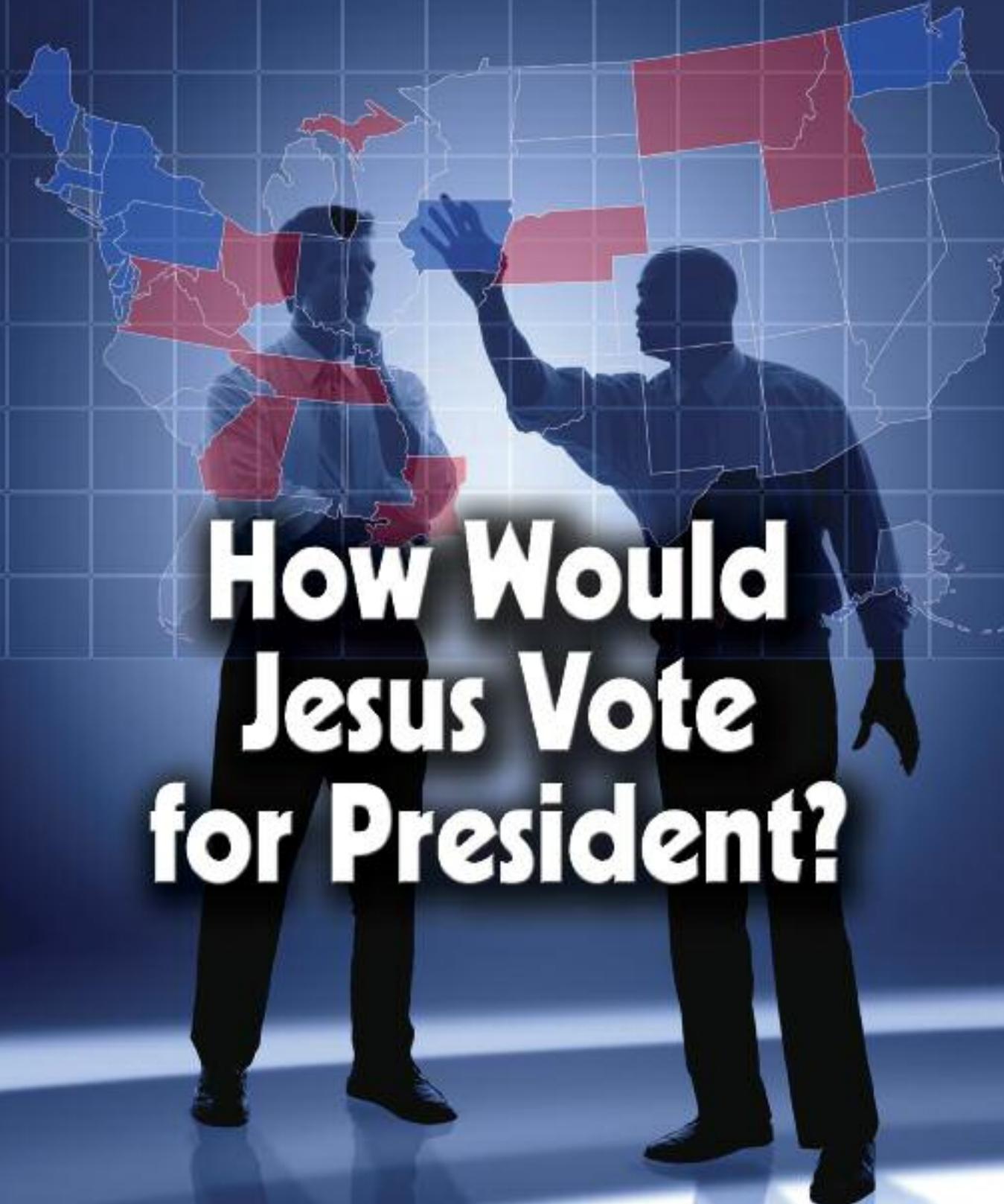


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Has God “Gone Away”?

A personal message from the Editor in Chief, Roderick C. Meredith

Millions of people—including many regular churchgoers—seem to be “in denial” of the **reality** of the God of the Bible. But *that* God—the *true* God—states clearly in His inspired word that *He* is in charge of the weather, that *He* is the One who brings about “great earthquakes” (Luke 21:11) and that *He* is in control of the rise and fall of nations!

Do you *believe* this?

Millions do not. For their churches simply talk about religious sentiments, about “sweet Jesus,” and give the distinct impression that the “god” they worship is not real—that He is **not** a dynamic Spirit Personality who is actively *in charge* of the entire universe, and that He is **now** beginning to intervene in human affairs in a specific way.

Why do they fail to see?

Why do these churchgoers fail to recognize the very **real** God of the Bible, and fail to understand how He is *right now* causing the fulfillment of specific biblical prophecies that will massively affect our nations and our lives? Because they are not acquainted with that God! They have—for the most part—*never* been told about the specific **end-time** prophecies now beginning to affect the United States and the British-descended peoples in a special way.

In fact, these millions of sincere people are **blinded**. God makes this *very clear* in His inspired word. Notice how He describes Satan: “So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and *Satan, who deceives the whole world*; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him” (Revelation 12:9).

The Apostle Paul told the Corinthians *why* most people are so easily deceived: “But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds *the god of this age has blinded*, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them” (2 Corinthians 4:3–4).

Like me, you were probably taught in Sunday School that Jesus spoke in parables so the common people would more easily understand Him. But the truth is exactly the opposite! Notice what Jesus actually said: “And the disciples came and said to Him, ‘Why do You

speak to them in parables?’ He answered and said to them, ‘Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.... Therefore I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. And in them the prophecy of Isaiah is fulfilled, which says: “*Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, and seeing you will see and not perceive*”’” (Matthew 13:10–11, 13–14).

In plain fact, God is not **trying** to save the world *at this time*. But He has *not* “gone away”! Rather, He has allowed carnal human beings on this earth to go their own way—to experiment with *their* ideas about religion, politics, education and culture, and to develop *their own* ideas about what is right and what is wrong. If God did not do this before establishing His Kingdom on the earth, many rebellious human beings would protest that they had never been given an opportunity to try out all their ideas about how to build a civilization. Instead of welcoming His Kingdom, they would feel that God had restricted them, held them back, and failed to really give them “free moral agency” if He had forced them to do the right thing from the beginning.

Because of this, He has allowed human beings to go their own way. What has been the result? Human nature and human ideas—under the sway of Satan, the invisible “god of this age”—have produced enormous suffering, anguish and death. As God’s word tells us: “There is a way that **seems** right to a man, but its end is *the way of death*” (Proverbs 14:12).

Truly, the record shows that following the advice in Frank Sinatra’s famous recording, “I Did It My Way,” is **not** a very good idea! *Our* ideas often seem fun to envision, and may even give *temporary* pleasure if acted upon. But in the end, most human reasoning and philosophy ends up leading to *death* and *destruction*, if acted upon.

So, where is God?

He has kept “hands off” this world, as a whole, for about the last 6,000 years, except for working directly

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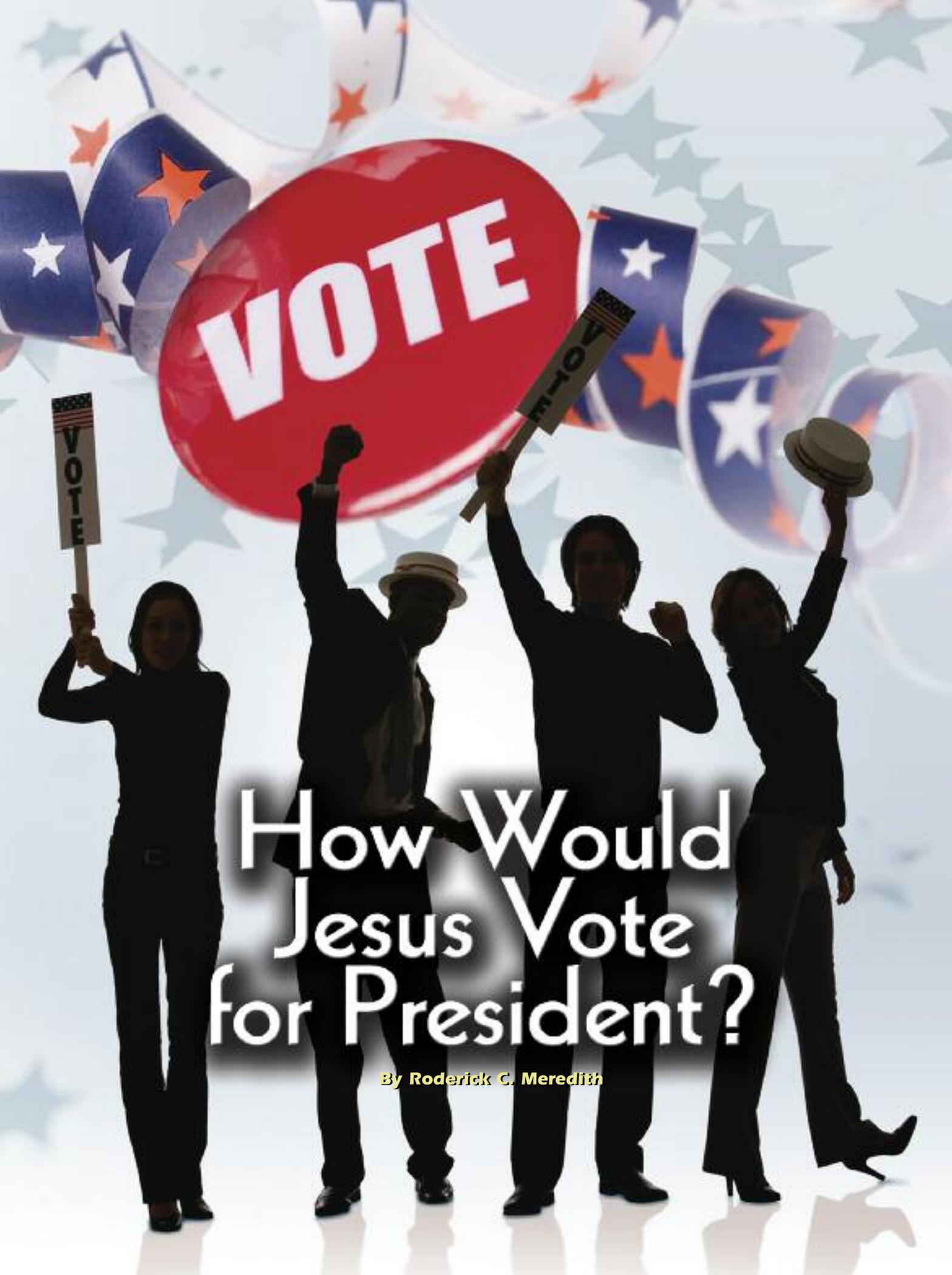
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How Would Jesus Vote for President?

By Roderick C. Meredith

Who can lead us out of the morass of our plummeting morality, our insecure economy, and the increasing tensions in our society? As the United States prepares to select a President, how would our Savior respond?

Across the United States, the Presidential election campaign is in full swing. Fully months before the Democrats held their nominating convention in August and the Republicans held theirs in the first days of September, the media had begun bombarding our senses with partisan appeals: “Change we can believe in: Vote for Barack Obama!” or “Ready from day one: Vote for John McCain!”

Claims and counter-claims are being traded. Advocates of one side say their opponent is merely a continuation of another man’s failed policies. Partisans of the other side say the other candidate is too leftist and too inexperienced to serve as Commander in Chief. Vicious “mudslinging” accusations label one as a possible “Manchurian Candidate” who aided the enemy during wartime, and the other as a chameleon who is not being honest about his religious and national loyalties.

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

American troops have been in Iraq for more than five years. Should they leave? If so, how? The U.S. economy is being pummeled by debt and massive international loss of confidence in the soundness of the dollar—and of America’s ability to make the right choices to weather a coming economic downturn. *Who* can lead the U.S. out of the morass of its plummeting morality, its insecure economy, its

declining standard of living and the increasing social, ethnic and racial tensions affecting the very fabric of its society? *Who?*

We all need to recognize that a true Christian is one who has Christ living in him through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Apostle Paul



wrote: “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20, KJV).

A true Christian must learn to live as Jesus Christ actually lived—not as many people incorrectly imagine He *might* have lived. Jesus Himself told us: “Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God” (Luke 4:4). The genuine answer as to how we ought to live and function in a democratic nation is to be found in the Bible—the inspired word of God. For we are to have the “mind of Christ” (Philippians 2:5). And the Bible is the revelation of God’s mind—telling us how the Father and Jesus Christ really think about the fundamental issues of life.

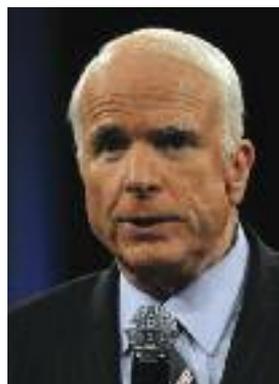
All through this past summer, Americans have been deluged with messages urging voters to support one candidate or another. Looking at the men who would be President, we ask ourselves: “Does he *really* believe he is fit to lead the world’s only

superpower? Does he think that *any human being* is fit for the task?”

Where is *God* in all of this?

From the beginning, human beings have tried to rule themselves without God’s direct leadership. Most professing Christians do not even realize what Jesus Christ has to do with government. For they have been told far more about the “little Lord Jesus, away in a manger,” than they have about the biblical Jesus Christ who is now standing at the right hand of God in heaven (Acts 7:55–56). The real Christ will soon return in majestic glory as the literal King of kings over the entire earth! To most people, this Jesus is unknown.

Remember, very few professing Christians realize that *Jesus’ gospel was about world government*. One of the most clever, Satanic deceptions



ever spread is that Jesus Christ’s message was principally about Himself. The starting point of true Christianity is accepting the shed blood of Jesus Christ after truly *repenting* (seldom mentioned elsewhere!) of sin. However, Jesus’ main message—the gospel He preached—

centered on world government and the willingness of each human to genuinely surrender to God and eventually become part of His divine Family. This divine government will soon *rule* over this entire earth!

Who RULES This Present World?

Though many have been led to believe that this is now God’s

world, the Bible tells us something entirely different. The Apostle John was inspired to write: “Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him” (1 John 2:15).

During the temptation of Jesus Christ, He was taken to a mountain and shown the glory of all the kingdoms of this world: “And the devil said to Him, ‘All this authority [to govern] I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish’” (Luke 4:6).

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

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

Nevertheless, the true Creator God intervenes when necessary, to accomplish His purpose. In Galatians 1:4, Paul taught that

Christ “gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age.” But egotistical human beings, who think they know it all, are actually unaware that they are under the powerful sway of the invisible Satan. They think that their ideas about society and about government—often diametrically contrary to those of God—make sense. But God says: “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death” (Proverbs 14:12).

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

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

Jesus told Pontius Pilate: “My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here” (John 18:36). Clearly, Jesus had no intention of trying to get into this world’s

politics and wars. He represented another world, another government—the Kingdom of God. Therefore, Jesus would definitely not try to reorganize this world and get into the midst of a lying, scheming political system under the sway of Satan the Devil!



Training To Be Kings

Probably within *this very generation*, the biblical Jesus Christ will return to sit on a real throne in the city of Jerusalem. His government will be estab-

lished throughout the entire earth—a *literal government* empowered by Almighty God, ruled by the King of kings and Lord of lords (Revelation 19:15–16). And what will Jesus’ followers—the true saints of God—be doing? “Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?” (1 Corinthians 6:2–3). In the next few verses, Paul went on to expound how the Christians in Corinth were supposed to learn to practice God’s government in the Church by correctly “judging” problems among themselves. From Genesis to Revelation, a position in God’s government has always been filled by appointment—*not* by politicking or otherwise making deceptive promises to people to buy their votes. It was in this context that Paul could ask: “[Why] do you appoint those who are least esteemed by the church to judge?” (v. 4).

Christians are in training, now, to be kings and priests in the soon-coming Kingdom of God. Jesus stated: “He who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give

power over the nations—‘He shall rule them with a rod of iron; they shall be dashed to pieces like the potter’s vessels’—as I also have received from My Father” (Revelation 2:26–27). So we need to overcome our human ways and human selfishness—and learn to practice God’s government now. Notice this “prayer of the saints” in Revelation 5:9–10: “You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; and *we shall reign on the earth.*” Clearly, the true saints of God will soon have rulership—*not* up in heaven, but *on this earth!*

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

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

Jesus said: “My kingdom is not of this world” (John 18:36). He certainly would not lower Himself to be part of this world’s incorrect approach to governing. In fact—*set-*

ting us an example—Jesus Christ in His human ministry *never* made any overtures to the human leaders of His time, *never* involved Himself in any political situation and *never* taught His followers to try to change the political situation or straighten out the human governments of His time!

Rather, Christ will deal *decisively* with the kings of this world *when He returns*: “And in the days of these kings [those ruling immediately prior to Christ’s return] the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever” (Daniel 2:44).

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

How Should Christians Interact with Human Governments NOW?

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

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

that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves” (Romans 13:1–2). And Paul further explains: “For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God’s ministers attending continually to this very thing. Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor” (vv. 6–7).

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

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

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

The U.S. Ambassador to Britain—or to any other government, for that matter—is expected to obey the laws of the land in which he or she is residing, to respect the authorities and to give honor to whom honor is due. On the two occasions when I visited Winfield House—the ambassador’s residence—a toast was proposed to the Queen. All rose and lifted their glasses in honor of the gracious lady who is still monarch of the British people. On each occasion, the U.S. ambassa-

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

But, as Paul wrote, we are “*ambassadors* for Christ” (2 Corinthians 5:20). We should conduct ourselves with love and respect for all human beings—including those in political offices. But we must always remember that our ultimate citizenship is *not* in or from the governments of this Satan-inspired society! Although we should serve others and do good on an individual basis, we cannot and must not get involved with military or political efforts to reorganize or to clean up Satan’s deceived world. *For the system itself is not God’s system!* He is only allowing deceived human beings to go their own way and experiment with various types of government during this present 6,000 years of human experience.

Paul wrote: “Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?” (2 Corinthians 6:14–15). Referring to the religio-political system that will dominate most of the devel-

oped world when Jesus Christ returns, God commands His people: “And I heard another voice from heaven saying, ‘*Come out* of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues’” (Revelation 18:4).

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

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

As the specific end-time events prophesied in God’s inspired word begin to occur all around

us, we need to understand deeply that Christ’s soon-coming Government is *real!* As the American dollar plummets in value, as American and British prestige around the world continues to decline and Almighty God continues to *break* the “pride of our power” (Leviticus 26:19), we had better realize that Christ *really is coming soon!* And we better truly understand that *everything around us* is soon going to *change*. When our real focus is on *that paramount fact*, we will finally go “all out” in preparing to be overcomers (Revelation 2:26), and in doing *our part* to prepare to actually assist the returning Jesus Christ in *ruling* this world—*God’s way!* ■

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Questions & Answers

QUESTION: In Genesis 4, Cain committed the first murder ever recorded. What prompted Cain to murder his brother Abel?

ANSWER: Although Cain is known as the first murderer because he slew his brother Abel, his dispute was actually with God. The brothers' parents, Adam and Eve—the first human beings—were cast out of the Garden of Eden after they ate fruit from the forbidden tree of the knowledge of good and evil, disobeying God's instruction. "Then the LORD God said, 'Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever'—therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken" (Genesis 3:22–23).

When God banished Adam and Eve from Eden, He pronounced a curse upon them: "Cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return" (vv. 17–19). Unlike Adam and Eve, who before their sin did not need to toil for their sustenance, Cain and Abel from the beginning had to work hard to produce their own food. Abel labored as a shepherd, while his older brother Cain practiced horticulture, tending crops from the ground (Genesis 4:2).

When God asked for a sacrifice, what did the two brothers do? Abel brought "the firstborn of his flock and of their fat" (v. 4). By bringing his firstborn for sacrifice, Abel's sacrifice prefigured Jesus Christ's sacrifice for all humanity. Cain, by contrast, simply brought "an offering of the fruit of the ground" (v. 3).

How did God respond? "And the LORD respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell" (vv. 4–5). God did not accept Cain's offering. However, God did

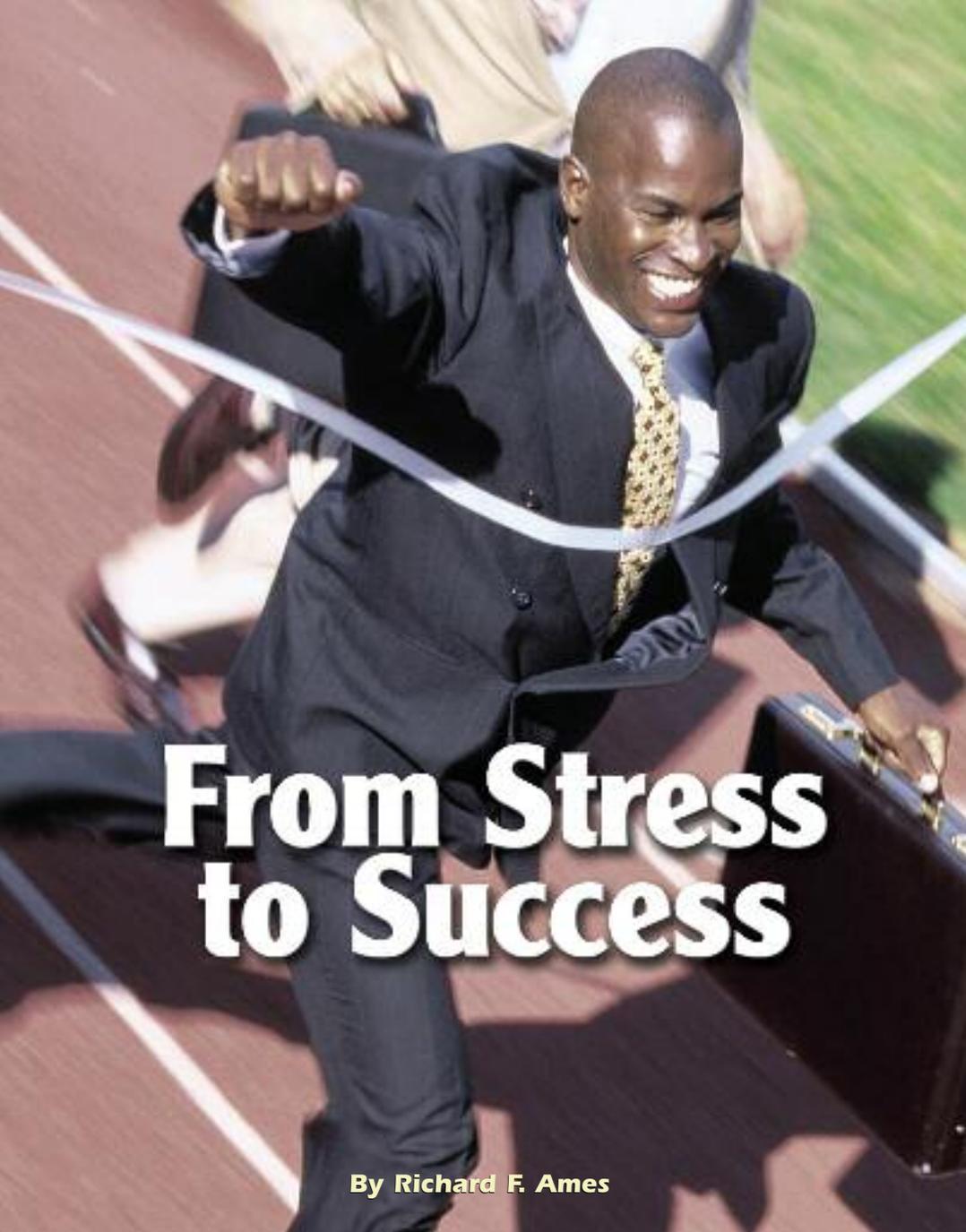
not reject Cain; He told Cain that He would accept a proper offering (v. 7).

God warned Cain to rule over his sinful impulses, yet he remained angry, and in his anger chose to murder his brother Abel who had pleased God (v. 8).

What lessons should we draw from this? Was God indicating that He disapproves of fruits and vegetables? Of course not! Cain's *attitude* made his offering unacceptable. His real problem was in his heart. Even if Cain had followed Abel's example and offered the firstfruits of his harvest, God could have detected a rebellious and unrepentant attitude and still rejected the offering. After all, God said plainly, "I desire mercy and not sacrifice" (Hosea 6:6; Matthew 9:13). Cain, with a murderous heart—angry that his righteous brother's offering had been accepted—lacked the mercy God desired.

The Apostle John condemned Cain's attitude when he wrote: "For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous" (1 John 3:11–12). By contrast, Abel's righteous deeds remain as a memorial even today. "By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks" (Hebrews 11:4).

Christians are called to be obedient and righteous like Abel, not rebellious and angry like Cain. Sadly, there is some of Cain's attitude in every mind that is not yet perfectly surrendered to God. Thankfully, God has offered His Son as a sacrifice for us. If we accept Christ's sacrifice and repent of our sins, we can please God as Abel did, and with the help of His Holy Spirit we can live the righteous lives God desires of us.



From Stress to Success

By Richard F. Ames

We live in a world filled with stress. Natural disasters disrupt millions of lives and destroy billions of dollars in property. Illness, disease and pain affect the lives of innumerable suffering people. Joblessness is a common stress, yet many *with* jobs face stress in the workplace from long hours and interpersonal conflicts.

It seems we cannot escape from stress. Millions of Americans are even becoming ill because of stress. An article in the June 2005 issue of *Archives of General Psychiatry* reports that in any given year, approximately 40 million American adults, ages 18 and older—or about 18.1 percent of people in that age group—have an anxiety disorder. Anxiety disorders frequently occur along with depressive disorders or substance abuse (pp. 617–627). The article goes on to point out that most people with one anxiety disorder also have another anxiety disorder. Nearly three-quarters of those with an anxiety disorder will have their first episode before age 22.

Some of us face daily tensions in the workplace, in our families, in trying to pay our bills and in coping with health issues. Are you stressed out? Can

you turn your stress into success?

There is one source that gives wisdom, guidance, and strategies that can give us hope for the future. That source—the Bible—contains principles that can help us face the stressful challenges of our daily lives. One of those principles is to prepare for potential problems. The book of Proverbs reminds us: “A prudent man foresees evil and hides himself; the simple pass on and are punished” (Proverbs 27:12).

Yes, a wise person is alert to dangers and prepares for them. Nations and peoples all over the world will continue to face natural disasters. How should we prepare? Relief agencies recommend that every home and workplace contain a disaster kit including first aid materials, food, water, flashlights and other items we may need in a crisis. Remember, in an emergency we may need to evacuate our homes on short notice, so our emergency supplies—and our valuable personal items and records—should be easily accessible. When Hurricane Katrina devastated the city of New Orleans in 2005, hundreds of thousands had to evacuate, and many of those who were not well-prepared are still suffering the consequences to this day.

Preparation for natural disasters and other dangers can reduce your stress. Notice the example of the virtuous woman of Proverbs 31. She prepares her household for challeng-

ing times ahead. “She stretches out her hands to the distaff, and her hand holds the spindle. She extends her hand to the poor, yes, she reaches out her hands to the needy. *She is not afraid of snow* for her household, for all her household is clothed with scarlet. She makes tapestry for herself; her clothing is fine linen and purple” (Proverbs 31:19–22).

The virtuous woman sees the challenge of cold weather ahead. She faces the challenge and prepares for it. She is not afraid of the snow. She will not be “stressed out” by the problem. We can survive the stress and the trauma of natural and man-made disasters—if we prepare.

The Bible gives us several examples of such wisdom. Remember the story of the ancient patriarch Joseph. His brothers unjustly sold him into slavery, and he eventually ended up in an Egyptian prison. But God gave him the ability to interpret dreams. When Pharaoh dreamed about the cows and ears of corn, Joseph told him to prepare for seven years of plenty and seven years of famine. Joseph told Pharaoh: “This is the thing which I have spoken to Pharaoh. God has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do” (Genesis 41:28). Joseph managed the economy of Egypt during those seven years of plenty and, because of his preparations, Egypt prospered during the seven years of famine. Are *you* prepared? You can survive the stress of natural and man-made disasters by being prepared, as Joseph was.

Set Goals for Success

Successful people know that to accomplish anything of value, we need to set goals. If we do not know where we are going, we will never get there! Always remember the most important goal. Jesus said,

“Seek *first* the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you” (Matthew 6:33). We can be confident that God, who provides food even for the smallest bird, will be even more ready to provide for His children. If we have the right goal—the Kingdom of God—we know we need not become *a n x i o u s*. We should be planning for our future in the Kingdom of God with far more urgency than we plan for our next meal or our next set of clothes.

Yes, God wants us to focus on the spiritual priorities. He promises to provide our every need, as it tells us in Philippians 4:19. Of course, we must apply the biblical principles of work and industriousness, but we should not obsess over physical things. In fact, Christians understand that true success is not measured by the world’s standards. The world defines success as possessions, power and position. Advertisers promote success in terms of material possessions: expensive automobiles, fine jewelry, large mansions, luxury yachts and the latest electronic gadgets. But these physical possessions cannot produce lasting happiness.

How deeply are we caught up in the carnal ways of the world? The Apostle John gives us this warning concerning our materialistic society: “Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever” (1 John 2:15–17).

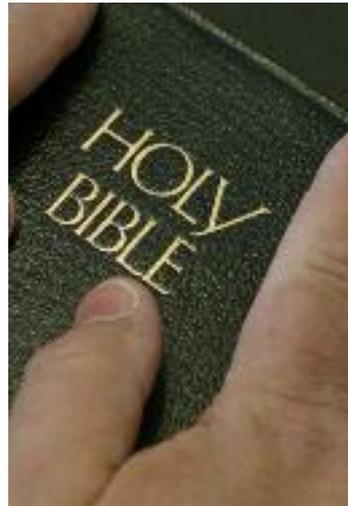
True happiness, stability, contentment and fulfillment come by doing the will of God. His will is revealed in the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation!

If we read the Bible daily, and apply its principles, we can find peace of mind and the abundant life. Jesus said: “The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly” (John 10:10).

When we recapture the true biblical values, we will be happier, and will have the abundant life God desires for us. The Apostle Paul quotes Jesus as saying: “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35). Or, as the *Moffatt* translation states: “It is happier to give than to get.”

Financial Stress?

Many of us face financial stress. We may be thousands of dollars in debt on our credit cards. At the same time, we know the American dollar is losing its value against the euro and other currencies. For years, the United States was a creditor nation, but it has now become the world’s greatest debtor nation. Why? Because it has not lived within its means! God’s way of life teaches individuals to budget their finances and to monitor their lifestyle as faithful stewards of their blessings. The parable of the minas in Luke 19 (also found in Matthew 25 as the parable of the talents) teaches us to



be responsible and accountable. Jesus commended the servant who wisely managed his finances. “Then came the first, saying, ‘Master, your mina has earned ten minas.’ And he said to him, ‘Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.’ And the second came, saying, ‘Master, your mina has earned five minas.’ Likewise he said to him, ‘You also be over five cities.’” (Luke 19:16–19).

Notice that the one servant was “faithful in a very little.” Have *you* been faithful in a very little? Are you striving to live within your means? The Bible teaches the principle of budgeting through tithing. A tithe, in Bible language, means a tenth. Notice God’s indictment of those nations and peoples who do not recognize His sovereignty over all

that exists: “Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, for you have robbed Me, even this whole nation” (Malachi 3:8–9).

We will face God’s judgments, individually and nationally, unless we begin to acknowledge the Ten Commandments and strive to live by them. God continues: “‘Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this,’ says the LORD of hosts, ‘If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it!’” (v. 10).

Faithful Christians who tithe have experienced for themselves these awesome blessings. Greed, by

contrast, leads to one’s downfall. Ancient King Solomon warned: “Do not overwork to be rich; because of your own understanding, cease! Will you set your eyes on that which is not? For riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away like an eagle toward heaven” (Proverbs 23:4–5).

On March 10, 2000, the NASDAQ reached its all-time peak of 5,049. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was riding high, reflecting a “bull” market. Technology stocks had been climbing in price for years, and investors were enjoying their elevator ride to higher value. But the “bubble” burst, and by November 17, 2000 the total paper value of stocks lost an incredible \$2.4 trillion. Millions of investors who had unwisely expected stock gains to go on forever were suddenly facing debt or even bankruptcy.

Solutions for Stress?

If we fail to manage our finances properly, we not only hurt ourselves; we can get our whole family in trouble! If this has happened to you, consider: “So do this, my son, and deliver yourself; for you have come into the hand of your friend: go and humble yourself; plead with your friend. Give no sleep to your eyes, nor slumber to your eyelids. Deliver yourself like a gazelle from the hand of the hunter, and like a bird from the hand of the fowler” (Proverbs 6:3–5).

Strive to find solutions. If you have been a *Tomorrow’s World* subscriber for a while, you may recall this admonition our Editor in Chief,

Roderick C. Meredith, gave several years ago: “A first priority would be to pay off *all* credit card debts—and *all other* debts we possibly can. We should also have at least the equivalent of 60 days’ living expenses in case of a sudden breakdown in the banking system or a similar emergency. Also, we should gradually work out a family budget that allows us, over time, to set aside financial resources to carry us through a year or more in case of job loss, catastrophic health situation, etc.” (“Are You Prepared?” *Tomorrow’s World*, Jan-Feb 2005, p. 3).

If you are crushed by the burden of debt, you must apply resourcefulness. Seek out what help might be available. Go to the phone directory yellow pages and search for government and community agencies that can help in an emergency. If you are penniless, agencies can sometimes provide food debit cards, rent subsidies and welfare payments. Most importantly, ask God for help. You can survive the stress of financial troubles by applying principles of biblical economics, frugality and living within your means. Ask God for help, and remember His promise: “And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:19).

Perhaps we experience persistent worries and anxieties. The patriarch Job had fears, but he failed to *face* those fears. This is what he said: “For the thing I greatly feared has come upon me, and what I dreaded has happened to me” (Job 3:25). Job experienced what we might today call a “self-fulfilling prophecy.” Has this ever happened to you? If we face our worries and fears, we can then acknowledge them and ask Almighty God for help!

The Apostle Paul gave a straightforward solution to the problem of worry, stress and anxiety.



ety. Notice this amazing biblical strategy: “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God” (Philippians 4:6). In other words, share your worries, your fears and your concerns with God in prayer!

Good Stress?

Prayer and thanksgiving can help us turn stress into success. But is stress all bad? Endocrinologist Hans Selye defined stress as: “the nonspecific response of the body to any demand made upon it” (*Stress Without Distress*, p. 14). Selye’s definition acknowledged that there is *good* stress (such as a promotion at work), as well as *bad* stress (such as discovering that you bounced a check). Physiologically, both types of stress are the same—they result in increased blood pressure, increased respiratory rates, increased digestive activity, increased sugar and fatty acids in the circulatory system, increased metabolism, increased sodium retention, and decreased immune function.

Without *good* stress, what would our lives be like? As researcher Jerrold Greenburg noted, “The goal of stress management is not to eliminate all stress” (*Comprehensive Stress Management*, p. 12). We need some stressors in our life to make it fun and interesting. Certain stressors also help us be more productive. For example, deadlines and rewards for completing tasks can motivate us. Greenburg emphasizes: “Our goal should be to *limit the harmful effects* of stress while maintaining life’s quality and vitality” (*ibid.*).

Can we achieve that goal? Jesus Christ recognized that many of us are bearing great emotional burdens, and are dealing with neg-

ative stressors. He made this wonderful promise to us: “Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will *find rest* for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light” (Matthew 11:28–30). Trust Christ to share your burdens, for He knows what it is like to endure pain and pressure. Give your life to Him, and you will find “rest for your souls.” Let Him carry your burdens. As Peter wrote, we are to cast “all your care upon Him, for He cares for you” (1 Peter 5:7). Or: “Cast all your *anxiety* on him because he cares for you” (1 Peter 5:7, NIV).

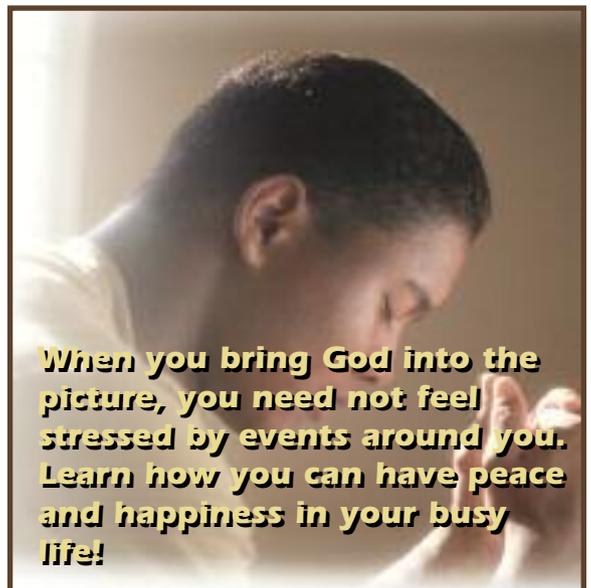
Some of us may have stressful relationships with friends or family members. But have we considered *forgiving* those who have oppressed us? Jesus taught us to forgive others. Remember what He included in the “model prayer” for Christians: “Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors” (Matthew 6:12). Have you forgiven anyone recently? Forgiveness can even help us overcome depression. Dr. Paul Meier wrote, in his book *Don’t Let Jerks Get the Best of You*: “A patient can be depressed for many years, then forgive the one who caused his repressed anger and totally recover from the depression, because his serotonin has been restored

naturally and the brain is able to work correctly” (p. 170).

Forgiving others can produce peace of mind. We *can* turn our lives around and begin to experience joy and happiness. God has given us the principles for success, happiness and peace. We can cope with stress. We *can* survive stress.

Take care of your health. Maintain a positive attitude. Forgive others. Take time every day for prayer, Bible reading, and meditating on the truth of God. Work diligently, exercise regularly and strive for adequate sleep and rest. Pray about everything that worries you, and pray with thanksgiving. Live by these principles, and you can turn your stress into success! ■

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Prophecy Comes Alive

Sudden Calamities Ahead!

Just over a year ago, leaders of the Group of Eight economic powers declared the global economy in “good condition.” Yet, according to a leading financial analyst, in less than a year’s time, “The outlook has darkened dramatically... Things have changed for the worse across the board” (*The Charlotte Observer*, July 5, 2008). A recent United Nations report concluded that heads of nations, heads of financial firms, government planners, and the average citizen all share a growing anxiety over social and economic developments they are powerless to control.

Within this last year, oil prices doubled from \$70 per barrel to more than \$140 per barrel. This has driven up food prices even while demand for food has soared due to burgeoning populations in India and China. Further, food supplies have been ravaged by unexpected climate disturbances, including major droughts and floods in grain-growing and rice-growing regions in Australia, South Africa, Southeast Asia and America. Rising food prices have spawned riots in some countries, and have threatened political stability.

Prices for oil and precious metals are skyrocketing due to increasing demand on limited and diminishing supplies. The financial crisis triggered by bad real estate loans in the United States and Britain is spreading, and threatens to engulf the economies of other nations around the world.

Why are all these events erupting and converging at the same time. *Where* is it leading? *Why* are these calamitous events happening *now*?

Experts ponder the situation and cast about for reasons and solutions, but no one really seems to know what is going on, nor where these events are heading. However, there is a source that makes sense of what is happening on the world stage. The Bible explains *why* these events are coming together, *what* lies ahead and *who* will be affected.

Many in our day think of the Bible as nothing more than a collection of myths and stories. Yet Scripture contains a detailed series of prophetic warnings that are *coming alive today!*

Ancient Warnings

Long ago, God told the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (the twelve tribes of Israel, found not only in the modern nation of Israel but also among the peoples of the United States, Britain, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa and other nations descended from the peoples of northwestern Europe) that they would be blessed if they obeyed His laws—laws He had given them so they could be lights and examples to the world (Deuteronomy 4:1–10).

However, God’s chosen people (Deuteronomy 7:6–7; Isaiah 43:1, 10, 20–21) were also warned that if they chose to disobey God’s laws and to despise His statutes, they would suffer severe consequences. God said through Moses: “...I will even appoint terror over you... you shall be defeated by your enemies. Those who hate you shall reign over you.... I will break the pride of your power” (Leviticus 26:14–19).

We are seeing those prophecies coming alive today. Britain, the nation that once ruled over one fourth of all humanity, lost its empire and is slowly being taken over from the inside by the European Union. The EU has already appropriated British fishing rights in what were once Britain’s own territorial waters, and has redistributed those rights to other European nations. The EU is now looking to appropriate British naval ships for a European naval force. The UN Human Rights Council recently issued a report recommending that Britain should abolish its monarchy (*Daily Express*, June 13, 2008).

American influence around the world is also on the decline. The U.S. dollar, which has long served as the world’s reserve currency, is dropping in value, and may soon be displaced by the euro. The U.S. central bank—the Federal Reserve—was recently notified that it would be subjected to a general investigation by the International Monetary Fund. A German news source stated, “No Fed chief in U.S. history has been forced to submit to the kind of humiliation that Ben Bernanke is



facing” (*Der Spiegel*, June 28, 2008). The pride of America and Britain, two nations that have determined the course of world history for the last 200 years, is being broken, just as God said would happen. But *what else* is coming just over the horizon?

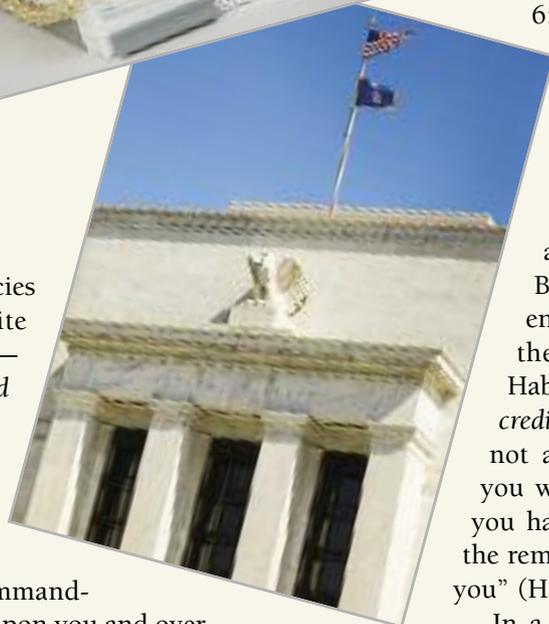


Sudden Calamities Prophesied!

When you study Bible prophecies regarding the future of Israelite nations, a sobering theme emerges—they will experience a *sudden and dramatic* change of fortune as God begins to intervene even more powerfully in history. Moses warned that “if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments... all these curses will come upon you and overtake you... The LORD will send on you cursing, confusion and rebuke in all that you set your hand to do, until you are destroyed and *until you perish quickly*, because of the wickedness of your doings in which you have forsaken Me” (Deuteronomy 28:15–20). The prophet Isaiah echoed this same theme, writing: “Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil... because they have rejected the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel. Therefore the anger of the LORD is aroused against His people” (Isaiah 5:20–25).

Israelite nations that were blessed and given the laws of God—laws that prohibit the sins and abominations of adultery, fornication, lying, stealing, easy divorce and homosexuality—are now sanctioning and promoting evil and perverted behaviors. Isaiah further warns that “Because you despise this word, and trust in oppression and perversity,” God will break the nations of Israel “*suddenly, in an instant*” (Isaiah 30:12–13).

Other prophets throughout Scripture have the same message to deliver! Jeremiah warns, “Because they have not heeded My words nor My law, but rejected it” and



because “the word of the LORD is a reproach to them... Behold, I [God] will certainly bring calamity on this people... for the plunderer will *suddenly* come upon [them]... I will hand them over to trouble [death, famine and captivity], to all kingdoms of the earth... I will cause anguish and terror to fall on them *suddenly*” (Jeremiah 6:9–26; 15:1–4, 8). Solomon warned, “the borrower is servant to the lender” (Proverbs 22:7). The U.S. has become the greatest debtor nation in history—even borrowing money from potential adversaries. The U.S. and the British-descended peoples have enjoyed living off the resources of the world, but the prophet Habakkuk warns: “... *Will not your creditors rise up suddenly? Will they not awaken who oppress you? And you will become their booty. Because you have plundered many nations, all the remnant of the people shall plunder you*” (Habakkuk 2:7–8).

In a prophetic book that catalogues the sins of the Israelite people (Hosea 4:1), the prophet Hosea delivers this solemn warning: “I have written for him [Israel] the great things of My law, but they were considered a strange thing... Israel has forgotten his Maker... I will send fire upon his cities, and it shall devour his palaces... Thus it shall be done to you, O Bethel, because of your great wickedness. *In a morning* shall the king of Israel utterly be cut off” (Hosea 8:12–14; 10:15, KJV).

Bible prophecies clearly predict that God’s chosen people will experience *sudden calamities* that will effectively break the pride of their power and put them at the mercy of foreign nations, because they have forgotten their God and rejected His laws. America’s burgeoning foreign debt, the Western world’s precarious dependence on foreign oil that could be cut off at any moment, and the banking sector’s fears that the world’s economy is facing “total meltdown,” appear to be setting the stage for these ancient prophecies to *come alive* at any moment. If we have eyes to see and ears to hear, we need to be alert to these prophetic warnings!

—Douglas S. Winnail



FESTIVALS OF DEATH?

By Rod McNair

Grotesque masks and costumes... terrifying images of movie monsters... sugar skulls and carved pumpkins... gravesite offerings for the dead. This year, millions of people around the world will observe Halloween, All Saints Day, All Souls Day and the Day of the Dead. *Will you?*

Most people today know that the modern Halloween festival has its roots in ancient traditions that pre-date Jesus Christ—yet they have no qualms about taking part in a day that draws heavily on morbid pre-Christian superstitions. Why is this? What should it mean to Christians today?

What did ancient Halloween celebrations involve? “The two chief characteristics of ancient Hallowe’en were the lighting of bonfires and the belief that of all nights in the year this is the one during which ghosts and witches are most likely to wander abroad... Further, it was a Druidic belief that on the eve of this festival Saman, lord of death, called together the wicked souls that within the past twelve months had been condemned to inhabit the bodies of animals” (“Halloween,” *Encyclopaedia Britannica.*, 11th ed., vol. 12, pp. 857–8).

So how did professing Christians start following ancient Celtic practices? In 610AD, Pope Boniface IV established the Feast of All Holy Martyrs, held annually on May 13. In 835, Pope Gregory IV transferred the celebration to November 1, a date he designated as “All Saints Day” in honor of martyrs for their faith. What activities are associated with that day? Even today, in some Catholic countries, a popular folk tradition holds that people’s departed loved ones return to their former homes once a year, during this day, also known as the “Day of the Dead.” *Mabuhay* magazine described a colorful tradition of the Philippines, where families “troop to cemeteries to light candles and offer flowers... to departed relatives... on All Saints Day (November 1)” (“Halloween High Jinks,” November 1997, p. 34).

The November 2 festival known as “All Souls Day” was established based on “the [Roman Catholic] doctrine that the souls of the faithful which at death have not been cleansed from venial sins, or have not atoned for past transgressions, cannot attain the Beatific Vision, and that they may be helped to do so by prayer and by the sacrifice of the mass” (“All Souls Day,” *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, 11th ed. vol. 1, p. 709). This presumes a process by which those who are alive can perform ceremonies to somehow improve the condition of the deceased.

In Mexico, “Dia de los Muertos,” or “Day of the Dead” is observed by adorning gravesites with candles, marigolds, and deceased family members’ favorite foods, as if to attempt to persuade the dead loved ones to return for a family reunion. Note this description of how some celebrants observe this festival: “Some wear wooden skull masks known as *calacas*. Many families build altars, called *ofrendas*, in their homes, using photos, candles, flowers, and food... Toys and food, including breads and candies, are created in the shape of symbols of death such as skulls and skeletons” (“Day of the Dead,” *Encyclopaedia Britannica* online).

All these “festivals of the dead” are based on the same general theme—to commune with, appease, serve and even worship the dead. But are such practices based on the Bible? Should Christians observe them today? *What does God say?*

Where Are the Dead Now?

Many ancient religious traditions presume that the dead are somewhere other than in the grave.

Many people *assume* that the departed dead are either in heaven, hell or some sort of intermediate conscious state. Yet the Bible clearly tells us where the dead are!

Notice what the Apostle Peter said in his sermon on the Day of Pentecost: “Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day... For David did not ascend into the heavens...” (Acts 2:29, 34).

David did not go to heaven! The Apostle Peter, speaking centuries after David’s death, confirmed that David was still in his grave where he had been placed at death, and was still awaiting the resurrection! What a contrast Peter’s words are to the mistaken belief, so pervasive among professing Christians today, that the saints, right now, are looking down at us from heaven!

Jesus Christ plainly explained, “No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven” (John 3:13). He indeed *had* come down *from* heaven, and did *return* to the throne of the Father in heaven (John 20:17). But, on His faithful testimony, no one else has done so!

What, then, are the dead doing? The answer is neither mysterious nor spooky. The dead are simply “sleeping” in their graves, unconscious, waiting to be called to resurrection. What will happen when Christians are resurrected? The Apostle Paul explains: “For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive

and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words” (1 Thessalonians 4:16–18).

We can gain tremendous encouragement if we understand the truth about death, and resurrection, as taught in the Bible. We need not distress or confuse ourselves with the fearful superstitions fostered by the “festivals of death.”

Can We Communicate With the Dead?

If the dead are unconscious in the grave—not alert as disembodied spirits in heaven—can we communicate with them? On the “Day of the Dead” do deceased family members actually return to their living relatives, as some believe? What does the Bible say?

Solomon explained: “For the living know that they will die; but the dead know nothing” (Ecclesiastes 9:5). When righteous King David cried out to be saved from danger, he reminded God, “For in death there is no remembrance of You; in the grave who will give You thanks?” (Psalm 6:5). Solomon and David both understood that human beings cease from consciousness at death.

The biblical account of King Saul’s séance sometimes confuses casual readers who wonder about spirits existing after death. At first glance, one might think that a medium had conjured up the spirit of Samuel, at King Saul’s request (1 Samuel 28:8–15). But did the medium *really* bring Samuel back? Scripture explains that Saul “perceived” it was Samuel (v. 14). The description was simply of “an old man... covered with a mantle”—apparently an unclean spirit appearing in a form much like Samuel’s.

Scripture shows that lying spirits do go forth to deceive, as did this one seeking to deceive Saul (1 Kings 22:22–23).

Yes, the Bible clearly shows that we cannot communicate with the dead. The dead are not aware of treats or offerings brought to their graves. They neither hear nor benefit from prayers made to them, or on their behalf.

On the other hand, we *do* look forward to seeing our beloved friends and relatives in the resurrection! And it is certainly right to honor the memory of a deceased family member or friend at a funeral service, especially for the sake of the mourning relatives. We “honor

the memory” of our deceased parents and grandparents not by leaving trinkets at their graves, or by hoping to welcome their spirits into our homes, but rather by following their edifying instruction and example, and by bringing honor to the good name they established while they lived.

Just Good, Clean Fun?

“I don’t believe in all that mumbo-jumbo,” some might say. “I just like to have fun on a festival day.” Is there, in fact, anything wrong with the Halloween customs we see in modern-day America? Could there be any problem with costume parties, scary stories and the gathering of tasty treats? Should



we disapprove of plastic battery-operated “goblins” glaring down at passing shoppers in a department store? After all, nobody today takes all the “scary” stuff seriously, right?

Perhaps that approach itself is part of the problem. The spirit world *should* be taken seriously. It is real, and it is *dangerous* to the unwary. Yet the dangers of the occult are often relegated to the status of a silly game, as if we could harmlessly play along if only we would “get into the spirit of it!”

Certainly, millions try to do exactly that. Even home décor maven Martha Stewart offers advice on how to decorate your front lawn with flickering pumpkins to create a spooky environment for fun. She goes on to explain: “The excitement of All Hallows’ Eve is in the ether, the atmosphere charged by the sights and sounds and fears belonging to the night... What we’re after is to beat the holiday’s phosphorescent spirits at their own game,

to dispel their threat using the same palette of darting amber and inky shadow they use to scare us” (*Halloween: The Best of Martha Stewart Living*, pp. 11–12).

For those who are skilled with a carving knife, author Tom Nardone’s book, *Extreme Pumpkins: Diabolical Do-It-Yourself Designs to Amuse Your Friends and Scare Your Neighbors*, describes “designer pumpkins” you can create yourself. Nardone offers directions for creating designs such as: “Cannibal Pumpkin,” “My Head Is on Fire Pumpkin,” “Brain-Surgery Pumpkin,” “Electrocuted Pumpkin,” “Drowning-in-a-bag Pumpkin,” “Skull Pumpkin,” “Blood-filled Pumpkin,” and “Satanic Pumpkin.”

These tips by Stewart and Nardone are all in jest and “tongue-

in-cheek”—but should this be taken so lightly? God reveals that there is a real spirit being known as the Devil. This is not some bumbling fiend with a pitchfork; rather, the Devil is a powerful, hateful being who has *deceived the whole world* (Revelation 12:9), and who seduced and drew one-third of all the angels *into rebellion against God* (Revelation 12:4). Jesus Christ saw Lucifer cast down from heaven (Luke 10:18). The angry angels who followed Lucifer’s rebellion—who became demons—are described as foul spirits and unclean birds (Revelation 18:2).

How does God tell us to regard Satan? He does not tell us to *play silly, spooky games* that *mock* interaction with the spirit world. He does not tell us to act out modern versions of ancient Druidic rituals. Rather, He says, “Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you” (James 4:7–8). God counsels us to be aware of the Devil’s schemes, so we can avoid his traps (2 Corinthians 2:11). Scripture reminds us that Christians are in a *struggle* against “principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 6:12).

God’s Ways or Pagan Mischief?

Halloween celebrates mischief. It is considered a time to “let all inhibitions loose” and “suspend all rules.” Author Hugo Slim

reminds us, “Halloween still keeps many of the old pre-Christian games and rituals as part of its festivities. Games involving apples, dressing up and retribution are still enjoyed by children every Halloween” (*Feast of Festivals*, p. 176). He goes on to say, “The camouflage of fancy dress [costumes] and pumpkin lanterns also provided the perfect cover under which to get even with an enemy. Halloween therefore became an inevitable and acceptable time to settle old scores through the ancient custom of ‘trick or treat,’ a game which is extremely popular with many children today” (pp. 177–178).

But does God approve of such festivities? The Apostle Peter explains that Christians *should have given up* lifestyles contrary to God’s way: “For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries” (1 Peter 4:3). Instead, we are to focus on whatever is “true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things” (Philippians 4:8). The unclean and riotous roots of Halloween are not compatible with God’s instructions for Christians.

Interestingly, some historians have suggested a link between ancient “Day of the Dead” practices and the destruction of Noah’s idolatrous and licentious generation. Noah’s

October 31 has become the third-busiest party day of the year in the United States, behind only New Year’s Eve and Super Bowl Sunday.

“We’ve found our customers start thinking about Halloween shortly after Labor Day,” said Wal-Mart’s Karen Burk in a *New York Times* report (“After Labor Day, Go Directly to Halloween,” September 17, 2007).

Long before October 31, each year, marketers turn their attention to the popular holiday. “Pain can be scary,” warned an Advil promotion last September, festooned with witches and other Halloween characters. Sears last year used a skeleton as a pre-Halloween “spokesman” for a line of tools. Candy manufacturers at this time of year ship extra “bite-size” versions of their products, often with established brand colors giving way to orange-and-black Halloween themes.

Halloween has become big business. The National Retail Federation estimated that in 2007, the average American spent \$64.82 on Halloween—up from \$41.77 in 2003. Costumes are the largest part of the expense, followed by candy and decorations—and even Halloween greeting cards, a growing phenomenon.

God tells His people not to take part in pagan ceremonies derived from the Roman Saturnalia (like New Year’s Eve celebrations), or from the worship of evil spirits and the dead (like Halloween). Christians are not to look at the pagan customs around them and ask, “How did these nations serve their gods? I also will do likewise” (Deuteronomy 12:30).

Flood began in the “second month, the seventeenth day of the month” (Genesis 7:11). One year later, in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day, Noah exited the ark (Genesis 8:14–16). If we count the timing of Noah’s Flood according to the Jewish *civil* calendar, the seventeenth day of the second month would be somewhere from late October to early November. As author Frederick Filby has observed, “Thus the old world perished and a year later a new era commenced in the same month. Both of these facts are indelibly enshrined in the memory of the human race. To many people right round the world November brings the Day of the Dead. In a number of ancient and primitive calendars November also brings a New Year at a time which has neither solstice nor equinox nor astronomical event to justify it” (*The Flood Reconsidered*, pp. 106–107).

Historian Alexander Hislop identified the voyage of Osiris as a corrupted version of God’s delivery of Noah, and places it at around the same time: “The time when Osiris was ‘shut up in his coffin,’ and when that coffin was set afloat on the waters, as stated by Plutarch, agrees exactly with the period when Noah entered the ark. That time was ‘the 17th day of the month Athyr, when the overflowing of the Nile had ceased, when the nights were growing long and the days decreasing’” (*The Two Babylons*, p. 136).

However, if the timing of the Flood is counted according to the Jewish *sacred* calendar (which began in the spring), it would have occurred sometime in mid-to-late-May, near the date originally chosen for the “Feast of All Holy Martyrs.” As John Garnier wrote in *Worship of the Dead*, “In Rome... in more ancient times, the ‘festival of the spirits,’ believed to be the souls of deceased friends, was called

‘Lemuria,’ and was held on May 11. This also was the seventeenth day of the second month of the year at that time” (p. 6).

Do “Day of the Dead” observances go back into antiquity further than we might assume—perhaps even to the destruction of a riotous and violent civilization? At the very least, there seems to be a tantalizing parallel, and perhaps there is even an outright connection.

Reject Pagan Traditions

When God was preparing the Israelites to enter the Promised Land, He gave them *specific and forceful instructions* that they should not try to honor Him by practicing the “traditions” of the nations around them.

They were *not* to *absorb* the observances of the Gentiles. They were to reject such practices, and instead faithfully follow God’s commands and instructions.

Moses instructed the Israelites: “When the LORD your God cuts off from before you the nations which you go to dispossess, and you displace them and dwell in their land, take heed to yourself that you are not ensnared to follow them, after they are destroyed from before you, and that you do not inquire after their gods, saying, ‘How did these nations serve their gods? I also will do likewise.’ You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way” (Deuteronomy 12:29–31).

God is calling *Christians today* to

obey and worship Him *in the way that He has chosen*, not by following man-made false traditions. If Jesus Christ has called you to Himself, to understand His Truth, He is *calling you out of the world*. In the last hours of His life, Christ prayed that His disciples would not be *of the world*, even though they live in the world: “I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world” (John 17:15–16).

May God grant you the understanding and discernment to come out of the world, wholly follow Him, and *reject the festivals of death!* ■

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I have always been interested in prophecy, and have often wondered who the woman riding the beast was. Thank you for putting the truth out for people to read for free. Knowing the identity of the harlot riding the beast has helped me put the final piece of the puzzle into place, and I thank you. I can finally say that I have a greater understanding about the end times.

J. T., Kaleva, MI

Finally, I have found people (you at *Tomorrow's World*) who seem to want to spread the real truth about what the Bible teaches. Thank you for being bold in the teachings of the Bible, and underscoring such matters clearly so normal folk can understand. I plan to study the Bible and take your *Bible Study Course* in the near future.

W. P., Raiford, FL

Of all the times I have investigated churches and youth groups, the only place that truly gave me the information I needed was your Web site (www.tomorrowsworld.org). I never realized how little I actually knew about God's word, and what He expects of us as Christians. I love your site, and hope you will be able to continue.

S. P., Ft. Carson, CO

Your program is the best thing on television! I have learned more from *Tomorrow's World* than from church! Your program and free literature are worth a million dollars—they are a miracle from God for sure. Your clear and exact message is truly inspired and backed by the authority of God's word—the Holy Bible.

S. T., Shreveport, LA

I was appalled by your article "The Truth Almost No One Knows" (*Tomorrow's World*, July-August 2008). There is so much twisted "doctrine" and misused Scripture I cannot even

address it all for lack of space. Your first point of God not trying to get everyone saved now is ludicrous. Have you never read Romans 2:11–16? It explains how those who have never heard the Gospel message will be given a chance in this lifetime to receive or reject Christ. That message is actually written on their hearts, so they instinctively follow it with their conscience bearing witness, or they choose not to follow it.

S. M., Longmont, CO

Editor's Note: *No one can be saved by any name other than the name of Christ (Acts 4:12). Those who have not heard Christ's message do not have it "instinctively" written on their hearts; they are awaiting the future time, described in Scripture (see Revelation 20:12), when the Bible will be made known to all human beings and they will have the opportunity to obey or disobey what has been made known. If you read our free booklet, Is This the Only Day of Salvation?, you may gain a greater understanding of what God is doing today.*

I used to be so caught up in pagan holidays such as Christmas and Easter, until God opened my mind to His true ways through His Son. I now understand that false teachings have deceived the world into thinking these observances are so holy, when I know they are an abomination to God Almighty. Thank you so much for all your insight and encouragement. My life will never be the same again!

K. D., Jackson, TN

Your "Questions & Answers" topic in the May-June magazine brought to light a topic I have questioned for years. Thank you for clarifying it for me. The content of your magazine is full of quality articles that one needs in these end times.

J. M., Blue Eye, MO

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When Cultures Clash

By Gerald Weston

A surge in Muslim birthrates is changing the political and social landscape around the world. What will this mean for our future?

“Why Israel Can’t Survive.” So read the shocking headline atop the May 5, 2008 cover story in *Maclean’s*, one of Canada’s oldest and most well-respected news-magazines. The article went on to explain, “Sixty years on, the country is facing a choice of two futures: it can be Jewish or democratic—but not both” (p. 30).

Why such pessimism? “Within one or two decades, the number of Muslim and Christian Arabs living under Israeli control (including in Gaza, the West Bank and Israel itself) will surpass the number of Israeli Jews. When that happens, if there is still no Palestinian state (and in the absence of large-scale ethnic cleansing), Israelis will be forced to choose between two futures. Their country will either be Jewish, but not democratic—in other words, a Jewish minority will control a land mostly inhabited by Palestinians—or Israel will be democratic, but not Jewish, because Arabs will form the majority in what will become a bi-national state.... It can’t be both” (*ibid.*).

Indeed, the state of Israel is rapidly approaching a demographic crisis far more dangerous than any military crisis it has yet faced. The weapons are not guns or bombs, but babies. Israel’s enemies are giving birth to more future voters—and the day will soon come when Arabs are in the majority and could simply vote a democratic Israel out of existence!

Europe in Crisis

Is this situation unique to the Middle East? No! One could just as accurately write a headline, “Why

Europe Can’t Survive.” Like Israel, Europe is approaching a time of decision—and Europe’s enemies are well aware of it. Last April 11, Yunis Al-Astal, a Palestinian cleric who is also a member of his nation’s parliament, told worshipers at Friday prayer, broadcast by Al-Aqsa Television, “Very soon, Allah willing, Rome will be conquered, just like Constantinople was, as was prophesied by our prophet Muhammad.” Al-Astal foretold that Rome, Europe and eventually the whole world would be subjected to “conquests through *dawa* [proselytization] and even military conquests.”

Westerners have grown used to hearing outlandish and preposterous boasts by frenzied fanatics in the Middle East, so it is understandable that most people have not taken

comments like Yunis al-Astal’s seriously. But maybe, this time, they should!

Management expert Stephen Covey often quotes an old saying, “That which we desire most earnestly we believe most easily.” People usually want to believe that all is well, and that everything will turn out well in the end. But what happens when the facts do not match what we want to believe? Yunis al-Astal, and many others like him, hold to a worldview that is far more widespread—more credible, more powerful and more dangerous—than many Westerners like to believe. But if the West does not take action in response to the threat this worldview poses, its values and

its future may soon be transformed by the consequences of a silent crisis that is developing in Europe’s nurseries.

Europe, just like Israel, is facing a crisis of demographics. Put simply, Europe—or, more accurately *Europeans*—are going out of business! Ethnic French, Germans, Greeks and Italians are not producing enough children to sustain the populations of their nations. Meanwhile, with the vigor Europeans and North Americans once had, Muslim families are producing babies. This means that as the newly burgeoning populations grow, their religion and culture will

clash with the existing European order—but one side will be on the rise, gaining new voters with each new election, while the other will be



on the defensive, forced to face the reality of its ultimate defeat!

European leaders recognize that their ethnic and religious heritage is threatened. Author Mark Steyn reminds us that this was not lost on Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger when he chose his “name for the papacy: Benedict XVI. Born in Umbria in 480, St. Benedict was the man who ensured, during the Dark Ages, that the vital elements of Roman and Greek civilization were preserved and that, by infusing them with Christianity, they would emerge in a new and stronger form: the basis for Europe and Western Civilization. Referring to his namesake, Pope Benedict XVI once quoted a

Benedictine motto: *'Succisa virescit.'* Pruned, it grows again" (*America Alone*, p. 126).

Speaking to a crowd gathered to observe the 850th anniversary of the famous Austrian shrine known as Mariazell, the pope discussed what he called "the crisis of Europe." In his homily, he decried the moral relativism of post-modernism as an "attitude of resignation with regard to truth," and added, "I am convinced, [this] lies at the heart of the crisis of the West, the crisis of Europe. If truth does not exist for man, then neither can he ultimately distinguish between good and evil."

Benedict further declared, in front of the 30,000 faithful who braved cold and rain to hear him, one particular manifestation of the crisis in the West: "Europe has become child-poor: we want everything for ourselves, and place little trust in the future" (*Reuters*, September 8, 2007).

How Child-Poor Is Europe?

Demographers tell us that it takes an average of 2.1 births per woman for a country to maintain its population. Yet Europe currently has an average birthrate of just 1.38! This means Europe's population is aging, with too few children being born to support the vast social welfare systems most Europeans have come to take for granted.

However, low birthrate is not a problem everywhere. Women in Nigeria give birth to 7.46 children on average. In Mali, Somalia, Afghanistan and Yemen, the figure is 7.42, 6.76, 6.69 and 6.58 respectively (Steyn, p. 10). These countries have something other than high birthrate in common—they are all overwhelmingly Muslim, and they have youths to spare.

When a nation fails to reproduce itself, it must either die out or

look to immigration. This is the path Canada has chosen; one out of three residents of Ontario, Canada's most populous province, was not



Pope Benedict XVI visits Mariazell on the 850th anniversary of the site. ©Newscom

born in Canada. Across the whole nation, one out of five Canadians was not born in Canada. This is a seismic cultural shift that holds serious implications for the future.

Similarly, in Europe, 9 percent of those living in Germany hold citizenship in some other nation. By far the largest group of immigrants to Germany are Muslims from Turkey. In France, the largest groups of immigrants are Muslims from Algeria, Morocco or Tunisia.

Historically, Italians have been known for their large families. But this has changed in recent years. One BBC report described a bleak picture for the nation: "In Italy, birth rates are among the lowest on the continent... the statistics are stark; too few people across Italy are having families. A recent UN report gave worse projections for Italy than Italian experts themselves, sounding an SOS in Rome—in the next 50 years the population is expected to shrink from 57 million to 41 million. Without 'replacement migration' as it is called, the retirement age would have to be raised to 77 to maintain the ratio of four workers to every pensioner" ("Italy: Immigration or extinction," *BBC News*, April 19, 2000).

But where will such "replacement migration" come from? Certainly not from other nations with declining birthrates. The "Islamic Rome" scenario painted by Palestinian cleric al-Astal may not seem so farfetched after all!

Youth Bulges and History

Gunnar Heinsohn, a sociologist at Bremen University in Germany, has written on the topic of "population bulge"—also known as "youth bulge." In an August 2005 lecture titled "Population, Conquest and Terror in the 21st Century," Heinsohn traced the history of civilization from 1400AD to the present. After being devastated by bubonic plague outbreaks throughout the 15th century, Europe entered into an era of population explosion that held implications for our entire planet.

"Youth bulge" theory says that when a nation has an overabundance of 15–29-year-olds (considered the prime age for military service), they turn either to internal revolution and civil war, or to foreign conquest. Europe chose the latter course, colonizing 90 percent of the earth during this period of expansion.

The European population explosion that began around 1500 did not level off until the early part of the 20th century. Heinsohn observed that in 1500, out of every 1,000 men worldwide between the ages of 15–29, about 100 came from Europe. By 1914, 350 out of 1,000 were either born in Europe, or were of European origin.

Today, that trend has reversed. European birthrates are among the world's lowest, but there is a baby boom in Muslim countries. From 1930 to 2005, Pakistan's population increased from 23 million to 163 million, with the average woman having four to six children.

Compare this to Germany's far-less-than-replacement figure of 1.3. As Heinsohn observed, "The Islamic 'youth bulge' is truly enormous. Of [the 15 million] male Afghans, seven million are below age 15. Every year 350,000 Afghans reach fighting age.... Since 1945, every Afghan father who has given up fighting has left his unfinished work to three or four sons. Since 1945 the population of Afghanistan has jumped from 8 to 30 million."

Al-Astal's bold prediction of an Islamic Rome may seem absurd at first, but when we look at demo-

Before Christ's return, however, the world will come to a breaking point—a point of explosion that was long ago prophesied. A clash of religions and civilizations is in the making. When the flash-point comes, there will be catastrophe beyond all imagination. As long-time readers of *Tomorrow's World* know, Bible prophecy plainly foretells of world-changing wars at the end of this age, next to which the 20th century's conflicts will pale by comparison. And religion will play a big part in what is to come!

upon the earth. Most importantly, Jesus Himself reveals the meaning of John's vision (Revelation 1:1; 5:5)—and in His "Olivet Prophecy" He clearly describes the second, third and fourth horsemen in the same exact order (Matthew 24:6–7). The fourth horse of Revelation 6 is followed by tribulation, in the exact same sequence found in Matthew 24:9.

So, then, the question remains: what does the first horseman represent? As Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives, His disciples asked Him, "What will be the sign of Your com-



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graphics and history, the facts are on his side! Western secularists may find it difficult to admit that their cherished worldview could be replaced by an ideology as radically different as Islam, but this is indeed what the facts tell us—at least on the surface.

But is an Islamic world truly the future? Or are there some surprises down the road, which neither Muslim clerics nor secular analysts can foresee?

The good news is that al-Astal is wrong; there will be no Muslim conquest of the whole world. The bad news is that a time of worldwide war is ahead, which will bring unprecedented suffering to our planet. Thankfully, there is good news after the bad. The coming time of suffering will end with the return of Jesus Christ, and His establishment of the Kingdom of God on planet Earth.

The Ride of Four Horsemen

In Revelation 6, the Bible describes four "horsemen" whose rides bring terrible destruction upon our world. The Apostle John writes that when he opened the first seal on a mysterious scroll handed to him in vision, "I looked, and behold, a white horse. He who sat on it had a bow; and a crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer" (v. 2).

Most biblical commentators assume this horse symbolizes Christ or Christianity going forth to conquer. However, the bow in the rider's hand does not match other biblical descriptions of Jesus Christ, and the idea of this rider being Christ does not fit the context of the next three horses, which picture war, famine and pestilence, and are clearly bringing terrible devastation

ing, and of the end of the age?" (Matthew 24:3). He responded by warning of what would come before the prophesied war, famine and pestilence (the second, third and fourth horses of Revelation 6): "Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many" (vv. 4–5).

Put plainly, this first horseman *looks like* Jesus Christ, but represents *false* Christs or false messiahs! Jesus tells us that before the prophesied end-time wars, famines and pestilences, we will see an upsurge in false saviors—including many who claim to be following Christ.

False religion will set the stage for prophesied war, famine and pestilence in which billions of human beings will die. At one point, an army of 200,000,000 will kill a full third of

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Watch and Warn

A World Without America?

As we watch the United States and the rest of the British-descended nations of the world struggling to manage an ever mounting number of threats, foreign and domestic, it is prudent to contemplate what the average person's life would be like without America.

All over the globe, in spite of their distaste for U.S. international policies, people still yearn to come to the United States to participate in the "American dream." After all, even with its many real or imagined faults, it is still perceived as one of the best places on earth to find personal freedom and economic opportunity.

For decades, the United States has been the world's "breadbasket," providing about half of the food consumed by the hungry masses of the "third world" nations. The U.S. has been a generous benefactor, lending to troubled regions and then forgiving loan debts when struggling nations could not repay. Even those nations that had "lost" a war against the U.S. emerged victorious in a sense, financially speaking, thanks to generous American post-war reconstruction aid. The U.S. gave post-war Germany and Japan the means to become fierce economic competitors against the nation that had "defeated" them in battle. Searching the pages of history, one would be hard-pressed to find a more magnanimous antagonist than America.

Because of its unique status as a world superpower, the U.S. has come to be seen as arrogant, even by many nations it once counted as friends. Enemies and supporters alike have noted increasing signs of hypocrisy from a nation that once presented itself as an idealized "shining city on a hill." On the one hand, American foreign policy talks of its desire to export democracy to the world; on the other hand, American foreign aid props up undemocratic nations. Around the world, America today is less known for its massive food exports than for its

exports of military power and perverse entertainment. As the world economy sours, and major American financial institutions are being exposed for their greedy and deceptive financial practices, America is being seen not as the engine driving world prosperity, but rather as an out-of-control locomotive that will soon pull the world into an economic train-wreck!

More than 200 years ago, the original 13 American colonies broke away from the British crown. The young U.S. held

high its lofty ideals of freedom, and awakened the desire for freedom in the hearts of oppressed and downtrodden peoples around the globe. Now, however, the U.S. is increasingly seen as a bully that needs to be taken down for the good of the planet.

As long-time readers of *Tomorrow's World* realize, Bible prophecy reveals that the enemies of the U.S. will ultimately succeed in their efforts to destroy that once-proud nation. The U.S. has been sowing the seeds of its own destruction, but Bible prophecy also reveals that although some tough times are ahead, the long-term future for the peoples of the U.S. is awesome and wonderful.

Things Are No Longer Going America's Way

Last May, *Newsweek* magazine published an insightful look at the decline of the U.S. and its implications for the world scene. Political analyst Fareed Zakaria observed, "For the first time in living memory, the United States does not seem to be leading the charge. Americans see that a new world is coming into being, but fear it is one being shaped in distant lands and by foreign people" ("The Rise of the Rest," May 12, 2008).



Not only is the U.S. losing its ability to *shape* world events; the U.S. is *being shaped* by other nations that are controlling its destiny from abroad. Those nations whom your Bible identifies as descended from the “Lost Ten Tribes” of ancient Israel are still magnets for immigrants seeking a better life (see “When Cultures Clash” on page 22 of this issue). Although the U.S. is hated for the war and perversity it is perceived as exporting, millions of people still see it as a land where they can find a better life.

But will the U.S. be able to offer that better life for much longer? Bogged down by an intractable war in the Middle East, as well as by an economic downturn and double-digit inflation, Americans are starting to lose confidence in their future. As one news report put it, “a battered public seems discouraged by the onslaught of dispiriting things. An Associated Press-Ipsos poll says a barrel-scraping 17 percent of people surveyed believe the country is moving in the right direction” (“Everything seemingly is spinning out of control,” Associated Press, June 21, 2008).

America is now reeling. It is suffering the devastation of natural disasters large and small, such as Hurricane Katrina and the Midwest floods of this past summer, along with increasing droughts and other weather calamities. Several American industries, which once provided many well-paying jobs, are on the ropes or in ruins. The price of basic foodstuffs and fuel is skyrocketing. No wonder so many are losing confidence in their nation’s future! Americans increasingly feel helpless as they watch other nations achieve prominence on the world stage. There is a sense that something is going terribly wrong while the world thrashes about, seeking new leadership. And there is a new leader on the horizon: the nations of the European Union are organizing to fill the void left by a declining U.S., just as foretold in Bible prophecy.



A Lack of Godly Government

What exactly is good leadership? Down through the history of the human race, countless nations have experimented with almost every imaginable form of government. Kingdoms, oligarchies, republics, democracies, dictatorships and anarchies have come and gone. Feudalism, socialism, communism and capitalism—under their various guises—have all proven to be unstable and unsustainable economic systems. “Woe to him who builds a city with bloodshed and establishes a town by crime!

Has not the LORD Almighty determined that the people’s labor is only fuel for the fire, that the nations exhaust themselves for nothing?” (Habakkuk 2:12–13, NIV).

There is one form of government that is guaranteed to bring lasting peace and prosperity—yet neither the U.S. nor any other nation today is willing to consider it. The laws of that government are found in the pages of your Bible! The Head of that government is the God who created us, and who sustains us.

Millennia ago, God decreed punishments that His people would suffer in increasing degree until they return to Him. He makes it clear what human beings must do—and must not do—in order to receive His blessings (Leviticus 26:1–8). He also describes the progressive horrors that will come upon those who disobey Him (vv. 14–39). Reading those words, can we deny that the U.S. is now under a curse from the Almighty? If the U.S. continues on its present course, it will cease to exist and its peoples will be scattered to the four corners of the globe. Yet even then, God will take us back—individually as well as nationally—if we call out to Him from our captivity (vv. 40–46).

Yes, America is in decline. But there is deliverance for its people—and for all the peoples of the earth—at Christ’s return. Until then, it is up to us as individuals to “buck the trend” and turn back to our God, individually, so that we may receive His blessings and be spared the worst of the terrible times ahead. Will you respond to Him?

—Don Davis

Great Britain Moves Closer to Rome

On July 16 of this year, Queen Elizabeth II, Monarch of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and her territories, gave her Royal Assent to her country's acceptance of the Lisbon Treaty. Her act effectively marked the end of her position as Sovereign over a once great, independent nation that ruled vast areas of Africa, Asia and Australasia.

Along with Britain's Foreign Secretary, the Queen signed the instruments of ratification on special chlorine-free paper, which will not deteriorate over time. The documents were then sealed, bound in blue leather, and deposited with the Italian minister of foreign affairs in Rome.

What will be the implications of this event?

By ratifying the Lisbon Treaty, passed by both houses of Parliament prior to the Queen's signature, the British government has acquiesced to the European Union's "Common Foreign and Security Policy" as outlined in Articles 23 and 24 of the Lisbon Treaty. According to these articles, "The Union's competence in matters of common foreign and security policy shall cover **all** areas of foreign and **all** questions relating to the Union's security..." (Article 24, Paragraph 1).

Also: "The Member States shall support the common foreign and security policy actively and unreservedly in a spirit of loyalty and mutual solidarity **and shall comply with the Union's actions in this area**" (Paragraph 3).

And: "They shall refrain from any action which is contrary to the interests of the Union or likely to impair its effectiveness as a cohesive force in international relations" (Paragraph 3).

Britons (and other members of the European Union) should understand that this is serious. It means that they can no longer determine unilateral action for the defense of their country, nor form alliances with a second country such as the United States. They are now subservient to the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy. This is a new title enshrined in the Lisbon Treaty soon to be filled when the treaty is

enacted. Britain's Foreign Secretary will no longer have the final authority in matters of national security and defense.

If the European Union ever declared war on the United States, British forces could be called upon to use military action, including the use of their nuclear weapons.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown's Labour government ignored calls to hold a referendum, as had been promised at the last election. Labour assured voters at that time that a plebiscite would be held to give the electorate the right to say "Yes" or "No" to the European Constitution. When this constitution was changed to a treaty, officials announced that it was not necessary to hold a referendum.

What are the implications of these fast-moving developments in Europe?

The 27 member-states of the European Union are venturing into uncharted waters, wherein democracy is actually being *eroded* at the level of its member states as the EU progressively imposes its collective will on its constituent parts. The members of the Commission are appointed, not elected by the 490

million citizens of the Union.

Bible prophecy warns of a future dictatorship, arising in the area north of the Holy Land, which will dominate the world. This great economic, military and political behemoth is called a "beast" in prophetic language. It will exert its power not only over the people of Europe, but over the whole world. Bible scholars have often identified this beast with the Roman Empire, which has experienced several revivals over the centuries—and is in the process of its final manifestation.

Most Europeans do not understand just where they are headed. But you can know. Write for your free copy of our informative booklet, *The Beast of Revelation*. It will open your eyes to the meaning of current and future world events in light of Bible prophecy.

—Rod King



When Cultures Clash (Continued from page 25)

humanity! (Revelation 9:12–18). This is not the result of precision strikes by “smart bombs.” This is all out, no-holds-barred, fight to the death, winner-take-all warfare!

Complacent Westerners, secure in their comfortable mindset, may believe (or hope) that such a calamity could not possibly occur in our modern, enlightened, civilized world. But consider the choices Israelis and Europeans will soon face. They must either give up their religion, culture and national heritage—effectively cease to exist—or they must take some very drastic and unpleasant steps. It is inconceivable that the Jewish state will quietly hand over power to internal enemies who have openly declared a desire to see Israel destroyed. Israel’s Jewish leaders will choose Israel over democracy.

Will the Arabs accept this quietly? Not likely. The Bible describes plainly that an event will occur which will cause “all nations of the earth” to surround the Jewish state and fight against it (Zechariah 12:2–3; 14:1–2). We do not yet know exactly what will provoke this conflict, but we do know that Israel has reason to fear its Middle Eastern neighbors gaining atomic weapons and other weapons of mass destruction. Failure to successfully defuse such a threat, while there is still time to act, will surely lead to a prophesied confrontation—a confrontation which demographics suggests is no more than 10–20 years away, by which time Israeli Arabs will have gained the demographic majority that would let them conquer Israel by the ballot box.

Two Opposing Kings

Just as Bible prophecy reveals that Israel will not finally fall to the

Arabs, so too does it refute the idea that there will be an end-time Islamic takeover of Europe. In fact, Scripture tells us that quite the opposite will occur. Daniel 11 describes in detail two power blocs that have clashed through the centuries. These are called the “king of the north” and the “king of the south.”

Daniel’s remarkable prophecy extends all the way to the end of mankind’s misrule of the earth. “At the time of the end the king of the South shall attack him; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through” (Daniel 11:40). Scripture implies the king of the south as residing somewhere south of Jerusalem, in the general region of Egypt, North Africa and Saudi Arabia.

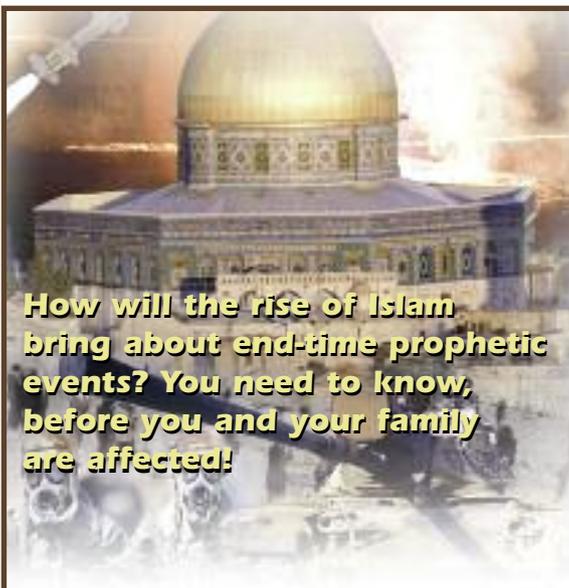
This conflict that will begin between Europe and Middle Eastern powers will quickly spread to involve Asian powers (v. 44).

The Bible tells us that neither Europe nor Israel will submit quietly to the demographic crisis—and that time is running out for them to act. We can be sure we are entering into momentous times, when nations and groups of nations will feel forced to act in ways quite contrary to what their hearts and long-cherished val-

ues now lead them to believe are possible.

There is good news beyond the coming demographic crisis, but human beings will first need to learn some painful lessons. A clash of cultures, religions, and nations is on the near horizon, just as prophesied in the pages of the Bible. While no man can know the day or the hour of Christ’s return, we are told: “Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near—at the doors! Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place” (Matthew 24:32–34). ■

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Has God “Gone Away”? (Continued from page 2)

with His people and fulfilling specific details of prophecy. For example, He *has* intervened in bringing down ancient Babylon and Egypt in the manner He specifically predicted many years in advance. He guided circumstances and even personalities so Alexander the Great would arise and sweep across continents. He predicted, generations in advance, the rise of the Roman Empire—and prophesied that there would be seven revivals of this empire, leading to the *final* revival called the “Beast” in Revelation 17. If you doubt *any* of this, please write for our eye-opening booklet entitled: *The Bible: Fact or Fiction?* It will be sent absolutely *free* and postpaid upon your request.

Over the next several years, and it is already beginning, the great God will increase His intervention in human affairs *as never before!* He will **shake** the nations until their teeth rattle! God tells us: “See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, ‘*Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven*’” (Hebrews 12:25–26).

The massive **financial crisis** the U.S. and many other nations are now experiencing is just the beginning! For continuing **terrorism** will shake our nations’ morale. The most enormous **earthquakes**, storms, floods and **disease epidemics** in history will soon begin to occur—**not** in far off southern Asia or some other remote place—but *right in the midst of the Western nations*, in the United States, Canada and Britain! Then, the educated “smart alecks” who write about “The God Delusion” and other such rubbish will begin to be **shaken** by the realization that perhaps there is a “real” God after all! Eventually this great God will **shut their mouths!**

If you understand your Bible, you will realize that on this earth, right now, there is a *true* Work of the great God to warn His people at the end of this age. In God’s mercy, you have *now* been brought in contact with that Work! *If* you have the wisdom, honesty and humility to

genuinely **study** this magazine and the free booklets we send out (remember, **all** our literature is *free!*), you will begin to understand the real **purpose** of human existence, and the specific *prophecies* now beginning to occur in a remarkable manner. It will **change** your life. And it will lead you—if you are willing to **act** on the Truth—to come into contact with the real God of the Bible, and to have *His divine protection* and blessing in the years just ahead.

For God has **not** “gone away”! By virtue of creation, He is a Father to every one of us. *You*, personally, were made in His image, so that you might eventually become a *real son* in the very Family of God. If God is calling you right now, you will come to see that you were made and put on this earth to *learn lessons*, to develop the very *character of Christ*, and eventually to become one of the “kings and priests” to **rule** this earth under Jesus Christ just a few years from now (Revelation 5:9–10).

There *is* a tremendous **purpose** for your life! May God help you to exercise the wisdom and spiritual courage to **act** on the Truth you are receiving from this Work, and to *fulfill* that genuine purpose. We are here to *serve you*. As the months and years go by, you will come to realize this—if you genuinely study and learn to obey your Creator. If you would like to write us or call us for personal spiritual counsel, or to ask any questions about the Bible, about prophecy, or about any other matter, please contact us at the Regional Office address nearest you, given at the bottom of this page, or send your request to us at our www.tomorrowworld.org Web site. No, we do not claim to be perfect. But we *are* the remnant of the true Church of God on this earth. We do *understand* the Truth, the real *meaning* of the end-time prophecies—and the way of escape during the terrible times ahead. May God help *you* to understand and to act!



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AL, Birmingham: Bright House—Ch 4, THUR 10:30 pm
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AR, Fayetteville: KNWA—Ch 51, SUN 6:30 am
AR, Fayetteville: Access TV—Ch 8, SUN 8:30 pm
AR, Fort Smith: KFTA—Ch 24, SUN 6:30 am
AR, Little Rock: KASN—Ch 38, SUN 9:30 am
AZ, Lake Havasu City: KLHU—Ch 45, SUN 10:30 am
AZ, Prescott: Cable—Ch 13, SAT 5:30 pm; SUN 12:30 pm
AZ, Tucson: Access—Ch 73/98, SAT 12:30 pm; SUN 7:00 pm
CA, Chatsworth: Time Warner—Ch 34, SUN 9:00 pm
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CA, Garden Grove: Time Warner—Ch 6, SUN 9:30 am & 6:30 pm
CA, Glendora: Time Warner—Ch 3/99, TUE 7:00 pm
CA, Modesto: Community Media—Ch 8, TUE 5:00 pm; FRI 1:30 pm
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CA, Redding: RCAC—Ch 11, SUN 8:30 am
CA, Sacramento: RCCTV—Ch 20/96, MON 5:30 pm
CA, San Diego: Cox—Ch 18 & 23, THUR 6:00 pm
CA, San Diego: Time Warner—Ch 19, SUN 6:00 pm
CA, San Francisco: Access—Multi, TUE 8:00 pm
CA, San Jose: Community TV—Ch 15A, SAT 11:30 pm
CA, Sonoma: TCCA—Ch 8, SUN 8:00 pm
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GA, Savannah: Comcast—Ch 7, SAT 8:30 am
IA, Davenport: MediaCom—Ch 19, MON 4:30 pm; WED 8:30 am
IA, Des Moines: MediaCom—Ch 15, SAT 10:00 am; SUN 11:00 am
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IL, Springfield: Insight—Ch 4, TUE 10:00 pm
IN, Bloomington: CATS—Ch 3, MON 5:30 pm
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KS, Chanute: Cablevision—Ch 5, SUN 7:30 am; TUE 5:30 pm
KS, Parsons: Parson's Cable TV—Ch 21, WED 7:00 pm
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KY, Lexington: Ch 14, Check Local Listing
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MD, Rockville: Community TV—Ch 19, SAT 5:30 pm
MD, Westminster: Adelphia—Ch 19, THUR & FRI 10:00 am
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MN, Duluth: Public Access—Ch 24, SAT 11:00 am; SUN 7:00 pm
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MN, Minneapolis: Metro Cable—Ch 6, SAT 8:30 am, SUN 8:30 am
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MO, Springfield: KSPR—Ch 33, SUN 8:30 am
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NY, Elmira & Corning: Time Warner—Ch 1, SUN 8:00 am
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