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...For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

A vibrant blue Bentley Continental is shown from a front-quarter perspective, driving past a white, tropical-style house. The house features a large arched doorway, decorative wall sconces, and is surrounded by numerous lush green palm trees under a bright blue sky with scattered white clouds. The car's distinctive grille and headlights are prominent. In the foreground, a white pillar with the number '178' is visible.

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What Is It?

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Personal

By Roderick C. Meredith, Editor in Chief

The Bible, or Human Tradition?

We at *Tomorrow's World* believe we should truly *stand for something*. We believe that if religious people say they “believe” in the God of the Bible, they should really teach and believe *what the Bible actually says*. In the pages of this magazine, you will find constant references showing that what we teach comes from *Scripture*, not just from some human tradition. We often challenge you to *prove* what we are saying by checking the pages of *your own Bible*.

Truth is powerful, for genuine Truth can be proved over and over again. It can be *tested* in various ways, and will *not* be found wanting. Jesus Christ set forth a basic criterion that can be applied to many different fields of study, but especially to the study of religion. Jesus said: “Beware of false prophets [“preachers”], who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. *You will know them by their fruits*. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit” (Matthew 7:15–17).

We need to think carefully about the “fruit,” or the *result*, of different religious teachings. When we do this thoughtfully and honestly—not just to reinforce what we already believe—it becomes obvious that individuals and nations are blessed and bring forth “good fruit” *to the degree* that they follow the laws and teachings of the Bible. But as we turn more and more away from any biblical foundation, we will find that our nations—and most individuals—will *suffer* accordingly.

After the prophets Moses and Joshua died, ancient Israel began turning away from the laws of God. The Bible records the chaos that ensued: the family disruptions, the wars, the murders, rapes and the attendant *suffering*. After describing the confusion and suffering that occurred in those days, God’s Word tells us: “*In those days there was no king in Israel; everyone did what was right in his own eyes*” (Judges 21:25).

In a very thoughtful and powerful article last May, syndicated columnist Cal Thomas correctly analyzed what has been happening in the United States. He wrote: “Cultural tsunamis, like those that begin under oceans, are caused by something deep within. When high water hits the shore, it is the result of a subterranean earthquake. When the state of Massachusetts on Monday began offering marriage to people of the same sex, this ‘wave’ was preceded by a seismic shift in the moral tectonic places.... Once that shift has taken place in sufficient numbers, once we become indifferent to immutable truths, the floodtide is not a matter of if but when.... Paul the Apostle long ago saw what happens when people remove boundaries: ‘*For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.*’ That day has arrived like a tsunami in Massachusetts and soon in the other 49 states. It’s because of the earthquake that cracked our foundation.”

Please take time to *think about this!* Think about *where we are headed* over the next several years—not just in America, but in Canada, Britain, Australia, New Zealand and most of the professing Christian world.

How did we get to this state of affairs? Although most western nations *profess* Christianity, do they get their version of “Christianity” from the *Bible*, or from *human tradition*? I hope that most of you subscribers carefully read our last issue’s eye-opening article, “The Two Babylons,” which spelled out—with clear biblical and historical **proof**—how and from where most people have unwittingly received their religious ideas and philosophies.

Have *you*, personally, genuinely *proved* for *yourself* the existence of the great God of the

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True Success: What Is It?

By Roderick C. Meredith

Do you want true success? Do you want genuine happiness? Do you want others to recognize you as someone who contributed deeply to their well-being?

Untold millions of people in our modern society are striving for “success.” They read books, listen to tapes, attend seminars and do all manner of things in order to be successful.

But what is “success?”

It is vital to realize that you cannot attain *true* success unless you fully understand *what it is!* Many people equate success with having or making a lot of money. Others feel that if they could just become a famous star of film, television, music or sports—or reach *any* kind of

“celebrity” status—that would make them successful. But would it, really?

When it came to making money, J. Paul Getty was the most “successful” man of his generation. He was worth *billions* of dollars at a time when a dollar was worth at least two or three times what it is today. Yet he had a failed marriage, was often lonely and frustrated, and has been widely reported to have said: “I would give up all the money I have ever made if I could just have *one happy marriage!*”

Surely most of us are aware that countless television, film and sports celebrities end up very frustrated later in life. The stories of their involvement in heavy drinking, drug addictions and marital discord—and their all-around “emptiness”—are legendary. Younger “stars” quickly come along to replace them, and without any sense of an overall goal in life, they wither on the vine. They certainly do not feel “successful” as their celebrity status recedes, their income goes down and people regard them as “has-beens.”

The “Key” to TRUE Success

The most important key to genuine success is learning to set the right goals—and learning to *doggedly pursue* those goals. I say “goals” because it is necessary to set and attain a number of interim goals in preparation for attaining the *ultimate* goal. Many become confused as to what true success is all about, so they decide that “making money” is one of their major goals. They do not realize that while having generous financial resources may *add* slightly to the degree of happiness one has already attained, it is *not* the real source or foundation of happiness or of success. Most *truly* successful people come to realize that, though millions of others never do.

Some of the important *areas* of success involve one’s **family**, one’s **career** and one’s **health**. Recognized for several years now as the “world’s greatest golfer,” Tiger Woods believes his success comes from trust in family, believing in goals, maintaining an unflinching focus and serving in the community. This outstanding young man says: “The many ideals and lessons I’ve learned from my mother and father define who I am and make me proud of who I am. Their unwavering trust and confidence in me keep me going each day. No matter how tough we think we are, we can’t do it alone.” His father, Earl, has said that as the two embrace after a win, Tiger always says, “we did it”—never “I did it.”

An outstanding family can certainly contribute immensely to one’s sense of self-worth. It can help give a person a feeling of stability and purpose, and add

immeasurably to one’s happiness and sense of fulfillment. As we become older, if we not only have a loving mate, but are surrounded by loving children, grandchildren and other responsive individuals in an extended family, the deep sense of pride, satisfaction and sense of fulfillment this brings is worth more than *all the money in the world!*



That is why our Creator said: “It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him” (Genesis 2:18). In a loving family, if children and grandchildren come along (*eight* grandchildren and “counting,” for me!), the feelings of warmth, security and happiness that come with this cannot adequately be measured. As the psalmist wrote: “Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one’s youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; they shall not be ashamed, but shall speak with their enemies in the gate” (Psalm 127:3–5). And in the very next Psalm, we read: “Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the

very heart of your house, your children like olive plants all around your table. Behold, thus shall the man be **blessed** who fears the LORD” (Psalm 128:3–4).

The American writer/philosopher Elbert Hubbard advised: “Get your happiness out of your work.” Those who have pursued a career path that truly “fits” them will all agree that this is a **major** area in which to build success and happiness—or, on the contrary, to experience frustration and emptiness if the *wrong* type of career is chosen.

Our Creator stated: “Let us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have **dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth” (Genesis 1:26). Mankind was made in the image of the great God. We were made, to a limited extent, to be “like” our Creator—to think, to plan, to rule and to exercise a creative imagination in many different ways. If you direct your path into a career where your capacities can be fully and fruitfully exercised, then your job or career can indeed bring a feeling of success and fulfillment. People who train and discipline themselves to make the “best” cabinets, automobiles or houses can rightly take a great deal of satisfaction from this. A dedicated teacher, physician or similar professional garners a tremendous sense of fulfillment by knowing that he or she has greatly contributed to improving the lives of hundreds or even thousands of people, and helping them reach *their* human potential more fully.

Even so, achieving success only in one’s business or career

will leave most people feeling empty. Billionaire J. Paul Getty describes his own emptiness in this regard in his fascinating book, *How To Be Rich*. After describing how he made his first million dollars by age 24, Getty writes about how he “retired” and plunged “full tilt into the Southern California-L.A.-Hollywood world of fun and frolic.” But he then relates: “It took me a while to wake up to the fact that I was only wasting time and that I was bored. By the end of 1918, I was thoroughly fed up. Early in 1919, I was back in the oil business—not a little abashed by the ‘I told you so’ smile I got from my father when I informed him that, having retired at 24, I was coming out of retirement at 26!”

Nearly every wealthy person with whom I have talked, or about whom I have read, freely acknowledges that “things” do not make one happy. With the blessing of good health and a happy family, financial success can bring reasonable contentment. However, *genuine* success goes far beyond financial or business achievements. As a number of authors have stated, in effect, “*beyond success lies significance.*”

Does Your Life Have Deep MEANING?

At certain points in life, most people begin to ask themselves: “Is **this** all there is?”

You need to face that question squarely!

For if you are willing to carefully and fully consider the *real* answer to the question, “**Why** was I *born*?” you will be on the road to discovering how to have a truly **significant** life—a life and a purpose that goes deeper and deeper into fulfilling the ultimate

purpose for which you were placed on this earth.

Most of you *Tomorrow’s World* subscribers are no doubt willing to consider that great purpose, or you would not be subscribing to or reading this magazine. So let us now consider how this *ultimate purpose* relates to attaining “success” in life. Please be willing to *think things through* carefully, to get at the **genuine answers** to life’s most important questions—not “quickie answers” that consider only *part* of the story and give only *part* of the real answer.

Most of you know that Jesus Christ said: “Man shall not live by bread alone but by *every word of God*” (Luke 4:4). The *only* written “word of God,” at that time, was what most of us call the Old Testament. Notice how Jesus again validated the Old Testament: “Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your law, ‘I said, ‘You are gods’”? If He called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken), do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’?” (John 10:34–36). In this passage, Jesus Christ clearly describes the Old Testament as “Scripture,” and then states that “the Scripture *cannot* be broken.”

I mention this because it is vital that we each *prove for ourselves* the existence of the very **real God**—the Creator of heaven and earth. It is also vital that we prove that the Bible is the *inspired revelation* from God, telling mankind **why** we are here, and revealing the true **purpose** for our lives. We need to understand that without this divine revelation—which *can be proved*—we

simply wander around in the wilderness of human confusion. For, apart from such a real God, each man’s opinion is just as valid as every other man’s opinion! Where would *that* leave us? It would leave us in *emptiness and confusion*, and in a state of *failure* to find any transcendent **purpose** for life.

We each need to consider, carefully, what God said: “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth” (Genesis 1:26). As beings made in the “image” of God Himself, created to have “dominion” over the earth, *where* are we ultimately headed? *How* can we reach that goal? And will *that goal* give our lives wonderful **meaning**?

The Good News

The answer to this last question is a resounding “Yes”! Once you have *proved to yourself* the real meaning of life—and once you start fulfilling the great **purpose** of life—every phase and facet of your life takes on significance. Every day is filled with *meaning*. The morning paper and the evening news are filled with significant meaning as you see, day by day, how God’s **purpose** for the nations is slowly but surely unfolding, and how each individual’s life is blessed *to the degree* that he or she is responding to the awesome purpose for human existence.

God inspired ancient King David to write: “What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him? For

You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet” (Psalm 8:4–6).

In the New Testament, God inspired the author of Hebrews to

before reaching even the closest edge of other galaxies!

So will we conquer space?

Yes! We will eventually “conquer” space, but in the way our Creator has ordained. For Paul continued, in this inspiring section of the book of Hebrews: “But we see Jesus, who was made a lit-

God as “Father” (Matthew 6:9). Remember, God’s word tells us that Jesus is to be “the firstborn among many brethren” (Romans 8:29). We are to be *actual* “younger brothers”—not “pseudo-brothers” on some lower level of existence, like a cow or a goat is beneath a human being!



For millennia, mankind has studied the moon and stars, and philosophized about how we might reach them someday. With our modern technological capacity, we are now able to “probe” some of the nearest planets in *our own* solar system.

repeat David’s words. Then, after the final phrase—“You have put **all** in subjection under his feet”—the Apostle Paul adds: “For in that He put **all** in subjection under him, He left nothing that is not put under him. But now we do not yet see all things put under him” (Hebrews 2:8). Biblical scholars acknowledge that the phrase, “has put **all** in subjection under him [mankind],” may well indicate man’s eventual rule over the **entire universe!** As Paul adds, God “left **nothing** that is not put under him. But now we do *not yet* see all things put under him”!

For millennia, mankind has studied the moon and stars, and philosophized about how we might reach them someday. With our modern technological capacity, we are now able to “probe” some of the nearest planets in *our own* solar system. But the vast universe out there—containing stars and planets *billions of light years away*—would require men and women to live, reproduce and die in some kind of space vehicle for *many generations*

the lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, *in bringing many sons to glory*, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings” (vv. 9–10).

God will eventually use mankind—created in the “image” of God to become *full* sons of God as Christ is bringing “many sons to glory” (v. 10)—to assist Christ in *ruling* the entire earth and later, in all probability, the *entire universe*, as indicated in Hebrews 2:8!

Talk about a great *purpose!*
Talk about a transcendent *goal!*

Although *most* professing Christians have never heard about it, *this* is the ultimate Good News! **This is why** you and I were born! We were *not* created to “float off” to heaven with nothing to do. Rather, God created us to learn to use our time, our talents and our creative capacities to **serve** our God—our **Father**, for true Christians are told to address

God’s Eternal PURPOSE

Again and again, God tells us in His inspired word that those whom God truly *calls* to *understanding* in this current age will be given the opportunity to be kings and priests in Christ’s soon-coming Kingdom, and assist Him in ruling over cities and nations—in bringing genuine *peace* and *prosperity* and *joy* to this confused world. Paul wrote: “Do you not know that the *saints will judge the world*? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? *Do you not know that we shall judge angels*? How much more, things that pertain to this life?” (1 Corinthians 6:2–3). Paul tells us, in plain language, that we have an eventual “goal” of **ruling** over the nations of this earth under Jesus Christ—if we will believe the plain words of the New Testament, and *if* we will fully give our lives to God through the *true* Jesus Christ!

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Why Prophecy?



By Richard F. Ames

Bible prophecy reveals your future—and the future of the world. What is its role in your life?

Most of us wonder what will happen in the years ahead. Will meteors destroy the earth? Will World War III cause “the end of the world”? Regular readers of *Tomorrow’s World* know that the Bible gives the answers to those questions. We have shown that *many* ancient prophecies have been fulfilled, exactly as predicted in your Bible. But can we know what God has predicted for the future? Yes, we can!

Many “religious hobbyists” are curious about Bible prophecy, but they do not know its real significance and purpose. Some professing Christians dismiss Bible prophecy as insignificant and unimportant. They may concede that prophecy can be interesting, but they say it does not have anything to do

with salvation. Can you see the fallacy? Remember: in one sense, no true Christian today will be *finally* saved until the prophesied great resurrection at Christ’s return. As Christ said, in His own words: “But he who endures to the end shall be saved” (Matthew 24:13).

The Bible instructs God’s people to be faithful to the end. True Christians look forward to the future when Jesus Christ will establish the Kingdom of God on earth. Notice what Christ says in the very next verse: “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come” (v. 14).

Christ will powerfully end mankind’s immoral and degenerate civilizations, and will establish His

kingdom and government on this earth. That Kingdom will bring joy, happiness and lasting world peace to all the nations! Notice—*what* gospel did Jesus proclaim? *The gospel of the Kingdom!* In other words, the very gospel Jesus preached is *prophetic!*

The good news—the hope of the world—is the future Kingdom of God, which Jesus Christ will soon establish right here on the earth! True Christians right now are preparing to be transformed and to enter into that Kingdom, at Christ's return. As the Apostle Paul wrote: "Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory'" (1 Corinthians 15:51–54).

The resurrection of faithful Christians will take place at the "last trumpet"—the seventh trumpet blast, announced in Revelation 11:15. Those who "endure to the end" will be saved, as Jesus said. For some, the "end" will be the end of a faithful Christian life. Others will still be alive at Christ's return. All these faithful Christians will be resurrected and changed at Christ's return, and will enter the prophesied Kingdom of God.

Some do not recognize that there is a future Kingdom of God. They miss the significance of Paul's reminder that "flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption" (1 Corinthians 15:50). If you are a flesh and blood Christian, you are preparing to inherit the Kingdom, but you have *not* yet inherited the Kingdom! You will receive your full inheritance at the time of the resurrection (John 3:5–6).

Jesus Himself emphasized that this inheritance will take place at the end of this age: "Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world'" (Matthew 25:34).

What Is Prophecy?

Some wrongly try to disconnect prophecy from God's plan of salvation, but this cannot be done. What exactly is prophecy? First, let us consider what

it is *not*. As *Unger's Bible Dictionary* states: "Prophecy is not intended to open the future to idle curiosity, but for the higher purpose of furnishing light to those whose faith needs confirming" (Moody Press, 1967, p. 892).

Does your faith need confirming? *Unger's* continues: "The revelation of future events may be needful in times of discouragement to awaken or sustain hope, to inspire confidence in the midst of general backsliding, and to warn of evil threatening the faithful. The predictions against Babylon, Tyre, Egypt, Nineveh, and other kingdoms, were delivered to the people of God to comfort them, by revealing to them the fate of their enemies" (*ibid.*).

Unger's defines prophecy very simply: "The oral or written message of a prophet" (*ibid.*, p. 893). The Greek word is *prophetes*, which means "foreteller" or "inspired speaker." As the *Anchor Bible Dictionary* states: "In the secular world, the word 'prophet' was used... to mean 'one who speaks for a god and interprets his will' to human beings" (Vol. 5, p. 496).

God's true prophets revealed His will to the people. They also warned the peoples of ancient Israel, and of many other nations. For example, after the death of Judah's king Jehoiada, the nation abandoned the true God and worshiped idols: "Therefore they left the house of the LORD God of their fathers, and served wooden images and idols; and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem because of their trespass" (2 Chronicles 24:18). How many people today worship modern idols of power, possessions and position? In the pages of this magazine, and on the *Tomorrow's World* telecast, we have been warning our western nations to repent. What action did God take when Judah and Jerusalem committed idolatry? "Yet He sent prophets to them, to bring them back to the LORD; and they testified against them, but they would not listen" (2 Chronicles 24:19).

Eventually, God sent the kingdom of Judah into Babylonian captivity for its wickedness. We need to listen to God's warnings to us today! God's word, the Bible, gives us sobering prophecies and warnings that we need to heed!

The prophets were God's messengers. They gave both instruction and revelation. *Unger's Bible Dictionary* comments on the role of the prophets: "The predictive element was a frequent part of the content of the prophet's message. But this is not the only element. The prophets frequently appear in the role of social and political reformers, stirring preachers of righteousness and religious revivalists in addi-

tion to being predictors of judgment or blessing, as the occasion demanded. The prophet's message was ever religious and spiritual, announcing the will of God to men and calling for complete obedience" (p. 893).

So, as we have seen, God sent prophets to help reform nations from their immorality. The prophets also revealed God's plan for the future. After His resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ referred to some of the many prophecies concerning Him: "Then He said to them, 'These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.' And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures" (Luke 24:44-45). By "Scriptures," Jesus was referring to what we now call the Old Testament. The Old Testament was organized into three divisions: the Law, the Prophets and the Writings. The book of Psalms is the first book in the Writings. Jesus emphasized the importance of Bible prophecy in foretelling His first coming and His Messiahship. Many Old Testament prophecies also predict His Second Coming.

Prophecy is at the foundation of the New Testament Church. As Paul wrote: "Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone" (Ephesians 2:19-20).

Yes, the very foundation of the Church consists of the "apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone." Did God inspire these prophets? What does your Bible say? The Apostle Peter had seen prophecy fulfilled. He had seen the resurrected Christ. Peter wrote: "And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit" (2 Peter 1:19-21).

The Creator God inspired His prophets to give us instruction, revelation and warning. It is important, therefore, to know who is a true prophet, and who is falsely claiming that role. Jesus warned us: "Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many"

(Matthew 24:11). How can you know who God's true servants are? Scripture gives us the answer. "To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isaiah 8:20).

If someone today claims to be a prophet, but contradicts the plain words of Scripture, putting his own words above the faith "once for all delivered" (Jude v. 3), he is a false prophet. God's servants preach and teach according to His word, the Bible! That applies to me, and to this magazine. Test us—

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prove our words in your Bible—and be sure to test others who say that they teach God's word.

Many religious hobbyists create wild misinterpretations of prophecy, taking their "pet ideas" and trying to set them in the context of Scripture. Sometimes these self-made prophets are innocents who have been deceived, but sometimes they are deceivers trying to mislead the innocent. Be careful!

Four Purposes of Prophecy

Bible prophecy has been given for many purposes. Here, we will consider four of the most basic and most important. First, *Bible prophecy warns people and nations to repent, so they can avoid punishment.*

John the Baptist moved many by his preaching. What was his message? "In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, and saying, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!'" (Matthew 3:1-2). Jesus Christ soon afterward preached this same message of repentance (see Mark 1:14-15).

How did people respond to John's preaching? "Then Jerusalem, all Judea, and all the region around the Jordan went out to him and were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he [John] saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, 'Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance'" (Matthew 3:5-8).

We must all heed this warning, and bear fruits worthy of repentance. If we truly repent, Jesus Christ

promises protection for those who are faithful. The Apostle John records this message Christ delivered to the Church at Philadelphia: “Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth” (Revelation 3:10).

An hour of trial is coming upon our rebellious and wicked world. Jesus warned us that a Great Tribulation is coming (Matthew 24:21). But God will protect those who listen to His prophetic warnings,

God and obey His voice (for the LORD your God is a merciful God), He will not forsake you nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore to them” (Deuteronomy 4:27–31).

Jesus said that the Gospel of the Kingdom would be a witness to all nations: “And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come” (Matthew 24:14). Many will hear the gospel, but they will not respond to it at first. As a

but contradicts the plain words of Scripture, putting his own words above the faith “once for all time. God’s servants preach and teach according to His word, the Bible! That applies to me, and to all the words in your Bible—and be sure to test others who say that they teach God’s word.

and change their lives. The book of Jonah shows a rare example of a people actually heeding a warning from God, and changing its ways. Will we also repent nationally and individually?

God determined to destroy Nineveh unless its people repented. And they *did* repent! How did God view their repentance? “Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it” (Jonah 3:10). The prophetic warning resulted in God’s blessing on the people. Will we respond to today’s prophetic warnings as ancient Nineveh did? If we do not, we will experience the severe punishment of the Great Tribulation.

A second purpose of Bible prophecy is that it *warns people to repent in captivity*. Prophecy reveals that many who do not repent before the Great Tribulation will be able to remember God’s prophetic warnings, and repent during the pain and suffering of the Great Tribulation. God gave this warning—and promise—to those who will in the future suffer national slavery and captivity: “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. And there you will serve gods, the work of men’s hands, wood and stone, which neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell. 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

result, they will not be able to avoid the Great Tribulation. However, prophecy indicates that many who have heard the true Gospel will *repent* during that future time of national captivity. If you are one of them, please remember God’s promise when you are in captivity. He *will* rescue you. He *will* deliver you, *if* you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul!

A third purpose of Bible prophecy is *to announce the coming Kingdom of God on the earth*. For nearly 6,000 years, mankind has practiced the way of sin, selfishness, war and greed. Humanity has not learned the way of peace. Only under the rule of the Prince of Peace—our Savior, Jesus Christ—will people ever enjoy lasting world peace.

Prophecy gives us the encouraging news that Jesus Christ will establish His Kingdom here on earth, and faithful Christians will rule with Him for a thousand years (Revelation 20:4-6). Then will come the “Great White Throne Judgment,” when all those who lived and died without hearing God’s Truth will be resurrected and given their first actual opportunity to accept His message and live His way (for more on this topic, please request our free booklet, *Is This the Only Day of Salvation?*).

You can read some of the millennial prophecies in Isaiah 2, 11, and 35, and in Micah 4. These are inspiring prophecies that give us real hope.

Edersheim’s *Prophecy and History in Relation to the Messiah* observes: “The one pervading and impelling idea of the OT is the royal reign of God on earth.... This Messianic idea is the sole *raison d’etre* of the OT viewed as revelation” (pp.

48, 135). Jesus Christ will return as King of kings and Lord of lords, as it states in Revelation 19:16. “The royal reign of God on earth,” as Edersheim described it, will bring world peace and prosperity.

Government without God, in the hands of man, has only brought suffering. Unless God intervenes, it will bring mankind to total destruction. As Jesus said: “And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect’s sake those days will be shortened” (Matthew 24:22). The Bible prophesies that there will be a time of restoration for the earth.

Remember Peter’s words, that God will “send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, whom heaven must receive until the times of *restoration of all things*, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began”! (Acts 3:20–21). God will restore the earth to natural, unpolluted beauty and prosperity, under the divine government and Kingdom of God. We can all rejoice at that good news.

A fourth purpose of Bible prophecy is that *it demonstrates God’s total sovereignty and power*. Nothing can deter God’s plan of salvation. That plan is revealed in your Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. God has an awesome purpose for every human being who will respond to Him. That purpose is to become God’s glorious, immortalized children, for all eternity. As we already read: “This corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality” (1 Corinthians 15:53). God’s great power, through His Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ, will bring this to pass.



Almighty God declares His power and sovereignty: “Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure,’ calling a bird of prey from the east, the man who executes My counsel, from a far country. Indeed I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it” (Isaiah 46:9–11). God Almighty will powerfully fulfill His purpose and prophecy.

The prophet Amos warns us that a time will come when the truth that you are now reading will not be available: “Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord GOD, ‘That I will send a famine on the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD. They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, but

shall not find it” (Amos 8:11–12).

You need to act on the truth while it is available. Read this magazine, and watch the *Tomorrow’s World* telecast. And, most importantly, read your Bible and put its truths into practice in your life!

Jesus Christ promises a benefit to those who seek Him, sincerely wanting to understand. “Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near” (Revelation 1:3). You can be blessed, as you sincerely study God’s word, and understand its many prophecies. A wonderful future awaits, beyond the greatest of your hopes and dreams! ☐

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Questions & Answers

Q Some religions teach that Jesus Christ is a created being. Some even say that He was the brother of Lucifer, or that He was the archangel Michael. Is Jesus Christ a created being, or is He eternal?

A The idea that Jesus was created by God the Father is often predicated on very narrow interpretations of Colossians 1:15 and Revelation 3:14, and by a failure to understand the plan of God as it applies to mankind.

The Bible, however, shows that both the Father and the Son are eternally self-existent. Even though “there is only one God” (1 Corinthians 8:4; Deuteronomy 6:4), Scripture shows that God is a divine Family made up of more than one Being (Genesis 1:26; Ephesians 2:19; 3:15).

According to the Bible, Jesus Christ was the God of the Old Testament, the “Word” (*logos*), through whom the Father created all things (John 1:1–3; 1 Corinthians 10:4; Ephesians 3:9; Hebrews 1:2). After He “emptied Himself” of His divine power (Philippians 2:7) in order to die and pay the penalty for our sins (Romans 6:23), Jesus then became the “only begotten Son” of the Father (John 1:14, 18; 3:16, 18), the Savior of mankind (1 John 4:14) and He who died for our sins and was resurrected that

we might be saved from eternal death (Acts 4:10–12).

Some point to the *King James Version* translation of Revelation 3:14 as evidence that Jesus Christ is a created being, as it describes Him as the “beginning of the creation of God.” The problem is in translating the word “beginning” (in Greek, *arche*). How do other translations render this phrase? Christ is “the Origin of God’s creation” (*Moffatt, NRSV*); He is “the Ruler of God’s creation” (*NIV*). “Beginning” would be better rendered as the “Beginner” or the “Originator” of creation. As these translations make plain, Revelation 3:14 does not imply that Jesus was the first created being; rather, He is the One who created, and stands as the cause of, that creation.

Some wrongly take Colossians 1:15 to mean that Christ, as the “firstborn over all creation,” was Himself part of that creation. The Greek translated here as “firstborn”—*prototokos* (from *proto*, “first” and *tikto*, “to beget”)—does not indicate that Jesus was created. Rather, it reminds us that, through His resurrection, He had the “preeminence” as “firstborn from the dead” (v. 18; Revelation 1:5). Additionally, as *Vine’s Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words* rightly observes, Colossians 1:15 is a scripture “where His [Christ’s] eternal relationship with the Father is in view, and the clause means both

that He was the Firstborn before all creation and that He Himself produced creation (the genitive case being objective, as ver. 16 makes clear)” (p. 104). “By Him [Christ] *all things* were created” (v. 16)—He did not create Himself!

Another vital key to understanding Paul’s teaching is found in Hebrews 7. Melchizedek was the king of Jerusalem, and a Priest of the Most High God in the days of Abraham (Genesis 14:18). Paul writes that Melchizedek existed from eternity, “without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like the Son of God, remains a priest continually” (Hebrews 7:3). Melchizedek was “like the Son of God,” and remains a High Priest continually. If Jesus Christ is now our High Priest (Hebrews 5:10), then Melchizedek and Jesus Christ are one and the same eternal Being (For more on this topic, please write for our free reprint, *Who Was the God of the Old Testament?*).

Religions that consider Jesus Christ a created being do not understand God’s plan of salvation. Jesus Christ, the “Word” who “was God” and was “with God” eternally from the beginning (John 1:1–2), before the creation, will return as King of kings and Lord of lords (Revelation 19:13–16) to establish lasting peace on the earth (Isaiah 2:2–4).

CITIES OF TOMORROW



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A Forgotten Dimension of the Gospel!

Our world has changed in an unprecedented way in the last two centuries. Prior to 1800, fewer than 2 percent of the world's population lived in cities. Yet today, in America and other developed nations of the world, more than 80 percent of the people live crammed into cities and sprawling suburban areas that occupy about 1 percent of the land. The results of this *urban revolution*—congestion, crowding and pollution—are destroying the natural environment and eroding the quality of life for millions of human beings. Of the six billion people on earth, about *one billion* live in squalid

slums that surround burgeoning cities in the developing world.

In spite of these serious problems, experts predict that urban areas will *continue to expand*, and that in 20–30 years nine of the ten largest “megacities” (with populations over 10 million) will be in the developing world, where public services are already strained beyond capacity. For anyone living in crowded urban tenements, slums or even modern suburbia, architects’ futuristic dreams of building *tower cities*—self-contained communities of 50,000 people housed in skyscrapers 2,500 feet high—may sound sobering and even frightening!

But are we *destined* to live in a totally urbanized world with megacities and sprawling suburbs that stretch beyond the horizon? Will the cities of tomorrow be totally automated environments of concrete, steel, glass and plastic—or will increased crowding, congestion, pollution, rising crime and social isolation render urbanized areas *barely habitable*? Are we heading for an urban apocalypse? What does the future *really* hold? *Who* will determine the shape of future human settlements, and what policies will be followed? While it may come as a surprise to many, the Bible has much to say about the cities of tomorrow. It not only explains why cities are plagued with problems; it offers real solutions. If your goal is to be a disciple of Jesus Christ, you cannot afford to ignore this important subject!

Urban Dilemmas

Cities have been called mankind's greatest achievement, yet cities also present human beings with some of the most difficult and challenging dilemmas. Cities are the abode of historic buildings, soaring skyscrapers, giant sports complexes and other monumental structures. Cities are also centers of government, finance, culture and trade. Major universities and important religious sites are usually located in cities. Growing cities are often associated with thriving economies—but not always.

For millions who flock to cities in search of jobs and a better life, the result is often disappointing. Affordable housing is usually scarce. The unemployed frequently live in the streets, or crowd in with friends or relatives.

Automobiles, trucks and buses choke streets and spew fumes, creating smog and pollution that poison the air and contribute to disease. Noise, confusion, constant human contact and the disappearing sense of community generate stress that is expressed as unreasonable behavior—*rage*—often with violent and tragic consequences. Sprawling cities and suburbs devour valuable forests and farmland, and practically eliminate contact with nature. The clashing architecture, pervading ugliness and entrenched poverty found in cities, and the bland sameness of suburbs, have been linked to a rising sense of alienation among young and old alike. Ironically, in suburbs where children are driven or bused to schools, then come home to play video games, parents face an epidemic of obesity in youngsters who do not get enough exercise!

This recognizable set of urban problems known as “urban ills” appears to be related to “problems of urban and regional planning” (*The Economist*, p. 17, January 10, 1998; *American Journal of Public Health*, p. 1484, September 2003). A United Nations official has commented that “these **urban curses** are spreading with the speed of the plague” (*New Scientist*, June 15, 1996, p. 10). The message is clear—people in cities have suffered from a *lack of wise planning*, and our modern culture is moving in the wrong direction!

History of Cities

To understand the reasons behind our urban dilemmas, it is helpful to know how modern cities originated. The first cities

appeared more than 5,000 years ago in Mesopotamia, in the Fertile Crescent—the land between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers (in modern Iraq). The earliest cities were located near sources of food and water, and were centers of religion, government and trade. Archaeologists estimate that these cities initially housed between 5,000 and 10,000 people, possibly more. Streets were laid out on a grid pattern, with major avenues leading to central areas where increasingly monumental buildings were erected. Housing structures were several stories high. These early cities were surrounded by *formidable defensive walls*.

According to written records from the early fourth millennium BC, the first city built in this region was Eridu. Babylonian traditions state that *creation began* when the gods built Eridu, “thus the Mesopotamian Eden is not a garden, but a city” (*Mesopotamia: The Invention of the City*, Leick, p. 2). Another early city in this region was Uruk, which has been identified as the biblical city of Erech (Genesis 10:10). Uruk has been termed “the mother of cities... from which all other cities sprang” (*ibid.*, p. 30). Archeological evidence reveals detailed urban planning, and monumental buildings made not only with brick, but also with quarried limestone and cast concrete. Uruk was surrounded by a “*ring of walls* some six miles in circumference... of enormous thickness” (*ibid.*, p. 32).

Historians and Archaeologists generally do not discuss *biblical accounts* that shed light on what was going on in this region at the time. The Bible states that these first cities were built by Cain and

his descendants, Enoch and Nimrod (Genesis 4:17; 10:10). In Scripture, Cain and his progeny are credited with promoting a way of life—"the way of Cain"—that *ignored* and *violated* the laws of God (Jude 11). The first century Jewish historian Flavius Josephus wrote that Cain developed a society based on *competition and plunder*, and led mankind into wicked ways (see *Antiquities of the Jews*, 1:1:1–2). Nimrod—the builder of cities in the plain of Shinar (Mesopotamia) and in Assyria—perpetuated this violent and misguided form of civilization, which explains why these first cities were surrounded by immense fortifications. The Bible also reveals that the monumental architecture in these first cities promoted human vanity—not the betterment of human beings (Genesis 11:1–4). While modern scholars recognize that “the invention of cities [urbanism] may well be the most enduring legacy of Mesopotamia” (Leick, p. xiv), it is not surprising (from what the Bible reveals) that major problems have been associated with the form of urbanization arising from these cities, because the builders *knowingly rejected God’s instructions* (see Psalm 127:1; Habakkuk 2:12).

Greeks and Romans adopted the grid pattern and monumental architecture of the early Mesopotamian cities—and, when necessary, the formidable defensive walls. However, as cities in the classical world grew large, they were plagued with noise, congestion, crowded living con-

ditions and disease. The same problems were evident during the Middle Ages when populations crowded into walled cities for protection against plundering conquerors. Lacking adequate sanitation, and ignorant of the cause of disease, medieval cities became breeding grounds for cholera, typhoid and epidemics of plague that killed nearly half the people of Europe. Dispersed rural populations generally fared much better during these epidemics. Sadly, infectious disease



Unlike today’s vast metropolitan areas, which are so often dominated by asphalt and concrete, cities in Tomorrow’s World will retain close contact with nature.

is still a major problem today in teeming slums and crowded, poverty-ridden urban areas.

As we will see, many of these urban problems could have been prevented if the builders of cities had followed *biblical guidelines* regarding the construction of human settlements instead of using city models created by Cain and his descendants. God plainly states that “if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to carefully obey all His commandments... *blessed shall you be in the city.*” However, if we choose to ignore or disobey His instructions, “*cursed shall you be in the city*” (Deuteronomy 28:1–3,

15–16). But what kind of instructions about the design of cities do we find in the Bible, and what do these instructions have to do with Christians and the Gospel?

Biblical Guidelines

In a striking contrast to the Babylonian account of creation, the Bible reveals that God placed the first man and woman in a garden—in *close contact with nature*—surrounded by trees, rivers and living creatures. While critics dismiss this biblical account as a simple-minded myth, God was actually revealing an important fact about the most appropriate habitat for human beings. Modern research has discovered that *contact with nature has therapeutic and restorative values!* Many studies show that hospital patients who look out windows at natural scenes (trees, lakes, etc.) recover sooner than patients who only see walls or buildings, that students feel more relaxed after taking exams and that employees have lower stress levels and fewer health complaints *when they are exposed to natural environments* (*New England Journal of Medicine*, p. 737, September 14, 1995). Researchers have observed: “Many of the *most effective settings* for recovering from directed-attention fatigue *involve the natural environment*”—exposure to trees, waterfalls, lakes, flowers (*American Journal of Public Health*, September 2003, p. 1486; see also, *The Experience of Nature and With People in Mind* by Kaplan). The absence of these

natural settings in urbanized areas—characterized by traffic jams, distracting billboards and crowded buildings—appears to play a significant role in generating mental fatigue that erupts as road rage and domestic violence.

Another biblical guideline for human settlements is the provision for *adequate open space* to avoid the consequences of overcrowding. The Bible clearly warns: “Woe to those who join house to house; they add field to field” (Isaiah 5:8). While it is technically feasible and economically profitable to stack dwellings on top of and beside each other, this kind of housing arrangement can generate physical and emotional tensions.

Proverbs 25:17 advises us to “seldom set foot in your neighbor’s house, lest he become weary of you and hate you”—yet this is impossible to avoid when people live in closely built dwellings. In crowded urban areas, it is not surprising that neighbors turn on each other for playing radios too loudly—or for some other trivial yet annoying activity—because a basic principle has been violated in the design of the urban environment.

The Bible contains *sanitary guidelines* that are extremely important when large numbers of people live in close proximity. Moses wrote, more than 3,000 years ago, that human wastes are to be *buried outside the camp* (Deuteronomy 23:12–14). This basic procedure prevents the

spread of dangerous infectious diseases. However, it has often been ignored, as during the Middle Ages when garbage and sewage were simply dumped in the streets—and people died like flies because fundamental biblical principles were neither taught nor followed.

Today the unprecedented spread of urbanization is devouring and destroying vast areas of the natural environment. Valuable agricultural land is disappearing under parking lots. Pasturelands are blanketed with suburbs. Species of plants and wildlife face extinction as their habitats are obliterated. Yet, long ago, God instructed the first human



beings to “*tend and keep*” the environment (Genesis 2:15). While God gave human beings *dominion* over the earth (meaning the responsibility to rule, manage, make useful, develop and beautify), they were to use natural resources *wisely and carefully—as stewards of the creation* (Genesis 1:28–29). The wholesale exploitation and destruction of the natural environment to make bigger cities is in *defiance* of God’s instructions. Human settlements should be designed to *fit into* the natural environment, and not dominate or destroy it (see *Design with Nature*, McHarg).

Many urban problems are the result of haphazard, unplanned development and the lack of any master plan to guide the growth of cities. Scripture indicates that

God intended human beings to *plan wisely* for the future. Proverbs 4:26 advises us to “ponder the path of your feet” and 1 Corinthians 14:33 informs us: “God is *not* the author of confusion [disorder].” In the camp of Israel, God instructed Moses to arrange the 12 tribes in a specific order around a centrally placed Tabernacle (Numbers 2–4). The camp of Israel (composed of well over a million people) was in reality a well-planned city that was considerably larger than the first cities of Mesopotamia. But why should these Old Testament principles be of any interest to modern Christians?

A Forgotten Dimension

Many are familiar with Jesus’ teaching about loving our neighbors, and about having a more “abundant life” (John 10:10). Yet Jesus’ real message was “the gospel of the *kingdom of God*” (Mark 1:14–15), where the saints (converted Christians) would rule on this earth with Jesus Christ for a thousand years—the Millennium (Revelation 20:4–6). This message permeates the Bible (see Daniel 2:44; 7:27; Revelation 1:6; 5:10; 11:15–18). Jesus told His 12 disciples that they would rule over the 12 tribes of Israel in this coming kingdom (Matthew 19:28). Jesus stated in a parable that the reward for Christians who learn to apply the laws of God would be *authority over cities* in His Kingdom (Luke 19:11–19).

Old Testament prophets mention repeatedly that, in the coming kingdom, *cities will be rebuilt and inhabited*. Amos states: “Behold the days are coming... I will bring back the captives of My people Israel; They shall *build the*

waste cities and inhabit them” (Amos 9:13–14; see also Isaiah 61:4; Jeremiah 33:7; Ezekiel 36:10). The Jews’ return from a Babylonian captivity in 586BC, and today’s Jewish settlements in the modern nation of Israel, only represent *partial* fulfillments of these prophecies. These prophecies speak of a time when *all 12 tribes of Israel* will return and *rebuild cities* in the lands they have been given by God. That time is yet in the future—in the coming kingdom of God!

When critics scoff at a literal interpretation of these verses,

and liberal theologians spiritualize these prophecies away as analogies and metaphors, they *ignore* what Christians in the first century—who were taught by the Apostles—actually believed! Historian Edward Gibbon describes the beliefs of the early Church: “The ancient and popular doctrine of the Millennium was intimately connected with the second coming of Christ... Christ, with the triumphant band of saints... would *reign upon this earth*... The assurance of such a Millennium was carefully inculcated by a succession of fathers

from Justin Martyr and Irenaeus, *who conversed with the immediate descendants of the apostles*... it appears to have been the reigning sentiment of orthodox believers” (*The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*, chapter 15). Yet, as Gibbon explains, this exciting teaching about the coming kingdom of God was *gradually replaced* by false teachings! Gibbon writes: “The doctrine of Christ’s reign upon earth was first treated as a profound allegory, was considered by degrees as a doubtful and useless opinion, and was at length rejected as the

The Prophesied Future

Bible prophecies offer an exciting glimpse of what cities of tomorrow will look like. Human settlements in the kingdom of God are described as peaceful “unwalled villages” (Ezekiel 38:11–12). Guarded and gated communities and dwellings will no longer be desired or necessary in a peaceful world (Isaiah 2:4). City walls will be in the way “because of the multitude of men and livestock” associated with human settlements (Zechariah 2:4). Prophecies stating that “they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks... everyone shall sit under *his* vine and under *his* fig tree” (Micah 4:3–4) suggest that government policies in the Millennium will promote a *return to the land*—reversing the urban migration that began during the Industrial Revolution. The reference to private property in these verses indicates that personal responsibility can play an important role in maintaining the quality of urban and rural environments.

Many scriptures indicate that cities of tomorrow will be designed around the needs of people, rather than the movement of vehicular traffic. Zechariah foretold that “old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem... the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets” (Zechariah 8:4–5). The prophet is describing a city designed with delightful public spaces—plazas and pedestrian malls where people can mingle in an enjoyable environment. Cities designed to facilitate walking will prevent disease and promote better human health, which will be emphasized in the kingdom of God (Isaiah 35:5–6). Prophecies of children playing with animals (lions, lambs, leopards, wolves and cows) suggest that human dwellings will be in close proximity to parks, green belts and wildlife corridors incorporated into urban designs (Isaiah 11:6–9). This will discourage “joining house to house,” and will provide open space in human settlements. It will also provide the close contact with nature that the Bible mentions as important to mental health (Psalm 23:1–3).

Jerusalem will be the religious, governmental and educational capital of the world (Isaiah 2:2–4; Zechariah 8:3, 23; 14:4–21), but it will also become a *model city* for the world. A river will flow through the city with luscious vegetation growing on its banks (Ezekiel 47:12). Jerusalem will be known as a “quiet home” and the “city of God” (Isaiah 33:20; Psalm 48). God is not the author of confusion and ugliness, but of peace and beauty. There will also be highways connecting major regions of the earth (Isaiah 19:23–25; 35:8; 40:3–5). It is only logical that highways will be incorporated into regional planning, and designed to enhance the environment as well as facilitate transportation.

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absurd intention of heresy and fanaticism” (*ibid.*). This is why little is heard today of the scriptures that speak of rebuilding cities in Tomorrow’s World—a *forgotten dimension* of the Gospel!

Preparing a People

The mission that Jesus Christ gave to the Church He founded is not only to preach the gospel of the coming kingdom of God, but also to “make ready a people prepared for the Lord” (Luke 1:17). Christians who grow spiritually, and learn to apply the laws of God, will rule with Jesus Christ in the Millennium—the coming kingdom of God (Revelation 5:10). Part of their job will be to supervise the rebuilding of cities in Tomorrow’s World. This will entail *recapturing true values* in the field of urban design, and learning lessons from history about what makes cities livable and workable.

Many useful books are available on the subjects of regional planning and urban design, and many examples exist to observe and study, whether for positive or negative examples. The ancient Greek philosopher Plato discussed his idea of the ideal city in *The Republic*. In 1573, Philip II of Spain formulated town-planning guidelines—*Laws of the Indies*—for new settlements in the Americas. In the 1820s, Robert Owen designed and built a model industrial settlement, New Lanark, on the banks of the Clyde River in Scotland, seeking to rectify many of the ills of the Industrial Revolution. New

Lanark has been restored, and can be seen today. Ebenezer Howard’s concept of Garden Cities (1890s) has influenced the design of new towns built in England and other countries. England’s Prince Charles has played an influential role in the development of Poundbury (a



New Lanark: A model industrial village created by Robert Owen in the 1820s on the banks of the Clyde River in Scotland. ©TW Image.

planned community near Dorchester in southern England), where dwellings and businesses are mixed together. Poundbury incorporates urban design principles elaborated in Prince Charles’ book, *A Vision for Britain*.

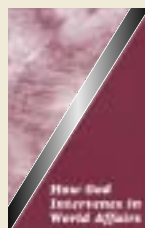
Today, many cities recognize the need to restore neighborhoods, revitalize waterfronts and city centers and rebuild efficient

public transportation systems. Increasing numbers of urban planners understand the need to create people-friendly cities, designed on a human scale, that offer beauty, pedestrian walkways and contact with nature—yet the cancerous blight of urban sprawl, and the growth of disease-ridden slums continues to spread around the world.

God has revealed a better future in the pages of the Bible. Jesus Christ’s return to the earth will usher in remarkable changes. For Christians who believe the Bible, who care about people and who want to improve the way millions of people live, the time to prepare is *now*. Take time to study the biblical principles

related to human settlements. Learn what is involved in planning livable cities that meet human needs and are designed in harmony with nature. In doing so, you can learn *today* a vital dimension of what Christ’s followers will be doing—participating in a forgotten dimension of the gospel—building the cities in Tomorrow’s World! [15]

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Children Will Rule!

Over the last several decades, news reports have documented an ominous trend—the growth of disturbing and increasingly shocking behavior in young people, especially in affluent nations of the world. In the 1960s, “free speech” and “free love” movements blossomed on college campuses, fueled by marijuana and LSD. Street gangs turned inner city schools into “blackboard jungles.” Subsequent decades saw the rejection of commonly accepted values, a decline of standards, a rise in teen pregnancies, skyrocketing rates of sexually transmitted diseases among youth and an alarming surge in adolescent suicides. In recent years, classrooms have become chaotic as undisciplined students defy the authority of teachers, and schools become killing fields as disturbed children gun down peers and teachers.

While perplexed parents ponder their inability to control their children, and bewildered experts try to fathom *why* privileged children have become so troubled and dangerous, few seem to grasp the *true significance* of this disturbing situation. The Bible, however, *reveals* the reasons behind these growing problems. Prophecies given long ago are *coming alive* today!

Ancient Warnings

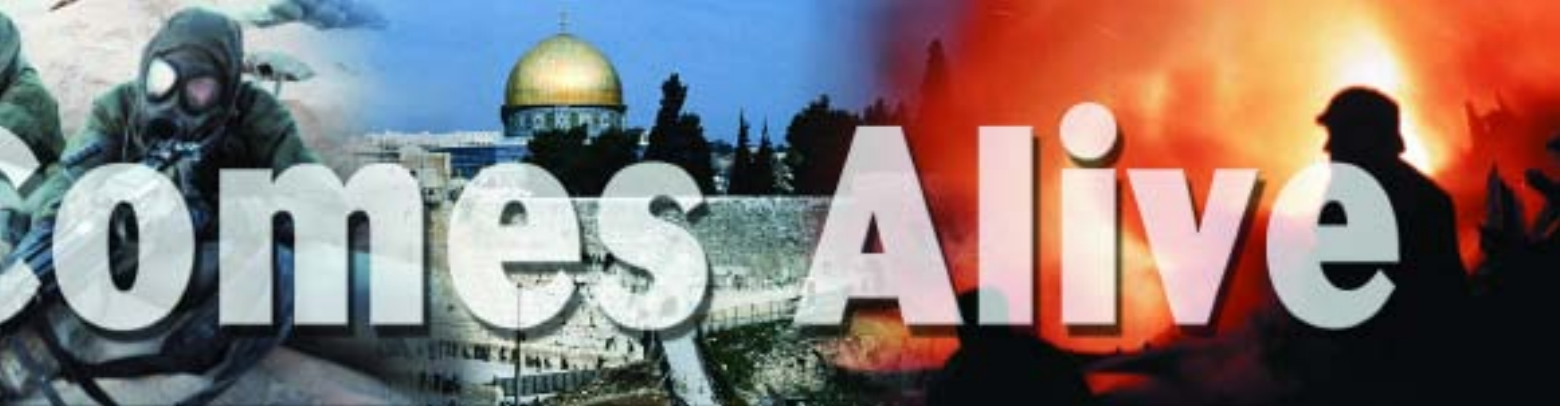
Nearly 3,000 years ago, Isaiah delivered to the rebellious children of Israel prophecies that have clear implications for generations living at the end of the age. God warned: “I will give *children to be their princes*, and babes shall rule over them... *the child will be insolent* [rude, disrespectful, defiant] toward the elder, and the base toward the honorable... as for My people, *children are their oppressors*” (Isaiah 3:4, 5, 12). Jeremiah wrote of children who would not receive correction and have forgotten God (Jeremiah 2:30, 32). Ezekiel wrote of children who “rebelled against Me” and “did not walk in My statutes”

(Ezekiel 20:21). While these prophecies had an *initial* fulfillment in ancient times, the ultimate fulfillment is erupting in today’s headlines!

A math teacher in England recently published a diary of five days in a classroom, in which he describes repeated episodes of open defiance of teacher authority, outbursts of profanity between students and towards teachers, sexually active teenagers who cannot do basic math and students simply refusing to do assignments (*The Sunday Telegraph*, April 18, 2004). A teacher in Phoenix, Arizona went to court to restore order in her classroom, and is writing a book describing the perils of modern classroom teachers—titled *Violated No More*. An American newspaper reports that “public school teachers around the country are turning to the courts in a final attempt to protect themselves from children who can’t be kept in check by the existing disciplinary rules” (*Christian Science Monitor*, April 23, 2004). These defiant behaviors have increased as schools have abandoned corporal punishment, and fail to report incidents or enforce any type of discipline to avoid lawsuits by students claiming that their rights have been violated! Today, parents and teachers struggle with—or ignore—behaviors that *would not have been tolerated* 30 years ago! Children also terrorize other children to conform to perverted styles, norms and values. But *why* have children become so defiant and violent? What is the *cause* of the problem, and the *true significance* of this tragic situation?

Cause and Effect

Dr. Robert Shaw, a medical doctor and experienced child and family psychiatrist, has published a devastating analysis of this growing plague of defiant, joyless and selfish children. Dr. Shaw’s conclusions confirm the biblical instructions about how to



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rear children—and how *not* to rear them. Dr. Shaw asserts: “Something terrible is happening to our children. We have lost touch with what they need from us to grow and thrive... we have created enormous numbers of children who are disaffected, alienated, amoral, emotionally stunted and even violent... While the media is far from innocent, the bulk of the blame lies with faddish, both neglectful and overindulgent, child-rearing practices that experts have promoted for the past three decades... These children are not an aberration. They are the *natural result of the way we have been raising them*. They have been developmentally crippled by the child-rearing practices that have spread like a virus from home to home in this country” (*The Epidemic*, Shaw, jacket, p. 10). In simple terms, we have been misled and misinformed about how to rear children, and we are reaping the terrible and inevitable consequences!

Dr. Shaw continues: “Our culture may well be breeding a generation of unattached, predatory children” *because busy parents focused on their own concerns* “rarely place limits on their children or permit them to experience frustration, and they overlook their children’s moral and spiritual development” (p. 4). He asserts that “children are being injured in their emotional development by being allowed to behave in totally inappropriate ways” (p. 15). According to Dr. Shaw, children need love, stability, structure, supervision, correction—and clear instructions about right and wrong that are modeled within the family and supported by social institutions—yet these important factors are *disappearing* in our secular, self-absorbed, divorce-ridden societies.

In the words of this expert, we are rearing a generation of *damaged children*! Children are damaged by “politically correct” ideas that dismiss the vital role of daily mothering that promotes attachment, affection,

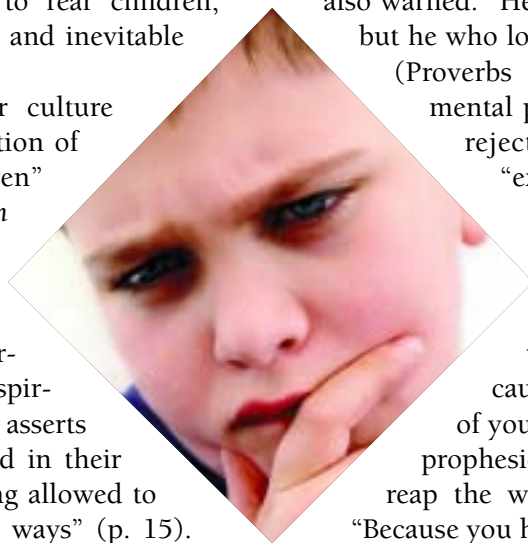
security and shapes the brains of infants. Their development has been damaged by busy lives that rob us of real family time, and by the absence of fathers as solid examples in the home (Shaw, pp. 26–27). Placating children, and rewarding a lack of real accomplishment, destroys character and discourages initiative. Trying to negotiate with defiant children simply undermines respect for authority (Ecclesiastes 8:11). Dr. Shaw warns that the child-rearing attitudes and practices followed by many parents today “constitute a *prescription for disaster*” (p. xii).

Long ago, God said: “Train up a child in the way he should go” (Proverbs 22:6). Children should be taught the laws of God (Deuteronomy 4:1–10; 6:1–9) and given supervision, correction and encouragement (Proverbs 29:15, 17; Ephesians 6:1–4). God also warned: “He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him disciplines him promptly” (Proverbs 13:24). These simple but funda-

mental principles have been ridiculed and rejected by modern child-rearing “experts” who are “spouting total nonsense” (Shaw, p. 215)—and we are reaping the tragic results! Yet all this was fore-

told by the prophets. Isaiah warned: “Those who lead you cause you to err, and destroy the way of your paths” (Isaiah 3:12; 9:16). Hosea prophesied that “they sow the wind, and reap the whirlwind” and he warns parents: “Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children... [you] have begotten pagan [strange] children” (Hosea 8:7; 4:6; 5:7). The joyless, vulgar, defiant, predatory, pleasure-seeking, out-of-control children who recognize no higher authority than their own desires are the products of our misguided age. The Bible *predicted* that this would occur *in the last days just before the return of Jesus Christ* (2 Timothy 3:1–4). We need to *wake up*—because these prophecies are *coming alive today!*

—Douglas S. Winnail





Do You Know the *Real* Jesus?

By John H. Ogwyn

Where did you get your ideas about Jesus Christ of Nazareth?

Within the last year, Jesus Christ has been the subject of both a best-selling novel and a blockbuster movie. For more than a year, *The DaVinci Code*, a suspenseful work of fiction, has rested near the top of the *New York Times*' best-seller list. Mel Gibson's movie, *The Passion of the Christ*, has broken box office records in the United States and around the world.

The recently completed 12-book *Left Behind* series, a fictional (and quite inaccurate) account of events leading up to Christ's return, has been second only to the *Harry Potter* books as a publisher's gold mine. Clearly, Jesus Christ fascinates millions of people. They are curious about the origins of Christianity, as well as whether or not Jesus Christ will return to this earth.

The problem is that there are so many different ideas floating around. People are getting their ideas from the most unlikely—and inaccurate—of places.

From where have *you* received your information about Jesus Christ of Nazareth, and the message that He taught? What Jesus do you know? Is your Jesus the “traditional Sunday School” Jesus, the *DaVinci Code* Jesus, the “social gospel” revolutionary Jesus, the “hippie” Jesus—or perhaps the “anything goes” Jesus so popular with “modern Christians” today? Do any of these images represent the *real* Jesus?

Depending on who is presenting Him, you can nowadays hear Jesus depicted as a right-wing Republican, a feminist, a gender-bending modernist, a poverty-stricken weakling or a fierce advocate of revolution against the wealthy.

It is common for “Christians” to reinvent a Jesus suitable to their own likes and dislikes. U.S. President Thomas Jefferson did so nearly 200 years ago, when he sat down in the White House with two identical New Testaments and a razor. He proceeded to cut out those sections that he thought represented the “real” teachings of Jesus—leaving out miracles and claims of divinity—and pasted them into a large folio book to create his own version of the New Testament. This is not unlike what some contemporary scholars—notably the so-called “Jesus Seminar”—have done in our time.

In the midst of such utter confusion, is there any way to know the truth? Can you know the *real* Jesus and what He taught? The truth is actually far more astounding than all of the ideas and inventions of men! If you want the *real facts*, then read on.

Another Gospel

The story line of *The DaVinci Code* involves the discovery of other “gospels” that were left out of the New Testament, and an alleged centuries-old plot by the Roman Catholic Church to suppress those books. This makes for a good novel, but is far from the facts! The Roman Catholic Church had absolutely nothing to do with *creating* the New Testament! This may seem like a shocking statement, but it is a fact. The Roman Catholic Church, as it emerged from the Council of Nicaea in 325AD, was very different in its teachings and practices from the church of which you read in the book of Acts. In fact, surviving historical records from the second and third centuries illustrate a clear transition away from the teachings and practices of the Apostles to a very different brand of “Christianity.” More information on this interesting subject can be found in our free booklet *Restoring Apostolic Christianity*.

Who, then, *did* put together our New Testament? The answer is found in 2 Peter 1:12–21. The Apostle Peter explained to his readers that his death was imminent, and that he wished to ensure that after he was gone there would be an authoritative record of Jesus’ real teachings. There were already, in the late 60s AD, “cunningly devised fables” (v. 16) circulating. Peter explained that the young Christian community should look to him, and to his fellow Apostle, John, for the “sure word of prophecy.”

This becomes clear when we read Peter’s words carefully. Beginning in verse 12, Peter writes in the first person singular about his approaching death, and his desire to leave a permanent record. In verse 16, he abruptly switches from “I” to “we.” Who is the “we?” The answer becomes plain in verses 16 through 18. The “we” are those who accompanied Jesus to the mountain where they saw His transfiguration, and heard the voice from heaven (Matthew 17:1–6). These were Peter, John, and James the brother of John. By the time Peter was writing 1 Peter, James had died—the first of the Apostles to be martyred (Acts 12:1–2)—so Peter’s “we” had to refer to him and to John.

Before his death in the late winter of 68AD, Peter put together the very first “canon” of the New Testament, consisting of 22 books. Near the end of the first century, John added the five books that he wrote, bringing to 27 the number of books in the New Testament that we have today. Already in the second century, in the earliest writings of the “Church Fathers,” we see that the New Testament canon existed, and was quoted from and referenced frequently. Certainly there were

attempts to change the canon, but its books were already written and too well known to be abandoned.

How should we understand the various “lost gospels” referred to by the author of *The DaVinci Code* and other writers? We should not be surprised by such discoveries, because the New Testament itself warns of spurious gospels already circulating in the days of the original Apostles. How much more would we expect such accounts to multiply in subsequent years, after the Apostles had died? Remember that the Apostle Paul, writing in the mid-50s, warns of those who sought to bring “another gospel” and “another Jesus” (2 Corinthians 11:4). He labeled these preachers as “false apostles” and “deceitful workers” (v. 13). Peter assured his readers that he and John had *not* followed the “cunningly devised fables” that were already extant in the first century.

Some of these false gospels have survived, however, and have found a new audience in recent years with the discovery of the “Nag Hammadi” library. In December 1945, a young Egyptian farmer unearthed a pottery jar containing several ancient books written in Coptic. Translation began in earnest in the 1950s, and the content of these books has since fed into radically new interpretations of Jesus, His mission and His message. Eventually, these books—with such titles as *The Gospel of Thomas*, *The Gospel of Philip* and *The Gospel of Mary*—became available in English. Though the physical copies of these books were new discoveries, knowledge of their contents and of their teachings was not. They represent the Gnostic heresies that originated in the first century and flowered in the second and third, which were well known to, and quoted in the writings of, the early “Church Fathers.”

As for the *real* New Testament, it was preserved exactly where we would expect it to be. Historians are unanimous in noting that John, the last original Apostle, died in Asia Minor at Ephesus. The writings of Eusebius and others make plain that during the second and third centuries AD, the churches in Asia Minor, which had had John’s direct guidance, preserved the practices of the original Jerusalem Church (such as observing Passover on Abib 14 rather than keeping the Roman Easter). It is from Asia Minor that the Byzantine family of New Testament texts originated—the text officially preserved in the Greek world.

A Look at the Real Jesus

It is not enough to *possess* the Bible, God’s authoritative revelation to mankind, to know about

the real Jesus. There are more Bibles in the English-speaking world than there are people—yet how many actually *study* the Bible? Even many who read it fail to understand its message. Often they have derived their understanding of the Bible’s teachings from what other people have told them, rather than from looking at what the book itself plainly says.

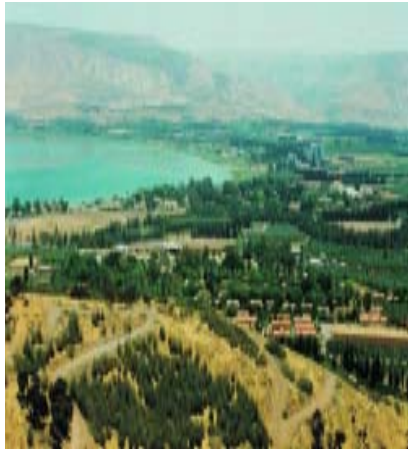
Much of what passes for “traditional Christian teaching” today does not come from the Bible. When Dan Brown in *The DaVinci Code* asserts that many of the motifs associated with pagan sun worship were incorporated into “Christianity” due to the influence of Emperor Constantine, he is absolutely right. These motifs are *condemned* in the Bible. In fact, it was the Bible itself—not some obscure Gnostic text—that the Roman Catholic Church sought for centuries to suppress. That is why the papacy long fought efforts to make the Bible available in vernacular tongues that people could actually read. It is a matter of historic record that for centuries the Roman Church sought to keep the Bible out of the hands of the laity, making it an esoteric book available only to the priests: venerated, but unknown.

Why would this be? Knowledge of what the Bible actually says would show the many false teachings that have crept into “Christianity.” The New Testament, for example, reveals a Jesus Christ who *kept* His Father’s commandments. Jesus stated plainly that He did not come to “destroy [literally, “throw down”] the law and the prophets, but to fulfill [fill up]” (Matthew 5:17). When a young man asked Him what he should do to inherit eternal life, Jesus said: “Keep the commandments” (Matthew 19:17). The Jesus Christ of the Bible personally kept the seventh-day Sabbath, and the festivals commanded in Leviticus 23. He *never*—and no serious scholar would claim that He had—kept Sunday, Easter or Christmas, or suggested that anyone else should do so!

Jesus Christ did not try to meld His followers together into a political movement to reform the Roman Empire. Rather, He came announcing a coming Kingdom that would rule all nations. His disciples understood that He spoke of a literal kingdom. In fact, one of the last questions that they asked Him concerned *when—not if*—that Kingdom would be set up (Acts

1:6). Jesus did not tell His followers that if they would “give their hearts to Him” they would go to heaven. Rather, He taught that His true disciples would, in the resurrection, inherit the earth (Matthew 5:5)!

As for merely “believing in Jesus,” notice this plain statement found in John 8:31: “Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If you **continue in My word**, then are ye my disciples indeed” (KJV). He told His disciples that they must put Him before all, including their own families, if they were to be counted worthy of Him (Luke 14:26). He also declared that unless we deny ourselves, take up our cross daily and follow Him, we cannot be His disciples (Luke 9:23). Jesus Christ did not come offering “cheap grace.” This is a far cry, indeed, from the “Sunday School Jesus” you may have heard about!



When Jesus looked across the Sea of Galilee (pictured above) nearly 2,000 years ago, He saw a landscape far more verdant than today.

Jesus and His World

Not only was Jesus’ message vastly different from what is commonly supposed; neither did He look anything at all like the traditional portraits or movie portrayals! We have no images of Jesus from his

own day, as the earliest Christians never used pictures or statues of Him. Notice this admission from church historian Henry Chadwick in *The Pelican History of the Church*: “Both Tertullian and Clement of Alexandria regarded this prohibition [the second commandment, forbidding graven images] as absolute and binding upon Christians. Images and cultic statues belonged to the demonic world of paganism. In fact, the only second-century Christians known to have had images of Christ were radical Gnostics” (vol. 1, p. 277).

The New Testament never focuses on Jesus’ physical appearance in human flesh by giving a description of Him, but one fact is clear: Jesus looked like an ordinary Jew of His day. He was hard to pick out in a crowd, and the religious leaders paid Judas a considerable sum of money—30 pieces of silver—to identify Him so that they could ensure that they arrested the right man.

One noticeable contrast between traditional pictures of Jesus and the way He really looked is that Jesus, like other Jews of His day, did not wear long hair. The Bible clearly states that to wear long hair is shameful to a man (1 Corinthians 11:14). The priests,

who were expected to set an example for the rest of the nation, were explicitly forbidden either to shave their heads or to allow their hair to grow long (Ezekiel 44:20). Pictures and statues that survive from the first century show that short hair was the norm throughout the Greco-Roman world. While Jesus probably wore a beard, as was customary for Jewish men of that time, He would have worn His hair short.

Author Stephen Prothero, in his book *American Jesus*, asserts that the effeminate “Sunday-School Jesus” was a 19th century creation. In fact, the real Jesus was not a “sissy,” but was accustomed to hard physical work and outdoor living. Throughout his adolescence and young manhood, He had worked as a builder (Mark 6:3); and He did so in the days before power tools! During the years of His ministry, He and His disciples walked the roads of Galilee, Samaria and Judea, often camping out under the stars.

The movies portray a distorted picture of Jesus, and the society in which He lived and functioned. He and His followers are usually pictured as a dirty rag-tag group against the backdrop of a dusty desert world. That entire picture is in error. First century Galilee, where Jesus grew up and where much of His ministry took place, was a rich, prosperous land. Northern Galilee was heavily forested, while southern Galilee was a rich agricultural area. Rainfall ranged from about 50 inches a year in the north to about 20 inches in the south.

Commercial fishing in the Sea of Galilee was a lucrative business, exporting pickled and salted fish throughout much of the Roman Empire. Several of Jesus’ earliest disciples, including two sets of brothers—Peter and Andrew and James and John—were commercial fishermen who owned their own boats and employed servants (Mark 1:20). Some scholars are convinced that archaeological excavations at Capernaum have actually uncovered Peter’s house, where Jesus frequently stayed. It was a larger than average one-story stone house, built around an irregularly shaped courtyard, facing the harbor, a short distance from the synagogue (see *Bible Review*, Feb. 2004, p. 17). Capernaum in the first century was a thriving, prosperous community.

Nazareth, too—where Jesus grew up—was not the isolated backwater that many imagine. Though in

the first century it was a small town of about 500 people, it was only about five miles from Sepphoris, the Roman capital of Galilee. Sepphoris was a beautiful city, set on a hilltop, complete with paved streets, running water and Roman baths and theaters. It was a prosperous cosmopolitan capital where Greeks, Romans and Jews all lived and did business.

It is interesting to note that about a year after Jesus’ birth, the city of Sepphoris rebelled following the death of Herod the Great. The Roman governor of Syria put down the rebellion, and destroyed much of the city. For the next 30 years or so, Sepphoris was the center of a massive construction project as Herod’s son, Herod Antipas, sought to rebuild the city as his capital. Nearby workers with skills in the building trades—like Jesus and his stepfather

Joseph—would have found plenty of well-paying work available during the years of the building boom, as noted by renowned Sepphoris archaeologist James Strange.

The common image of Jesus and His earliest followers as illiterate peasants is also much at variance with the real history of the period. Literacy was far more widespread during that period than is commonly

recognized today. Many in Galilee, Samaria and Judea were not only literate in Aramaic, but in Greek as well. In fact, many could also speak Latin. We know this for a variety of reasons. Coins, such as the one Jesus asked to see in Matthew 22:19, commonly bore an inscription in Greek. In the temple there were signs (one of which has been recovered from an archaeological excavation) written in Greek, warning Gentiles to proceed no further under pain of death. Clearly, it was expected that visitors could read the sign! Excavations at one of Herod’s palaces have shown that jars for wine and various imported foodstuffs were labeled with the contents, revealing that at least some of the servants in Herod’s kitchen could read. Some of these items were imported from Rome and bore Latin labels, in addition to the more common Greek inscriptions. We know that Jesus read aloud from the scriptures in the synagogue (Luke 4:16–17) and on one occasion wrote words on the ground that many present were able to read (John 8:8).

We need to understand that the milieu out of which Jesus and His earliest followers were drawn



An archaeological excavation at Capernaum has uncovered a site that many believe was the home of the Apostle Peter.

was **far different** from what is generally portrayed in the movies. While there were certainly extremes of wealth and poverty living side by side in that society, there was also—especially in Galilee—a thriving middle class, including commercial fisherman, builders, civil servants, and family farmers who raised grapes, olives and grain. Literacy was common, and so was the ability to converse in at least Greek and Aramaic, and some also in Latin. After all, when Pilate inscribed a sign in Aramaic, Greek and Latin, to be affixed to the stake above Jesus' head, it was expected that passersby and onlookers could read it!

Do Not Accept “Another Jesus”

You will not learn much about the real Jesus Christ of Nazareth from either the movies or the books that purport to tell you about Him. Not only did He look far different from the way He is commonly pictured, He taught a message far different from what is commonly thought. He cannot be fastened to a 21st century label of liberal or conservative, Republican or Democrat.


The real Jesus, too, was not a “wimp” or a sissy. He was thoroughly masculine, commanding the respect and loyalty of young followers who were both successful and hard-working. On the one hand, He was prepared to walk boldly into the courtyard of the Temple with a plaited whip, drive the animals out and overthrow the tables of the moneychangers. On the other hand, He was moved with compassion for the sick and afflicted. Jesus surprised some of the pushy, aggressive young men who were His closest followers by taking time to hold infants in His arms and invoke God's blessing on them (Luke 18:15–16).

Jesus was not what most today would call a “feminist.” Yet he treated women with great respect and courtesy—sometimes much to their own surprise (John 4:9). He included women among those whom He taught (Luke 10:39), answered their ques-

tions, and served them by healing and helping them. Both the feminist and homosexual rights agendas are contrary to scripture, and Jesus Christ made plain that He was in no way seeking to tear down the Law and the Prophets. Yet He offered compassion and forgiveness to repentant sinners, even while giving them the clear instruction to “go and sin no more” (John 8:11).

Jesus Christ warned His disciples that many would come “in My name,” but would deceive people by teaching a false message (Matthew 24:5). That has been going on since the days of the first century, as the Apostle Paul indicated in 2 Thessalonians 2:7 when he declared that “the mystery of lawlessness” was already at work. As we approach the end of this age, the Bible warns of false prophets who will teach a false message. Some of these will even produce various signs and wonders that will deceive the vast majority of people (Matthew 24:24). Will you be one of those who will be deceived?

Unless you come to know the real Jesus, you will fall for a false message, and accept a false Christ who cannot save anyone from anything! How can you be sure that you can distinguish the real from the false? **Study your Bible.** Do not let human traditions substitute for God's word in defining the truth. Get to know the real God of the Bible—and the Messiah He sent.

Make no mistake about it—Jesus of Nazareth was no ordinary man. He was not simply a “good man” or a mere prophet. Flesh and blood He was, but not a mere man! He was our Savior and Messiah. He was Immanuel: “God with us.” As God, He emptied Himself of the great glory that He had shared with the Father from eternity, to become our Savior (John 1:1–3, 14), and He was restored to that glory by the power of the Father so that He might be our daily intercessor and our soon-coming King. Do not be misled into accepting a false Christ. Come to truly know and to daily walk with the *real* Jesus Christ of the Bible! 

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M. A., San Juan, Trinidad

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Are You Spooked by Halloween?

On October 31, millions around the world will celebrate Halloween with an evening of parties, games, costumes and candies. In the United States, Halloween has become the third-busiest party day of the year, surpassed only by New Year's Eve and Super Bowl Sunday. Retailers expect that U.S. consumers will spend more on celebrating Halloween this year than the \$6.9 billion that *Time Magazine* reported was spent in 2003. Nearly 90 percent of families with children under age 12 participate in the holiday, according to The Halloween Institute.

Most who participate in Halloween do not believe in—and some are unaware of—its anti-Christian roots. The debate over “trick or treating” focuses more on whether it is safe than on whether it is sending children a wrong message about greed. Even so, some people may wonder whether they should celebrate a day that began as an ancient Druid holiday, Samhain, when the dead were believed to return and mingle among the living.

Some say it is acceptable to observe Halloween, as long as one does not believe in its non-Christian elements. Others think it is proper to turn the holiday into a “Christian” celebration. Still others suggest that it is best to shun the custom entirely. What should *you* do?

Should true Christians celebrate Halloween to mock the Devil and remember his defeat? Mount Vernon Nazarene College professor Anderson M. Rearick III made that suggestion a few years ago, in a *Christianity Today* article (“Hallowing Halloween,” October 5, 2000). In response, we might recall the proverb: “Fools mock at sin, but among the upright there is favor” (Proverbs 14:9). God tells His people: “Do not learn the way of the Gentiles” (Jeremiah 10:2). Christians, observing the world's false religious practices, must not ask themselves: “How did these nations serve their Gods? I also will do likewise” (Deuteronomy 12:30). After all, God's annual Holy Days—which Christ Himself observed, and taught His followers to observe—*already* give true Christians several

biblically authorized occasions to remember their Savior's death, resurrection and victory over the devil.

Even Professor Rearick, who considers Halloween acceptable for churchgoers, concedes that the holiday is not appropriate for *all*. “For those who have been redeemed from the occult, Halloween in its foolishness may contain what was for them deadly seriousness,” he wrote (*ibid.*).

“But I wasn't redeemed from the occult, so it's OK for me to celebrate Halloween,” you might respond. The Bible, however, teaches that in an important sense all true Christians have been “redeemed from the occult”—called out from a world “under the sway of the wicked one” (1 John 5:19). Those who hunger for Christ's return recognize that *most of the world* is currently under Satan's influence, rather than God's. So we can see that, for anyone looking forward to Christ's return and the establishment of His Kingdom, it is a matter of “deadly seriousness” to follow a custom rooted in the worship of a false god whose rulership will cease at Christ's return.

Remember, too, that Christians must not “love the world or the things in the world” more than they love God (1 John 2:15). Anyone can recognize idolatry when it involves *bowing* to a physical idol, but *coveting* worldly ways—putting “fun” or “candy” or “popularity” ahead of your desire to obey God—is *also* a form of idolatry (Colossians 3:5). Whether your “god” is Moloch or Milky Way, celebrating Halloween will find you honoring a false god.

This year, when Sunday, October 31 arrives, and children dressed as goblins are ready to appear at your door, what should you do? Instead of waiting by your door for “trick-or-treaters,” why not take your family on a wholesome outing instead? Instead of trying to conform to worldly customs and seek the world's blessings, why not turn your attention instead to the many blessings God gives to those who obey Him?

—William Bowmer

TRUE SUCCESS: WHAT IS IT? (continued from page 7)

In Revelation 2:26, Christ is speaking in the first person: “And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations.” Yes, the *true* saints—the “overcomers” who understand and *surrender themselves* to God’s great purpose—will be given **power** over the United States, Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, China, Russia and **all** the nations of this world under Jesus Christ in His coming world government! This is the wonderful “Good News” of the *Kingdom*, or **Government**, of God, which the Bible proclaims from one end to the other!

No! That part of government will *not* be up in heaven! For God’s inspired Word pictures the true saints singing to Christ: “For You were slain and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us **kings** and **priests** to our God; and we shall **reign** on the **earth**” (Revelation 5:9–10). After describing how the soon-coming False Prophet “shall speak pompous words against the Most High, shall persecute the saints of the Most High” (Daniel 7:25), Daniel shows the final *deliverance* and **rulership** given to the saints of God: “Then the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him” (v. 27).

This is not just some *allegory* or vague dream, as some modern theologians like to imagine! Jesus

Himself told the Apostles: “And I bestow upon you a **kingdom**, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and *sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel*” (Luke 22:29–30).

Yes! *If* we will give our lives wholeheartedly to God, through the true Jesus Christ of the Bible, we can attain a degree of **success** and awesome **significance** far beyond what most people even begin to imagine!

How, then, can we attain a certain degree of success and satisfaction in this life, as we prepare for our ultimate goal? We can do our best in building a solid, God-fearing family. We can develop talent in our chosen career, using the “fruits” of our success to help and *serve* others. We can follow the principles of good health and try to “glorify God” in our bodies (1 Corinthians 6:20). God certainly desires that we become reasonably happy and successful in these areas.

Moreover, truly growing and productive Christians—the “overcomers”—will learn to live a life of personal development and accomplishment to prepare themselves for the coming job of assisting Christ, and straightening out the problems of this world. In doing so—in knowing our ultimate goal—true

Christians’ minds should be comforted by the deep “peace of God, which surpasses all understanding” (Philippians 4:7). For Jesus said: “I have come that they may have life, and that *they may have it more abundantly*” (John 10:10).

But **far above** and beyond all of this—if we will “catch the vision” of **why** God created us in the first place, and will “seek first” *above all else* the Kingdom of God and His righteousness—God will (through His Holy Spirit working with us) fashion and mold us through a life of spiritual growth and overcoming, and make us His **full sons** in His Spirit-filled family, which will soon **rule this entire world!**

That is true success! Can you imagine the sense of exhilaration and the **thrill** of helping, feeding, encouraging, teaching and serving the **billions** of confused, diseased and starving people at Jesus’ return? Can you appreciate the opportunity to bring profound *peace* and **joy** into billions of lives by teaching them and leading them in God’s way? All this will indeed bring the *final success* and *fulfillment* for which we have been created. There is no greater calling—there is no greater “success”—than to **fulfill** that great **purpose** for which you and I were born! tw

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THE BIBLE, OR HUMAN TRADITION? (continued from page 3)

Bible—the Creator of heaven and earth and the God who is *right now* beginning to intervene powerfully in world affairs? Have you *proved* to your own satisfaction the *inspiration* of the Bible as the divine revelation from God to mankind? And, if so, will you commit to doing what the Bible actually says?

Those three questions are the *starting point* toward a genuine relationship with God and the *true* Jesus Christ revealed in the Bible. *Tomorrow's World* will continually *challenge you* to *prove* these basic things and to carefully *study* your own Bible.

I now challenge each of you subscribers to prove to yourself the correct answer to each of the three questions posed above. Additionally, I challenge you to start *studying* the Bible as you would a college mathematical textbook or a basic textbook for a course in European history.

For Christians, a good place to start would be to begin carefully *reading* and *studying* through the first book of the New Testament, the Gospel according to Matthew. Just *read right through it* as you would any other important book that you really want to understand. One technique I have employed is to carefully study two or three chapters of Matthew, then quickly review these chapters before stopping. And, next time, going over them again before reading another two or three chapters. This system of read, review, review, read—plus even *marking* certain key passages as you go along—will cause your mind to review each passage three or four times during the course of studying a book of the Bible.

Then, at the end of studying any given book, you may wish to skim over the *entire book* and review key passages you have marked so that they are *imprinted* in your brain. In that way, the thoughts of the Bible become deeply embedded in your mind. You will be “eating and drinking” of Jesus Christ—His mind, His thoughts—as the Bible instructs us to do. This is one way you are fulfilling Jesus’ instruction in John 6:56–57: “He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me.”

By constantly drinking in of the Bible, meditating on it and asking God to help us remember it and *live by it*, we are spiritually “feeding” on Jesus Christ!

It is important to read *all* of the New Testament in this manner. In reading the Old Testament, one

may read somewhat more quickly long historical passages—especially passages like “so and so begot so and so.” But, even then, it is good to be sure that we understand *what the Bible really says*—**not** what people *tell us* the Bible says. For, if you are careful with this and truly honest, you will find that most of the churches of this world do **not** really understand the Bible or teach it in this way at all.

Most individuals and religious organizations are more concerned with “tradition,” and “going along” with what the majority thinks, than they are with genuinely *studying* and then *living by* every word of the Bible—with the Old Testament, of course, magnified and interpreted by the New Testament.

Tomorrow's World magazine—and this Work of the living God which sponsors it—are absolutely determined to restore Apostolic Christianity. As many of you older readers no doubt understand by now, we are sincerely and urgently trying to follow the admonition the early Christians near the end of the first century were given when a massive apostasy was getting underway: “Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints” (Jude 3).

In this mixed-up world, heavily influenced by Satan the Devil and his desire to *cause confusion*, it is vital that we actually become willing to “contend earnestly” for the true faith that was “once for all” delivered to God’s true saints. **Why** should we do anything less? What kind of *reward* will the great God give us if we knowingly accept anything less?

Some of you may wish to go even deeper, with the help and guidance of others who are determined to follow the above approach. I encourage you to contact us (at the address nearest you listed on page 2 of this magazine) and request, absolutely free and with no obligation whatsoever, enrollment in our *Tomorrow's World Bible Study Course*. It will help you study and understand the Bible, and prove for yourself the Truth, so that you may not be deceived and disoriented by false teachings born of human tradition. *Please write for your free enrollment today!*



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