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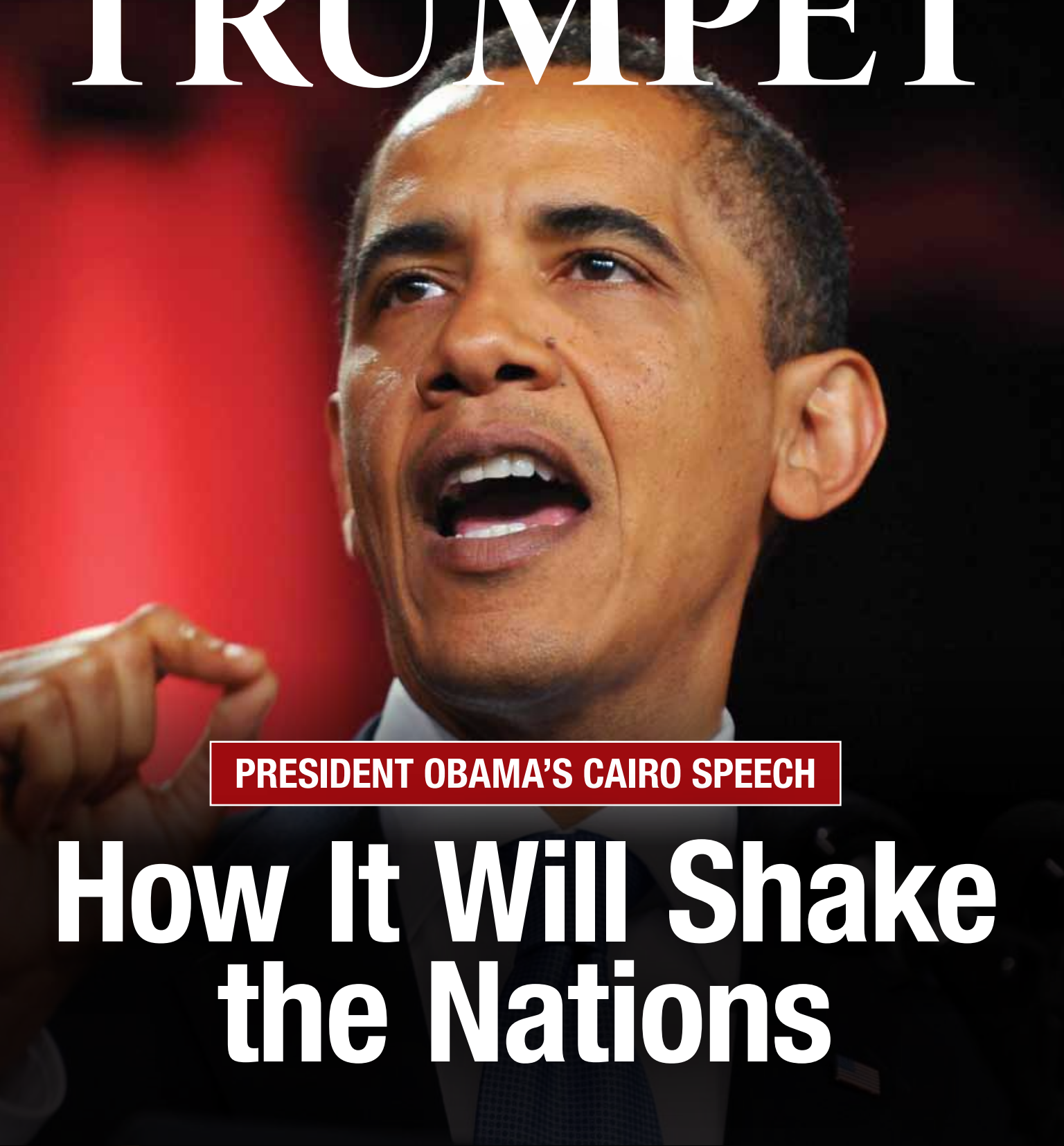


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How President Obama's Cairo Speech Will Shake the Nations

U.S. PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA TRAVELED TO THE Middle East at the beginning of June. He met with the leaders of two key Arab nations and had private conversations with them. After visiting Saudi Arabia, he delivered his keynote foreign-policy speech at Cairo University in Egypt to define America's relationship with the Muslim world.

Iran is the most important part of that subject. IRAN IS *THE KING OF TERROR* AND MAKES THE MIDDLE EAST TREMBLE! But President Obama didn't even mention the word *terrorism* in his speech!

I have no reason to doubt Mr. Obama's sincerity, but his words will cause deadly problems.

The president said, "No single nation should pick and choose which nations hold nuclear weapons." In other words, he believes America by itself should not prevent another nation from getting nuclear bombs—A SIGNAL TO THE WORLD THAT AMERICA THE SUPERPOWER IS DEAD! *That means America has no right to forcefully stop Iran's nuclear program, even though Iran is the number-one terrorist-sponsoring nation in the world by far!*

But if the United States does not stop Iran, currently only one other nation will: Israel. And Obama also implied that the Israelis had *better not* bomb Iran's nuclear facilities—or America will be *against them!* What kind of a "superpower" is that?

Commentator Charles Krauthammer called this "the weakest statement on Iran and nukes in at least eight or nine years BY ANYONE IN THE WEST" (emphasis mine). That sends a lethal message to the Middle East and to the rest of the world!

And it's not what even the *other Arab nations* want to hear. Mort Kondracke said, "The whole Arab world is scared to death

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of Iran." That is who President Obama was addressing in this speech. But he said nothing about confronting the king of terror in this world! Considering what Iran is doing now, it should have received the strongest condemnation ever!

President Obama thinks that through his words, he will have peace with Iran. But after the terrorists heard that speech, they had to be rejoicing! When America's president gives a speech like that, the terrorists have contempt for such weakness and are stirred to fight even harder. They can smell the victory. So we can expect violent terrorism to intensify and shake the nations!

We won't have long to wait to see who is right.

The Obama administration's plan to deal with the head of the terrorist snake is to tell Iran and its terrorists, *America has stopped using torture*. He was mainly referring to American interrogators waterboarding three super-terrorists under the supervision of a doctor. Showing such weakness to the terrorists only adds fuel to the terrorist fire!

Those terrorist murderers go around cutting off people's heads, shooting men, women and children, and blowing up buildings. Yet even if terrorists are captured and have information about the next bomb to be exploded—maybe a nuclear bomb—the president believes you can't use waterboarding to get that information from them.

The president also mentioned that he ordered the closure of Guantanamo Bay prison, perhaps the nicest prison in the world.

We are witnessing a reenactment of the 1930s between Chamberlain and Hitler. Chamberlain tried to *negotiate* his way to peace, as Hitler gobbled up Europe. World War II was *almost lost* before the West mustered the will to fight.

Why didn't the president publicly discuss Iran's terrorism? You can be sure that is what those Arab leaders talked to him about privately! Their number-one concern is *what is happening in Iran!* They are frightened of this terrorist nation for good reason. Iran has already toppled governments in the Middle East and now it's about to get nuclear bombs. Its ambition is to rule that part of the world and more. Do you think the other nations are assured when Mr. Obama says that no one nation can interfere with another's nuclear program? Why shouldn't America interfere when HUMAN SURVIVAL MAY DEPEND ON IT?

What if Mr. Obama is wrong about his handling of these nuclear terrorist-sponsoring nations like Iran and North Korea, who are ruled by madmen? When you're dealing with such dreadful issues, IT IS A MISTAKE YOU MAKE ONLY ONCE!

President Obama made this speech knowing that Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said, *If America doesn't knock out Iran's nuclear capacity, we must!* Mr. Netanyahu strongly believes that Israel's survival depends on it! Israel knows it has been *abandoned* by the U.S. (The rest of the world abandoned it a long time ago.) The Israelis are *scared!*

Imagine: If other *Arab* nations are scared to death of Iran, how do the Jews feel? What are they going to do without help from the U.S.? Their nation has had strong financial and military support from America since its birth in 1948. Their nation has been *shaken* by President Obama's speech.

"And *at the time of the end* shall the *king of the south* push at him [here's the Iranian king of terror—the KING of the Middle East]: and the *king of the north* [the resurrected Holy Roman Empire in Europe] shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over" (Daniel 11:40). This is *an end-time prophecy* about how powerful and aggressive radical Islam is, and it's rapidly growing stron-



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EDITOR IN CHIEF

ger. Iran's foreign policy is to bully and *push* its way into controlling the Middle East. It will take more than nice words to stop this *pushy* terrorist nation. That elephant in the room—the *king of terror*—Mr. Obama almost *overlooks altogether!*

President Obama's speech has also *shaken* the European nations. It will lead to a clash between these two powers as Daniel prophesied. Europe can now see that America will do nothing to stop the KING of the south, or the terrorist movement led by Iran.

So the European Union, which will become the Holy Roman Empire, is now moving into the Middle East. After President Obama's speech, its presence there will speedily increase. Europe is heavily dependent on Middle East oil. It also has a strong spiritual interest in Jerusalem.

According to Daniel's prophecy, America will not even be on the scene when this military clash occurs. That should alarm America, as well as Britain and the Jewish nation. It means that America is totally absent because of its economic collapse and lack of will to use its military power. (Request our free booklet on *Germany and the Holy Roman Empire* for a full understanding.)

Iran supports and controls two areas in particular: Lebanon, via the Hezbollah terrorists, and Gaza, via the Hamas terrorists. Hamas is closely affiliated with the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt, and President Obama invited them to hear him at Cairo University. (The invitations were sent out officially by the Cairo and Al-Azhar universities, but the White House helped construct the guest list.)

Meanwhile, Egypt's president, Hosni Mubarak, didn't even attend. Hamas's close friend, the Muslim Brotherhood, was there, but the president of the country wasn't! "Rather than buttress a loyal ally [Mubarak], Obama's speech undermines him on his home ground," wrote *Asia Times* (June 2). (Mr. Obama's speech was closely scrutinized around the world.) The Muslim Brotherhood would *like very much* to overthrow Mubarak—and *have tried to do so!* Yet Mr. Obama invited them to Cairo University!

Daniel's prophecy reveals what is about to happen in Egypt. The passage in Daniel 11 continues, "He [the European power] shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the *land of Egypt shall not escape*" (verse 42). Why would Europe attack Egypt? Because at that point, IT WILL BE ALIGNED WITH IRAN! Egypt is about to experience a RADICAL CHANGE! No doubt the Muslim Brotherhood is going to gain control of Egypt. Its invitation to hear that speech from the leader of the free world absolutely strengthens its cause!

The *Wall Street Journal* reported that Mubarak has recently gotten more control over the Muslim Brotherhood. But Daniel's prophecy states that the radical terrorists are going to get the upper hand in Egypt. That is certain to happen!

How much did America's president help the terrorist cause? Probably far more than we imagine. Regardless, God's prophecy will be fulfilled!



FLYING HIGH Iran-sponsored terror organizations like Hamas doubtless received the president's speech with a sigh of relief—if not a smile.

It all gets back to Iran, Iran and Iran! Yet our president will hardly talk about the brutal king of terrorism.

Iran is the terrorist problem in the Middle East. Terrorism started with Iran and is empowered by that nation, more than any other in the world. Iran is the problem you have to deal with if you are ever going to solve anything in the Middle East.

Will it be a problem when the Iranians get nuclear weapons? They will use them—they have said as much! Their plan is to wipe Israel off the map! If they have a chance, that is what they will do.

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tory is replete with failures who tried that approach. And that includes Bible history.

Iran is going to "push" at a European power. That will trigger a nuclear war, which could lead to the extermination of all human life. Is this a time to talk about eliminating waterboarding and closing Guantanamo Bay prison? There are much bigger issues to deal with.

In essence, Mr. Obama said that Hamas terrorists could play a role in Palestinian society—which the White House insists should become its own state. Hamas already controls the Gaza Strip, and is also very strong in the West Bank—Samaria and Judea. Its terrorists are going to take over the West Bank, and then take half of Jerusalem (Zechariah 14:1-2). When they do, would we not look back and say that America helped them do it?

Jerusalem Post journalist Caroline Glick reported that George Mitchell, one of the U.S. State Department's peace envoys trying to bring peace to Israel, has said that for all these past years Israel has been *lying* to the United States! Most authorities know that is shamefully untrue.

Israel knows it isn't going to be able to go to America anymore as it has in the past. So what will it do? It is going to turn to *Germany* as God uses these events to shake the nations. (Our booklet on the *Holy Roman Empire* explains how that will happen.)

President Obama's speech is a great turning point in this

world. It is going to play a major role in terrifying prophecies of your Bible being fulfilled. It is beginning because of the *broken will* of America. God is going to *SHAKE* this world and start by shaking America, Britain and the Jewish nation for their sins!

Israel has been shaken by this, and friendly Arabs have been shaken. The European Union has been shaken and is going to realize it must protect itself now. Russia and China are going to take advantage of everything they can. God is breaking the pride of our power and raising up Gentile nations and terrible wars because of our sins.

As the United States goes down, our enemies will become far more powerful.

DO OUR MINDS TRULY COMPREHEND WHAT ALL THIS MEANS? A powerful Iran is far beyond any other nation in sponsoring the most savage terrorism we have ever seen. And now it is about to

get nuclear bombs. Then it will give nuclear weapons to its terrorist proxies.

And these are only *the beginning of sorrows!*

Here is the truth mankind will not accept at this time: This nuclear nightmare is beyond a human solution. When we finally learn that lesson, our future will be bright forever.

You are about to see nuclear proliferation like you've never seen it before. That will bring us to the coming of our Messiah, when He stops the madness. If He didn't, *there would be no flesh saved ALIVE! NOTHING LEFT ALIVE! THAT'S the world we are living in. God is SHAKING the nations, trying to wake more people up!*

God is walking and talking His people through the minefields and helping us to realize where we are in Bible prophecy. No matter how bad it looks today, God is about to usher in a utopia that is greater than mankind has ever imagined. ■

President Obama's June 4 speech will accelerate the fulfillment of several end-time Bible prophecies. Here we spotlight five to keep your eye on. BY STEPHEN FLURRY

Five Prophecies to Watch

PROPHECY ONE: America's Death Knell

KNOWING THE IDENTITY OF NATIONS IS the key to understanding end-time prophecy. (You can have this key by requesting a free copy of Herbert Armstrong's book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.) Old Testament prophecies, for example, spring to life when we understand that the term *Israel* is referring to modern-day America and the British Commonwealth.

The entire chapter of Ezekiel 33 is a tragic prophecy about Israel's downfall. In verse 11, God laments the destruction of these people, saying "turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?"

The Prophet Hosea saw a similar fate for the United States and Britain (Ephraim). "And the pride of Israel doth testify to his face: therefore shall Israel and Ephraim fall in their iniquity; Judah also shall fall with them" (Hosea 5:5). The Prophet Jeremiah also spoke of a time of unprecedented trouble in Jacob (also Israel, or the United States). "Alas! for that day is great," he wrote, "so that none is like it: it is even the *time of Jacob's trouble* ..." (Jeremiah 30:7).

According to each of these prophecies, we know it is the end time when the United States is stripped of its power and global supremacy and is overrun by its enemies. President Obama's speech in Cairo was a sure warning that we now live in that time!

As one commentator noted in the London *Times*, he became the first Western leader since Napoleon to address Islam as a single bloc, thus legitimizing the Islamic extremist view that the world should be divided along religious lines. In his 54-minute, 6,000-word address, not once did the president use the word *terrorism*.



His administration has carefully avoided using the term *war on terror*—opting instead for the obscurely worded "overseas contingency operation." His repeated attempts to extend an olive branch to Iran and the rest of the Islamic world send an unmistakably clear signal to America's enemies: *The terrorists are winning*. And they know it.

Jeffrey Kuhner, president of the Edmund Burke Institute, wrote about the global significance of the Cairo speech. "It will be remembered as the *pivotal moment in history* when the *United States ceased to be a superpower*," he wrote. "Sapped of its self-confidence and sense of grandiose destiny, America chose the policy of appeasement over confrontation, lies over truth, illusion over reality" (*Washington Times*, June 13, emphasis mine throughout).

America's position in the world, ideologically—especially in relation to radical Islam—has been declining for years. Obama's capitulation in Cairo was a very public sign that America lacks the moral clarity to discern good and evil and the mental willpower to stand up against tyranny.

America's enemies recognize weakness when they see it. The president's overtures in Cairo, as sincere as they might be, will not result in better U.S.-Islamic relations, nor bring the people of the world together in peace. Instead, for all of his trouble, as *Asia Times* opined, the president will get "more megalomania from Iran, more triumphalism from the Palestinians, and less control over Iraq and Afghanistan. ... *It is hard to imagine any consequence except a steep diminution of American influence*" (June 2).

PROPHECY TWO: The Rise of the King of the South

THE RISE OF IRAN AND RADICAL ISLAM AND ITS INEVITABLE clash with a German-led European superpower is the keynote prophecy of Gerald Flurry and the *Trumpet*. The prophecy is found in Daniel 11:40: “And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.”

The Islamic Republic of Iran is the head of the international network of Islamic terrorism—the biblically prophesied “king of the south.” This radical network, as the scripture says, practices a “pushy,” or combative, foreign policy. Is there a better way to describe Iran?

Iran is gunning for the destruction of the Jewish state. It feeds Hamas in Gaza and the West Bank, Palestinian terrorist groups inside Israel, and Hezbollah in Lebanon. It has complicated American efforts in Iraq and is meddling in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Its nuclear weapons program is advancing rapidly, and it has been connected to the nuclear programs of both Syria and North Korea. Iran is the number-one threat to peace in Israel and the Middle East—in many ways, even worldwide.

President Obama ignored this reality in his Cairo declaration. Rather than criticize Tehran’s belligerent foreign policy, Obama guaranteed its perpetuation by signaling that America is prepared to embrace Iran as it is. On the nuclear issue, for example, Obama declared that Iran has the right to develop nuclear power. Meanwhile, he remains naively committed to seeking a “world in which no nations hold nuclear weapons.”

Then there’s Egypt. Verse 42 of Daniel 11 makes clear that Egypt

will be aligned with Iran and the king of the south. This is why the *Trumpet* has said for years that a radical shift will soon occur within Egyptian politics, as Mubarak (an ally to the West) gives way to a radical Islamic government in Cairo that will ally itself to Tehran.

Included in the audience at Cairo were members of the Muslim Brotherhood (MB), a radical Islamist group with terrorist roots and the primary political opposition to President Mubarak. The Egyptian daily *Al-Masri al-Youm* reported June 4 that Obama met with MB officials in Washington earlier this year. Certainly, Washington’s overtures toward the Brotherhood will not help Egypt’s president, who himself didn’t attend the June 4 speech.

The Palestinians also have good reason to celebrate Obama’s historic Muslim address. As we have often pointed out, the prophesied clash between the European king of the north and the Iran-led king of the south will primarily revolve around Jerusalem. With President Obama telling the Islamic world that America “does not accept the legitimacy of continued Israeli settlements” and that it’s “time for these settlements to stop,” it’s no wonder Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas, who turned down a generous Israeli offer for Palestinian statehood last year, is in no rush to meet with Israel’s new government. He is content to sit back and watch Obama and Netanyahu duke it out.

The Bible reveals that neither America nor Israel will confront this prophesied king of the south. That task will be left to the king of the north, a German-led, Catholic-inspired European superpower (to learn more, request *Germany and the Holy Roman Empire*).

By condoning Tehran’s actions in his Cairo speech, Obama emboldens Iran’s “pushy” foreign policy, making the spectacular clash prophesied in Daniel 11:40 inevitable.

PROPHECY THREE: Breaking the Brotherhood

BIBLICAL HISTORY TESTIFIES TO THE familial relationship between Manasseh (America) and Judah (the Jewish people)—which explains the historic bond between these nations. Yet Bible prophecy says that in the end time this historic brotherhood would be severed. In Zechariah 11:14, God said He would “break the brotherhood between Judah [modern-day Israel] and Israel [primarily the United States and Britain].”

In his Cairo speech, President Obama said the historic bond between the U.S. and Israel was based on Jewish aspirations for a homeland that were “rooted” in the tragedy of the Holocaust. He was wrong. In fact, Jewish aspirations for statehood not only predate the Adolf Hitler era, they predate the Zionist movement. Their history in the territory on which their country is built goes back to biblical times (article, page 6).

Palestinians have reinvented this history, claiming the Jews are without legal or historic right to their homeland and that modern-day Israel exists only because of Europe’s guilt after the Holocaust. In Cai-

ro, President Obama legitimized this bit of Arab propaganda.

Nine years ago, President Bill Clinton and Prime Minister Ehud Barak offered the Palestinians 94 percent of the West Bank, all of East Jerusalem, and unrestricted control of the Temple Mount. In swift response, Nobel Prize winner Yasser Arafat unleashed a bloody five-year campaign of rockets, sniper fire and suicide bombings aimed primarily at civilians that killed more than 1,000 Jews.

Last year, lame duck Prime Minister Ehud Olmert offered the Palestinians 93 percent of the West Bank and other perks that amounted to even more land than what was on offer in 2000, even after a decade of natural growth in Israeli settlements. Nevertheless, Mahmoud Abbas’s spokesman called the Israeli proposal a “waste of time” and said it demonstrated a “lack of seriousness” on Israel’s part.

Clearly, it’s not settlement activity that is obstructing the process for peace. All the same, during his Cairo speech, President Obama called on Israel to freeze even the natural growth of its existing settlements

in the West Bank, without issuing a single demand to the Palestinian Authority.

Why would the United States now elevate the marginal issue of settlement growth to the top of its Middle East agenda? Because Washington *wanted* to create a crisis with Israel, as Stratfor noted on June 8. In doing so, Obama wins no matter what Israel’s response might be. If Netanyahu gives in, the U.S. will have imposed its will on Israel. And if Netanyahu doesn’t give in (far more likely, considering prophecy), Obama can drive a wedge between the U.S. and Israel and then “use that split as a lever with Islamic states,” Stratfor noted.

President Obama went to Cairo in search of a “new beginning” in the relationship between the United States and the Muslim world. By doing so, the U.S. effectively ended its brotherly and strategically critical alliance with Israel. That “unbreakable” bond between America and Israel, the president’s assurances notwithstanding, is now broken. Israel *knows* it has been ABANDONED BY THE UNITED STATES.

PROPHECY FOUR: Israel Appeals to Germany for Help

A RELATED END-TIME PROPHECY IS found in Hosea 5:13: “When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah saw his wound, then went Ephraim to the Assyrian, and sent to king Jareb: yet could he not heal you, nor cure you of your wound.”

The Hosea 5:13 *wound* is the misnamed “peace” process (request a free copy of *Jerusalem in Prophecy* for an explanation). Since kicking off its land-for-peace strategy in Oslo in 1993, Israel has only suffered greater violence and death. The voids it has left by pulling out of southern Lebanon and the Gaza Strip have been filled by Iran’s most lethal proxies, Hezbollah and Hamas. At least 1,500 Israeli citizens have been murdered by terrorists during this time. And with Hezbollah and Hamas furiously amassing a much deadlier arsenal, the body count will inevitably rise.



HOSEA 5 Little do Americans and Israelis realize what Jewish leaders signed at the White House 1993.

Still, President Obama is applying massive pressure on Israel to freeze all settlement growth and to cede more land to the Palestinians and Syrians.

This is why in Hosea, God says that Judah, after being mortally wounded by the peace process, will seek help from Assyria (Germany), rather than the United States. This prophecy provides further proof of America’s growing irrelevance in the world, particularly to its former ally Israel. Bereft of other options, the Jews will seek help from the very power that perpetrated the greatest crime against them in modern times.

The Jewish state’s incurable wound will soon result in Israel’s desperate turn to the German-led European Union for help—a move that will trigger the beginning of the Great Tribulation (Matthew 24:21-22).

But before that, half of Jerusalem will be taken by force.

PROPHECY FIVE: Jerusalem Split Down the Middle

Z ECHARIAH 14:2 TELLS US, “FOR I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.”

According to this prophecy, a Hamas-dominated Palestinian insurgency, backed by Iran, will take half of Jerusalem by force shortly before the Messiah sets foot on the Mount of Olives (verse 4). Thus, we can deduce that Israel *will not* cave in to pressure from Washington and give away what little land it has left. As the U.S.-Israeli alliance has suffered, so too has America’s ability to dictate terms to Israel.

In his Cairo speech, President Obama increased expectations among Arabs that Jerusalem would be theirs. Meanwhile, a growing number of Israelis have lost faith in the land-for-peace strategy.

For the past decade, at times it appeared as if Israel would willingly give up East Jerusalem at the negotiating table. In December of 2005, a poll published by *Yedioth Ahronoth* found that about half of Israelis supported the idea of giving up parts of Arab East Jerusalem if it would solidify a peace deal with the Palestinians. Former Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said Israel would someday have to give up its

CUT IN HALF The world’s bloodiest piece of real estate is about to rupture once again.



dream of an eternally united Jerusalem under Jewish sovereignty, and rumors circulated that his government was devising a plan to divide the city.

Compare that with where we suddenly are today. The conservative Benjamin Netanyahu is Israel’s prime minister again. In his much-anticipated response to President Obama’s Cairo speech, Netanyahu left the door cracked open for the development of a Palestinian state, but only if that state is demilitarized and its leaders

recognize Israel as the state of the Jewish people. Netanyahu added, “Israel needs defensible borders and Jerusalem must remain the united capital of Israel”

As our regular readers know, we have been expecting this harder-line stance to emerge in Israel. With Israel’s new government unwilling to compromise on Jerusalem, and expectations growing among Arabs that a sovereign state is in sight, the stage is now set for Zechariah 14:2 to be fulfilled. ■



Why the Two-State Solution Won't Work

America and the global community want Israel to kill itself. **BY BRAD MACDONALD**

AMERICA'S PRESIDENT, AND much of the world, believes the solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict—and even the conflict between radical Islam and the West—lies in creating two states in the land of Israel: one Palestinian, one Jewish. Facilitating this solution is the *heart* of President Barack Obama's policy in Israel.

In his most intensive effort toward this end, Mr. Obama in recent months has made purging Jews from the West Bank his number-one priority in Israel. Under the two-state plan, the West Bank (more accurately known as Judea and Samaria) is slated to become the territory of a Palestinian state, with East Jerusalem as its capital. "The United States does not accept the legitimacy of continued Israeli settlements," said Obama during his June 4 speech in Cairo. "This construction violates previous agreements and undermines efforts to achieve peace. It is time for these settlements to stop."

The elevation of the settlement issue by Barack Obama is not "minor" news, and it "must not be underestimated," observed George Friedman from Stratfor. "... Obama has decided to *create a crisis* with Israel" (June 8, emphasis mine).

Most outsiders don't understand how much is at stake for Israel with the two-state solution being imposed on it by

America and much of the world. For Israel, the creation of a Palestinian state in the West Bank would be nothing less than an act of national suicide!

Historical Perspective

The State of Israel was born on May 14, 1948. Its delivery was not without complication and drama. For months, the life of the newborn state hung in the balance, under constant threat from the Arab armies that surrounded it on three sides. Miraculously, Israel survived. Though victorious and independent, Israel remained imperiled and strategically disadvantaged for years.

Until June 1967.

In the spring of that year, it was clear that the Arab states surrounding Israel were looking for another fight. Egypt was massing troops on the border in preparation for an invasion. On June 5, Israel began a preemptive strike on Egypt. Jordan, seeing Israel's military tied up in the south, besieged Jerusalem. It moved its forces into the city (where it overran the United Nations headquarters) and began taking potshots at Jewish cities on the coastal plain from its position in the hills of what it termed the West Bank.

After Jordan rejected a UN cease-fire agreement, Israel pursued its only remaining option. The Israeli military annihilated the Jordanian Air Force. By June 8, Israel's

military had pushed the Jordanian military out of the West Bank and back over the Jordan River, retaking Judea and Samaria!

It's hard to exaggerate the extent to which the Six Day War guaranteed Israel's future existence as an independent state. The war only lasted 130 hours and 50 minutes—during which Israel beat back the advancing armies of several Arab states, decimated the air forces of Egypt and Syria, captured the Gaza Strip, wrested the Golan Heights from Syria and gained control over the entire Sinai Peninsula. But it had a *defining impact* on Israel's sovereignty—particularly in that, for the first time in its modern history, the Jewish state controlled East Jerusalem and the West Bank.

In an address to students and faculty of Herbert W. Armstrong College on April 22, former Israeli Ambassador Yoram Ettinger explained the significance of Judea and Samaria to Israel's independence and national security. This territory is the "crux of the cradle of Jewish history," he explained. Israel does not exist on the eastern flank of the Mediterranean because of Tel Aviv or any of the coastal cities. Instead, Ettinger said, the *essential reason* Israel exists today is because of the "territorial stretch between Hebron in the south, the first Jewish capital before Jerusalem, and Nablus in the north, the first stop of the Israelites when they reentered the Promised Land."

Judea and Samaria are the *heartland* of the Jewish people, Ettinger said, and a strategic necessity for preserving the independence of a Jewish state.

In addition to these facts, the Jewish people have been tethered to Judea and Samaria for more than 3,000 years.

A Geographical Tether

Genesis shows that Abraham entered Israel through Shechem, and that the hills of Judea and Samaria were the stomping grounds for his descendants through Isaac and Jacob. The Bible records that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were buried in Hebron, a bustling city in the Judean hills.

Even Joseph, although he lived and died in Egypt, was buried in Shechem, in the hills of Samaria (Joshua 24:32). Scripture says that Bethel, known today as Beit El, was where Jacob slept on the pillar stone and had his famous dream. The book of Exodus shows that the ark of the covenant, before being placed in the temple in Jerusalem, rested in the Samaritan city of Shiloh.

Jewish fingerprints cover the hills of Judea and Samaria. “*Ninety-two percent of the Bible place names are in the mountains of Israel in what the Bible calls Judea and Samaria and the world calls the West Bank,*” Billye Brim, a Bible scholar at Elon Moreh, told CBN News.

In the book of Joshua, God mapped out the borders of the Promised Land as a whole, as well as the internal borders separating the 12 tribes of Israel. In Joshua 15, God specifically outlined the territory assigned to the tribe of Judah, of which the Jews today are descendants. (You can easily prove this by reading our free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.) God placed the tribe of Judah at the heart of the Promised Land, on the northwest side of the Dead Sea, and primarily in the hills of what even today is *still* called Judea!

As the biblical heartland of the ancient Israelites, the territory of Judea and Samaria—not the Golan, not the coastal

The Heart of Israel’s Heartland

ONE particularly hot flash point in Israeli-Palestinian relations is the East Jerusalem, Arab neighborhood of Silwan. Israel is planning to build an archeological park there—but before it can begin, it must demolish 88 Arab homes. Despite the fact that the homes were *constructed illegally*, this issue has evolved into a major talking point for America and the international community thanks largely to the blustery, misinformed, anti-Israel mainstream media.

During a visit to Jerusalem in March, U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton criticized Israel for its park plans in Silwan, warning that the demolition of 88 homes would be “unhelpful” for the peace process. In recent months the entire Arab world, European governments, the European Union, Britain, the United Nations and the Vatican have all joined America in reprimanding Israel for its planned lawful destruction of 88 homes.

For years, Silwan has existed as a run-down, over-built, over-crowded neighborhood with narrow, trash-filled alleys. Some parts have no running water or electricity. Silwan’s Arab children have no playgrounds or sports fields, and have to play on the dirty streets. Their parents are poor and often unemployed.

For many, the message in Silwan is clear: that the Israeli government is responsible for these conditions, and now it wants to demolish 88 homes, displacing over a thousand Arabs. That innocent Palestinians are being persecuted and purged by angry and cruel Jews. That Israel is the uncompromising enemy of the Palestinians and the primary stumbling block to peace.

Reality and history tell a different story. First, Silwan is overcrowded and run down largely because of years of uncontrolled illegal Arab construction, often promoted and financed by the Palestinian Authority and its backers in Iran, Saudi Arabia and even Europe.

Second, and more fundamentally, Silwan encompasses a pocket of land that lies at the *heart* of Jewish history. Situated in the middle of Silwan, the City of David is the ancient site of the *original* city of Jerusalem, named after the legendary Jewish king responsible for transforming Jerusalem into the capital city of the ancient Israelites.

That’s why Jerusalem’s mayor, Nir Barkat, wants to develop an archeological park in Silwan: to preserve this magnificent, irreplaceable history!

A look at the City of David reveals its inherent *Jewishness*. The famous Gihon Spring, situated in the Kidron Valley, is first referenced in Genesis 2, and was the primary water source for early Israelites settled in the City of David. In the 10th century B.C., David’s son Solomon was anointed king of Israel near the Gihon Spring. Then there’s Hezekiah’s tunnel, a 1,700-foot tunnel that tourists can walk through today, cut out

of bedrock by the residents of the City of David to bring water inside the walls of Jerusalem in anticipation of an Assyrian siege (2 Chronicles 32). Even the name Silwan is derived from *Siloam*, the water pool discovered in 2004 in the southern part of the City of David, referred to by Christ in John 9 when He instructed a blind man to wash in the “pool of Siloam.”

Beyond these famous features, stunning archeological evidence continues to surface revealing the Jews’ glorious past in the City of David. In 2005, archaeologist Eilat Mazar uncovered a small section of what she thought might be King David’s royal palace during an excavation there. During the winter of 2006-07, Dr. Mazar’s speculation was confirmed when she uncovered a massive wall on the eastern side of the royal complex. In the same area, Mazar’s crew also discovered two clay seals (known as bullae) with names of biblical figures inscribed on them, adding further proof that the structure really is King David’s palace.

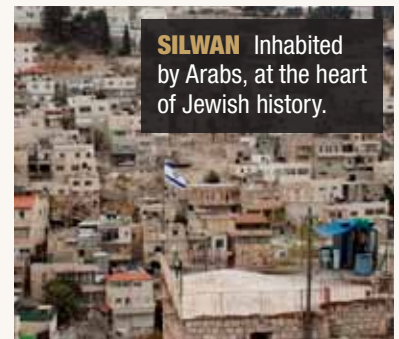
In November 2007, Dr. Mazar revealed that she had discovered Nehemiah’s wall, dating back to the 5th and 6th centuries B.C. Then, in autumn last year, Mazar announced the discovery of a tunnel dating back to the 10th century B.C., stating that the “tunnel’s characteristics, date and location testify with high probability that the water tunnel is the one called *tsinnor* in the story of ... King David’s conquest of Jerusalem.” (For more, see story, page 8.)

Many archeologists admit that these are spectacular finds. *Each find is proof of the Jews’ historical connection to the City of David, as well as Judea and Samaria.*

Considering Mazar’s amazing discoveries, one wonders what else lies beneath the earth in the City of David. The Old Testament says King David was buried in the City of David, more than likely somewhere within his palace (1 Kings 2:10). Might Dr. Mazar soon discover the tombs of Israeli kings? Archaeological evidence will continue to surface, proving the existence of King David’s empire, cementing the Jewish character of the City of David, and proving the Jews’ historic connection to Silwan.

America and the international community are strongly critical of Israel’s designs in Silwan. Just like on the settlement issue in Judea and Samaria, they are asking Israel to sever its connection with the city that is the *essence* of Jewish character!

BRAD MACDONALD



Let the Stones Speak

Shocking and inspiring messages for the Jews and the world—buried in the rubble of Jerusalem

JERUSALEM is built on the rubble of scores of versions of itself. Entombed beneath its present-day structures are the artifacts of settlements, conquests, wars and empires.

The ruins of its most glorious past are those of ancient Israel—particularly from the time of King David, the impressive Jewish poet-warrior who led the nation at its peak.

It was these ruins that began to surface at the hands of a team of archaeologists working under Dr. Eilat Mazar in 2005. Their splendor confirmed the authenticity of—and demanded renewed respect for—the biblical account of the history of Israel and Judah.

To doubters and detractors, Dr. Mazar offers a most articulate rebuttal: “Let the stones speak for themselves.” Oh, how they are speaking!

Many Jews are hearing these stones’ potent message about history. That message is strengthening their commitment to fight for the homeland of their ancestors. As Prof. Uzi Arad said at a conference in January, Dr. Mazar’s work “takes us to the very root of our civilization in history.”

How true. And yet—that is only *half the truth*. For those same stones are also delivering an even stronger sermon about the *future* of our civilization—both of the Jewish state and of all mankind!

A Seat of Kingly Power

Within the area of Jerusalem today called “the City of David”—the seat of David’s rule anciently—Dr. Mazar found a massive structure with walls up to 10 feet thick. It was the fortified palace of a monarch

plain—is the pulse of Jewish sovereignty.

This history definitely complicates land-for-peace deals and the two-state “solution.” As Ettinger asked: “Can any nation survive whilst negotiating away the cradle of its history? ... If you don’t have your roots, how can you have peace?”

Trees will not blossom without strong roots, and will more than likely be uprooted by the lightest wind. The same applies to Jewish national sovereignty, which is rooted in Judea and Samaria.

A Strategic Necessity

Strategically, the territory of Judea and Samaria is essential to Jewish independence. Geographically, this land is largely comprised of a mountainous ridge, known as the *spine of Israel*, that stretches from below Hebron in the south to the valley of Jezreel in the north. These 2,000-to-3,000-foot hills—the “mountains of Israel” as the Bible calls them—provide a strategic vantage point. Marked by steep inclines, gaping gorges and deep valleys, they are an ideal natural barrier for slowing invading armies and protecting civilians and homeland armies as well as military hardware and facilities.

governing a mighty empire.

The grandeur of David’s palace represents a time when Israel was strong, unified, wealthy, and incredibly blessed under righteous rulership. Combined with the scriptural account, it is tangible proof of the blessings God gives those who obey Him (e.g. 2 Samuel 5:10).

That beautiful history points to the future. Scripture contains *prophecies* that God is going to *resurrect* King David, who will unify Israel once again (e.g. Jeremiah 30:9; Ezekiel 37:24; Hosea 3:5).

Even more remarkably, the royal lineage that God began through David will culminate in the Messiah, at His return, assuming David’s very throne! (Isaiah 9:6-7). The New Testament counterpart, yet to be fulfilled, is Luke 1:32-33, which reads, “He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and *the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David*: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.”

Prophecies about God’s future Kingdom show that the government will stand in the same location as it did during David’s reign. In the tradition of “his father David,” the Messiah is going to rule from the Holy City, Jerusalem—not just Israel and Judah, but the *entire world*.

The now-exposed walls of the royal palace that housed that throne anciently give an inspiring prophetic sermon about the imminent restoration of righteous kingship to that same location!

A Warning Ignored

In the area around David’s palace, Dr. Mazar’s team has found several clay seals, called bullae, such as would be used to stamp an official document. One belonged to Jehucal, a man mentioned in Jeremiah 37:3. Jehucal is also mentioned in Jeremiah 38:1, as is Gedaliah, the owner of another seal Dr. Mazar uncovered.

These two men were officials in the court of Zedekiah, who sat on



Many are aware that the Golan Heights provide Israel with a great tactical advantage in the north, helping Israel control the Sea of Galilee and the towns and cities on the northern plains of Israel. But as Ettinger explained, few recognize that the mountainous ridge on which Judea and

Samaria sit is *infinitely* more important to Israel than the Golan. It is so important, in fact, that it took less than a month for the Israeli government, after gaining Judea and Samaria in June 1967, to start rebuilding its national security platform around Israel’s control of Judea and Samaria.

Strategically, the territory of Judea and Samaria is the pivot on which the national security of the Jewish state depends. It is critical to the stability not only of Jerusalem and the other towns and cities in the Judean and Samaritan hills, but also of towns and cities on the coastal plain, where *80 percent of Israel’s population is located* along with the bulk of Israel’s finance, economy and transportation arteries and industry.

To those who understand the centrality of Judea and Samaria to Israel’s existence as an independent and secure state, the notion of ceding this territory to the Palestinians—a people incapable of forging peace among themselves, let alone with their sworn enemy—in return for peace, is illogical and immoral. It would be an act of national self-destruction!

Yet that is the basic premise of the two-state solution, a peace plan outlined in the Oslo accords in 1993, which has become

David's throne as king of Judah during the time of the Prophet Jeremiah. Their claim to fame? That they threw Jeremiah in prison—and tried unsuccessfully to have him *killed*.

Jehucal and Gedaliah *hated* this great prophet of God for one simple reason: the sternness of his message: "Thus saith the Lord," Jeremiah proclaimed. "He that remaineth in this city shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence . . . This city shall surely be given into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, which shall take it" (Jeremiah 38:2-3). Jeremiah bravely told the leaders and people of Judah that they were about to suffer captivity as punishment for their disobedience to God. It was a *terrifying warning* from God. But rather than heeding it, the people tried to silence it.

Thus, the Jews were in fact taken captive. Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, razed the temple and the whole of Jerusalem. He seized Zedekiah, put out his eyes, and—seeking to end David's royal line—killed his sons (2 Kings 25:1-10).

These two bullae—uncovered today after 2½ millennia—speak of the shameful *abuse* Jeremiah suffered at the hands of the people he was trying to save! They painfully remind us of just how *hard-headed* our human nature can be. They cry out that we must listen and heed when God tries to warn us in order to avert disaster!

Is Judah listening today? The modern Jewish state is caught in a maelstrom of signs of impending disaster. Yet it is following the tragic path of Jehucal and Gedaliah.

We must realize, though, that Jeremiah didn't warn Judah alone, but *all Israel*—the descendants of which are the United States and Britain. There is a modern Babylon rising today. The Bible warns that this empire-in-the-making is about to take *modern Israel* into captivity! (Read *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* for proof.)

Truly, these two clay seals ring out a clarion warning to us today.



MESSAGE The seals of Gedaliah and Jehucal.

A Restoration of Worship

After their brutal captivity had humbled them, God gave the Jews the opportunity to return to Jerusalem in the sixth century B.C. to rebuild the temple. Because they faced so many enemies, Nehemiah built a protective wall around the city. He rallied the Jewish workmen and worked at breakneck speed, famously finishing the wall in 52 days.

The remnant of that wall is another major artifact Dr. Mazar's team has uncovered in the City of David.

That wall delivers a message of tremendous hope. Yes, God's corrective hand was on the Jews, but He applied it in measure to bring them back into communion with Him. Once they learned their lesson, they renewed their relationship with their Creator and returned again to reestablish true worship. The wall around the second temple environs represented a redeemed people's determination to protect and preserve that communion with God.

The Bible is *full* of prophecy showing that, while, tragically, the Jews and Israelite nations today are about to follow the path of their forebears into captivity, so too will God, once this grievous punishment serves its purpose, restore them to the Promised Land. One of the richest accounts is in Jeremiah, beginning in verse 36 of chapter 32 and continuing through the entirety of chapter 33.

The stones of the City of David excavation supply valuable testimony of a past both grievous and glorious. But their most relevant and eloquent message concerns events about to unfold: a horrifying captivity, a humbling—a redemption, a glorious restoration—and a kingship that fulfills an ancient promise and lasts forever.

As these stones speak, may the Jews and the world heed.

JOEL HILLIKER

the focal point of Barack Obama, and *most* of the international community, including Britain, the European Union, the Palestinian Authority, and even—with preconditions—the Arab League.

The Only Workable Solution

The Obama administration is working furiously to impose its "solution" on Israel. Speaking to reporters at a UN Security Council meeting in May, America's ambassador to the United Nations, Susan Rice, stated that the "United States is fully and unequivocally committed to working for a two-state solution," and that President Obama shares a "sense of urgency" in solving the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

On this issue, Obama is operating outside of historic and strategic reality. For Israel, the creation of what would assuredly be a Hamas-controlled, Iranian-influenced Palestinian state in Judea and Samaria is unacceptable. By pushing for it anyway, America and the international community are in effect imposing a death sentence on the Jewish state!

It appears Israel's prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, sees this reality, which is why he refuses to give in to demands for

a two-state solution.

Sadly, Barack Obama is trapping Israel in a corner from which it cannot emerge without serious, perhaps fatal, injury. Israel will destroy itself if it agrees to the creation of a Palestinian state in Judea and Samaria. Yet its only other option—which is to continue to drag its feet on the two-state solution—will result in it being increasingly alienated and persecuted by America and the international community for "holding up peace in the region."

As Israel pursues this second option, the Palestinians, with support from their Muslim friends, the anti-Israel media and the rest of the world, will grow angrier and bolder. As the likelihood of conflict and cruelty increases, hope for a workable solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict will diminish—at least to most observers of the situation.

Students of Bible prophecy, however, watch these events and are hopeful because they know that *God* has a thorough and totally workable solution for the conflict in Israel.

That solution: God will make Jerusalem *His* city!

It's true. The Bible is filled with

prophecies about the peaceful, hope-filled future that lies ahead for Jerusalem. Why Jerusalem? Because, as the Prophet Zechariah assured us, God "hath chosen Jerusalem" (Zechariah 3:2). Read it for yourself in Revelation 21: Jerusalem will be the capital city of God's eternal Kingdom, which all men—Jews, Palestinians, Africans, Asians, Americans, everyone—will have the opportunity to join.

Notice also Isaiah 2: "And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem" (verse 3).

Imagine it! No more bickering. No more arguing over territory. No more suicide bombs. Just God, His law, His Kingdom and His people.

Now *that* is a workable solution! ■

To learn more about the future of the Jewish state, particularly in light of its weakening relationship with America, request *Jerusalem in Prophecy*. See the back cover of this magazine for details.



THE “MISSING LINK” IS THE HOLY grail of evolutionists. If scientists can find the remains of a “transition” species, they will definitively prove evolution, the thinking goes. Now that missing link has been found! That is, if we are to believe the reports.

At the end of May, mass media started hyperventilating over the discovery of *Ida*, a fossilized monkey skeleton hailed as the “missing link” in human evolution. Fox News said the fossil “made waves” among scientists and non-scientists alike. The *Guardian* called it “one of the most significant primate fossil finds ever made.” Google made the fossil image a part of its homepage logo. The *Wall Street Journal* dubbed *Ida* a possible “landmark discovery”—potentially a common ancestor of all later monkeys, apes—and humans.

Yes, the media went bananas over the fossilized remains that scientists claim closely resemble a lemur (a small, tree-dwelling primate found in Madagascar) in some respects but an ape in others. Some experts called the skeleton the “eighth wonder of the world.” Others said the impact upon paleontology would be comparable to an “asteroid falling down to Earth.” At one point, the euphoria was so intense that the discovery was compared to the moon landing and the Kennedy assassination.

Even New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg got carried away at the star-studded unveiling, calling the preserved specimen an “astonishing breakthrough.”


But before you take the scientists’ and the media’s word for it and hang portraits of apes over the family fireplace, you might want to look a little closer.

Sorry, evolutionists: For all the big headlines and grand proclamations, this “missing link” is another—if beautifully preserved—fraud, another in a long line of distinguished frauds.

The Piltdown Hoax

The fanfare surrounding *Ida* is reminiscent of another famous fossil: the Piltdown man. The Piltdown fossil was a series of skull fragments discovered in the early 1900s that included a human-like skull, orangutan-like jaw, and chimpanzee-like teeth. Scientists gave it the name *Eoanthropus dawsoni*.

A familiar degree of great excitement accompanied the discovery of this fossil, as it purported to demonstrate a transition species between man and “lower primates.” The great majority of the scientific community jumped on this discovery as proof of evolution and the fossilized missing links



Crazy for *Ida*!

**A fossil find
inspires a multimillion-dollar
media celebration.
Have scientists finally discovered
the elusive “missing link”
to prove evolution true?**

BY ROBERT MORLEY

that even Charles Darwin was admittedly at a loss to explain. Over 500 essays and scientific papers were written on the subject. Graduate students produced their doctoral theses from studying the fragments.

There was only one problem: The fantastic find was a fake.

The perpetrator combined a 700-year-old human skull, a 500-year-old lower jaw of a Sarawak orangutan and fossilized chimpanzee teeth. He then used chemicals to dye the bones to give the appearance of age.

But here is the point. It took about 40 years for the scientific community to discover the difference between a supposed multimillion-year-old fossil and a modern chimpanzee.

For four decades, the majority of the scientific community accepted the fossil as legitimate fact and proof that modern man was part of an evolutionary chain of species—despite the fact that several credible scientists almost immediately disputed the validity of the find, that there were visible file markings detectable on the teeth, and other incongruities. Textbooks incorporated the discovery, thousands of students were taught the faulty information, and untold millions were unsuspectingly influenced into accepting the belief that people had evolved from monkeys. All from a cobbled-together mess of human, orangutan and chimpanzee parts.

It was not just because of the shoddy “scientific” testing applied to it that the Piltdown hoax worked (although an unbiased and careful examination, using the tools available at the time, would have revealed the hoax), but because the fake fossil neatly satisfied the prevailing preconceived theory of the time. Thus, supposedly unbiased, truth-seeking scientists easily and even willingly overlooked the aspects of the discovery that argued against its validity.

“There’s Almost Nothing to Study”

This is the pitfall that evolutionary enthusiasts repeatedly fall into.

Despite more than 150 years of searching for bones, the fossil record continues to *disprove* the evolutionary theory. Not a SINGLE confirmed transition fossil has been found! According to the evolutionary theory, there should be *millions* and *billions*. Animals have been evolving into new species for hundreds of millions of years, the theory goes. Therefore, scientists have reasonably expected to find thousands, or at least hundreds, or maybe 10, fossils of transitional species. But they can’t find a single one!

Scientists are not trying to honestly *prove* WHETHER evolution holds true, as they would any other theory. They are desperately, one-sidedly trying to verify evolution.

That is why the supposed Ida discovery (*Darwinius masillae*) is such a big deal.

“It’s part of our evolution that’s been hidden so far, it’s been hidden because *all the other specimens are so incomplete*,” said Prof. Jorn Hurum, the scientist who bought the fossil from a private collector who obtained it many years prior. “*They are so broken there’s almost nothing to study*, and now this wonderful fossil appears, and it makes the story so much easier to tell, so it’s really a dream come true” (emphasis mine throughout).

“The significance of this new find is it has almost every single fragment of bones,” confirmed Tab Rasmussen, an anthropologist at Washington University in St. Louis. “It’s *very difficult to find anything besides teeth, a jaw, and bones here and there*. This is something that really vaults the whole field forward” (Fox News, May 21).

According to *revealingthelink.com*, the official website promoting Ida, there is no primate fossil “so well preserved until we get to human burial.”

How condemning. The notion of evolution, accepted by the mainstream scientific community as fact, is largely based on nothing more than a few eroded bone fragments and scattered teeth—garbage evidence. And these are scientists; individuals who supposedly reject anything but the hard, cold facts.

Evolution, it seems, is a theory based upon the evidence of things not seen.

Where Did Ida Come From?

But what about Ida? It is 95 percent complete, and even the contents of its last dinner are visibly preserved in the fossil. Surely, all the hype must indicate that it is good proof of evolution.

Unfortunately for evolutionists, as it turns out, Ida is a fraud too.

Professor Hurum and the professors at the University of Oslo purchased the Ida fossil from a private collector, who had purchased the fossil from other black market dealers, who had purchased it from amateur fossil hunters in 1983. But even disregarding the atrocious second- and third-hand chain of custody that would typically invalidate normal scientific procedure, other evidence has come to light.

One of the co-authors who released the Ida study, Dr. Philip Gingerich, admitted that the team would have preferred to pub-

lish in a rigorous scientific journal, but had to settle for an open-source journal. He told the *Wall Street Journal*, “There was a TV company involved and time pressure. We’ve been pushed to finish the study. It’s not how I like to do science” (May 20).

And then, to even be allowed to publish their ideas in the less-rigorous, free online *Public Library of Science One* journal, the scientists had to virtually renounce their own claim that Ida was a human ancestor by inserting the statement: “[The species] could represent a stem group from which later anthropoid primates evolved [the line leading to humans], *but we are not advocating this here.*”

Wow! So, outside of the History Channel (which spent a record amount to purchase the Ida movie rights months earlier), the book promotion, and the high-profile Michael Bloomberg press conference, Ida as a “missing link” isn’t even considered good science.

“It’s Not a Missing Link”

It rings “all sorts of warning bells” when a TV company is dictating the science, notes Prof. Peter Brown, a paleoanthropologist at the University of New England. He says the scientific study did not provide sufficient proof to consider Ida as a human ancestor, or even a primate ancestor: “It’s nice it has fingernails, something we have, as do most primates ... but they’ve cherry-picked particular character[istics], and they’ve been criticized [by other scientists] for doing that” (*Australian*, May 21).

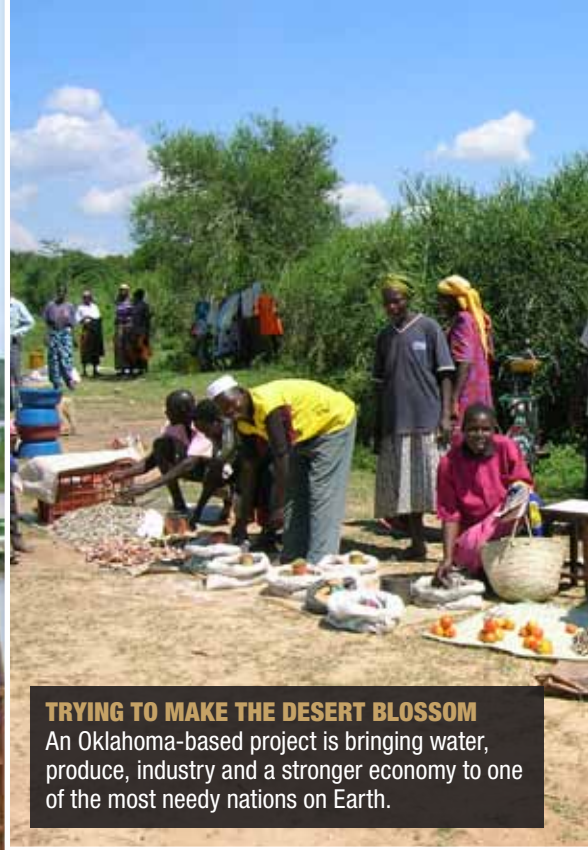
“It’s not a missing link, it’s not even a terribly close relative to monkeys, apes and humans, which is the point they’re trying to make,” said Carnegie Museum of Natural History curator of vertebrate paleontology Chris Beard. “I would be absolutely dumbfounded if it turns out to be a potential ancestor to humans” (Fox News, op. cit.).

Even the scientists—in fact, the majority of scientists, according to Yale University’s Chris Gilbert—don’t believe the Ida fossil is a missing link.

So where does that leave us?

It leaves us with monkey bones. Very beautiful, very complete, fossilized monkey bones, but monkey bones nonetheless. Ida is nothing more than an extinct species of lemur. It’s not the “astounding” “landmark discovery” it was hailed to be.

But this episode does uncover a *real* discovery: Just how willing evolutionists are—in the scientific and academic communities as well as the media—to close their eyes to the scientific truth. ■



TRYING TO MAKE THE DESERT BLOSSOM
An Oklahoma-based project is bringing water, produce, industry and a stronger economy to one of the most needy nations on Earth.

How to Turn a Swamp Into a Farm

An inspiring makeover in Kenya that illuminates the future. BY JOEL HILLIKER

SOME OF THE BIBLE'S MOST BEAUTIFUL passages are its prophecies of what the world will look like after Jesus Christ returns. Deserts blossoming as the rose. Wastelands transformed into farmlands. Agricultural plenty. Universal prosperity.

Our weary world, rife with poverty and decay, cries out for this transformation.

On a small, abandoned chunk of Africa, you'll find a bustling project that isn't waiting for the Second Coming.



versity during his 30 years of founding and running multimillion-dollar businesses in Canada and the United States, working in Kenya has tried his resolve like nothing else.

TRANSPIRENCY INTERNATIONAL ranks Kenya among the world's most crooked countries. Local police, regulatory officials, politicians, even clergy, all routinely demand bribe money. They see a well-funded operation like Mr. Burgess's as low-hanging fruit.

But Dominion Farms, out of principle, has consistently refused to oblige them. "We won't pay them off. You fight like mad. You take it to the television stations. You pray," Burgess says. "Put enough light on things and let the truth out, and it always works." He cites one battle—where Kenya's commissioner of customs demanded \$80,000 "duty" fees to allow the import of three \$15,000 jeeps—that dragged on for 14 months. It wasn't until the commissioner died in a freakish single-car wreck that the vehicles were released.

The countryside is full of garden-variety thieves, too. "Everything has to be guarded," says Mr. Burgess. Leave a vehicle outside overnight, he contends, and it will be completely stripped by sun-up. That is why Dominion has 60 security officers patrolling the grounds—and even they aren't immune to being bribed, or taken advantage of by greedy family members. These are sad realities when doing business in a country where, Burgess laments, "From the beginning, as children, they're taught to take everything they can get."

Making matters even more difficult, Kenya is also in the throes of a full-out political crisis bordering on civil war. Last year, when post-election protests descended into tribal violence that claimed a thousand lives and created over half a million refugees, the farm was forced to shut down for a time. "The rice mill operator and the field manager were both

Kikuyu men and would have been killed if they returned," Mr. Burgess wrote on his blog. "Only a skeleton crew of mechanics remained near the farm. Crops needed attending with nobody to do the work and none of the skilled people there to help." With the airports closed, the U.S.-based staff had to coach the few who remained on how to maintain basic operations—over the phone.

Under these conditions, the depravity of human nature grew even more starkly apparent. Costs for fuel rose to \$20 a gallon on the black market—and, Burgess says, it quickly became clear "who had moral character and who didn't. Some of our best employees became thieves." To this day, Dominion Farms has to employ a full-time clerk specifically to measure and track every drop of fuel.

That is just one of countless work-arounds the staff has devised in order to keep the farm growing. The headaches would have driven most people to give up in exasperation, but Dominion's personnel have persevered. They are motivated by a sincere desire to build the community, and energized by the improbable success they have already witnessed. "It's always a battle. There is never anything easy," says Burgess. "But in the end we always win."

WHILE CALVIN BURGESS WANTS earnestly to help the people of Kenya, he has no interest in handouts. "We won't just give you things," he told the locals. "We're going to add an industry here." He built his company to provide opportunities and jobs—and simply to reward hard work. Its long list of community projects centers around developing the local infrastructure, improving health and providing education. Next year it will open a year-round vocational-training-oriented camp for local youths and adults.

Mr. Burgess just finished his 65th trip

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SIX YEARS AGO, IN THE DELTA OF THE Yala River were 17,000 acres that Kenya's government had tried and failed to cultivate. Much of the soil lay under 3 feet of diseased water. In the districts around the swamp, 85 percent of the people survived on less than 50 cents a day.

Today, over a third of that land is a thriving rice and fish farm, and 20 more acres are reclaimed each day. Seven hundred Kenyans work there, and the farm's production has enriched over 50,000 more locals besides; the districts' poverty rate has dropped to 64 percent.

Such success certainly evokes those millennial prophecies. But the individuals driving the Dominion Farms project have no illusions about whether God's Kingdom is here yet.

"It's a war—since day one. An uphill battle. You never get to coast," says Calvin Burgess, Dominion's founder and president. It has required conquering obstacle after obstacle after obstacle. Literally moving heaven and earth.

There have been physical challenges—like carving a miles-long channel, 30 feet deep and 150 feet wide, in order to redirect a river into a dead lake. There have been the frustrations of trying to procure equipment and supplies in a remote wilderness.

The most imposing hurdle, however, Mr. Burgess summarizes in a single word: corruption. "Everyone in the land is out for something," the Guthrie, Oklahoma, resident says. Though he's faced plenty of ad-

Why China Won't Stop North Korea

North Korea has nukes, and China isn't worried. Something's not right. BY BRAD MACDONALD

“A MERCILESS OFFENSIVE.” That’s what Kim Jong Il plans to launch using his nuclear weapons should North Korea be provoked. “Our nuclear deterrent will be a strong defensive means ... as well as a merciless offensive means to deal a just retaliatory strike to those who touch the country’s dignity and sovereignty *even a bit*,” said the state-run newspaper *Minju Joeson* on June 9 (emphasis mine throughout).

Pyongyang’s declaration, the first in which it referred to its nuclear arsenal as “offensive” in nature, came as a major aftershock to a region already reeling from North Korea’s slew of nuclear and ballistic missile tests in May. If we believe Pyongyang’s June 9 announcement, North Korea doesn’t just possess nukes—a frightening enough reality. *It is ready and willing to use them.*

Understandably, America and its allies in Asia are alarmed by Kim Jong Il’s apocalyptic ambitions. Shortly after Pyongyang conducted its nuclear test on May 25, it turned South Korea into a nervous wreck by threatening a “strong military strike,” and saying that its 56-year cease-fire with Seoul no longer applies. Nearby Japan is so alarmed Tokyo is chattering about the need to develop its own nuclear arsenal.

Concerns over North Korea’s nuclear belligerence reverberated throughout Asia.

Except in China.

North Korea’s Best Friend

After North Korea detonated its second atomic device, governments heatedly condemned the test. The best Beijing could muster, by contrast, was saying that it “*firmly opposed*” the act.

It was an awfully weak response. Kim Jong Il’s nuclear device packed a payload

and relaxed reaction—one that the rest of the world ignores at its peril.

China has long been North Korea’s staunchest friend. The relationship was forged in adversity at the beginning of the Cold War, when, in 1950, Communist China dispatched soldiers into the Korean Peninsula to fight alongside their North Korean comrades against South Korea and its ally the United States. Beijing has been Pyongyang’s firmest ally ever since, consistently defending it from punishment

by America and the international community.

Beijing possesses the tools to wipe out Kim Jong Il in a week. It has more leverage over North Korea than any other

state—yet is unwilling to use it. The U.S. has been negotiating with Pyongyang for 15 years under three different administrations. The whole time, China persistently has done its best to dilute UN sanctions and bog down negotiations.

Meanwhile, China supplies North Korea with about 90 percent of its oil, 80 percent of its consumer goods and roughly 40 percent of its food. It is Pyongyang’s largest military supplier, and its chief representative in the UN Security Council and other international organizations. “If it weren’t for the Chinese,” wrote author Gordon Chang, “there would be no

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equal to the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima and was detonated less than 100 miles from the Chinese border. Beijing is closer to North Korea’s nuclear launch sites than Tokyo is, and hundreds of millions of Chinese live well within range of Pyongyang’s short-range missiles. Like South Korea and Japan, China’s entire population of more than 1 billion is within range of North Korea’s long-range Taepodong-2 missile. Moreover, China’s missile interceptor system is more rudimentary than Japan’s.

Yet China isn’t concerned?

There is a reason for Beijing’s pathetic

North Korean missile program, no North Korean nuclear program and NO NORTH KOREA" (*Forbes*, May 25).

So why does China keep North Korea alive?

The Real Reason

The common answer as to why Beijing sustains and defends North Korea is that it fears that the implosion of Kim Jong Il's regime would create a humanitarian crisis that would see refugees flooding across the Yalu River into China. There's some truth to that claim. But surely such short-term problems would be minor compared to the long-term advantage of encouraging an economically and politically stable government without *ominous nuclear aspirations* in Pyongyang.

The reality is more sinister: China's leaders support Kim Jong Il's regime because a rogue North Korea *serves China's ambitions*, both within the region and in the global arena!

First, the existence of an unpredictable, highly volatile nuclear aspirant is a *distraction* to China's competitors in the region. "Apparently, [Chinese] President Hu Jintao finds Kim useful in the short-term for keeping Japan and South Korea off balance," wrote Chang (*ibid.*). China employs North Korea in Asia in much the same way Iran employs Hezbollah in Syria and Lebanon: as an instrument to push, pry and distract Western-aligned

governments, thereby undermining and countering U.S. interests in Asia.

But the ultimate and most worrying reason Beijing sustains North Korea is that Kim Jong Il's ideologies and ambitions align perfectly with China's top global priority: UNDERMINING THE UNITED STATES!

The media are awash with reports on China's attempts to eviscerate the U.S. economy, including its efforts to destabilize the dollar, undermine the American financial system and strengthen the credibility of the International Monetary Fund. Evidence shows that Beijing is expanding

its military capacities, especially its navy, and solidifying military and strategic partnerships to counter America. China is competing with the U.S. in space, and reports show it to be undermining U.S. power in cyberspace. It is forging dubious relationships with anti-American regimes in Africa and Latin America, not to men-

George Shultz wrote a joint article saying that "the world [was] on the precipice of a *new and dangerous nuclear era.*" "[T]he likelihood that non-state terrorists will get their hands on nuclear weaponry is increasing," they wrote. "In today's war waged on world order by terrorists, nuclear weapons are the ultimate means of mass devastation. And non-state terrorist groups with nuclear weapons are conceptually outside the bounds of a deterrent strategy and present difficult new security challenges" (*Wall Street Journal*, Jan. 4, 2007).

After Pyongyang's test earlier this year—not to mention the advancement of Iran's nuclear program and the fact that Pakistan and its nukes could fall into the hands of radical Islamists—can anyone doubt that we have entered a new era of nuclear proliferation?

Evidence suggests that the club of rogue nuclear aspirants is a close-knit group. China clearly supports North Korea's nuclear program. Strong evidence links the North Korean and Iranian nuclear programs. North Korea's fingerprints were all over the nuclear facility in Syria bombed by Israel in September 2007. China itself, violating the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty it signed in 1992, helped develop Pakistan's nukes;

by refusing to support America and Europe in combating Iran's nuclear ambitions, it has proven itself a supporter of Ahmadinejad's apocalyptic nuclear designs.

We live in an age of nuclear proliferation

among rogue terrorist-sponsoring states—and China is supporting and defending the nation in this group with the most advanced rogue nuclear program!

Why isn't China concerned about Pyongyang's nukes finding their way into the hands of terrorist organizations? Simple. It knows the nukes won't explode in Beijing or Shanghai, but in New York City or Los Angeles!

President Barack Obama's administration, like its predecessors, pretends China is on America's side on the North Korea issue. When Kim exploded his atomic device in May, Obama immediately



The most worrying reason Beijing sustains North Korea is that Kim Jong Il's ideologies and ambitions align perfectly with China's top global priority: undermining the United States.

tion consistently handicapping America's diplomatic ventures around the world, particularly in sensitive places like Iran.

If we consider China's defense of Pyongyang's nuclear program in light of its open hostility and competition with America, we arrive at a sobering conclusion: China considers Pyongyang a tool with which it can challenge the U.S.

A Dangerous Nuclear Era

When North Korea confirmed its entrance into the nuclear club in October 2006 by detonating its first nuclear device, Henry Kissinger, Sam Nunn, William Perry and

dispatched a high-level delegation to Beijing to sit down and hash out a plan to deal with North Korea. It was a fool's errand, one America has been running for 15 years. Charles Krauthammer warned, "The [Obama] administration is pretending ... that China is on our side on this. It's not. It has no interest in weakening its ally and puppet in Pyongyang. It's working against us" (Real Clear Politics, April 6).

China has groomed North Korea's nuclear ambitions from their infancy. It pleases Beijing that Pyongyang's nukes are pointed not west, but east, at the shores of the United States!

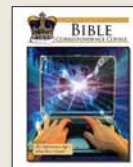
No matter where you live, you must take this new age of nuclear proliferation seriously. Bible prophecies speak of a soon-coming nuclear winter, a time when, as the Prophet Habakkuk warned, there will be widespread destruction of flora

and fauna: "the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls" (Habakkuk 3:17). To learn more about this nuclear holocaust, request our free booklet *Habakkuk* and read Chapter 3.

In the Olivet prophecy in Matthew 24, Jesus Christ warned that conditions would be so bad in the world immediately prior to His Second Coming that unless He intervened, "there should no flesh be saved." The only way world conditions could become so dangerous that they threaten all human life is if nuclear bombs are exploding around the world.

North Korea's nuclear program, and China's sponsoring of it, is accelerating the fulfillment of this prophecy. ■

It is not inevitable that you suffer this fate. There is a way to escape the soon-occurring explosion of the nuclear bombs stored in Russia, America, Europe, and those being manufactured now by North Korea and Iran. To find this path of escape, which leads to a future of hope and happiness, sign up now to start taking **The Herbert W. Armstrong College Bible Correspondence Course**. To learn more about the nuclear future of planet Earth, and what comes after, request our booklet "**We Have Had Our Last Chance**" and read "The World Will Not End This Way!" in the July issue of the *Trumpet*. All this literature is free for the asking. See the back cover of this magazine for details.



Happy Memorial Day. I Have a Nuclear Bomb.

KIM JONG IL is giving the United States a beating. It started May 25, as America honored its war dead on Memorial Day. The North Korean dictator chose that occasion to test his nation's second nuclear device, which was 20 times more powerful than its first (which, if you remember, he detonated on July 4, 2006, America's Independence Day. Kim was a thing for U.S. war-themed holidays).

Kim then announced that he would view America's efforts to stop Pyongyang's nuclear activities as a declaration of war. He threatened a "strong military strike" on South Korea and said the cease-fire with that nation—in force since 1953—no longer applies. He then proceeded to test launch six short-range missiles capable of reaching Japan. Then Pyongyang appeared to be shipping a long-range missile to a launchpad—similar to the one it illegally launched in April that could reach the U.S. West Coast.

So much for Washington's hope for a new era of international engagement. Clearly, Pyongyang doesn't want engagement. It wants nuclear weapons.

And who's to stop it? After that missile test in April, President Barack Obama issued some stern threats: "Now is the time

for a strong international response," he said. "Rules must be binding. Violations must be punished. Words must mean something." To this day, the "strong international response" to that April test has yet to materialize. Words mean nothing.



PRIORITIES Kim Jong Il has made small, impoverished North Korea a nuclear power.

After the string of provocations in May, U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates said, "What is now central to multilateral efforts ... is to try to peacefully stop those programs before they do in fact become a 'clear and present danger.'" North Korea has tested nuclear bombs, as well as missiles that could hit the U.S., and it's not yet a "clear and present danger"? What would tip it over that edge? Secretary Gates said the U.S.

would consider it a "grave threat" if Pyongyang transferred nuclear technology to other nations. That has already happened: North Korea's links with Iran's nuclear program are well documented. The nuclear site in Syria that Israel destroyed in September 2007 was running North Korean technology. How is this not yet considered a "grave threat"?

Secretary Gates believes there is time yet "to try to peacefully stop those programs." Any guesses how those efforts will fare? After its nuclear test in 2006, Pyongyang was punished with the resumption of multilateral

negotiations. Today, North Korea has 6 to 12 nuclear devices. It has learned and learned again that there is absolutely nothing to fear in pursuing such weapons. In fact, Kim Jong Il appears ready to give up even the pretense of discussion. President Obama's special envoy to North Korea has made several offers to visit Pyongyang and been turned down.

What has been called "the post-American world" didn't start with President Obama. But his administration is rapidly leading the world deeper into it. The hallmarks of this world are numerous and frightening: the dangerous proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; a surge in militarism throughout Asia; the strengthening of rogue nuclear aspirants in the Middle East; and on and on. The only way that America is factoring into these trends is as a source of derision. The beating it has taken from tiny, Third World North Korea would be shocking—if it weren't something we have been warning for decades would happen, based on the scriptures explained in *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.

Jesus Christ had a different name for the post-American era we are entering: "the times of the Gentiles" (Luke 21:24). He warned specifically that it would produce "great tribulation"—42 months of suffering "such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time [the end time—our day-to-day], no, nor ever shall be" (Matthew 24:21).

Recent events in Asia should not be shrugged off. They represent a hastening toward the climactic fulfillment of Christ's prophecy.

JOEL HILLIKER



IN A TIGHT SPOT Gordon Brown and the rest of the Labor Party, including International Development Secretary Alexander Douglas, suffered a beating in recent elections.

How Bogus Expenses Bring Britain Down

BY RICHARD PALMER

“NOTHING IS MORE ESSENTIAL to the establishment of manners in a state than that all persons employed in places of power and trust be men of unexceptionable character,” wrote American Founding Father Samuel Adams. If he was right, then Britain is in serious trouble.

The recent scandal in the British Parliament shows that, as a whole, an entire generation of British leaders lacks integrity and character.

The basic salary of a British member of Parliament (MP) is £63,291 (US\$104,000). Yet in 2007, on average MPs claimed over twice this amount in expenses: US\$223,900. Many did this by fiddling their expenses claims. Some stretched the rules. Many lied outright. The *Daily Mail* reported that to receive the same benefits as the average MP, an ordinary taxpayer would have to earn a salary of US\$521,500.

Some claim that a fraud of a few thousand pounds—when billions of pounds are being spent on the economy—is no big deal. They are wrong. This type of behavior is savaging the moral fiber of the nation.

Working the System

The now-infamous second-home allowance allows MPs to fund a second residence in London. MPs are expected to live in the local area they represent and attend debates at the House of Commons in London; thus, MPs living far from the capital need two homes.

While this is a perfectly legitimate expense for many, others abused the privilege. One MP claimed US\$21,469 in interest

payments for a mortgage that was already paid off. Others over-claimed interest and rent on houses. While the law allows MPs to claim other *necessary* expenses they incur away from home, some claimed luxuries like multiple TVs, lavish furniture, moat dredging and duck houses. Many MPs designated the house where they spend the *most* time as their secondary home so they could claim as expenses many items they should pay for themselves. One MP furnished his London home on expenses, then later designated a new home in Surrey as his secondary home so he could furnish it at the taxpayers' expense as well.

Sadly, such abuse is not uncommon. The *Sunday Times* predicted that at least half of the House of Commons' 646 MPs will be ousted by the next election: Perhaps 30 will have to resign; 90 will be voted out; and 200 will likely quit “because they are unable to cope with continued public anger” (May 24). The potential size of this political shakeup reveals the extent of Britain's character crisis.

A Dangerous Character Deficit

Many MPs excused their behavior by claiming to be within the letter of the law and blaming a faulty system. Certainly, the Fees Office should have refused to pay unnecessary and immoral claims—but blaming it is like a thief blaming his victim for not better defending his property.

When immoral leaders exploit the very law they're supposed to cherish, the rule of law breaks down and the nation falls apart. Nations need leaders who will do their best for their country, not do whatever they can get away with.

A nation's reserves of character are far more important than its monetary wealth. “Character, in the long run, is the decisive factor in the life of an individual and of nations alike,” said Theodore Roosevelt. A nation with stalwart character can pull itself back from economic bankruptcy. A morally bankrupt nation is doomed.

It is a lesson written in history: Without strong character, the nation will fall!

News from Britain reveals a *nation-wide* character crisis. Knife crime, teenage pregnancies and binge drinking frequently make the front page. Lying, cheating and stealing are common. In May, a *Guardian* article detailed the rampant cheating of university applicants. One could argue that these young people are just following the example of the nation's leaders.

British historian and writer Paul Johnson lamented in the *Spectator* back in 2006, “Before the Second World War, when I was a boy in the Staffordshire Potteries, I never heard of anything being stolen. There was great poverty but there were also the Ten Commandments, and God was around a lot in those days. Indeed, if you lost something in the streets, the person who picked it up would go to a lot of trouble to find out where you lived and return it to you.” That kind of morality is nearly gone. Today it is every man for himself.

The corruption scandal in the British Parliament is both a product and a cause of this dearth in morality. The leaders' immorality fosters selfishness and dishonesty in the people and contributes to the nation's decline.

The Prophet Isaiah spoke specifically about this gaping void in moral leadership in our time today. God said He would remove the honorable, upright leaders, leaving selfish children in their place (Isaiah 3:1-4). This prophecy applies to British society today, along with Americans and Jews. Honorable rulers are a rarer and rarer breed, and in their stead, corruption reigns.

The Prophet Hosea also said that Britain's rulers would bring the nation down: “Ephraim [Britain] is joined to idols ... *Her rulers dearly love dishonor*” (Hosea 4:17-18, New King James Version). To prove that the British are the modern descendants of Ephraim, request our free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.

The Bible reveals that Britain will be taken into captivity because of its national sins. Yet it also prophesies that this captivity will correct the course of the nation. Its punishment will be severe, but it will lead to these moral problems being solved, and Britain finally turning to God. ■

WORLDWATCH

EUROPE

THE RESULTS OF European parliamentary elections held June 4 to 7 show a marked shift to the right across the Continent. Both center-right and far-right parties made substantial gains. Europe has witnessed an economic crisis combined with the electorate swinging to the political right before—80 years ago (article, page 22).

May 23 was the 60th anniversary of Germany's constitution. The flag-waving and patriotism shown that day reflects a marked change in Germany. "Sixty-four years after the end of the Nazi era and its atrocious crimes against humanity, Germans are no longer ashamed to wave their flag or sing their national anthem," wrote United Press International May 21. A survey released earlier in May, titled "Being German: A newfound national pride in harmony with the heart," corroborated UPI's report. The three-year study polled 2,000 Germans from age 14 up. Nearly 60 percent said they endorsed the statement, "I'm proud to be German." Sixty-nine percent said Germany is more important than Europe or the international community. Past surges in German patriotism have produced deadly results—a fact worth remembering in light of biblical prophecies of Germany launching yet another world war.

Unemployment reached 9.2 percent in April within the 16-nation eurozone; 14 million people in the eurozone are unemployed. Spain's unemployment rate is 18.1 percent,



Austria's 17.4 percent and Lithuania's 16.8 percent. Italy, Austria, Spain and the Netherlands are suffering the worst slump since World War II. Germany is in the deepest recession of any major economy. During the first three months of this year, Germany's economy shrank by 3.8 percent, the largest drop since Germany began keeping GDP data in 1970. Austria and the Netherlands shrank by 2.8 percent, Italy by 2.4 percent, Spain by 1.8 percent and France by 1.2 percent. This is putting pressure on governments to cut spending. A total of 350,000 people marched in the streets of Berlin, Brussels, Madrid, Prague and other cities one weekend in May, calling for greater job protection. If Europe's national governments cut spending, far more are sure to protest. As economic conditions worsen, watch for European

dissatisfaction to grow.

German Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier traveled to Moscow June 10 to 11 to visit with Russia's top leaders. He said, "Russia is an indispensable partner for Germany and the European Union," and commented on "German-Russian cooperation as a



model of interaction, so that both sides will benefit if our potential is united." Stratfor noted, "The last time Germany and Russia 'united their potential,' the result was the Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact, which carved up

Eastern Europe between the Soviet Union and the Third Reich in 1939" (June 11). Watch this alliance closely.

The European Commission announced May 27 that it wants to empower two new EU institutions to impose binding decisions on member states. Driven by Germany, the plans would create the European Systemic Risk Council and the European System of

Financial Supervisors. Germany is leading a drive to move financial power from London to Brussels as part of a plan for the EU to become the world's major financial powerhouse.

MIDEAST

IN LEBANESE PARLIAMENTARY elections on June 7, the governing majority—an alliance of pro-Western and anti-Iran, anti-Syria forces—beat the Hezbollah-led opposition. Hezbollah's alliance dropped one legislative seat, winning 57 of the 128 seats. Though the election results were widely reported as a major defeat for Hezbollah, the real story is more complex and far less reassuring. Hezbollah in fact had no intention of taking over the government of Lebanon. It only stood 11 candidates, all of whom won. The Iran-sponsored terrorist group is perfectly satisfied





with its current position in Lebanon: as the political opposition with veto power—which it will fight to hold on to. And Iran only wants to preserve it as a weapon for future use against **Israel**.

Pakistan's military launched an offensive against the Taliban in the North-West Frontier Province's Swat Valley in late April. On May 31, the Pakistani Army announced it had secured Mingora, the Taliban's district headquarters. While the army has made progress, the battle is far from over. The Taliban is adept at melting into the populace only to regroup later, which is made easy by the fact that some 3 million people have been displaced by the counterinsurgency. In addition, the Taliban still largely holds the rural areas as well as the sympathy of much of the populace—who anticipate they will be under the rule of the Taliban once more when the military leaves. It will be a mammoth task for the Pakistani authorities to not only hold the captured areas,

but also to rebuild and establish governance and security. Meanwhile, the Taliban has other safe havens in Pakistan, and time is on its side.

Terrorist attacks against civilians are another ongoing part of the Taliban's strategy in Pakistan. On June 9, **a suicide bombing in the northwestern city of Peshawar killed 18 people** and injured about 50 at a luxury hotel, with several foreigners being among the dead and wounded. Immediately after the attack, some Pakistani media started to question the value of the Swat offensive, as was the Taliban's intention. Such attacks are likely to continue as the Islamist terror group seeks to convince the Pakistani public and government that the fight isn't worth it.

Meanwhile, in **Afghanistan**, weapons and ammunition given to the Afghan security forces by the U.S. are falling into the hands of the Taliban, the *New York Times* reported May 19. Military officials and arms analysts say that poor



Afghan oversight of arms inventories, together with corruption in the Afghan forces, may have helped keep the Taliban supplied with weapons and ammunition during the past eight years.

The leaders of Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan, gathering in Tehran to discuss the Taliban insurgency in both Afghanistan and Pakistan, issued a joint declaration May 24 in which they promised to find regional solutions. The fact that Iran hosted this summit gives it automatic significance. With doubts

increasing in the region over whether the U.S. will stick it out in Afghanistan, Islamabad and Kabul are looking to Tehran—despite the fact that Iran has *supported* the Taliban. As *Global Politician* reported May 28, “in a very complicated dual policy, Iran has been able to extend its influence in both countries while supporting the enemies of both governments.” By establishing itself as a key player in both Afghanistan and Pakistan, Tehran is gaining leverage over Washington.

On May 26, Pakistan's Supreme Court overturned an

earlier ruling banning former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif from running for public office. Currently the most popular politician in Pakistan, the Islamist-leaning Sharif is now in a position to become prime minister once again, whenever elections are held.

In Israel, a May 17 survey pointed to an increase in anti-Jewish sentiment among Arab residents. About 40.5 percent of Israeli Arabs believe the Holocaust never occurred, according to the University of Haifa poll—significantly more than the 28 percent who denied the Holocaust in 2006. Only 53.7 percent of Israeli Arabs polled said Israel has a right to exist; in 2003, that figure was 81.1 percent.



Pope Benedict XVI toured the Middle East in May, spending five days in Israel where he called for the creation of a Palestinian state. As the *Trumpet* has explained for years, however, the Vatican is not interested in the rights of Palestinians; it is exploiting them as a means of pursuing its own goals in Jerusalem.

ASIA

U.S. TREASURY SECRETARY Timothy Geithner told **China** June 1 that its money was safe. His Chinese audience broke out in laughter. Geithner was visiting China to allay fears that Washington's bulging budget deficit and ultra-loose monetary policy are a veiled attempt to repudiate its debts by fueling

inflation. **Brazil**, Russia, **India** and China have announced that they plan to invest in the new International Monetary Fund (IMF) bond as they look for alternatives to the U.S. treasury bond. Russia announced June 10 that it plans to sell some of its \$140 billion in treasury bonds in order to invest \$10 billion in the IMF bond. "Given the amounts involved—for instance, China has committed to buying about \$50 billion of IMF bonds—in a pool of \$2 trillion of reserves, this is not going to make a big difference," said Cornell economics professor Eswar Prasad. "But symbolically it's still very important that these emerging markets are looking for an alternative to the dollar in the short term, and this might be a viable option" (Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, June 9).

On May 25, North Korea tested a nuclear bomb for the second time in 2½ years (article, page 16). One of the most

significant aftershocks was how it motivated **Japan** to step up its talk of becoming a major military power. Tokyo is also using the pirate threat in waters off Africa to justify increasing its military capability. **Japan announced May 28 that it has deployed two P-3 surveillance aircraft to Djibouti.** This is yet another step in Japan shedding its post-World War II military restraints.

Iran and **North Korea** have been working together to develop their ballistic missiles, the head of the Pentagon's Missile Defense Agency said June 11. Lieut. Gen. Patrick

O'Reilly stated that Tehran and Pyongyang are sharing knowledge on avionics, propulsion and materials, among other things. Considering that North Korea is a nuclear power, collusion between these two rogue states should be of tremendous concern to nations around the world.

The Kremlin has created a special commission designed to counter perceived anti-Russian propaganda within the former Soviet Union. In a decree made public on May 19, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev ordered the commission to investigate and counter "falsified" versions of history that could damage Russia's international prestige. Critics are saying this commission represents a return to Soviet-era controls. The ruling United Russia party has also proposed new legislation that would mandate a jail term of three to five years for anyone in the former Soviet Union accused of rehabilitating Nazism. Russia is returning to authoritarianism and Soviet-era propaganda techniques. Biblical prophecy clearly describes the inevitable return of Russia as a great power. Under Vladimir Putin, this transfor-

mation is taking place before our eyes.

LATIN AMERICA/ AFRICA

FIVE NEO-NAZIS WERE ARRESTED on May 21 in Porto Alegre, Brazil, for plotting to detonate explosive devices in two synagogues. Authorities suspect the neo-Nazi group Neuland had committed 10 murders in the previous two months alone, confirming a new pattern of violence among neo-Nazis in Brazil.

In June, **Venezuela's** government approved an additional \$6 billion of spending this year, reversing cutbacks established in March and perhaps indicating that the government expects the price of oil to continue rising. About half of Venezuela's revenue comes from oil profits.

Brazilian and Chinese officials signed 13 strategic accords during a Brazilian delegation's visit to Beijing in May. Beijing agreed to loan \$10 billion to state oil company Petrobras, which



will deliver 200,000 barrels of oil per day to China for the coming decade. The two governments are considering conducting trade in their own currencies instead of U.S. dollars. China's aggressive moves to secure global resources is isolating the United States and is certain to provoke serious competition with Europe—competition that the Bible prophesies will turn violent.

In **South Africa**, African National Congress leader Jacob Zuma was sworn in as president on May 9. Zuma is a controversial figure who acts in classic African Big Man style. Zuma has listed land redistribution as one of the five priorities of his new administration. The land redistribution program was a primary cause of **Zimbabwe's** economic ruin. South Africa is following in the unsuccessful footsteps of its northern neighbor—a travesty in a tremendously blessed nation.

The cholera outbreak in Zimbabwe has affected about 100,000 people, killing 4,000. The United Nations has appealed for \$718 million to provide immediate aid to the country. Zimbabwean Prime Minister Morgan Tsvangirai visited U.S. President Barack Obama in June to try to raise money for his country; he is asking for \$2 billion, a figure that could reach \$10 billion total, to spur job creation and infrastructure development. The reality, though, is that his opponents—President Robert Mugabe and his Zanu PF—yielded little real power to him, and Western governments are unlikely to commit significant funding to the prime minister while the president still holds the steering wheel. This could allow Mugabe to portray the new prime minister as ineffective—although Mugabe himself will have both originated and perpetuated Zimbabwe's horrific national calamities.



ANGLO-AMERICA

THE PRESIDENT OF THE **United States** proclaimed June “Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Pride Month.” The June 1 proclamation commemorated the 40th anniversary of the Stonewall Inn riots, which marked the beginning of the LGBT rights movement in America. President Obama called himself a “partner” of the “LGBT community” and issued the strongest, highest-level endorsement the radical homosexual agenda has ever received in America. Obama pledged to support civil unions and federal rights for LGBT couples, enhance hate crime laws, crack down on workplace discrimination, allow homosexuals more freedom in the military and ensure that lesbians, homosexuals, bisexuals and transsexuals can adopt children.

The U.S. government will have to borrow nearly 50 cents for every dollar it spends this year, exploding the record federal deficit past \$1.8 trillion, under White House estimates released in May. “Budget Office figures released [May 11] would add \$89 billion to the 2009 red ink—increasing it to more than four times last year’s all-time high as the government hands out billions more than expected for people who have lost jobs and takes in less tax revenue from

people and companies making less money,” Associated Press reported (May 11).

EUBusiness.com reported in May that Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper said **Canada** could become Europe’s gateway to North American markets thanks to a new EU-Canada free-trade agreement. Ottawa and Brussels want to boost trade an estimated €20 billion (us\$27 billion) per year over the first seven years. Harper said the agreement would help Canada decrease its trade reliance on the U.S. while offering foreign investors the lowest tax rates on the continent. Thus, an American neighbor boosts Europe’s bid to become the financial capital of the world.

British youths are contracting sexually transmitted infections (STIs) by the thousands. Government figures show that the number of young people under age 16 diagnosed with STIs rose 58 percent from 2003 to 2007, to nearly 4,000. The response? Liberal Democrat health spokesman Norman Lamb said, “The number of youngsters contracting STIs is very disturbing. Children must be informed about the risks involved in sexual relationships and taught how to be safe”—which somehow never involves encouraging young people to obey God’s clearly wise and sensible law against committing fornication.

An online poll in **Britain** of

3,000 families, conducted by YoungPoll and OnePoll, found that the British family spends an average of 45 minutes per day together. Most families spend much of that time watching television or eating. The correlation between the nation’s impoverished family life and the rise of problems among the nation’s youth is not difficult to recognize.

Britain is giving up its domestic tank manufacturing capacity. **BAE systems, the last heavy-duty combat vehicle manufacturer in Britain, announced in early May** that it is closing its tank-building plant at Newcastle-Upon-Tyne and shutting down its armor operations elsewhere because it did not anticipate any new government orders. Britain’s shocking decline from being the greatest empire in history continues.

In late May, an ICM/Tax-payers’ Alliance poll found that 60 percent of Britons believe Britain should refuse to pay any fines the EU imposes on it. Almost 70 percent want the government to actually start breaking EU rules; only 28 percent disagree. Three out of four say any decision to grant more powers to Brussels should go to referendum. The Daily Mail Online called the majority Euroskeptics “ripe for revolt.” The *Trumpet* continues to watch for the fulfillment of the Bible’s prophecy that Britain will not remain a part of the European Union.

A Bad Year for an Election

Crisis looms in Europe—especially Germany. History tells where this is leading. BY RON FRASER

“GERMANY SET TO SUFFER RECORD Deficit,” headlined the May 14 *Financial Times*. In mid-May, media outlets were filled with such negative headlines on Germany’s economy. “German Economy Hits Bottom,” ran the headline on ABC News May 15, followed by the quip, “Germany’s GDP the lowest since the country’s foundation.” The lead article in the *Financial Times* ran under the headline, “Eurozone GDP Falls 2.5% as Germany Shrinks.” On May 16, the London *Times* ran the dramatic headline, “Record Fall in GDP Sees Germany Take Over as the ‘Sick Man of Europe.’”

On the broader front, the eurozone economy is in deep trouble. Some pundits already say that Europe will experience a more disastrous effect on its economy than the United States in the wake of the subprime mortgage meltdown. Others predict the beginning of the end for the European Union.

The common thread through most analyses of the EU’s current crisis is the effect of the sudden stalling of Europe’s powerhouse economy, the EU’s strongest member: Germany.

So many mixed signals have been coming from observers of the German economy since it first showed signs of the effects of the global financial and economic crisis that it’s often been difficult to gain a true picture of the true state of the situation. However, the latest figures released on the state of Germany’s economy indicate that Germany is in for a tough time, at least in the short term, as its industry inevitably sheds jobs, downsizing to weather the storm. Politicians are arguing over ways to tackle the huge stumbling blocks that

face any move to intervene in the economy. The systemic inflexibility within Germany’s labor market, its social security and banking systems are legendary.

It may well be that the average German is about to hurt—and the hurt will come during a crucial election year.

A Deflationary Spiral?

Reports indicate that the eurozone—with Germany at its center—is treading on the brink of a deflationary spiral.

The *Economist* observed, “Firms cannot take losses forever without shedding jobs. Unemployment in Germany and elsewhere will begin to pick up quickly this year and

does not signal a sustained deflation, but it did start ringing alarm bells throughout Europe,” wrote Stratfor. “[F]ears are growing that Europe as a whole could be entering a deflationary spiral” (April 9). These fears have been compounded by rising unemployment and Germany’s sliding industrial production and exports.

The effect of such a scenario can be devastating. “Deflationary spirals are particularly worrisome because they are caused by the widespread belief that things are not going to get better,” Stratfor continued. “[D]eflation is largely a psychological phenomenon, caused by a general anticipation that prices will

decline further and that economic conditions warrant a larger-than-usual cash buffer. ... Thus, a deflationary spiral is self-reinforcing and can be reversed only through a reduction in the desire to hold large cash balances.”

It is against this backdrop of negative news on the EU economy that European parliamentary elections were held in June. The results confirmed observers’ fears of the dangerous effects this economic crisis could have on the Conti-

ment—and Germany in particular.

Europe’s Swing Right

Between June 4 and 7, the EU electorate voted to seat their representatives in the European Parliament for the next five years. Center-right, far-right and extremist fringe parties all gained in this election. The far right gained ascendancy in the Netherlands, Austria and Hungary, with Germany, France, Italy and Spain all showing a pronounced swing to the right. The left, the socialist grouping, was the big loser.



CHOICE It’s a crisis year, and Germans are up for another decision: Merkel or Steinmeier?

carry on in 2010. Even where cutting jobs is costly, it is unavoidable given the scale of the fall in GDP. The European Central Bank seems to have hunkered down for a long recession. It is now prepared to offer banks unlimited loans for 1 percent for up to 12 months, and that horizon may even be extended. When you have fallen so far, it is a long way back out” (May 15).

The consumer price index in Germany has showed inflation slowing. In March prices actually dropped 0.1 percent. “One month of price decreases

Rising unemployment, falling income, rising debt, falls in gross domestic product, street rallies by the masses, continuing threats by Russia to cut energy supplies—all this combines with a dramatic rise over the past year of membership in extreme right-wing political movements within the EU, and an escalation in attacks on European Jews, to present a worrisome picture of the current mood in Europe.

One of the outcomes of the EU parliamentary elections was that German Chancellor Angela Merkel's Christian Democrats and Bavarian sister party, the Christian Socialists, made gains while the party of her main challenger for the chancellorship, Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier, the Social Democratic Party, lost traction. This had pundits predicting that Merkel would be a shoo-in to retain leadership of Germany following September's elections.

We are not so sure.

We live in times of intense political and economic turmoil. One of the wild cards that impinges greatly on German politics is Russia. Mrs. Merkel's relationship with Vladimir Putin, the real power in Russia, is a prickly one. On the other side of the coin, Steinmeier has strong and positive connections with the Russian prime minister, and retains strong ties with the Russian energy market through his long personal and political relationship with ex-Chancellor Gerhard Schröder, himself a close associate of Putin. Schröder, no real friend of Merkel, currently holds a senior executive post with Russian energy giant Gazprom. Meanwhile, biding his time in the wings, Bavaria's senior EU bureaucrat Edmund Stoiber looks on with interest at developments in Germany and Russia in the lead-up to Germany's federal elections.

Energy Politics

Should Russia elect to play the energy card, perhaps urged on by Angela Merkel's political enemies, the whole face of the election campaigning could change overnight. Already Russia has warned of energy cuts in mid-summer. If Russia proceeds, the timing could hardly be worse for Merkel. On the other hand, if Steinmeier, Schröder and Putin are all in cahoots to bring Merkel down, such timing could be seen as intended to enhance the election prospects of Steinmeier.

Uninterrupted energy supply figures high on the scale of needs of the average German, conscious of Russia having turned off the tap thrice during the depths of past winters. Of all high-profile

German politicians, Steinmeier has positioned himself to most effectively deal with Russia, especially its energy politics. Should energy suddenly rise to the top of the list of concerns of the German electorate, we may yet see a significant swing away from Merkel and to Steinmeier by September. It's a scenario worth watching closely.

A Repeat of History?

The economic crisis in Europe coinciding with a right-wing swing in the electorate harkens back to similar times 80 years ago.

Those with a keen sense of history remember the Weimar Republic and compare today's scenario in Germany with that of the 1920s. Many variables at play today make the comparison an inexact fit. Yet the real fear in an election year—where a prime candidate, Steinmeier, is playing the scare card—is that if public opinion on the economy turns negative, Steinmeier may face a self-fulfilling prophecy with disastrous results for the German economy coupled with a disastrous outcome to the September election.

The coming months will be crucial in determining the future course of both the EU and Germany. Much now hinges on how Chancellor Merkel's shaky coalition government handles Europe's key economy. Her political opponents, which in this year's election race include her own coalition partners—especially Steinmeier—will be ready to stab Merkel in the back the moment she makes a mistake. On the main issue of the economy, Merkel is currently dragging her feet. But the latest set of figures on the German economy are going to mount considerable pressure on the chancellor to take some major political risks to at least be seen to be attempting to do something to put things right for the new “sick man of Europe.”

We have for decades encouraged our readers to watch Europe, and to especially watch for conditions of crisis that would produce a climate ripe for the rise of spiritual and political demagoguery within the EU. Those conditions are ripening right now on the European continent!

Preparing for a Demagogue

The outcome of Europe's parliamentary election may well set the mood for a surprising result in Germany's upcoming federal elections. As our editor in chief, Gerald Flurry, has maintained, “We need to watch the European Union for a man stepping in and seizing control of that

entity through flatteries. He is going to hijack the EU. ... Politics in Europe are going to shift dramatically to the right” (*Daniel Unlocks Revelation*).

As we have previously pointed out, there is one strong man who appears to be bidding his time, politically, who once declined the job of minister for the economy in Chancellor Merkel's government. Did Edmund Stoiber have the foresight to see that portfolio as a poisoned chalice, given the deep-seated systemic economic problems that hamstrung Gerhard Schröder when he was chancellor, and now threaten to end Chancellor Merkel's political career?

What did Stoiber have in mind when he recently blamed the global economic crisis on the “Anglo-American” system? What did he have in mind when he declared that he was convinced that a “totally new economic system” would emerge from the present global crisis? Was this

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Bavarian, mentored by German strongman Franz Josef Strauss with his “Grand Design” for Germany and Europe, indeed contemplating the possibility that he, who once ran the most successful state economy in Germany, might have a leading part in implementing that new global system of economy?

To those who have followed the rise of Germany and the European Union, especially those who have studied Herbert Armstrong's writings on the subject, these are intriguing questions that may well be answered in the months to come.

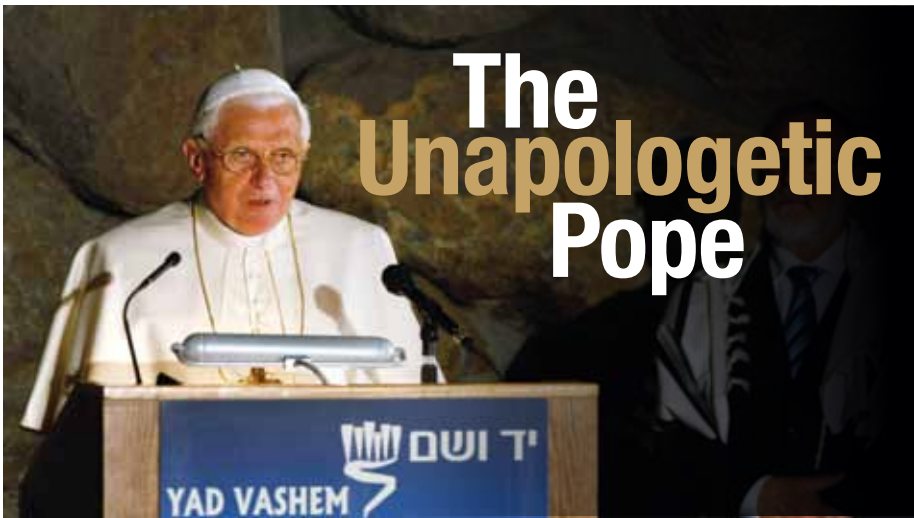
Watch Germany during this crucial election year—very closely. We plan to report to you direct from Berlin during this important election in September. The future of Europe is, as it always has been in the past, closely linked to the reaction of Germany in this time of unprecedented crisis. This is the greatest financial and economic crisis to descend on Germany since Weimar. How will Germany react?

Your Bible prophesies the outcome, believe it or not. If you are willing to accept our challenge to prove it, then read and study our publications *Germany and the Holy Roman Empire*, *Daniel: Unsealed at Last!* and *Nahum: An End-Time Prophecy for Germany*.

Again we say, **WATCH GERMANY!**



The Unapologetic Pope



BY STEPHEN FLURRY

AS A BAVARIAN YOUTH, JOSEPH Ratzinger grew up in Adolf Hitler's shadow. He was 6 years old when Hitler rose to power. He was 11 during *Kristallnacht*, when Nazis attacked the homes of several Jews living in his hometown of Traunstein, a small city of less than 12,000 residents. At age 14, when it was made compulsory, Ratzinger became a registered member of the Hitler Youth. At 16, he was drafted into the anti-aircraft corps of the German Army, where he served for *two full years* before he "fled" for the seminary as the war drew to a close.

Against this backdrop, it's no wonder Ratzinger's every word was so carefully scrutinized on May 11, when the German pope delivered his much-anticipated speech at Jerusalem's Holocaust memorial during a trip to Israel.

"I have come to stand in silence before this monument, erected to honor the memory of the millions of Jews killed in the horrific tragedy of the *Shoah*," Pope Benedict XVI said, stopping way short of actually apologizing—an audacious omission for a German-born pope who fought on the wrong side of history.

His failure to assign blame, let alone accept any, angered many Israelis.

"There was no mention of the Germans or the Nazis who participated in the butchery, nor a word of regret," said Holocaust survivor Yisrael Meir Lau, the chairman of the Yad Vashem Council. "If not an apology, then an expression of remorse."

"I came to the memorial not only to hear historical descriptions or about the established fact of the Holocaust," Knesset Speaker Reuven Rivlin said during an interview on Israeli radio. "I came as a Jew, hoping to hear an apology and a request for forgiveness from those who caused our tragedy, and among them, the Germans and the church. But to my sadness, I did

not hear any such thing."

The official Vatican spokesman, Federico Lombardi, rushed to Ratzinger's defense, telling a group of reporters in Jerusalem that the pope could not be expected to repeatedly draw attention to his German roots "every time he speaks." But if ever there was a time to repeat it, wouldn't it be at Yad Vashem?

Lombardi then inexplicably claimed that Benedict "never, never, never" was a member of the Hitler Youth. With a subject that sensitive, he said, "It is important to say what is true and not to say false things." He later retracted his initial comment, admitting Ratzinger was a *reluctant* member of the Hitler Youth.

This isn't the first time the Vatican has hurriedly responded to criticism leveled at Benedict for his wartime record and his present-day unwillingness to offer any kind of apology to the Jews. During a 2006 speech at Auschwitz, the pope made no mention of anti-Semitism or of German culpability for the Holocaust. In 2007, the pope angered Jews worldwide with his call for them to be converted to Catholicism. And earlier this year, the pope again came under intense fire for lifting the excommunication of an outspoken bishop who happens to be a Holocaust-denier.

Then there is Benedict's defense of Pope Pius XII, the World War II-era pope who, prior to his pontificate, successfully negotiated the Reich Concordat with Adolf Hitler in 1933, effectively destroying all political opposition to the fledgling Nazi movement. According to cabinet meeting minutes from July 14, 1933, Hitler considered the German-Vatican pact a "great achievement," particularly "in the developing struggle against international Jewry."

Years later, as pope, Pius XII became well aware of Hitler's Final Solution. Throughout 1942, Jewish groups and Allied officials had repeatedly urged him to publicly

condemn the Nazi savagery. Under increasing pressure, Pius used a December 1942 radio address to refer to the many thousands who "sometimes only by reason of their nationality or race are marked down for death or gradual extinction." Pius's *strongest* objection to Hitler's genocidal rampage failed to even mention the führer by name and drew no reference to Nazis or Jews.

Ten months later, 365 of Hitler's SS troops entered Rome's old ghetto and started arresting Italian Jews. They rounded up 1,060 and transported them to a building within half a mile of the Vatican. Pius was one of the first to know of the Jewish arrests. The Jews were kept at the holding center for two days—right down the street from the Vatican—and the pope did nothing. They then boarded cattle cars to Auschwitz, where 80 percent of them were gassed within a week.

Last September, Pope Benedict XVI defended Pius XII against critics—by praising him for his *courage* in *trying to save Jews*. "Wherever possible he spared no effort in intervening in their favor either directly or through instructions given to other individuals or to institutions of the Catholic Church," Benedict said in a meeting with a U.S.-based interfaith group.

This simply does not square with an honest reading of history, which is why Benedict will not allow public access to the Vatican's carefully guarded archives. Still, there is plenty of evidence already accessible, both historically and prophetically, to those in search of truth.

Even at Yad Vashem, one exhibit inside the museum sums up the Vatican's complicity in the Holocaust with this inscription: "When Jews were deported from Rome to Auschwitz, the pope did not intervene." As it happens, this is the same pontiff Pope Benedict will one day beatify, which is why Benedict insisted on making his unapologetic remarks at the Yad Vashem Memorial in May, as opposed to the museum.

He refused to set foot inside the museum.

For a German pope, who is quite outspoken in his criticism of other religions, to remain eerily silent about blame for the Holocaust, is an ominous sign of future events in Europe. Bible prophecy says the Vatican will be the dominant religious movement that rides the political beast now rising in Europe. ■

To understand much more about where these prophetic events are leading, request our free booklet *Germany and the Holy Roman Empire*.

The EU's Beastly Fines

The European Union is baring its teeth by punishing American companies. BY RON FRASER

“INTEL FACES BIGGEST-EVER EU competition fine,” ran the May 13 *Daily Telegraph* headline. The story reported the bombshell news that the European competition commissioner had slapped the American microchip maker with a \$1.45 billion penalty. It was the second time within two years that the European Union had slammed record fines on an American computer company.

The rank hypocrisy of EU elites is mind-boggling. Keep in mind, we are speaking here of the most undemocratic political and economic combine in the world, an institution that consistently fails its annual audit and which promptly sacks anyone who blows the whistle on its multibillion-dollar wastage and fraud. *This* is the trading bloc, the most dominant in the world, that cries foul when free enterprise interferes with its grab for global economic might.

These fines reveal the true problem: *Europe's mindset*. It is anti-Anglo Saxon, anti-free-enterprise, and determined to see the end of America's status as a perceived superpower.

Yet long-time students of the history of postwar Europe ought not be surprised. It's the outcome of an agenda that certain European elites have been nourishing for the past 65 years. The fines are but a harbinger of things to come as EU leaders gear up for a showdown with the United States.

Europe's Long-Term Strategy

Anyone who seeks to understand the EU's agenda should realize the long-term strategy that has been in play since its inception: a strategy to destroy the Anglo-American economies and replace their postwar dominance with a European imperial power having its economic and political hub in Berlin, its bureaucracy in Brussels, and its spiritual headquarters in Rome.

This strategy is as ancient as the Holy Roman Empire. In fact, it tracks right back to mother Babylon, when the Chaldeans and Assyrians seized the wealth of ancient Israel and Judah. It's an intriguing history that our book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* explains in detail (request your free copy).

Herbert Armstrong consistently pointed to the reality—long known by the upper echelons of Anglo-American intelligence services, many of whom were clearly compromised by, if not complicit in, its dealings—that the Nazis went underground toward the end of World War II. They established a global network of seemingly legitimate business fronts, financed by Nazi loot channeled to them at locations all over the world—especially in Latin America, the Middle East and Spain, but also to covert Nazi cells in the U.S., Canada, Australia and certain African countries.

Underground Nazi operations were funded with cash and bullion that flowed from Switzerland, through the Vatican, to a laundry of overseas operations. Much of the wealth returned to Germany to aid the *Wirtschaftswunder*, the economic “miracle” by which Germany so speedily returned to normalcy to once again become the powerhouse of Europe following the devastation of World War II.



The details of this Nazi web of intrigue have been published in such accounts as Sigrid Schuktz's *Germany Will Try It Again*, Mark Aarons and John Loftus's two bestsellers, *Unholy Trinity* and *The Secret War Against the Jews*, Martin Lee's *The Beast Awakens* and Adam LeBor's *Hitler's Secret Bankers*, among numerous other well-researched publications.

Indeed, an uncanny similarity exists between the attainments of the EU and the goals of the underground Nazis who worked for the revival of Germany as the dominant power in Europe. Overwhelming evidence shows that the success of postwar German industry, banking and commerce is directly attributable to the efforts of the underground Nazi strategy that have worked to produce today's greatest global trading entity, the EU. And that “German economic miracle—so vital to

the idea of a new Europe—was built on mass murder,” wrote Adam LeBor in London's Mail Online. “The number of slave and forced laborers who died while employed by German companies in the Nazi era was 2,700,000” (May 9). Added to this was the massive loot gained from the Nazi plundering of Jewish assets in the Holocaust, which slaughtered 6 million Jews.

It is this entity that now has the gall to bring a record fine against an American corporation for questionable business practices.

Seizing the Moment

The grave danger that Anglo-America faces from Berlin, Brussels and Rome seems beyond the comprehension of the present U.S. and British governments. Their apparent knowledge of history is shallow, their moral base deeply warped.

Since World War II, these Europeans have smarted under the dominance of the Anglo-American way of doing things. Now, the Anglo-Americans' days as influential world powers are clearly numbered. EU elites perceive the inherent, irrecoverable weakness of the Anglo-Saxon economies and the apparent ineptness of their current administrations. They are seizing their moment to make their presence felt.

This latest ridiculous fine on Intel by the European Commission is just one more indicator of the bullying character of the EU, of which we can expect much more. Even now, an EU clone, the Financial Stability Board—to which the world's top 20 economies recently yielded control of their chief banking and commercial enterprises—is planning the method and the timing of moves destined to suddenly fulfill dramatic and fearful prophecies in your Bible.

To read these prophecies in Revelation chapters 13, 17 and 18 can be quite chilling if one sees them in the context of current events. Yet read on! Read to the end of the story in the final chapters of Revelation. There's the real hope for the future!

What is currently building on the world scene today is but a harbinger of the best news of all—the imminent return of the Savior of mankind to finally set this world on the track to peace among nations, abundance of national blessings, and to the ultimate fulfillment of the incredible human potential for which that same Savior created man!

Order a free copy of *Who or What Is the Prophetic Beast?* for more on this subject.



AMID THE GLOBAL ECONOMIC carnage, one winner has emerged. In a perverse turn of events, the currency of the country that started it all has gone up in value. But the U.S. dollar's day as king may be nearing an end. Nations are beginning to worry that America's vast debts and money-creating machines are threatening the greenback.

News out of the Far East suggests that anti-dollar sentiment is flourishing among U.S. enemies and allies alike. Is a dollar revolt brewing?

Deng Xiaoping's Dream

Mei jin used to be the Chinese term for the U.S. dollar. It means "American gold."



It came from the dollar's reputation as a stable store of wealth. The belief in "American gold" was so strong that it even withstood the de-linking of gold and the greenback by President Nixon in 1971. The Chinese shunned local currency when owning dollars was an option.

"Comrades, just imagine!," Deng Xiaoping, the leader of China, said to an audience of powerful policymakers in the late 1970s. "One day we may have a foreign reserve as big as \$10 billion!" According to the *New York Times*, a hushed awe filled the room because the number was so astronomical, seemingly so impossible. "Comrades, just imagine," Deng continued, "with 10 billion American gold, how much China can do!"

Back then, owning "American gold" was a status symbol in China, even after the dollar could no longer be officially exchanged for real gold. Chinese hoarded *Mei jin* as a hedge against inflation—willing to purchase dollars at extravagant exchange rates—if they could find anyone who would sell. Businesses eagerly sought it from tourists. The government wanted "American gold" to back the Chinese currency.

The gigantic demand for *Mei jin* played a huge role in supporting the value of the dollar and keeping interest rates low in America, despite the fact that the U.S. ran huge trade and budget deficits.

Forty years later, a very different story is emerging.

A New Dirty Word

China is now the world's largest foreign

holder of dollar bonds. It owns approximately \$2 trillion worth. China is also America's most important creditor.

China has all the *Mei jin* it could have ever hoped for—and a whole lot more. China is overflowing with *Mei jin*, but like anything else that becomes easily attainable—Weimar reichmarks, Argentine pesos, Turkish lira, colored paper—as scarcity dwindles, value plummets. The implications for America are ominous.

"No one knows for sure when the tide started to turn, or the exact moment when American gold started its slow but seemingly irreversible loss of luster," Victor Zhikai Gao, a former interpreter for Deng Xiaoping, said. But now, "[m]any Chinese people increasingly fear the rapid erosion of the American dollar."

Many shops no longer accept dollar-based credit cards, and there are quotas on how many dollars can be converted to renminbi. Those who still keep large amounts of U.S. dollars are those who need it to send their children to U.S. schools, or to travel in other countries that still use U.S. dollars.

For the most part, Chinese multinational corporations still happily accept U.S. dollars as a form of payment—but *Mei jin* is on its way to becoming a derisive anti-American joke, even a dirty word. China's appetite for holding dollars is turning into revulsion.

"China's near-\$2,000 billion in reserves, the world's largest, are often viewed outside the country as a great strength—an insurance policy against

American Gold? No Thanks!

The Chinese and Japanese are falling out of love with the dollar. BY ROBERT MORLEY

economic turbulence. But within China, they are *increasingly seen by the public and even some policymakers as something of an albatross*—a huge pool of resources ... that will plunge in value if the U.S. dollar collapses,” reported the *Financial Times* (February 23, emphasis mine).

China is stuck in a dollar trap. At least, that is what U.S. policymakers are telling the gullible public. China has lent so much money to America that if it ever tried to sell its U.S. treasuries, it would cause the rest of its treasury holdings to plummet in value. Thus, China would never dare sell. *We have them in a Chinese liquidity torture trap*—or so the theory goes.

China plays along, allowing U.S. officials to save face. Meanwhile, the U.S. trade deficit alone continues to send tens of billions of dollars to China each month. “We hate you guys,” Luo Ping, a director general at the China Banking Regulatory Commission, complained on a visit to New York in February. “Once you start issuing \$1 to \$2 trillion ... we know the dollar is going to depreciate, so we hate you guys, *but there is nothing much we can do.*”

There you have it! China has *admitted* that it is stuck in the dollar trap—case closed. We can all get back to fearlessly sending China more money.

But it's not China that is caught in a dollar trap—it's America.

Goodbye to the Dollar

China is already making moves to diversify its holdings away from the dollar. In April it was reported that China had almost doubled its actual gold reserves from 2003 levels to 1,054 tons. Although as a percent of its foreign exchange savings China's gold stockpile is small, from a global perspective, it is huge. China is now the world's largest producer and fifth-largest holder of refined gold, on a par with Switzerland. But that is only counting the “officially” reported numbers. True gold holdings may be much higher.

China is also “pushing hard to put the dollar out of its misery as the currency of international trade,” according to the *Shanghai Daily*. China has negotiated currency swap deals for bilateral trade with Argentina, Malaysia, South Korea, Belarus and Indonesia as a way for these countries to conduct trade without relying on the U.S. dollar. Similar arrangements are in the works with Brazil and Russia.

China also pushed hard (along with the European Union) at the G-20 summit

earlier this year for the International Monetary Fund to issue Special Drawing Rights (SDRs), so that countries suffering from the global economic slowdown could have access to credit markets. SDRs are, in effect, a *form of global currency* outside the control of any single nation that acts as a supplement or alternative to the dollar for global trade.

Does this sound like a nation caught in a trap?

“The notion that the Chinese have accumulated this massive U.S. debt portfolio and are only now wondering what to do about it is so naive it doesn't warrant consideration,” Adrian Douglas of Market Force Analysis said. Douglas suggests that China has been *using its U.S. treasury portfolio as collateral* for the massive resource buying binge it has embarked upon lately.

If the dollar goes down, America's standard of living—and other, far more important implications—can't help but follow.

If some day China was “forced” to announce it was selling significant portions of its U.S. treasuries—what Chinese state media have referred to as Beijing's “nuclear option”—and the U.S. bond market consequently melted down, China could simply default and hand over the worthless U.S. bonds. Meanwhile, China would still have its accumulated stockpiles of strategic resources. Douglas says China is currently importing 70 percent more copper than it consumes, and is busily creating and filling a strategic petroleum reserve.

But China isn't the only Asian country to show public disdain for the U.S. dollar.

No Thanks

Ii eh, domo. That is essentially what the chief finance spokesman of Japan's opposition said concerning the U.S. dollar on April 12. *Ii eh, domo* means “no thanks”—as in, *dollar-denominated U.S. treasuries? No thanks.* Masaharu Nakagawa told the BBC that he was worried about the future value of the dollar, and that if his party were elected in the upcoming national elections it would refuse to purchase any more U.S. treasuries unless they were denominated in Japanese yen.

“If it's [in] yen, it's going to be all right,” Mr. Nakagawa said. “We propose that we would buy [the U.S. bonds], but it's yen, not dollar.”

Since World War II, Japan has been a stalwart supporter of U.S. policy and the dollar. Japan is America's second-largest

creditor after China.

Because Japan is a U.S. ally, Washington officials don't often talk about it being stuck in a dollar trap. But this recent announcement illustrates a clear weakening of U.S.-Tokyo relations.

“We have come to assume that Japan under the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) will always cleave to America, if only to safeguard U.S. protection against Chinese naval expansion,” wrote Ambrose Evans-Pritchard in the *Telegraph*. “But crashes have a habit of bringing regime change” (May 17).

Brian Reading, a Japan specialist at Lombard Street Research, says Japan may experience a “seismic shock” as voters revolt. Will Japan soon have new leadership that is less accommodating to Washington? Even America's strongest allies are questioning the wisdom of lending money to a nation that has so much debt.

According to a recent unconfirmed report, Germany is in the dollar-skeptic camp too. Economic analyst Jim Willie quoted an unnamed source saying that Germany has demanded the “return [of] all their gold bullion held in custodial accounts on U.S. soil” (*Hat Trick Letter*, April 16). Dubai has recently sent the same request to London (which is also facing a currency crisis). According to Willie, Germany is acting as a “hidden archenemy” toward the U.S. and UK “on all matters pertaining to gold bullion.” He says Germany is also acting as an adviser to the Chinese on currency and gold issues.

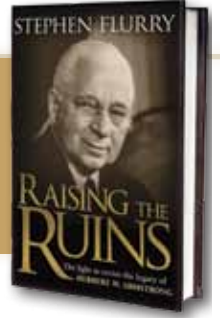
When America's allies, let alone its enemies, publicly question the viability of the dollar, you can be sure that things behind the scenes are even worse.

“We're going to have a currency crisis, probably this fall or the fall of 2010,” said famed commodities investor Jim Rogers on May 12. “It's been building up for a long time. We've had a huge rally in the dollar, an artificial rally in the dollar, so it's time for a currency crisis.”

The dollar is in big trouble.

If the dollar goes down, America's standard of living—and other, far more important implications—can't help but follow. The dangers of debt are about to be brought home to America. Skyrocketing interest rates, plummeting currency, escalating import costs and three-digit oil prices will be just a few of the consequences.

Mei jin has lost its luster. And soon, more than just the Japanese will say “no thanks” to the U.S. dollar. ■



In his book *Raising the Ruins*, *Trumpet* executive editor Stephen Flurry exposes the reality of what happened to the Worldwide Church of God.

Here is part two of the 25th chapter.

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Raising the Ruins

PART TWO

“[A]nd I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old.”

— Amos 9:11

BY THE TIME WE PURCHASED THOSE 38 ACRES IN 2000, my father’s vision had become crystal clear. We had to raise up *everything* the Tkaches ruined. And so we began in earnest, as soon as the contract was signed, to set up meetings with land developers, building contractors and landscape architects.

Tim Thompson, who negotiated the land purchase for the church, said, “In a couple of years, you won’t recognize this place. Five years and it will be a paradise.” We were thinking big.

Ten weeks after the purchase, on September 8, my father officially broke ground on the new property in a ceremony attended by our headquarters staff and their families. My father said the land belonged to God and that He had an intense interest in the building program. He reminded us of the many prophecies in Scripture that describe the worldwide rebuilding to take place after Jesus Christ returns to this Earth. Ours was the first of many ground-breaking ceremonies to occur in the World Tomorrow and beyond, he said.

One week after we broke ground on the 38 acres, we signed the deed on the *additional 120 acres* adjacent to our original plot. It was mostly pasture land that the previous owner originally wanted to develop into an upscale neighborhood for airplane owners. He had already developed a small, unpaved airstrip on the property. But his development plans changed and he instead decided to sell the property. Commenting on the fact that the 120 acres had an airstrip, my father said later in a sermon, “We know what Mr. Armstrong has done in the past And I think maybe that gives you some idea of what God is planning in the future. ... [M]aybe God wants me to fly around, and others of the ministers, to get to people more quickly and do the work even faster than we have done it.”

So as of Friday, Sept. 15, 2000, we had 158 acres ready for developing. “Think about what could happen in a few years,” my father told our members. “I think God is kind of hurling the [158] acres out there to say, all right, now, here’s the vision. There’s something really wonderful going to happen in the

near future. ... [A]mazing developments are going to occur right before our eyes.”

Three days after we acquired the additional property, on Monday, Sept. 18, 2000, the Ninth Circuit filed its opinion on our case, ruling in favor of the Worldwide Church of God. Distribution of *Mystery of the Ages* would have to stop and yet, here we were about to embark on a huge building and development program so we might reach the largest audience possible *with Mr. Armstrong’s literature*.

My father knew God had opened the door for us to build, so he wasn’t about to let the Ninth Circuit discourage us. The *same week* we received the bad news from the Ninth Circuit, we broke ground on a 22,400-square-foot multipurpose center, complete with a gymnasium, a raised stage at one end for church services and musical performances, a second-floor sound booth overlooking the gym, locker rooms for men and women, a commercial kitchen, dining hall and several offices scattered throughout the facility. For a church as small as ours, having dumped hundreds of thousands of dollars into a court case we just lost, as well as land we just bought, this was a HUGE undertaking.

As we pressed forward with construction through the winter months, we waited for the judge’s injunction that would prevent us from mailing out Mr. Armstrong’s literature. At the same time, my father waited as long as possible before deciding on whether to start the college in the fall of 2001 or to wait until 2002. I wrote to my dad in January of 2001, “In reading from Mr. Armstrong’s experiences, you do immediately think about starting things smaller—the mustard seed beginning, just like the *Trumpet* and *The Key of David* started. Do you suppose starting the college this fall, with a smaller class and fewer courses offered, would be better than waiting until 2002? It seems like by fall of 2002 that the land would be much better developed, more buildings would be in place and we’d be able to accept more students—all of that would kind of go against the ‘mustard seed’ beginning.”

My father was leaning toward the smaller start in 2001. But

even with a small beginning, it had to be done right. He wondered if our headquarters staff would have enough time to develop the highest-quality courses in theology and the liberal arts, and if the time commitment to do so could be justified for such a small freshman class.

By the end of January 2001, the court-ordered injunction was filed and we stopped mailing Mr. Armstrong's literature. Two weeks later, my dad gave the school, named Imperial College, a green light for fall classes later that year. We announced it to the membership on February 17. After he made the decision, my father admonished those of us who would be teaching at the school, saying that "if the college is done right, it can stir and motivate the entire church to get more and more behind the work." He reminded us that we're not here just to start a college, but that the college would be established to support the work's worldwide mission and to facilitate faster growth.

On February 24, my father then told the church membership that there is "no money in the budget for the college," but that we are in a time of "no more delay" and must move forward.

On April 2, more bad news on the lawsuit front—the Supreme Court rejected our petition. As we prepared for the damages trial in court, out on the land we rushed to complete the field house before the start of classes in August. That summer, we moved two mobile homes on campus to temporarily serve as student residences. We accepted 10 full-time students, including two married students, who would live just off campus.

At orientation on Thursday, August 30, my father kicked off our first school year by explaining why God raised up Imperial College. Though off to a mustard-seed beginning, he said, the college would eventually grow to be the biggest, until finally established worldwide after Christ's return. On Tuesday, September 4, a full slate of classes began. The field house was not yet complete, so the students had to commute to our Waterwood offices each day for the first three weeks of classes. After classes and work at headquarters, they returned to the two trailers on the 158 acres.

What an exciting time that was for us. It was all so reminiscent of the way Ambassador started. "Would you really say it was a college that finally swung open its door to students the eighth of October, 1947?" Mr. Armstrong asked in his autobiography. "There were only four students! There were no dormitories—no place for students to be in residence on the original little 'campus' of one and three-quarter acres. We had some books and encyclopedias on shelves in the one room that served as music room, assembly room, library, study room and lounge—but no real college library. There was no gymnasium, no track or athletic field."

Few people would have considered Imperial a legitimate college in 2001. But it has since enjoyed abundant growth—and at a much faster rate than Ambassador experienced in its early years. In 2002, we constructed two duplexes for use as student residences, one of which had a classroom built in between. The two structures, big enough to house 24 students, enabled us to accept 14 more students in 2002. With all the students moving into the duplexes that year, we converted both mobile homes into faculty housing, including one for my family. We also added an outdoor sports complex that summer—including a fenced-in softball diamond, a soccer field and a small two-story structure providing storage for athletic equipment and a classroom on the second floor.

In 2003, we completed construction on two faculty homes. We also finished work on a new swimming pool and bath house, located behind the field house. During our youth camp that summer, we received news from U.S. Immigration that the college had been certified and could begin accepting international applicants. Within weeks, after being accepted at the last minute, we had five new international students on campus. That September, in the tradition of Mr. Armstrong's world-renowned concert series, the Philadelphia Foundation hosted the internationally acclaimed Canadian Brass in the field house. Later that year, in November, the church purchased an additional 10 acres, adjacent to the western edge of the campus. The acreage included a home—which was immediately purchased by another headquarters ministerial family—and a steel barn and fenced corral.

The following year, in 2004, we finished two more faculty homes, which meant five headquarters families were now living on campus—a total of 22 people, counting children. We also completed work on a new 5,000-square-foot men's dormitory, with enough living space to house 22 students. The additional space enabled us to accept our biggest freshman class yet—23 students coming from five countries. It doubled the size of our student body to 46—14 of whom were from nations outside the United States. We were just beginning our fourth year and we had 46 students representing eight countries.

In July of that year, we purchased two items auctioned off by the Worldwide Church of God in Pasadena. With one of our representatives on hand at the auction, and several of us listening in on speakerphone in Edmond, we purchased a 9-foot Steinway concert grand piano and two 7-foot-tall candelabra, all from Ambassador Auditorium. The piano was one of three Steinways the WCG used for its concert series. The candelabra were made of crystal used by the late Shah of Iran for the 2,500th anniversary of the Persian Empire in 1971, then later acquired by the WCG and placed in the lobby of the auditorium.

In 2005, the college's Choral Union gave its first-ever public performance, together with members of the Oklahoma City Philharmonic Orchestra and professional soloists. On April 10, the 49-member chorus, 28-piece Baroque orchestra and four soloists packed the field house stage to perform Handel's *Messiah*.

In the fall, we began our fifth year at the college—our first with a full four-year load of courses offered. We accepted 18 students, upping the student body size to 54. And with every student working for the church part-time, student labor was beginning to really flex its muscle. As our chief financial officer, Andrew Locher, explained, "Part of each student's education comes through the work-study program, which places them in responsible positions in nearly all departments of church operations. The church in turn benefits from quality labor at a very reasonable cost. Altogether, the students combine to equal 25 full-time employees—at a fraction of the cost! The students are rewarded by earning their way through college and graduating without financial obligation to the church. This is truly a win-win situation conceived by Mr. Armstrong for Ambassador College."

Yet another program we had raised from the ruins.

Later in 2005, we changed the name of our school to "Herbert W. Armstrong College." Imperial College of London had wanted us to make the change years earlier, so as to avoid any

confusion over the name. So we proposed various ways to use “Imperial,” but in a way that would make the name distinctly different, like “Imperial College of Edmond.” After our litigation ended with the WCG, however, we considered going in a completely different direction. Herbert W. Armstrong College was a name we almost used when we started the college in 2001, but since we were then embroiled in a lawsuit over Mr. Armstrong’s literature, we didn’t think it would be wise to use his name for our college as well. But by the end of 2005, after winning all that literature, and with our first crop of seniors months away from graduating, changing the name to Herbert W. Armstrong College seemed like a perfect ending to the story of our legal struggle—and a fitting tribute to Mr. Armstrong’s legacy.

■ GROWTH OF THE WORK

In his autobiography, Mr. Armstrong repeatedly said the growth of the work “directly paralleled” the development of the college. He said, “Without the college, the work of thundering Christ’s gospel around the whole world could not have been possible. It could never have gone around the world. It was the development of the college in Pasadena that made possible the growth of the whole gospel work!” The same has been true with our work as we raise up the ruins.

After obtaining all the literature in March of 2003, we saw an immediate need for a multipurpose facility where we could store huge quantities of literature and process mail. We also wanted to update and expand our TV studio in anticipation of offering Mr. Armstrong’s literature on *The Key of David*. In a matter of months, we completed plans for a 17,400-square-foot Mail Processing Center. Today, the building anchors the northeast corner of the church’s property and can be seen from nearly anywhere on campus. Two thirds of the structure is an enclosed warehouse for all our literature, stored on double-pallet storage racks. Adjacent to the warehouse, under the same roof, are the centers for processing mail and answering calls for the TV program. There are also six offices for MPC employees. Above the offices, there is a 2,400-square-foot mezzanine, soundproofed and enclosed for our state-of-the-art television studio and editing equipment.

In the spring of 2004, a year after the victory, we began the piecemeal process of moving our headquarters staff from the Waterwood complex out to the 168 acres, beginning with those assigned to work at the MPC. We also unveiled plans for a two-story, 22,825-square-foot Hall of Administration to serve as our new headquarters.

Later that year, after we acquired the piano and candelabra from the WCG auction, my father took the purchase as God’s signal for us to begin thinking about building an auditorium in the tradition of Ambassador. It would be smaller and less expensive than Ambassador Auditorium, but a beautiful cen-

terpiece on the campus landscape nonetheless. “I do believe . . . that with God giving us these beautiful furnishings right out of the house of God [Ambassador Auditorium], that He does want us to build an auditorium,” he said just three months before we were scheduled to begin construction on the \$3.7 million Hall of Administration. My dad said that because of the urgency of time, we might have to consider building our facilities, not successively, but perhaps concurrently.

In October 2004, during the same week we broke ground on the Hall of Administration, the *Pasadena Star-News* revealed the WCG’s plan to move its headquarters operations off the Ambassador College campus in Pasadena and onto the “smaller, less expensive trappings of an industrial building” in Glendora, California. Even as Tkachism prepared for its last ruinous act, selling off the formerly great Pasadena headquarters, God showed His mighty hand by raising the ruins in Edmond—and during the very same week.

In the summer of 2005, with construction on the Hall of Administration in full swing, we broke ground on a \$2 million college building that would provide housing for 34 more students downstairs and serve as an academic center upstairs. Thus, we had two huge structures going up concurrently on campus in 2005, just as my father had indicated might happen.

Meanwhile, the work of the church was experiencing explosive growth. The year the lawsuit ended, *The Key of David* aired weekly on just one station: WGN. In March of 2005, two years later, we were on 92 television stations around the world. And with all of Mr. Armstrong’s works printed except his autobiography, we were churning out an average of 45,000 pieces of mail per month (not counting any of our magazines).

Perhaps the biggest step forward

in 2005, as far as literature is concerned, came in January when we started updating and revising Mr. Armstrong’s Bible correspondence course. By the time 2005 ended, we had sent out twice as much mail as in 2004 and had received 50 percent more phone calls from the TV program than we had the year before.

In January 2006, exactly 20 years after Mr. Armstrong’s death, all that was left from the PCG operations at the old Waterwood complex moved into the new Hall of Administration. Herbert W. Armstrong College and the church’s headquarters were now completely joined together.

The new administration building—rising 41 feet above the mostly residential countryside—instantly doubled the PCG’s executive office space and made for a tremendous upgrade in quality. Ron Fraser said, “Mr. Armstrong knew that by lifting the tone and quality of environment to the highest possible standard, humans would be inspired to lift themselves to meet that standard.”

On the ground floor, the 40-office building has several open spaces for numerous cubicles, as well as an elegant and spacious library that wraps around the central staircase. Commenting on the building’s breathtaking beauty, my father told members, “Shouldn’t the most wonderful message people

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could ever hear ... come out of a building like that—something that is worthy of God?” As with every other structure on campus, the *building itself* is a message—a testament to our work of raising Mr. Armstrong’s ruins. God has raised the ruins so we might give a powerful warning to this dying world.

■ OUR FIRST GRADUATES

Of course, we will always have our critics. Mr. Armstrong certainly had his share. In 1951, after Mr. Armstrong had labored for four years to get the college off and running, there were some, even in the Worldwide Church of God, who could not see the vision Mr. Armstrong had for the college and the work. Mr. Armstrong wrote, “When God first started Ambassador College, many brethren and co-workers lacked faith. They couldn’t see God’s hand in it. Some felt your pastor’s duty was solely to preach the gospel to the world—not realizing that one man alone can’t do it all!

“They had forgotten that Jesus, Peter and Paul surrounded themselves with specially God-called men whom they trained to assist them in their great mission.

“Some said, ‘Why, there isn’t time! It will be four years before the first students graduate, and even then they will still be just youths without maturity or actual experience.’ ...

“But there was, and still is, enough time—though there is not a day to lose. The end of this age can’t come until this very gospel of the Kingdom has been preached and published in all the world as a witness to all nations (Matthew 24:3, 14).”

This had been his lifelong approach: preach God’s message to the largest audience possible while surrounding himself with specially called individuals he could train in order for the work to expand further. Mr. Armstrong went on to explain how Ambassador’s first graduates were already having a strong impact on the work after only four years.

The same has been true of our work. We had 13 seniors graduate from Herbert W. Armstrong College in May 2006. And from that group, nine were hired by the church. Three of them were given positions in Editorial, two in Mail Processing, and one each in the business office, Information Technology, the call center and college administration. With only 66 full-time employees working at headquarters, the fact that nine of them are AC graduates is remarkable when you consider that we have only had one senior class to this point.

And even as the college facilitates a more expansive work, we continue upgrading and expanding the college itself. With the completion of the new dormitory/academic center in July 2006, we doubled our classroom space and have enough accommodations on campus for about 90 students. So we have room for growth—and we will certainly need it.

Viewer response to *The Key of David* in 2006 increased by 45 percent over 2005. And with more people being exposed to our literature, it follows that more have requested contact with our ministers. In 2006, ministerial visit requests jumped 80 percent over the previous year.

We also re-launched the public appearance campaigns in 2006 (our first series occurred in the late 1990s). *Public lectures, radio and television broadcasts and printed matter* were all part of Mr. Armstrong’s “three-point” plan—the strategy he employed for preaching the gospel message to the largest audience possible. It was yet another of the ruins we

have been able to raise up. In describing the initiative to our members on May 6, 2006, my father called it a “new phase” for our work. He explained how Christ’s commission in Matthew 10:23 was actually intended for the Philadelphia Church of God and that we wouldn’t be able to cover all the “cities of Israel” before the return of Jesus Christ. In the first phase of the campaign, from July to September, my father visited Philadelphia, Chicago, Los Angeles, Houston, Dallas, New York and Portland.

During this same time period, our architects put the finishing touches on the drawings for the \$15 million, 800-seat auditorium we intend to build and dedicate to our great God. We hope to break ground on God’s house in 2007.

■ THE ROAD AHEAD

As I look out my window across campus from my second-floor office in the Hall of Administration, I sit here in absolute awe of WHAT GOD HAS DONE. To think that all of this started 16 years ago with a Worldwide Church of God minister who was fired and excommunicated, offered no severance pay or pension and then laughed to scorn within the circle of Tkachism for simply believing and teaching what he had always been taught.

That’s what God had to work with at the start of raising these ruins—*that*, AND FAITH.

Even today, in viewing what God has raised up *already* through a relatively small church with a modest annual income of \$14 million or so, the numbers just don’t add up. Yet the work keeps growing and prospering as more doors swing open for us to finish our commission.

Mr. Armstrong introduced one of his books by writing, “No story of fiction ever was so strange, so fascinating, so absorbing, so packed with interest and suspense, as this gripping story ...” That’s the way I feel about our story. It’s so strange it seems almost unbelievable. And yet, what a fascinating and incredible ride this has been. But we still have a long way to go.

Herbert W. Armstrong died with his mind on reaching the largest audience possible with a message—a commission the Tkaches were dead-set against. They stopped the work and ruined everything God had given Mr. Armstrong *for* the work.

Then God raised it right back up. He began with a small, faith-filled ministry intent on delivering the exact same message Mr. Armstrong did. A few people responded to that message and devoted their lives to support that work. Later, God amplified the message with many of the same tools Mr. Armstrong had used so effectively—radio and television programs, magazines, books and booklets. And when the fledgling work of the Philadelphia Church of God plateaued, God raised up a college to train additional personnel for service in the work—to make it possible for the work to have a worldwide impact. At the same time, God dramatically increased the size of our facilities for doing the work.

Now God has granted us ownership of all that literature.

It’s as if everything to this point has happened to prepare us for what’s ahead—to make reaching the “largest audience possible,” *possible*. In many ways, to paraphrase the conclusion in *Mystery of the Ages*, it feels like the story is just beginning. ■

Britain's Forgotten Veteran

Queen Elizabeth II ought to have been the first dignitary invited to Normandy on June 6, not the last. BY BRAD MACDONALD

THE LEADERS OF FRANCE, CANADA and the United States descended on Normandy on June 6 in a much more peaceful way than the 150,000 Allied soldiers did on that date in 1944. They commemorated the 65th anniversary of D-Day, the Allied invasion of Hitler's Europe. Eight hundred British veterans of Normandy joined the dignitaries, along with former servicemen from Canada and the United States, a squall of reporters and countless tourists from across the planet.

You would think that someone would have reserved a chair for Britain's head of state, the 83-year-old matriarch of the indefatigable institution at the heart of Britain's wartime resilience, *herself* a survivor and veteran of World War II.

Not so.

Queen Elizabeth II was not on the original list of invitations to the commemoration. So, instead of standing shoulder to shoulder with fellow veterans in Normandy to commemorate the sacrifice and service of friends and family, the Queen would have had to watch Mr. Obama, Mr. Sarkozy and Mr. Brown—none of whom were even conceived until after the war—mark the occasion with rallied empathy via television. Shame.

Ceremonies like this give pause for reflection—in this case, on the sacrifice and courage of the warriors who fought in World War II; on the character and selflessness of their families who supported them

THE QUEEN Britain's Elizabeth II knows what Normandy means perhaps better than any living world leader. Among other things, she served in uniform in the Auxiliary Territorial Service as a mechanic.



tirelessly, prayerfully, from afar; and on the immense national sacrifice it took for the Allies to finally wrest victory from Hitler.

Frankly, no one can reflect on these things quite like Queen Elizabeth II.

A Child at War

Shortly after the war commenced in September 1939, it was suggested to King George VI and his wife by concerned authorities that Elizabeth and Margaret, as heirs to the throne, join the children of Britain's wealthy and be evacuated to the far-away, peaceful shores of Canada. The queen consort's curt response to this suggestion was patriotism in its purest form: "The children won't go without me. I won't leave the King. And the King will never leave." That settled it. The King *and* his family would remain at the wheel of the ship.

Elizabeth was a teenager when war erupted, and together with her younger sister she spent most of the war in seclusion at Windsor Castle. They often slept in the dungeons, virtually alone, whenever it was considered too dangerous to sleep upstairs. They may have been safely ensconced within those protective walls, but the girls knew what it felt like to watch parents and loved ones dodge death in service to Britain.

Early in the war, King George and his wife had chosen to remain in London in the hope that their resilient example might embolden a country in the jaws of death. They even decided to continue residing in Buckingham Palace, the seat of royal power and the bull's-eye of Hitler's Luftwaffe. The palace was bombed nine times, with two bombs exploding on one occasion less than 80 yards from where the King and Queen were sitting. Meanwhile, King George and his wife weren't afraid to get their hands dirty, and their children, along with the country, witnessed their parents' gallant tours through the rubble-strewn streets of London, their courage and resilience rallying their shellshocked people.

In October 1940, when she was just 14 years old, Elizabeth delivered her first radio address, live to Britain *and* the United States. "Thousands of you in this country have had to leave your homes and be separated from your father and mother," she told listeners, precisely and empathetically. "My sister Margaret Rose and I feel so much for you, as we know from experience what it means to be away from those we love most of all." The world was touched. It was early in the war, but American hearts began to long to rescue Britain's innocent princesses.

The girls learned quickly that despite—and really because of—their position, they too had to sacrifice. Throughout the war, they followed their mother's example, knitting clothes for soldiers in the Army, Navy and Air Force. When they ran out of material in July 1941, the princesses personally arranged and performed in a concert to raise money to buy wool so they could resume their service. Time after time, the royal heirs sacrificed time and privacy for photos, public addresses and taxing public engagements designed to inspire and motivate the British people.

Elizabeth and her sister learned to be frugal, and willingly gave up royal privileges. Tales still linger of the royal family economizing with clothing coupons, and of how the queen consort would personally alter her own dresses for Elizabeth, and later for Margaret. In 1941, the press released a story about how Elizabeth was allocated 5 shillings a week for pocket money, more than half of which she donated to the war effort.

"This was not just for public consumption," relays Ben Pimlott in his biography of Elizabeth II. "When Eleanor Roosevelt visited Buckingham Palace late in 1942, she found adherence to heat, water and food restrictions that was almost a fetish. Broken window panes in her bedroom had been replaced with wood, and her bath had a painted black line above which she was not supposed to run the water."

Of course, Elizabeth and her sister were royalty and enjoyed advantages during the war that most British children did not have. But those advantages came with weighty responsibility, which the sisters carried admirably, with determination and sacrifice, and without complaint.

As Elizabeth matured, the war demanded she skip the more carefree teenage years and quickly absorb royal responsibilities to the state. She visited hospitals and shipyards, led ceremonies and parades, and performed constitutional duties. By the time she was 18, after years of performing royal functions to help inspire the public, the princess had managed to convince her father and mother to allow her to volunteer in the military. In February 1945, she was registered as No. 230873 Second Subaltern Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor. Trained at the military academy in Aldershot, Elizabeth became a mechanic and a driver in the British Army, rising to the rank of junior commander. Queen Elizabeth II is the only living head of state who served in uniform during World War II.

The war touched Elizabeth in a

multitude of ways. The young Prince Philip, her husband-to-be, was an officer in the Royal Navy. Her uncle, the Duke of Kent, died in a plane crash while on active service.

When King George VI died in 1952, Winston Churchill delivered a speech in remembrance of his old friend and fighting companion: "There is no doubt that of all the institutions which have grown up among us over the centuries, or sprung into being in our lifetime, the *constitutional monarchy is the most deeply founded and dearly cherished* by the whole association of our peoples."

When she became Queen in 1952, Elizabeth embraced this royal legacy of service and sacrifice. "I cannot lead you into battle," Elizabeth told her people at her coronation. "I do not give you laws or administer justice, but I can do something else. *I can give my heart and my devotion to these old islands and to all the peoples of our brotherhood of nations.*"

And she has—for 56 years!

Diminishing Respect

That's why it's such a travesty that the Queen was not invited to the commemoration in Normandy. Although Downing Street blamed France for the gaffe, saying it neglected to send an invitation to Buckingham Palace, much of the fault lies with British Prime Minister Gordon Brown. Britain was invited. Mr. Brown simply didn't pass the invitation on to the Queen—*Britain's head of state*—or even think to quiz the French to make sure a seat had been reserved for both himself and Her Majesty.

How could he forget?

Mr. Brown, together with most of Britain's leaders, no longer understands or cherishes the historic role and responsibility of the monarchy. The snubbing of Queen Elizabeth II, *even if it were accidental*, is a sign of the diminishing respect and appreciation among British leaders for the undying sacrifice of the monarchy during World War II.

Prince Charles attended the D-Day commemorations, thanks to a belated invitation to Buckingham Palace from the French president. But the mentality of Britain's leaders was clearly exposed. Sliding into the multicultural cesspool, Britain's leaders are losing sight of the magnificent history of their monarchy, and are turning their backs on Queen Elizabeth II, Britain's forgotten veteran. ■

To learn about the tremendous importance of the British royal family, request a free copy of *The Key of David*.

to Kenya since 2003 and now spends about a third of each year at the farm. He says success in these endeavors requires respecting the parts of the Kenyans' culture that are right, and not shying away from fixing what is clearly broken. "I won't let African traditions get in the way of what's right and what needs to be done," he says frankly. "I've now got people willing to give up their traditions and say, *Let's get to work so we can feed ourselves.*" Thus, Dominion is training locals not only how to increase crop yields and preserve food, but also how to avoid choices that are enslaving them in poverty and disease. When over half of the people ages 15 to 25 in the region are HIV-positive, Mr. Burgess says by way of example, there is a crying need to educate people robustly—particularly the youth—in a far healthier lifestyle.

RECENT YEARS HAVE VIVIDLY demonstrated how close our world is to the brink of catastrophic food shortages. But with climates favorable to year-round crop production, Africa is rich in unrealized potential to help prevent them. "Africa should be sending food out—not bringing food in," says Mr. Burgess. "They can become a breadbasket for much of the world." He actually hopes to replicate his farm's model elsewhere in Africa, and already has investors ready to build in Liberia.

Kenya's political strife is bubbling up again, and the country's future is uncertain. It threatens to throw another, even greater obstacle into Dominion Farms' path. But Mr. Burgess remains optimistic by focusing his concern on the things he can control.

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Will Christ Ever Return?

CLEARLY MANKIND'S POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS systems have reached the end of their rope ("Major News Sources Ask: Will Christ Ever Return?," July). There is criminal violence, hunger, disease outbreaks and sexual deviancy on a scale that has far exceeded the wickedness of the antediluvian world of Noah. Even just 15 years ago, the world was not this wretched. All we can say is, *May your Kingdom come!*

Peter Thomas—MALAYSIA

KUDOS ONCE AGAIN FOR REMINDING MODERN-day Israel and the Gentile world about events leading up to Christ's return. I also like the blunt subtitle on the cover, because it seems like the world won't learn in any other way. Anyway, it is no doubt that we ... have already reached within a few minutes just before "midnight" on the doomsday clock.

Adrian Outten—BAHAMAS

I'VE HEARD MANY PEOPLE TALKING about the end of the world. [They] are from different religious backgrounds. They are actually scared about what is happening on the world scene. Some are predicting that the world will end in a few short years. They have an inclination that this world will not continue for much longer, but very soon they will all know the truth—Jesus Christ is the only one that can save mankind from totally destroying themselves! Continue to let this world know God's Word as He has foretold it centuries ago.

Marcello Sukhdeo—GUYANA

Tories an "Empty Shell"

THE FORMER TORY PARTY HEADQUARTERS in London has been chosen as the site of the EU foreign ministry's diplomatic center by EU Commission President Manuel Barroso, and young diplomats are already being trained in skills such as "how to deal with the media," *Spiegel's* website reported last week ("Financial Regulation in Prophecy!," July). If there is one group of people in Britain who will be the first to be led to the tumbrels by the democratic revolution which will follow the collapse of the EU's evil empire, it is the Tory Party of Britain. From the plotting of [Harold] MacMillan with President [John F.] Kennedy and the machinations of [Edward] Heath in the 1960s to

the disgraceful signing of the Treaty of Rome to the stabbing of Margaret Thatcher by Howe, Heseltine and Clarke, to the scandal of Maastricht and the betrayal by [David] Cameron, no political group has done so much to destroy the rights and lives of so many as has the British Conservative Party. It is fitting that just as the European Central Bank is housed in the former headquarters of the Nazi conglomerate and producer of the gas used to exterminate the Jews, IG Farben, so the former headquarters of

that empty shell of a Conservative Party is to be taken over by the new masters in Brussels as a center of the new empire.

Rodney Atkinson—BRITAIN

Radical Social Engineering

CHRISTIANS IN AMERICA ARE BEING REBUKED ("Radical Social Engineering," July). Christians are living together without the commitment of marriage at an alarming rate. They come to church, but they have no conviction in their hearts to obey the Word of God and get married. This Christian nation, with the majority who say they are Christians, [has its] own rules. Since this Christian nation doesn't prize marriage anymore, the homosexuals are filling the vacuum. When the Christian church wakes up, all of their rights will be gone

Janice Williams—CALIFORNIA

Fulfilled Prediction

IN GOING THROUGH SOME BACK ISSUES OF the *Trumpet*, I came across an article in the November 2004 issue, "The Biggest Bubble Ever," and a related article, "Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac." And as I reread these articles, I had to look again at the date of the magazine to see if I had it right, because it described almost to the precise detail the collapse of the housing market and the near collapse of Fannie and Freddie four years ahead of time. In November 2004 things couldn't have been rosier and talk of a bubble just brought laughs from those who thought this false prosperity would last forever. Well, it took four years, but the bubble didn't just burst—it exploded, with all the consequences that have followed in its wake since then. Once again, this incredible magazine has proven its value to anyone with an open mind, and I just happen to believe it's the most valuable magazine anyone can receive. ...

Ronald Edwards—CHICAGO, ILL.

Most Dangerous Deficit

UNLESS A PERSON IS A READER OF THE *Trumpet*, most of the people I've listened to or read of, from expert to imbecile, tend to be ignorant of just what the Federal Reserve Bank has done when they openly admitted to "creating" money in order to "stimulate" the economy ("The Most Dangerous Deficit," May-June). It is basically the same thing as if you were to write a large amount of money into your check register, money that you do not have, but then start writing checks against it anyway. It's illegal! It will get you two things: free room and board at your local prison, and bankrupt. This is not new though. The Federal Reserve has done this before. What is different this time is that during the Great Depression, America was the world's primary lender, possessing great wealth. Also, the average American had better ... character than now. Today we are bankrupt—the largest debtor in the universe—and the average person is a character instead of having it. This cannot long last. *David—INDIANA*

One of a Kind

I REALLY ENJOY READING YOUR MAGAZINE, watching your programs on TV, and [reading] your booklets. I appreciate your news in the light of Bible prophecy; it is awesome. You guys are one of a kind. ... I diligently read God's Word and see the error in some of the mainstream churches' teachings. I have been reading much about your teachings and can find nothing false to speak of. ... I am a subscriber to the *Trumpet* and have read a lot of Mr. Armstrong's books. He was a great man. Keep on doing what you're doing.

Jamie Primm—EMPORIA, VA.

I HAVE JUST RECEIVED YOUR LATEST EDITION—May-June 2009. Though this is the second I've received, I feel like I'm a thousand-time reader of the *Trumpet*. I'm a regular listener to BBC news also, and when comparing with the *Trumpet* edition, I see our world is in great turmoil. Today is the time to get ready to be in the Kingdom of Jesus Christ, which is going to destroy all these earthly kingdoms and superpowers. Thank you, *Trumpet*, for making me awake. *Eric Greson—PAPUA NEW GUINEA*

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“Human Rights” in Warfare?

British judges foolishly extend civil law to the battlefield. **BY RON FRASER**

A RECENT DECISION BY A BRITISH COURT WILL HAVE Britain’s enemies all over the planet in stitches of laughter. In May, the court upheld a case brought against the Ministry of Defense by the parents of a British soldier who died of heatstroke on the battlefield.

Thus, the nation once renowned for the code of honor within its regimental tradition and the lion-like bravery of its fighting forces in battle is reduced to the image of a silly dove (Hosea 7:11).

One has to wonder if such a judicial attitude had prevailed during World War II—in which British soldiery often entered battle grossly underequipped—whether the rule of the tyrant who could have overwhelmed Britain would have produced results any worse than the present tyranny of the feminist, homophile, politically correct thinking that dominates the British judiciary.

Would Winston Churchill—who promised “blood, toil, tears and sweat” to the British public in their battle for survival against overwhelming odds—have been brought to book for crimes against the human rights of every British subject, let alone the nation’s fighting men?

Had the parents of just one airman who fought in the Battle of Britain—who was deprived of adequate rest and the basic comforts of life, often in freezing conditions, fighting to save his nation from the Nazi aggressor while squeezed into the tiny cockpit of his Spitfire—even considered bringing such a charge against the Ministry of Defense back then, they would have been laughed to scorn and called traitors to boot!

And what of World War I, and the “human rights” of those who fought in the mud, slime and gore of the trenches in Europe and across the fazing heat of the desert sands in northern Africa? How many died from not only heatstroke, but just sheer exhaustion from the combined effects of dehydration, sleep deprivation, and inadequate food and shelter?

Then there was Gallipoli, where the Anzac troops were landed on the wrong beach, facing withering fire from the entrenched Turks pouring down on them from the craggy cliff battlements above. Ion Idriess wrote of the scene in the aftermath of that carnage: “The beach is strewn with discarded equipment, broken rifles, numerous mess tins and water bottles, all with shrapnel holes through them, lengths of barbed wire, jagged stakes, torn haversacks, and now and again the trampled-on felt hat with the little hole and black blood patch. These are the relics of the landing of the first battalions and each tragic bit of flotsam tells its own story” (*The Desert Campaign*).

Elsewhere, Idriess spoke of the infestations of body lice and maggots as big as caterpillars infesting the trenches filled with the mixed mire of mud, blood and the stench of rotting flesh. Yet not one parent brought a case against the home government for breach of any soldier son’s human rights during the Great War. They all regarded those sons as heroes for having fought, suffered

and too often died in the service of king and country.

Oh! How far the British lion has descended down the slippery slope of moral equivalence to the point where a court of the land can charge its own nation with breach of human rights for the death of a soldier due to heatstroke! And what a can of worms this inane judicial finding is going to open up within Britain’s politically correct society! Now Britain faces the prospect of any soldier—or of his parents—claiming breach of human rights for that which historically has been the expected sacrifice of members of its fighting force in battle.

War historian John Keegan has observed, after a career studying war and fighting men, that “Soldiers are not as other men [T]he culture of the warrior can never be that of civilization itself. All civilizations owe their origins to the warrior; their cultures nurture the warriors who defend them” (*A History of War*). The warrior tradition has always involved *self-sacrifice* in the defense of bride, family, clan, tribe or nation. Thus the soldier operates in a culture outside of the norms of traditional society, often under conditions that the codes of law that govern the civilian are simply not designed to address.

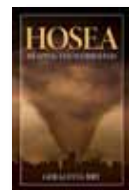
When operating as a civilian, the soldier out of uniform is bound by the civil law of society. When operating as a soldier in defense of his country, different rules have

historically applied on the battlefield. This latest decision by a British civil court crosses the traditional bounds that separate civilian and battlefield conditions. It breaks the tradition that “cultures nurture the warriors who defend them.” In fact, it denigrates the whole warrior culture by treating the soldier as but an ordinary civilian. Such a ludicrous legal decision can only further hurt morale in an already dispirited British fighting force.

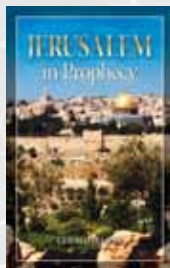
Full well the prophecies of your Bible leap into stark, current-day perspective. Such decisions indicate the fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy for the Anglo-Saxons in the very times we are living through today: “For, behold, the Lord, the Lord of hosts, doth take away ... The mighty man, and the man of war, the judge ... The captain of fifty, and the honourable man ...” (Isaiah 3:1-3).

In this civilization of man, when a nation ceases to “nurture the warriors who defend” it, there can be but one ultimate outcome. Even as Ezekiel declared, envisioning conditions extant in our day, the time is fast approaching when, as the call to battle is sounded, with the enemy pounding on the door, they will have “blown the trumpet, even to make all ready; but none goeth to the battle: for my wrath is upon all the multitude thereof” (Ezekiel 7:14). ■

For a deeper understanding of why Anglo-Saxon society is descending so speedily into weakness and increasing dominance by other world powers, request *The United States and Britain in Prophecy and Hosea—Reaping the Whirlwind*.



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