instructions of their Creator (Genesis 3), God has allowed humanity to experiment, unsuccessfully, with every conceivable solution to the world’s problems. The Bible and secular history amply demonstrate man’s abysmal failure at ruling his environment and himself. God is letting us learn, by trial and error, that doing things our way will not bring us the lasting joy, success and fulfillment we all desire. Yet in the midst of

this sin-sick world, God does call some now to serve Him. Ultimately, all will be called to become members of God’s family (Matthew 25:34; Hebrews 2:9–11). God attracts or “draws” those whom He is calling to the body of Christ which is His Church (1 Corinthians 1:2; 12:13). He brings us to repentance (2 Timothy 2:25–26).

Once we have been called and placed in the Church that Christ built (Matthew 16:18), through the power of God’s Holy Spirit, we are still free moral agents. We are still at liberty to disobey the divine will—but the penalty for stubbornly continuing to break God’s law will eventually bring stern and certain punishment. The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23). Those who have been called now to repentance and given the Spirit of God have a greater responsibility to “mortify the deeds of the flesh” and overcome sin through the power of that Holy Spirit (Colossians 3:5–10).

God has always called some in every age to be witnesses against the evils and sins of this world (Deuteronomy 8:19–20). Isaiah 59 eloquently testifies to God’s attitude regarding mankind’s ways of living. Even now, God is calling some to have a part in His final warning to this dying and disobedient world. You have come into contact with the Work God is doing through His Church today; if you sincerely seek the truth of God, and wish to learn more about His plan for your place in God’s Kingdom, please keep reading the materials we publish. Ask God to show you what you should do and what part He wants you to play. If God is calling you now, you are being blessed with the opportunity to be part of the first resurrection (Revelation 20:5–6), and to serve God, reigning with Jesus Christ in the soon-coming Millennium. What an awesome calling!



# o's Winning Culture War?

By Mark Mendiola

many of its front-line soldiers are themselves compromised. When confronted last year with the evidence, Hyde admitted his own marital infidelity of years past. Former Speaker of the House Bob Livingston (R-LA) recently resigned when news of his own indiscretions was uncovered.

And it is not only political leaders who risk being thought of as hypocrites for saying one thing and doing another; religious leaders from virtually all denominations have been implicated in financial, moral and sexual improprieties, leading many to wonder: Where is the voice of moral authority today? Where are the Christians who, instead of pointing to themselves, lead by saying as did the Apostle Paul: "Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ" (1 Corinthians 11:1), and who hold up the example of Jesus Christ, Who perfectly kept His Father's law, as the standard for Christians today? Only in obedience to Christ can we reconcile humanity's imperfection with God's high standard for His people.

In *America's Real War*, Orthodox Rabbi Daniel Lapin insists that the United States' very survival depends on its maintaining the Judeo-Christian principles on which it was founded. Can the religious and secular viewpoints flourish side by side in a healthy United States? Lapin points out that the Civil War broke out when conflicting beliefs could no longer coexist in the nation. Says Lapin: "This time the culture war, thankfully, is not a bloody one. That makes it no less a war that will, in the end, yield a victor and a loser. The two ideas struggling for supremacy in society today cannot coexist. One needs to dominate. What are these two ideas?"

"Reduced to their simplest elements one idea claims that public adherence to biblical values and acceptance of traditional godly direction are essential for the continued existence of this country. The opposing view is that such religion, while perhaps laudable for individuals, is an impediment to progress in the public arena" (Lapin, p. 45-46).

The horrifying Columbine High School shooting in Littleton, Colorado and the tepid response to

scandals surrounding President Clinton leave many Americans wondering whether the culture war's tide hasn't turned dramatically. Many observe that our society dishonors or even mocks those intent on preserving the fundamental values that have helped carry the nation through its most difficult periods for more than 220 years.

## The Entertainment Front

Perhaps nowhere is the culture war more evident than in the entertainment industry. This "industry" programs gruesome video games full of senseless and violent killings. It creates rock, rap and even country music that glamorizes illicit sex. It produces movie after movie mocking and undermining traditional values. Americans shockingly spend more than \$8 billion a year on pornography, making the raunchy porn industry one of the most profitable businesses in the United States!

Referring to United States television networks—which export for worldwide consumption banal situation comedies, outrageous talk shows and movies filled with sex and violence—columnist Cal Thomas wrote: "They have not only abandoned my values, they now have sunk to the sewer level, dispensing the foulest of smells that resemble the garbage I take to the curb twice a week."

Author and movie critic Michael Medved concurs: "Our fellow citizens cherish the institution of marriage and consider religion an important priority in life; but the entertainment industry promotes every form of sexual adventurism and regularly ridicules religious believers as crooks and crazies.... Movies, TV and popular music all revel in graphic brutality, glorifying vicious and sadistic characters who treat killing as a joke.... The entertainment media celebrate vulgar behavior, contempt for all authority, and obscene language" (*Hollywood Vs. America: Popular Culture and the War on Traditional Values*, p. 10).

Medved calls the culture war a battle against those promoting promiscuity, maligning marriage,

encouraging illegitimacy, glorifying violence and encouraging hostility to heroes, reducing the Western lifestyle to the crudest of levels.

## Forgotten Heroes

President George Washington in his farewell address, which once was required reading in United States public schools, stated: “Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports.... And let us with caution indulge the supposition that morality can be maintained without religion.... Reason and experience both forbid us to expect that national morality can prevail in exclusion of religious principle.”

In her 1991 book *The Rewriting of America's History*, Catherine Millard states that revisionist historians relegate to mere footnotes—or omit altogether—any references to religious influences that forged the nation's character and destiny. Such matters are deemed politically incorrect and socially unacceptable.

“It's happening through the rewriting and/or reinterpretation of American historical records: in our national parks, monuments, memorials, landmarks, shrines and churches. In some cases, changes are subtle, and in others, blatant. It's done through removal of key historic pieces that do not support the current ungodly bias.... In fact, the history of our founding period has been eroded and eliminated, almost to the point of oblivion” (Millard, p. iii). A century ago, who would have predicted that a jurist would be prohibited from displaying the Ten Commandments in his courtroom? Yet Alabama judge Roy Moore has incurred the secularists' wrath by doing so.

Throughout the United States' foundational documents, evidence of belief in and reverence toward a supreme Creator God is unmistakable. For example, the Mayflower Compact of 1620, sometimes called “America's birth certificate,” stated that the Pilgrims' objective in establishing their American colony was “for the glory of God, and advancement of the Christian faith.”

The Declaration of Independence begins: “We hold these truths self-evident, that all men are created equal. That they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights.” As 56 courageous

men were signing the Declaration of Independence in 1776 at Philadelphia, 30,000 British troops were landing at New York to put down what England considered a rebellion. Those 56 colonists were willing to stand up and lose everything—they were willing to die for their convictions.

Indeed, by signing the Declaration of Independence they were signing their own death warrants and declaring their dependence on Almighty God. The Declaration's closing words solemnly declare: “With a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our lives, our fortunes and our sacred honor.” Of the 56,

five were captured by the British and tortured before they died; 12 had their homes sacked, looted, occupied by British troops or burned. Two lost their sons in the army. One had two sons captured. Nine of them died in the war. Against tremendous odds, they and many other Americans

were willing to lay down their lives in defense of their cherished values.

In his inaugural address to Congress, Washington stressed God's role in the birth of the republic: “No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the invisible hand which conducts the affairs of men more than the people of the United States. Every step by which they have advanced to the character of an independent nation seems to have been distinguished by some token of providential agency.... We ought to be no less persuaded that the propitious smiles of heaven cannot be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right, which heaven itself has ordained.”

Thoroughly versed in the Bible, Abraham Lincoln also repeatedly acknowledged God's intervention in preserving the nation during the agonizing Civil War, which threatened to rip the nation asunder and left hundreds of thousands dead on battlefields. “It is the duty of nations, as well as of men, to own their dependence upon the overruling power of God and to recognize the sublime truth announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations only are blessed whose God is the Lord.”

In their writings, the Founding Fathers frequently quoted from the Bible, especially from the book of Deuteronomy, which outlines how the nation of



Israel was to be governed in the Promised Land. During the Revolutionary War, Congress ordered that 20,000 copies of the Bible be imported, and a few years later authorized that Bibles be published in the United States.

In 1892, the United States Supreme Court even ruled: “Our laws and our institutions must necessarily be based upon and embody the teachings of the Redeemer of mankind. It is impossible that it should be otherwise; and in this sense and to this extent our civilization and our institutions are emphatically Christian.”

## The Watershed Decade

Seventy years later in 1962, the United States Supreme Court ruled that voluntary prayer could not be allowed in the nation’s public schools. The following year, it ruled that the Bible could not be read in classrooms, either. Following those rulings, conditions took a dramatic turn for the worse for the United States. In 1963, a few months after the ruling against Bible readings in school, President John F. Kennedy was assassinated. The remaining years of the 1960s also were disastrous for the United States.

More than 50,000 Americans were slaughtered in the Vietnam War, the first war conclusively lost by the United States. Drug abuse, illicit sex and hard rock music were integral elements of the counterculture embraced by the younger generation. Destructive riots and political assassinations wracked the land. These were the fruits of a generation no longer exposed to the Bible nor allowed to pray in public schools!

A key thesis of Robert H. Bork’s 1996 book *Slouching Towards Gomorrah: Modern Liberalism and American Decline* is that the leftist radicals of the 1960s now control the dominant institutions setting the nation’s cultural tone, including universities, churches, the entertainment industry, print and electronic media and the judiciary. Bork himself is often seen as a victim of the “culture war”—nominated to the United States Supreme Court by President Ronald Reagan, Congress rejected his nomination as many labeled him “too conservative.”

Noting that the American culture is a variant of the cultures of all Western industrialized democracies, Bork says that it is symptomatic of the decline of the West. “In the United States, at least, that decline and the mounting resistance to it have produced what we now call a culture war. It is impossible to say what the outcome will be, but for the moment our trajectory continues downward,” Bork writes. “It is also not to be denied that there are aspects of almost every branch of our culture that are worse than ever before and that the rot is spreading... It seems highly unlikely that a vigorous economy can be sustained in an enfeebled, hedonistic culture” (Bork, p. 2). He continues: “What America increasingly produces and distributes is now propaganda for every perversion and obscenity imaginable. If many of us accept the assumptions on which that is based, and apparently many do, then we are well on our way to an obscene culture. The upshot is that American popular culture is in a free fall, with the bottom not yet in sight” (Bork, p. 139).



**House Judiciary Chairman Henry Hyde (at right) delivers Articles of Impeachment to Senate secretary Gary Sisco. © Presslink**

Paul Weyrich, president of the Free Congress Foundation and the man who coined the term “moral majority” during the 1970s, also takes a pessimistic view of which side is actually winning the culture war. In a letter sent to conservative leaders earlier this year, Weyrich says he no longer believes a majority of Americans share traditional values.

“Politics has failed because of the collapse of culture. The culture we are living in becomes an ever-wider sewer. In truth, I think we are caught up in a cultural collapse of historic proportions, a collapse so great that it simply overwhelms politics,” Weyrich writes. “The United States is very close to becoming a state totally dominated by an alien ideology, an ideology bitterly hostile to Western culture.”

In terms of society in general, he concludes, the culture war has been lost by those adhering to Judeo-Christian values. “Don’t be misled by politicians who say that everything is great, that we are on the verge of this wonderful new era thanks to technology or the stock market or whatever. These are lies. We are not in the dawn of a new civilization, but the twilight of an old one. We will be lucky if we escape with any remnants of the great Judeo-Christian civilization that we have known down through

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the ages.... Our culture has decayed into something approaching barbarism.”

## A Spiritual War

Just as the American Revolution and the Civil War were fought for high ideals, values and principles that have been a tremendous benefit and blessing to other nations, the battles of the culture war in the United States have serious consequences internationally.

It generally is not understood there are underlying evil forces of darkness behind the all-out assault on the Judeo-Christian culture. These forces are intent upon snuffing out that beacon of illumination.

In his New Testament epistles, the Apostle Paul frequently uses the analogy of waging spiritual warfare. He tells the Evangelist Timothy to “endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life” (2 Timothy 2:3–4). Referring to Satan the devil as “the god of this age” or society, Paul writes in 2 Corinthians 4:4 that Satan has blinded the minds of unbelievers “lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.”

Paul also refers to Satan as “the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature the children of wrath, just as the others” (Ephesians 2:2–3).

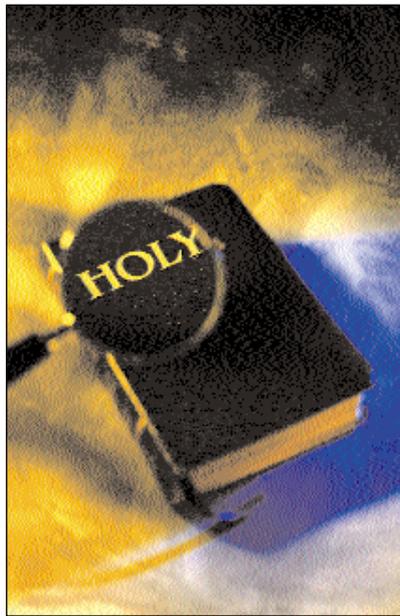
The Apostle Paul shows that it is Satan who surcharges the very atmosphere of our society with attitudes of disobedience, rebellion, lust, anger and violence so prevalent and amplified in today’s modern age by the latest in technology via the mass media. In other words, this diabolical spirit being is waging war against our very minds! “For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,” Paul also writes in 2 Corinthians 10:3–5.

Yes, it is a struggle in modern society to control our thoughts and obey God’s law and the commandments of Jesus Christ. Satan and his demonic forces are turning the very society in which we live against those striving to fight the good fight and defend God’s way of righteousness. “Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness [or wicked spirits] in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand” (Ephesians 6:11–13, KJV).

## Prophetic Warnings

Alexis DeTocqueville, a French political philosopher, toured the United States in the early 1800s to determine the secret of the young nation’s vibrancy and strength. Not until he witnessed the pulpits of the land “afire with righteousness” did he discover the secret of its success. Upon returning to France, he concluded: “America is great because America is good; and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great.” Thomas Jefferson, the third president of the United States and author of the Declaration of Independence, made an even more sobering assessment: “God who gave us life gave us liberty. Can the liberties of a nation be secure when we have removed a conviction that these liberties are the gift of God? Indeed I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just, that His justice cannot sleep forever!”

The battle lines have been drawn in the culture war, and the stakes are high. Nothing less than the very survival of Judeo-Christian civilization hangs in the balance. No longer is the United States one nation under God. The United States has squandered its many God-given blessings, and unless its people repent, a time of terrible suffering lies ahead (cf. Deuteronomy 28, Matthew 24) as the world moves toward the end of the age. Those who repent may be spared the suffering, and those whom God calls may be saved, to rule with Him upon his return, in that millennial time we call “Tomorrow’s World.” What about you? Which way will you choose? 



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## **MYSTERY OF REVELATION** **(continued from Page 13)**

angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, 'Woe, woe, woe to the inhabitants of the earth, because of the remaining blasts of the trumpet of the three angels who are about to sound!'" (Revelation 8:13).

Revelation 9 describes the first woe, or the fifth trumpet plague. The fifth angel sounds a trumpet that triggers a five-month-long military action. The Apostle John, though living in a time before modern military hardware, used the language and symbolism of his day to evoke an eerily accurate picture of a modern military battle.

The second woe, or the sixth trumpet plague, is depicted with symbols of horses and horsemen. It illustrates the horrendous results of a massive counterattack after the first woe: "So the four angels, who had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, were released to kill a third of mankind. Now the number of the army of the horsemen was two hundred million; I heard the number of them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision: those who sat on them had breastplates of fiery red, hyacinth blue, and sulfur yellow; and the heads of the horses were like the heads of lions; and out of their mouths came fire, smoke, and brimstone. By these three plagues a *third of mankind* was killed; by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone which came out of their mouths" (Revelation 9:15-18).

Yes, the book of Revelation plainly shows that this phase of the final world war will kill *billions* of human beings—a full one-third of all the people on the earth!

## **The Seventh Trumpet**

Finally, after six trumpets announcing terrible devastation, the seventh trumpet sounds, announcing good news to God's people, his faithful servants: "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).



With this final trumpet, the year-long Day of the Lord ends in the wonderful announcement that Jesus Christ is coming to take over all the kingdoms and governments of this world. That is the good news that all Christians look forward to hearing.

But how will the nations of the earth respond? Will the majority of humanity receive Christ with open arms? No! Incredibly, these foolish nations will fight against Christ at His coming: "The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, and those who fear Your name, small and great, and should destroy those who destroy the earth" (Revelation 11:18).

The nations will be angry that Christ is returning—and they will

even fight against Him when He descends from heaven with His army! But the earth's nations will be defeated completely, so much so that their blood will rise like a river (cf. Revelation 14:19-20).

By contrast, those who are the faithful servants of Christ will receive their reward and inheritance. What is that reward? We read that "...they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years" (Revelation 20:4). Yes, those who have served Jesus Christ faithfully in this age will serve Him in His thousand-year reign on earth, which we call the Millennium or "Tomorrow's World." His reign will mean peace on earth. It will mean righteousness and justice, healing and reconciliation.

If God is calling you, you can look forward to Christ's return and the resurrection of His followers.

As the Apostle John wrote: "Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years" (Revelation 20:6).

The book of Revelation, though misunderstood by many, unlocks these amazing truths for those to whom God has granted understanding. Reading this important book shows us that many events must first occur before Jesus Christ returns, and makes it clear that the real "Millennium" will not start in the year 2000 or even 2001. The Millennium that Jesus Christ's followers await is much more meaningful—it will be a passage into an era of God's perfect rule on this earth, as explained by this mysterious and wonderful book! **TW**

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## SEA GATES IN PERIL (continued from Page 17)

God told Moses that following his death “this people will play the harlot with the gods of foreigners... they will forsake me and break my covenant... then My anger shall be aroused against them in that day, and I will forsake them... and they shall be devoured” (Deuteronomy 31:16–17). Moses’ last words to the elders of Israel were “I know that after my death you will become utterly corrupt, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days, because you will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger through the work of your hands” (Deuteronomy 31:28–29). This is an apt description of Israelite nations today—affluent, amoral, addicted to crass, godless materialism and beset by troubles abroad. Professor Huntington has

pointed out these same troubles occurred in both 5th century Rome and 19th century China. They were weakened by internal decay and by forces from outside. The United States and her Anglo-Saxon cousins are merely repeating the mistakes of the past.

Fortunately, those of you reading this article can avoid the consequences of disobedience to God and His commandments that are prophesied to come on our peoples. The Apostle Peter urged individuals to “save yourselves from this perverse [corrupt, misguided] generation” (Acts 2:40). He told them to repent, to begin changing their lives to conform with the laws of God, and make a commitment through baptism to walk in the footsteps of Jesus Christ—to begin to live as He lived—in harmony with God’s commandments (see Acts 2:38–39; Matthew 19:16–22).

Do you see the connection between world events, Bible

prophecy, and your own Christian commitment? God has a purpose for individuals who have come out of this world and have learned the lesson of history—that obedience to God and His commandments brings lasting rewards, and that disobedience doesn’t pay. Indeed, those who follow Jesus Christ and obey God will be given an opportunity to rule on this earth with Jesus Christ when He returns to inaugurate the Millennium that we refer to as “Tomorrow’s World.” That government of God will fulfill the mission the Israelite nations never completed.

Until then, the Israelite peoples of the United States, Britain and other countries with origins in northwest Europe will face sobering times. The loss of sea gates around the world is a warning sign that God’s judgement on the Israelite nations is about to begin, and that we should be watching carefully as these significant events unfold! 

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## PERSONAL (continued from Page 3)

God’s time—be granted *full understanding* of His will (1 Timothy 2:3–4). The Bible indicates that the vast majority of all humanity will someday truly REPENT and be willing to obey its Maker (2 Peter 3:9). Frankly, Bible prophecy shows that most of humanity will respond BETTER to God’s calling than have the ungrateful and rebellious Israelite descendants of Ephraim and Manasseh, who have squandered God’s many blessings.

In our magazine, on our telecasts and in all our teachings, we concern ourselves primarily with the national and personal sins of the British-descended peoples. But we are NOT selectively demeaning ANY nations or ethnic groups when we reveal from Bible prophecy how God will *chastise* ALL nations unless they repent! For Acts 17:30 tells us that God “commands ALL MEN EVERYWHERE to repent.” When we focus on the prophecies regarding the descendants of Israel, Almighty God is using us to “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).

Meanwhile, all of us who claim to be Christian must learn to LOVE one another genuinely. For whatever nation, race or ethnic group we come from, ALL of us are destined by our Creator to become His glorified Sons someday—IF we are willing to *do our part*. God grant that all of us may develop that love and—in God’s time—be given the *full understanding* of His magnificent purpose for our lives.

*Roderic C. Needeth*

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## International

### —AUSTRALIA

Adelaide: *ACE*—Ch 6/31, SUN 11:30 am

Brisbane: *BRIZ*—Ch 31, SUN 8:30 am

Perth: *CETL*—Ch 31, SUN 8:30 am

### —NEW ZEALAND

Auckland: *Triangle Television*—Ch 41, SUN 5:00 pm

### —MEXICO

△ Mexico City: *Cambio*—1440AM, SUN 12:00 noon

### —PHILIPPINES

Borongan: *Borongan Cable*—Ch 25, SAT 3:00 pm

Manila: *Home Cable*—Ch 11, SAT 9:00 am

Naval, Leyte: *Naval Cable*—Ch 8, SUN 9:00 am,

### —CANADA (nationwide)

● ON, Toronto: *Vision*—SUN 6:30 pm (ET & PT)

## United States

AL, Birmingham: *Cable*—Ch 3, TUE 4:30 pm

AL, Montgomery: *TCI*—Ch 3, SAT 5:30 pm

AR, Fayetteville: *Access TV*—Ch 8, SUN 8:30 pm

AR, Little Rock: *Comcast*—Ch 27, MON 10:30 am;

THUR 5:30 pm

AZ, Phoenix: *Access*—Ch 22, FRI 3:00 pm

AZ, Prescott: *Cable*—Ch 13, SAT 9:00 pm; SUN 8:30 am

AZ, Tucson: *Access*—Ch 62, Fri 2:30 pm MON 7:30 pm

CA, Anaheim: *Century*—Ch 3, TUE 4:00 pm

CA, Buena Park: *Comcast*—Ch 55, THUR 7:30 pm

CA, Eureka: *Cox*—Ch 10, FRI 5:30 pm

CA, Garden Grove: *Time Warner*—Ch 6, SUN 10:30 am

CA, Modesto: *Cable One*—Ch 8, TUE 3:00 pm

CA, Oceanside: *KOCT*—Ch 17, SUN 5:30 pm

CA, Riverbank: *SONIC*—Ch 9, WED 6:00 pm

CA, Sacramento: *RCCTV*—Ch 20, WED 7:00 pm

CA, San Andreas: *Media One*—Ch 4, TUE 4:00 pm

CA, San Diego: *Cox*—Ch 18, & 24 THUR 6:00 pm

CA, Sonora: *TCCCA*—Ch 8, SUN 8:00 pm

CA, Turlock: *Marcus*—Ch 2, MON 8:00 pm

CT, Naugatuck: *Tele-Media*—Ch 10, TUE 9:30 pm

FL, Gainesville: *Cox*—Ch 55, SUN 10:00 am

FL, Ocala: *Cox*—Ch 35, SUN 10:00 am

HI, Honolulu: *Olelo*—Ch 23, & 53 SUN 11:00 pm

IA, Des Moines: *TCI*—Ch 15, SAT 10:00 am;

SUN 11:00 am

IA, Waterloo: *Cable*—Ch 2, WED 9:00 pm

ID, Pocatello: *Vision*—Ch 12, SUN 7:30 pm; FRI 1:30 pm

IL, Bloomington: *TCI*—Ch 10, SUN 10:00 am;

MON 8:00 pm

IL, Peoria: *TCI*—Ch 20, SUN 7:30 pm

IL, Springfield: *TCI*—Ch 4, TUE 6:00 pm

IN, Elkhart: *TCI*—Ch 3, THUR 7:30 pm

IN, Flora: *Marcus*—Ch 2, SUN 5:30 pm; TUE 9:00 pm

IN, Frankfort: *Marcus*—Ch 2, SUN 7:30 pm; THUR 9:30 pm

IN, Lafayette: *Insight*—Ch 13, TUE 8:30 pm

IN, Monticello: *Marcus*—Ch 2, SUN 9:00 am; MON 7:30 pm

KS, Chanute: *Cablevision*—Ch 5, SUN 7:30 am; TUE 5:30 pm

KS, Parsons: *Time Warner*—Ch 21, WED 7:00 pm;

WED 9:30 pm

MD, Baltimore: *TCI*—Ch 5, SUN 10:00 am; SUN 6:00 pm

MN, Duluth: *Public Access*—Ch 7 & 24, SAT 11:00 am;

SUN 9:00 am

MN, Minneapolis: *NW Community*—Ch 35, SAT 10:30 pm;

SUN 4:30 am, 10:30 am & 4:30 pm

MO, St. Louis: *Double Helix*—Ch 22, MON 4:00 pm

MS, Jackson: *Capitol Cable*—Ch 11, WED 12:00 am

ND, Bismarck: *CATV*—Ch 12, SUN 3:00 pm

NJ, Hudson County: *Cablevision*—Ch 63, MON 8:30 pm

NJ, Oakland: *Cablevision*—Ch 19/20, SUN 7:00 pm

NM, Albuquerque: *CCC27*—Ch 27, SUN 5:00 pm

NV, Carson City: *Access TV*—Ch 10, SAT 9:00 pm

NV, Gardnerville: *Community Access*—Ch 26, SUN-SAT

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NV, Reno/Sparks: *SNCT*—Ch 30/16, SAT 12:00 pm

NY, Brooklyn: *BCAT*—Ch 35, SUN 11:00 pm

NY, Elmira & Corning: *Time Warner*—Ch 1, SUN 9:30 am

NY, Hauppauge: *Cablevision*—Ch 25, FRI 10:30 pm

NY, Port Jefferson: *TCI*—Ch 1/99 THUR 11:00 pm

NY, Riverhead: *Cablevision*—Ch 27, MON 4:30 pm

NY, Rochester: *Community TV*—Ch 15, SUN 10:00 am

OK, Tulsa: *TCI*—Ch 9, MON 12:00 am

TX, Corpus Christi: *TCI*—Ch 10, THUR 2:00 pm; FRI 10:30

am; SUN 11:00 am;

TX, Dallas: *Community Television*—Ch 14b, FRI 2:00 pm;

SAT 1:00 pm; SUN 11:00 am

TX, Temple: *KPLE*—Ch 31/46, SUN 7:30 pm

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

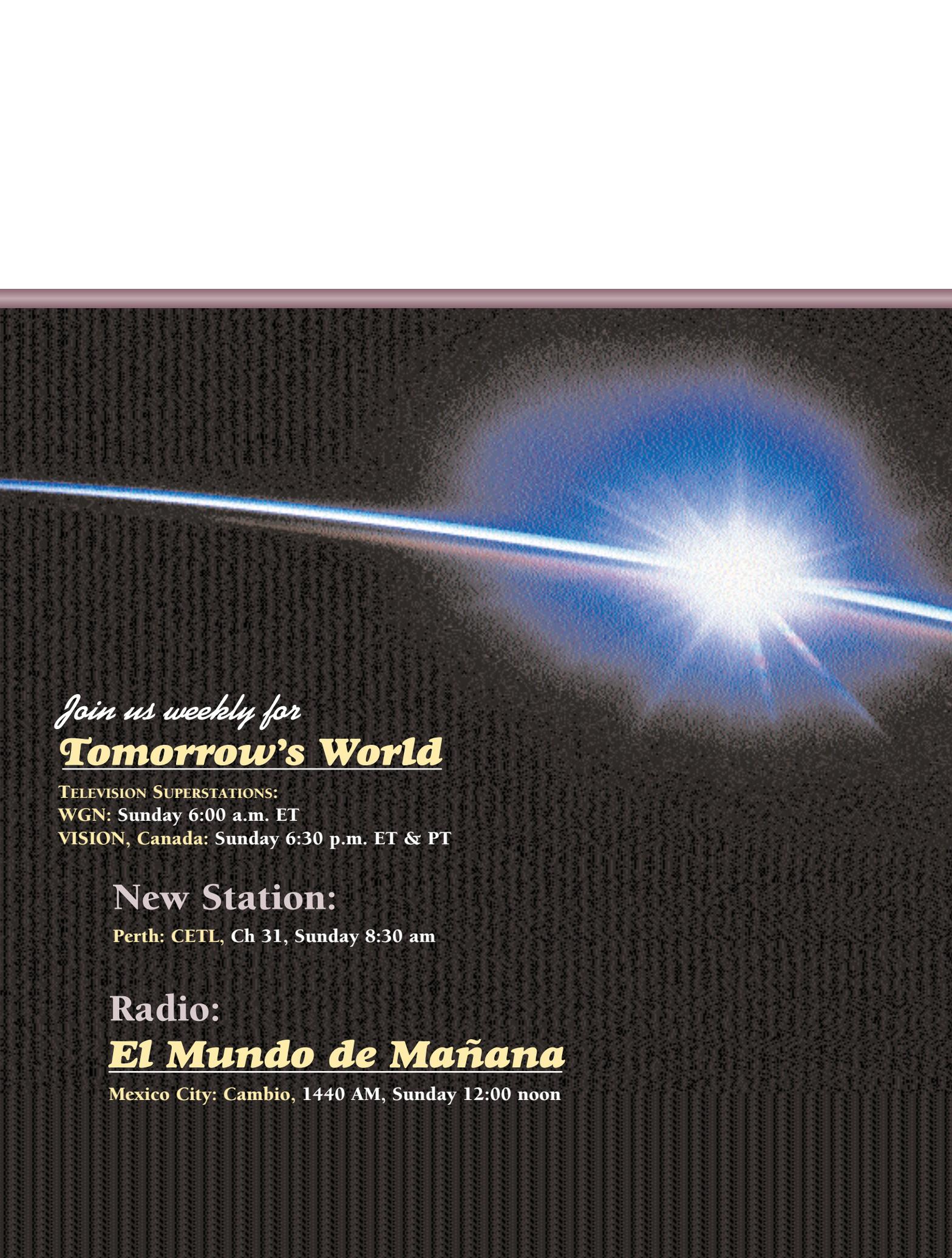
WA, Bellingham: *TCI*—Ch 10, SAT 8:00 am; SUN 8:00 am

WA, Seattle: *TCI*—Ch 29, FRI 12:00 pm

WA, Vancouver: *Clark/Vancouver*—Ch 49, SUN 9:30 am

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