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FROM THE EDITOR GERALD FLURRY

# Egypt Unites With Iran and Fulfills a Bible Prophecy

The first part of our prophecy about Egypt has now been fulfilled!

**I**N AUGUST, A DRAMATIC, FAR-REACHING CHANGE OCCURRED in the Middle East. And it was *prophesied*. Yet, despite the magnitude of this development, leaders in America and in the Western world in general seemed mostly unaware of it. Those few who did notice didn't talk about it much, or had little worthwhile to say.

But the truth is, THIS EVENT IS GOING TO CHANGE THE COURSE OF HISTORY.

Egypt has been at peace with Israel for more than 30 years—since 1978, when Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin formalized the 1978 Camp David Accords. Over the last 20 years, I have been explaining the prophecy in Daniel 11 which says that Egypt would fall to radical Islam, ally itself with Iran, trash its peace treaty with Israel, and become a violent enemy of Israel and the United States.

In August, that prophecy was FULLY and TOTALLY fulfilled! It is now REALITY!

Egypt and Iran *are* now allies. Egypt, the largest Arab nation in the Middle East—a nation with billions of dollars' worth of military assets—is now allied with the number one state sponsor of terrorism in the world.

What does this mean for the Middle East *and* for the entire world? This is the new reality, whether we like it or not.

But that's not all. There is another problem that is going to make the situation much worse. Egypt is only *part* of a huge, devastating prophecy unfolding in the Middle East.

IRAN AND EGYPT ARE GOING TO HAVE A GREAT DEAL TO DO WITH SWEEPING LIBYA AND ETHIOPIA INTO THAT RADICAL ISLAMIC CAMP!

This too is prophesied right there in Daniel 11. In this pivotal prophecy, God is showing us exactly what is happening in the Middle East—but few are willing to listen to God.

We should be paying attention, because the Western world's Middle East policy is going to have some serious consequences. To start with, the fulfillment of that Daniel 11 prophecy will certainly cause gas prices to skyrocket. But we are also going to see events in that region spark World War III!

## Libya and Ethiopia Are Next

Daniel 11:40 reads, "And at the time of the end [that is, just before Jesus Christ returns] 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." Several other biblical prophecies show that the "king of the north" is going to be a German-led European power—a modern resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire. This European empire will throw mighty power—"strong ships"—at the king of the south. The king of the

south, as we explain in our free booklet by that title, is Iran and radical Islam. This verse describes that European power *conquering Iran!*

This event could happen in a very short time. So there is about to be *another* big change in the course of history in the Middle East, in Europe *and* in the world. These are AWESOME prophecies that we all need to be aware of, and they are going to affect the lives of every single person on Earth in a very short time.

But notice verses 42 and 43. These dramatic verses tell us what to expect next in the Middle East: "He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape. But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt . . ." Notice how the *emphasis* is on Egypt.

The next part of the scripture is almost like an afterthought: "... and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps." Libya and Ethiopia (including Eritrea) will be at the steps of that king of the north, the German-led European power.

The emphasis here in verses 42 and 43 is on Egypt—then we have Libya and Ethiopia. This shows that EGYPT IS THE BIG CONQUEST! It is the REAL power behind Libya and Ethiopia, which suggests that *it is going to have a heavy hand in swinging those two nations into the Iranian camp.*

We need to understand the ENORMOUS IMPACT that *Egypt working with Iran* will have in the Middle East and even globally. This Iran-Egypt axis is going to change the game in the Middle East—*particularly in Libya and Ethiopia.*

Put simply, this means that we can expect Egypt—with Iran's help—to lead Libya and Ethiopia into the Iranian camp!

This is very alarming because of the power Egypt has. For years, America has given Egypt *billions and billions* of dollars' worth of military aid. The Egyptians are certain to use their formidable military power to swing much of the Middle East toward Iran.

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Here's what *Barnes' Notes* says about this passage: "A conquest of Egypt was almost, in itself, a conquest of Libya and the Ethiopians." THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT! The real powerhouse here is Egypt. Iran and Egypt are going to work together to swing Ethiopia and Libya into that Iranian-led "king of the south" camp—and they're going to do



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it with a lot of violence! They're very good at creating violence.

Even this commentary understands this—yet America's leaders do not. In fact, while Egypt and Iran continue to align, and as they draw Ethiopia and Libya into their camp—even as they openly threaten Israel and commit some of the most atrocious acts that have ever been done in Egypt—the U.S. continues to support Egypt. Washington acts like it doesn't even know those terrible things are happening. It even keeps supplying Egypt with military aid (money it essentially has to *borrow from China first!*). Egypt is about to really begin throwing its weight around, and it has the military to do so—a military that Americans have paid for!

AMERICA HELPED GREATLY IN REMOVING HOSNI MUBARAK FROM POWER. The U.S. should have been supporting Hosni Mubarak. I tell you that removing him was a *grave mistake* that leaders from both political parties in the U.S. do not really understand. They simply don't grasp how things work in the Middle East.

### Egypt's Transformation Complete

Watching events in Egypt during August, *Jerusalem Post* columnist Caroline Glick wrote one of the most alarming articles you could ever read. "On Sunday [August 12], new president Mohammed Morsi COMPLETED EGYPT'S TRANSFORMATION INTO AN ISLAMIST STATE," she wrote (August 16; emphasis added throughout).

Glick was referring to President Morsi firing the commanders of the Egyptian military, which was his only real opposition in the country, and replacing them with Muslim Brotherhood loyalists—then doing the same with all the editors of the state-owned media.

The radical terrorist Muslim Brotherhood is now in control of Egypt! And to think, members of both of America's political parties helped bring this about!

"Morsi gave himself FULL CONTROL over the writing of Egypt's new constitution," Glick continued. She quoted Israel's former ambassador to Egypt as explaining that, with these moves, Morsi "now holds DICTATORIAL POWERS surpassing BY FAR those of erstwhile president Hosni Mubarak."

If you thought Mubarak was evil, *wait till you see Morsi in action.*

In the early months of 2011, when Egyptians were protesting and the Western world was self-righteously demanding that Mubarak resign, the *Trumpet* was warning—based on Daniel's prophecy—that this was the worst mistake the United States could make. *But no one listened.* Who today listens to God and what He prophesies—the God of the Bible who wants to save us from all this suffering?

"This is a coup," lamented Middle East expert Barry Rubin.

"Morsi is bound by no constitution. He can do as he pleases unless someone is going to stop him, and the only candidate, the military, is fading fast, far faster than even we pessimists would have predicted" (PJmedia.com, August 11).

Have you seen some of the atrocities being committed under Mohammed Morsi? Egypt's new leaders are destroying the freedom of the press, and even going so far as to CRUCIFY some of their opponents! ("Shockingly Rapid Radicalization," below). This is a black, bleak nightmare! This is so ghoulish that you wouldn't even expect it to *happen* in this age. BUT IT'S HAPPENING IN EGYPT TODAY!

America helped bring it about—but we don't like to talk about that, for obvious reasons.

The rest of the Middle East is shaken by what is happening. Saudi Arabia also gave millions of dollars of aid to Egypt, but very much wanted Hosni Mubarak to remain in office. Peoples and nations greatly fear events in Egypt now that that nation is backed by a powerful Iran. There is a lot of deadly peril there that America simply refuses to see, and we continue to act as though nothing happened in the Middle East. This level of ignorance is almost beyond belief!

"Egypt will certainly seek to export its Islamic revolution to

## Shockingly Rapid Radicaliza

**N**OT EVEN TWO YEARS AGO, EGYPT was an ally of the West, ruled by a man who banned the Muslim Brotherhood and suppressed political Islam. TODAY, EGYPT HAS A MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD PRESIDENT; ITS SECULARIST MILITARY HAS BEEN NEUTERED; ITS MILITARY LEADERSHIP HAS BEEN REPLACED BY BROTHERHOOD-ALIGNED THINKERS; AND IT IS ABOUT TO GET A NEW CONSTITUTION DRAFTED BY RADICALS.

All that has happened in less than two years!

Western pundits—most notably within the Obama administration—who gushed about the Muslim Brotherhood being a moderate political force that can be worked with—are being rebutted daily by the shocking news leaking out of Egypt.

Several Arabic websites have reported on the barbarity with which the Muslim Brotherhood is treating opponents of President Mohammed Morsi. Raymond Ibrahim of the Middle East Forum translated a couple of these sources. One of them, Egyptian website El Balad, reported that when one of the president's well-known critics and his supporters gathered around the president's palace in August, they were flanked by MB supporters who "attacked them with sticks, knives and Molotov cocktails, *crucifying some of them on trees*, leading to the deaths of two and the wounding of dozens" (emphasis added throughout). Shortly after Ibrahim's article

appeared, some skeptics claimed the story was a hoax. However, the information was corroborated by a number of independent sources. Another source wrote, "A Sky News Arabic correspondent in Cairo confirmed that protesters belonging to the Muslim Brotherhood crucified those opposing Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi naked on trees in front of the presidential palace while abusing others."

Welcome to the new Egypt. So much for the hope that ousting President Hosni Mubarak would lead to greater freedom.

In fact, the Brotherhood is taking full advantage of the laws that gave Mubarak control over Egyptian media. The Brotherhood has inserted its own editors into the major state-owned papers. The second-largest, *Akhbar Al-Youm*, will be run by a descendant of the MB's founder. President Morsi has also appointed a Muslim Brotherhood member as his new information minister. Now, the Brotherhood is directing its most vicious energy against journalists and media outlets it considers critical of President Morsi.

On August 8, MB supporters by the thousands stormed the media production facilities of 6-October, a major media complex in Cairo; they locked the doors and physically attacked several journalists. Egyptian authorities have shut down the Al-Faraeen television network, falsely accusing its owner of calling for Morsi's assassination and banning him from travel. They

other countries,” Glick warned. *Exactly right.* That is just what will happen—and it is exactly what is prophesied: Egypt is going to export its revolution to Libya and Ethiopia. This is already well underway in Libya. But the radicals in Egypt will ensure it is shaped and molded to fit their plan.

All of this is taking place along the Red Sea and the Mediterranean Sea, which is one of the most important trade routes in the world. If you think your gas prices won't go up, you'd better take a close look at what's going on in the Middle East.

“The U.S.'s astounding sanguinity in the face of Morsi's completion of the Islamization of Egypt is an illustration of everything that is wrong and dangerous about U.S. Middle East policy today,” Glick wrote. Can anybody logically disagree?

Ms. Glick *lives* in Israel, and she knows how DANGEROUS it is now.

## A Treaty in Jeopardy

As all these events were happening, Egypt was simultaneously moving its military into the Sinai Peninsula, which adjoins Israel. This was no small gesture.

In the late 1970s, America strongly prodded Israel to give the Sinai back to Egypt. Israel agreed, but only on the condition that Egypt agree to a formal peace treaty. Egypt did. Ratified in 1978

at Camp David, the Egypt-Israel peace treaty has been the foundation of the peace that has existed between Israel and Egypt ever since—for more than 30 years.

Now, that peace treaty is being broken. Egypt deploying tanks in the demilitarized zone of the Sinai Desert—and right next to the Israeli border—directly violates the Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty.

*We knew that promise would be broken—because prophecy says so.*

The Jewish state, America's most important ally in the Middle East, is in deep trouble. It is very unhappy with America, and justifiably so. The U.S. felt it had to hurry in there and help thrust “dictator” Hosni Mubarak out of office. The sad truth is, we made the same mistake that we made in 1979 with Iran, pushing out Shah Pahlavi and empowering the Islamic Revolution. Now, here come the Egyptians—and America helped it all to transpire!

Egypt's transformation into a radical Islamist state will also have enormous consequences for America. “The U.S. is far more vulnerable to interruptions in the shipping lanes in the Suez Canal than Israel is,” Glick explained. Yes, Egypt controls the Suez Canal, and it can impose a high tax on the oil or do just about anything it wants to. That bodes very badly for the United States.

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removed copies of the Christian-owned newspaper *Al-Dustour* from newsstands and condemned it for allegedly “harming the president through phrases and wording punishable by law.” Why? It ran a front-page editorial warning that the Muslim Brotherhood was taking over Egypt.

In Ibrahim's words, Arabic websites are saying that “these attacks are part of the Muslim Brotherhood's *campaign to intimidate and thus censor Egypt's secular media from exposing the group's Islamist agenda* ....” How ironic. Determined to avoid appearing radical, the Brotherhood is using the most radical bullying tactics.

The *rapidity* of Morsi's moves to consolidate and expand his power has taken even pessimistic observers by surprise. He spoke relentlessly during his campaign about democracy, promising tolerance and freedom. In his inauguration speech, he declared, “We carry a message of peace to the world.” But he has since demonstrated a very different character. “He plans to soon replace many of Egypt's 27 provincial governors with Brotherhood members or sympathizers of the group and purge the judiciary of judges known to be opposed to its policies, according to the insiders familiar with deliberations in Morsi's inner circle,” wrote Associated Press. “They spoke on condition of anonymity because they feared retribution” (August 14).

Clearly, their fears are justified.

Al Azhar University in Cairo, which

## A WIN FOR EXTREMISM

Muslim Brotherhood supporters celebrate Morsi's election.



Ibrahim calls “Egypt's most authoritative Islamic institution,” issued a fatwa against critics of the Brotherhood, calling violence against them “a religious obligation.” Radical cleric Wagdy Ghoneim issued a fatwa explicitly condoning the *murder* of anti-Brotherhood protesters; Sheikh Hashem Islam also called for their murder. “Resist them; if they fight you, fight back, if they kill you, you are in paradise, if you kill them, there is no blood money,” *Egypt Independent* quoted him as saying.

Another group that is suffering under the new Islamist regime is Coptic Christians. Violent discrimination against them has ramped up rapidly. In late August, Islamist groups in Egypt distributed flyers calling for the killing of Copts, which it

called “the enemies of the religion of Allah.” Since then, Muslim mobs have been attacking Coptic villages with impunity, burning and plundering properties and even murdering Christians. In the short time since Morsi was elected president, over 100,000 Copts have reportedly fled the country out of fear.

Sadly, all signs indicate that the brutality and heartache in Morsi's Egypt will intensify. As Raymond Ibrahim wrote, “Under the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt, the bottle has been uncorked and the Islamic genie set loose. EXPECT MUCH WORSE TO COME.”

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resources will now be at the disposal of the number one state sponsor of terrorism in the world—WHAT DO YOU THINK THAT WILL DO TO ISRAEL AND TO AMERICA? Egypt and Iran can *easily* export their terrorism. They already have chemical weapons and biological weapons—and soon Iran will have a nuclear bomb. This world is in a terrible predicament!

In America it is election season. Many people speak as though they believe that getting a certain candidate or political party into office will save America. But the reality is, no political party can save us from a nuclear disaster that we have no control over, or from many *other* problems facing America. Only God can do that!

### A Fulfilled Prophecy

In a January 2006 letter to co-workers, I wrote: “We have said for years that Egypt has been a friend to the West, but because of this prophecy [Daniel 11:42], we also said that could change. ... As the MB grows more popular it will strengthen its ties with Islamic powers throughout the region—especially Iran. ... [W]atch for Cairo to distance itself from America. Should the MB ever take control, there is no doubt that a strong alliance between Iran and Egypt will be built.”

That is a fulfilled prophecy.

Can you begin to see how the events described in Daniel 11 are now coming to fruition? This prophecy is pivotal to your life. It’s about the king of the north and the king of the south confronting

each other in war, and the king of the north winning and subduing Egypt, Libya and Ethiopia. Verse 44 shows how this war is going to spill into other nations: The king of the north will grow nervous about news out of the north and the east—because of what the Russians and the Chinese are doing. He will then move to confront this Asian horde.

Can you see? EVENTS IN EGYPT ARE THRUSTING US INTO A GREAT WORLD WAR!

Daniel 12:1 prophesies that this conflict will produce the worst time of suffering ever on Earth!

But there is hope and beauty in this prophecy, too. The passage from Daniel 11:40 to the end of the book in Daniel 12:13 is all one vision. These events take place right before the coming of the Messiah. And it all ends with the coming of the Messiah! That’s the best news this world has EVER heard or

ever WILL hear. Above all, we need to deeply understand that!

This prophecy also says that those who help publish this message to the world are going to shine like the stars forever and ever! (Daniel 12:3).

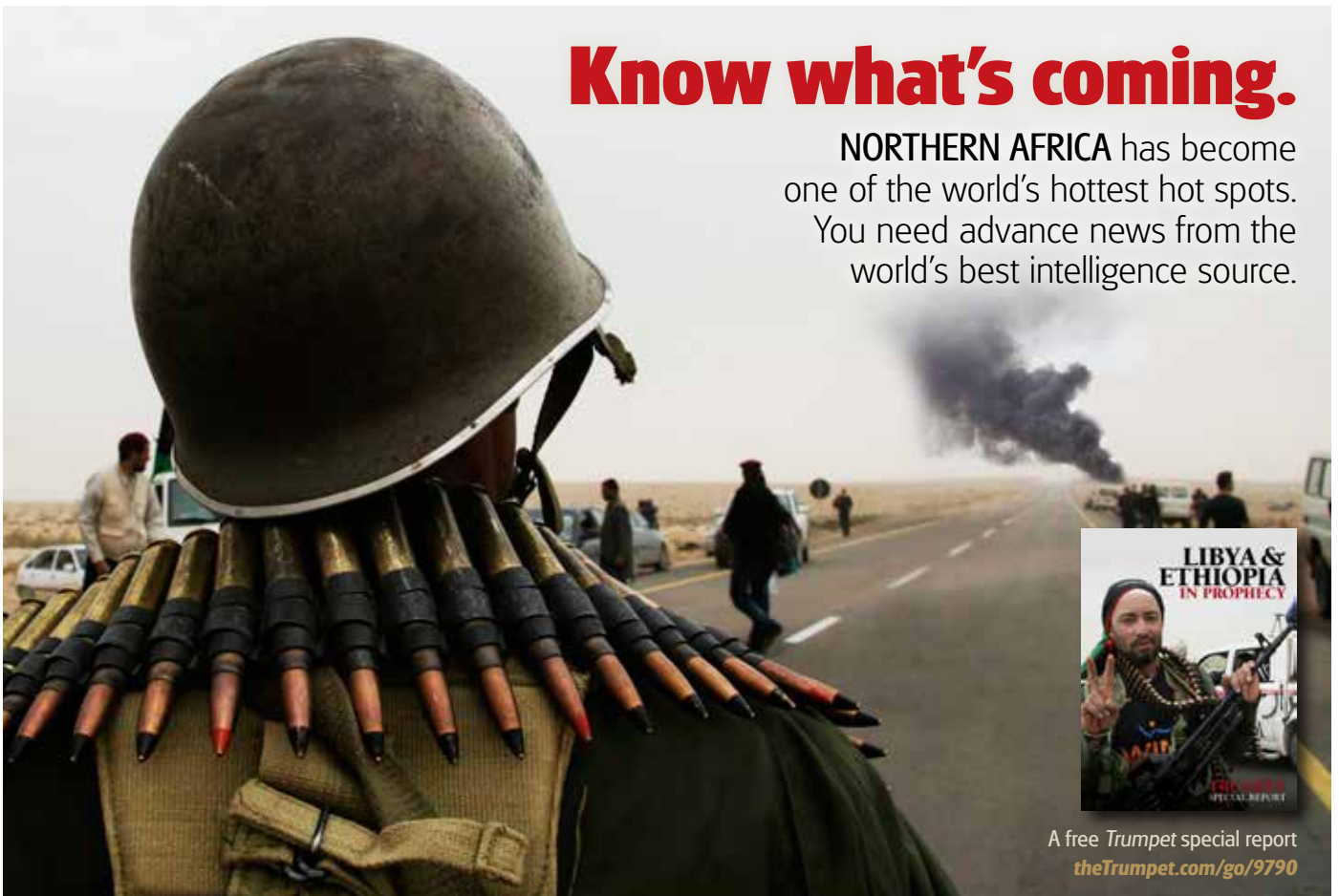
That could be you—if you submit to God and support His end-time work.

What a vision! If we BELIEVE God and help Him do His work of turning many to righteousness, God is going to reward us in a way that is hard to even imagine! ■

Considering the power Egypt has—and the fact that all its resources will now be at the disposal of the number one state sponsor of terrorism in the world—what do you think that will do to Israel and to America?

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# A NEW PHARAOH

Egypt has transformed into a radical Islamist state. What will be the consequences? **BY BRAD MACDONALD**

**G**IVE EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT Mohammed Morsi credit. In August, as the world fretted over Syria, debated U.S. presidential candidates and watched the London Olympics, Morsi smoothly orchestrated the most significant development in Egypt since the assassination of Anwar Sadat in 1981.

Watching Morsi work was a sight to behold. In a matter of mere weeks, he: 1) severed Cairo's three-decade allegiance to the U.S.; 2) wrested control of the government away from Egypt's Supreme Council of the Armed Forces; 3) appropriated for himself the power to influence the country's new constitution; 4) established Egypt as Iran's most powerful regional ally, literally embracing Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad; 5) delivered the Suez Canal and the Red Sea into the hands of Iran and radical Islam; 6) began courting China to replace the U.S. as his bankroller; and 7) trashed Egypt's historic and pivotal peace treaty with Israel, the 1978 Camp David Accords. He did it all before his presidency was two months old—and he's still on a roll.

In geopolitical terms, Morsi shifted the entire balance of power in the Middle East. In prophetic terms, he thrust the region and the world one giant step closer to World War III.

## Ousting the Military

The new president's first major move occurred on August 12, when he announced that he had "retired" a handful of key leaders within Egypt's military establishment, the Supreme Council of the Armed Forces

(SCAF). The men included the defense minister, the army chief of staff, and the commanders of the navy, air defense and air force. Virtually all these heavyweights were holdovers from the previous administration under President Hosni Mubarak. They were relatively pro-Israel and pro-Western, *key intermediaries between Egypt and America*. More importantly, they were political and ideological counterweights to Morsi and the Muslim Brotherhood.

Ever since Mubarak's ouster in February 2011, Western experts insisted that as long as the SCAF held key government positions, there was no reason to fear Morsi and the Muslim Brotherhood groundswell he rode into the presidency. "For decades, Egypt's military served as America's prime channel of engagement with Cairo," Nathan Guttman wrote in *Forward*, an American Jewish newspaper. "When the Mubarak regime came to its end, the administration was reassured by the fact that the nation's transition was overseen by the military through the SCAF. [Former Egyptian Defense Minister Mohamed] Tantawi's long-standing relations with American generals and civilian officials made him Washington's go-to man even after the Muslim Brotherhood won the country's first democratic elections and Morsi became president" (August 18).

Today, these bulwarks are gone.

Information on their successors is sparse, but the fact that Morsi handpicked them suggests they have been vetted by the Muslim Brotherhood. Egypt's new defense minister, Gen. Abdel-Fattah al-Sissi, is reported to be either a member of the

Brotherhood or have close ties to it. One thing is sure: Morsi has radically limited the influence of his opponents.

"This is a big moment of transformation in the history of Egypt," said Zeinab Abul-Magd, history professor at the American University in Cairo. "Now, officially, [Egypt] IS A BROTHERHOOD STATE. Now it is official they are in FULL CONTROL OF STATE INSTITUTIONS."

## A New Pharaoh

Following Mubarak's ouster and the election of a new parliament (December/January 2011), the SCAF created new laws to limit the ability of either the president or Islamists in parliament to dictate Egypt's new constitution.

Morsi nullified this new constitutional declaration on the very same day he fired Egypt's military leadership, and replaced it with a declaration of his own. Unsurprisingly, it equips Egypt's president with wide-ranging legislative and executive powers, *as well as a leading role in drafting the new constitution*. The job of writing Egypt's new constitution will undoubtedly be led by an individual faithful to Mohammed Morsi, the Muslim Brotherhood and radical Islamist ideology.

The message from Morsi August 12 was clear: The one who decides how much power Morsi has—is Morsi.

"Morsi has become EGYPT'S ABSOLUTE RULER, enjoying dictatorial powers that surpass those of his predecessor,

Hosni Mubarak,” Gamal Essam El-Din proclaimed in Cairo’s *Al-Ahram Weekly* (emphasis added throughout).

“The decisions of August 12 make Morsi the new pharaoh of Egypt,” warned Salah Eissa, editor in chief of Egyptian newspaper *Al-Qahira*. “After ridding Egypt of a military dictatorship, we are about to see it replaced by an Islamist one.”

Where are those who condemned Mubarak for being dictatorial and supported his overthrow? Why aren’t they calling for Morsi’s head?

### Embracing Iran

After he sacked his political opponents and augmented his presidential powers, Morsi wasted no time in laying out what he plans to do with his power as he revealed Egypt’s new foreign-policy objectives.

On August 14, the president visited Saudi Arabia for an emergency summit of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation to discuss the crisis in Syria. The *Al-Ahram Weekly* revealed ahead of the summit that Morsi and Ahmadinejad were scheduled to talk on the sidelines of the meeting.

Official footage of Morsi’s arrival showed him greeting the summit’s host, Saudi King Abdullah. The camera cut away to show the arrival of other dignitaries. When it cut back, Morsi and Ahmadinejad were hugging and air-kissing each other.

This is not insignificant. This is the first time in *more than 30 years* that the leaders of Egypt and Iran have embraced like this!

President Mubarak refused to even *speak* with Iran’s leaders. After Egypt signed the peace treaty with Israel in 1979,

## Egypt’s gravitation toward Iran is a game-changing development for Iran and radical Islam.

Iran cut off relations with Cairo. At the time, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat was a resolute enemy of Iran’s Islamist regime. He called Iran’s Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini “a lunatic” and “a disgrace to Islam,” and he welcomed Iran’s exiled shah, Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, to live in Egypt. Soon after, Sadat was assassinated.

Khomeini proclaimed his killer a martyr, and Iran named a street in Tehran after him. The two states were archenemies.

*Now Iran and Egypt are warmly embracing each other!*

But Morsi wasn’t done cozying up to Iran. The next week, he traveled to Tehran to participate in a meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement. NAM was created in 1955 during the Cold War to give support to the causes of the developing world. Today, the organization has 120 member nations claiming to not be aligned with any major world (Western) powers. Its purpose, as stated in the 1979 Havana Declaration, is to ensure “the national independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity and security of non-aligned countries.”

Before Morsi flew to Iran, Sabri Amer, a former leading Egyptian parliamentarian, told Iran’s Fars News Agency, “Morsi’s presence in Tehran conveys this message to the U.S. and Israel, that the ERA OF EGYPT’S POLITICAL OBEDIENCE TO WASHINGTON AND

# From Sea to Shining Sea

Yet another conquest by radical Islam **BY BRAD MACDONALD**

**E**IGHTEEN MILES. THAT’S THE WIDTH OF THE BAB EL-MANDAB passageway, the narrow stretch of ocean separating Djibouti from Yemen that connects the Gulf of Aden and the Indian Ocean to the Red Sea. In strategic terms, this passage is crucial. Control the Bab el-Mandab passage and you control the eastern half of one of the most important shipping lanes in the world.

That is exactly what Iran is looking to do. Few recognize it—but it’s happening under our noses. All you have to do is look at Yemen.

### Easy Pickings

Remember Yemen? The Arab Spring rolled into the country in February 2011. Finally, after 12 months of massive protests, multiple defections of key military and political officials, and a failed effort to forge a power-sharing arrangement with his opponents, President Ali Abdullah Saleh resigned in February of this year. He was replaced by his vice president, Abd al-Rab Mansur al-Hadi.

Yemenis aren’t satisfied. Regular anti-government protests continue, government officials are still defecting, political stability and unity remain elusive, and the economy is still in horrible shape.

Worse still, anti-government forces—*most notably Islamist terrorist organizations*—are wreaking havoc, expanding their reach and slowly wearing the government down. Within five days in August, for example, terrorists conducted three separate attacks in Yemen. One was a well-planned assault on Yemen’s intelligence headquarters that killed 20 soldiers and security personnel. In another, alleged

al Qaeda terrorists bombed a key pipeline transporting natural gas; Yemen’s Ministry of Oil says attacks on energy infrastructure are costing Yemen \$15 million per day. The intensity of these attacks seems to be growing.

Meanwhile, a food crisis is brewing, brought on by a rapid rise in food prices and food shortages. In July, the World Food Program reported that half of Yemen’s population could be malnourished. Nothing provokes dissatisfaction and anger like an empty gut, and some now fear that economic stress will harden the public’s anger at the fledgling government.

Yemen’s weakness and vulnerability as a nation makes for a bleak scenario—and in Iran’s eyes, a perfect opportunity.

### Enter Iran

“In the past several months, Iran appears to have increased its political outreach and arms shipments to rebels and other political figures in Yemen,” the *New York Times* reported March 15. Tehran is reportedly supplying moral, ideological and military support to Islamist terrorists, including al Qaeda. It is known to be providing them AK-47s and rocket-propelled grenades, as well as material for making explosive devices.

Tehran is especially invested in northern Yemen with a Shiite organization called al-Houthi. The Houthis’ goal is to not only destabilize Yemen’s government, but also to undermine Saudi Arabia’s Sunni government. Iran is Saudi Arabia’s enemy and has stepped forward as the Houthis’ primary ideological, financial and military ally. Despite their religious differences, the Houthi and al Qaeda are united, and even reportedly are working together to undermine Yemen’s government. Both are powerful ideological allies of Tehran.

Iran’s Fars News Agency, citing a spokesman for Yemen’s Revolutionary Forces, reported that “the Yemeni people are deeply



TEL AVIV HAS ENDED.” In the interview, Amer lamented that while Mubarak was in power between 1981 and 2011, “all the decisions and policies in both areas of domestic and foreign policy were made through coordination with the U.S. and the Zionist regime.” But now the conditions have changed, he proudly stated, “*and the era of the ruling of the Egyptian regimes which were allies and loyal to the West has ended.*”

Just before Morsi’s visit, Ramzy Ezzeldin Ramzy, Egypt’s assistant foreign minister for economic affairs, stated, “Egypt in its new conditions wants establishment of the best relations with all the world countries, *including Iran...*”

Egypt’s gravitation toward Iran is a game-changing development for Iran and radical Islam. Egypt is the largest Arab state in the Middle East. It possesses enormous stockpiles of advanced U.S.-manufactured weapons. It controls one of the most important sea lanes in the world. And it controls the southern border of the Jewish state.

And now, thanks to Mohammed Morsi, Iran can count Egypt as a friend and ally.

### Trashing Egypt-Israel Peace

One of Morsi’s most significant moves occurred two days after he fired the military leaders and set himself up to rewrite the constitution. On August 14, Mohamed Gadallah, Morsi’s chief legal adviser, told an Egyptian newspaper—no doubt at the president’s behest—that Morsi was currently “studying” the possibility of revising the 1979 Egypt-Israel peace treaty. Morsi wants Egypt to “IMPLEMENT ITS FULL SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE SINAI PENINSULA,” he said. Yes, this contradicted Morsi’s many promises that he would respect all international treaties signed by Egypt.

That statement is a big step toward World War III!

Israel’s survival as a sovereign country depends heavily on Egypt’s willingness to uphold the Camp David Accords. As Stratfor CEO George Friedman observed a few years ago, “The only thing that could threaten the survival of Israel, apart from a nuclear barrage, *would be a shift in position of neighboring states.* [And] the single most important neighbor Israel has is Egypt” (June 19, 2007).

On August 22, Ahmad Sabi, key adviser to the Freedom and Justice Party—an Islamist party connected to the MB—stated: “I support amending the Camp David Accords, which is a mark of shame upon the Egyptian people. This agreement has been a heavy burden ... undermining Egypt’s sovereignty” (MEMRI, September 3).

It was not a coincidence that this news leaked just after several Islamist terrorist attacks occurred in the Sinai Peninsula. Under the Camp David Accords, Israel agreed to withdraw troops from the Sinai in exchange for a peaceful relationship with Egypt. The agreement also limited the number of Egyptian troops in the region. But Morsi used the Sinai terrorist attacks as a pretext for marching back into the Sinai. The military began operations against the militants on August 8, and in the weeks that followed sent hundreds of troops into the Sinai, together with tanks and heavy equipment.

Obviously, this alarmed some in Israel. Israeli Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman called for Cairo to remove the tanks and aircraft it had deployed in the region.

interested to establish stronger and very intimate relations with Iran” (August 21). According to Fars, the spokesman “reiterated that once the Yemeni people take back power from the Saudi-U.S. pivot, *Tehran and Sanaa [Yemen’s capital] would certainly develop their ties*” (emphasis added).

What does Iran expect to gain by establishing a presence in Yemen? Look at a map of the Middle East. Basically, Iran wants Yemen for the same reason it wants Ethiopia, Eritrea and Egypt: **TO CONTROL THE RED SEA!**

Yemen abuts both the Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea. It sits on the north side of the Bab el-Mandab passageway. Each of the thousands of ships that traverse this passage each year would travel within easy range of Islamist missiles stationed in Yemen. Consider the global ramifications: *More than 5 percent of global oil supplies, some 2 to 3 million barrels per day, pass through the Suez and the Red Sea. Roughly 20,000 ships—an average of 55 per day—pass through the Suez Canal and Red Sea each year. About 15 percent of global maritime trade travels through the Red Sea.* Talk about power and leverage.

Few see it, but ultimately, this is Iran’s grand strategy for endorsing and promoting the Islamification of Egypt, Ethiopia and Eritrea, and to a lesser extent, Yemen and Djibouti.

Think about the leverage Iran is gaining. It already effectively controls the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz. Now, in the 18 months since the Arab Spring touched off the rise of Islamist

forces throughout North Africa and the Middle East, Tehran has made enormous strides in gaining influence over the Gulf of Aden, the Bab el-Mandab passageway, the Red Sea and the Suez Canal. If Egypt takes control of the Sinai, which appears imminent, Iran will also gain a foothold in the Gulf of Aqaba.

It’s startling, when you think about it, the way Iran is steadily—but quietly, with few noticing—locking down the Red Sea!



Morsi  
with Hu



# What's Mohammed Morsi Doing in China?

On August 28, Mohammed Morsi landed in Beijing and was warmly welcomed by Chinese President Hu Jintao. For two days, the president and his 80-person entourage of Egyptian business leaders and politicians discussed billions of dollars in investment projects and deals with some 200 Chinese counterparts.

This was Morsi's first state visit outside the Middle East and Africa since he became president. It was no routine state visit. *China is the nation world leaders visit when they want to oppose and undermine America.*

China's foreign policy right now is substantially aimed at undermining U.S. power. You can see it in China's ongoing naval and military expansions; its regional territorial acquisitions; its maneuvering inside international organizations like the World Trade Organization; even its outright support of anti-American states like Venezuela and North Korea. More than any other reason, *this is why China remains an ally of Iran.*

The fact that Morsi chose to visit China indicates that Egypt may be looking to join this Iran-China axis.

On August 24, David Schenker and Christina Lin wrote an op-ed in the *Los Angeles Times* in which they warned that "if Morsi gets his way, improved bilateral ties to Beijing will embolden, if not enable, Cairo to downgrade Egypt's ties to Washington."

For more than 30 years, Egypt has relied chiefly on America for financial, political and military support. It has received tens of billions of dollars in food, merchandise and military hardware. This has given

America great leverage: To receive this aid, Cairo has basically had to endorse, even if unwillingly, U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East and North Africa. As long as Washington held the purse strings, Cairo could not practically engage in any actions overtly hostile to U.S. foreign policy.

That will change if Morsi can decouple Egypt from Washington, and Egypt develops a significant partnership with China.

Morsi cultivating a friendship with China may also indicate that he is planning some radical changes to Egypt's foreign policy such as severing or rewriting Egypt's peace treaty with Israel; forming some sort of political or trade agreement with Iran; perhaps exploiting the Suez Canal as leverage against the U.S. or Europe. These moves would be controversial and unpopular, and could provoke some heated responses from the international community. But with China's support, Egypt is far likelier to withstand the inevitable backlash.

From China's perspective, Morsi's outstretched hand is a no-brainer. Egypt is the largest Arab country in the Middle East. It owns massive stockpiles of American military hardware. And Cairo isn't one to harp on respect for human rights, currency manipulation or trade equality.

Beyond all that, a partnership with Egypt comes with enormous benefits for China's maritime ambitions. Egypt controls the Suez Canal, one of the world's most important sea lanes. For China, *or any global power*, developing a healthy relationship with the government that controls the Suez is a strategic necessity. That appears to be something that the United States has lost.

**BRAD MACDONALD**



"Many Israel government officials are concerned that Egypt may be exploiting the anarchy in the Sinai to convince Israel and the United States it must maintain an armed presence with weapons and manpower beyond the limits stated in the 1979 peace treaty," Arutz Sheva reported (August 19).

Remarkably, the U.S. seems unconcerned about this development—and

virtually everything else Morsi has done. In fact, the *New York Times* reported that Washington is working with Morsi's government to beef up security in the Sinai. America, it seems, is oblivious to the dangers of exposing Israel's southern border to a hostile Islamic regime.

The influx of Egyptian troops and weaponry into the Sinai is already reality. Next will likely come the revision of the Camp David Accords, then a complete occupation of the Sinai Peninsula by a

radical Islamist who is forming a partnership with the king of radical Islam.

Israel's enemies are gaining critical territory—and fast!

Pay close attention to events in the Sinai. The call for full sovereignty over a demilitarized region like the Sinai is startlingly reminiscent of another anti-Jewish radical. On March 7, 1936, Adolf Hitler delivered a speech in the Reichstag in which he announced that "Germany no longer feels bound by the Locarno Treaty." Established in 1925, Locarno delineated postwar territorial boundaries in Europe. After he renounced Locarno, Hitler dispatched troops to retake the Rhineland—then Austria—then the Sudetenland—then Poland. We all know what happened next.

Watch Egypt closely. Mohammed Morsi has shed his moderate cloak and revealed himself for what he really is: a devoted Muslim Brotherhood member and an anti-democratic, anti-Israel, anti-Western, radical Islamist determined to oversee an Islamist renaissance in Egypt and the consolidation of Egypt as a radical Islamist state. That is, a man with the skill and power to help set off world war!

A large, glowing nuclear mushroom cloud explosion is centered in the upper half of the image. The cloud is bright orange and yellow at its base, where a thick column of fire and smoke rises, and then spreads out into a wide, dark, and ominous canopy. The background is a dark, almost black sky, and the foreground shows a dark, flat landscape, possibly a desert or a coastal plain, with some faint, dark structures or terrain features visible. The overall mood is one of catastrophic scale and impending doom.

# WILL THE WORLD END? IN DECEMBER?

**BY JOEL HILLIKER**

A WHOLE LOT OF PEOPLE BELIEVE CIVILIZATION is about to end. About one in seven think it will happen in their lifetime. Maybe that sounds extreme, but sometimes you look around and wonder what the other six are thinking. It's getting harder to deny the weather upsets, economic instability, societal breakdown, armed conflict and overall tottering world order.

Are you one of the billion people thinking the world will end before you do?



# The end is nigh!

The Mayan prediction of December 2012 as the end of the world is far from the first date that aspiring soothsayers have set. Here are a few of history's greatest apocalypse prediction flops.

90

Saint Clement I prophesied that the end of the world would happen at any moment.

365

Hilary of Poitiers said the world would end that year.

400

St. Martin of Tours wrote: "There is no doubt that the antichrist has already been born. Firmly established already in his early years, he will, after reaching maturity, achieve supreme power." By his count, the world would have ended by the year 400.

1200

Joachim of Fiore, the Italian mystic, predicted that the world would end in 1200, and then 1260. After his death, his followers revised the date to 1290, then 1335 and finally to 1378.

1284

Pope Innocent III added 666 to the year of Islam's founding, and said the sum would be the end of the world.

1496

One of many "nice round number" predictions, 1496 was 1,500 years after the birth of Jesus Christ. Some 15th-century mystics predicted that the Millennium would begin this year.

For many people, it's not just world events that are raising alarm bells: It's also an apocalyptic prophecy contained in the ruins of a pre-Hispanic civilization in Mexico. The same Reuters poll that found one in seven people think the world is about to end also revealed this: *One in 10 people globally* believe the Mayan calendar could mean civilization as we know it is crashing down *this year*.

This belief has been around since a stone tablet was found in the 1960s at a Mexican archeological site. It describes a Mayan god returning at the end of a time cycle, believed to be Dec. 12, 2012. Last November, an additional Mayan artifact was found with apparently the same date mentioned, fueling additional concerns. Various Mayan ruins have drawn a surge in tourism this year to the tune of tens of millions of people.

Are you one of the several hundred million people who find plausibility in this prophecy?

Many ideas about end-time prophecy are contradictory and confusing. Even those who think the end is near are very divided about how it will come about.

*What do you believe?* This is a serious question—a question of life and death.

## Just Another Theory?

Prophecies about the end of the world have been around for millennia. Countless of them have set specific dates—dates that have come and gone without incident (sidebar). Scoffers have plenty to scoff at. The field of end-time prophecy has been filled with

false prophets.

So is prophecy itself a crock?

The details of the Mayan calendar prophecy are particularly unusual. If the Internet is to be believed, it predicts unusual geographic or astronomical activity: a shift in Earth's rotational axis—violent solar flares—curious planetary alignments—catastrophic earthquakes and/or tidal events. One story has an invisible planet named Nibiru spinning into our solar system and colliding with Earth.

Hollywood has capitalized on the buzz with big-budget, special-effects-laden disaster films like *2012* ("Mankind's earliest civilization warned us this day would come," the trailer says).

The predictions of calamity are offset by other, more hopeful interpretations of the prophecy: that December 12 is more a new beginning than it is an end; that life will go on, but differently, in some kind of new spiritual phase; that spiritually and technologically advanced extraterrestrials will revitalize the planet and educate humankind in the ways of peace.

Is there any validity to these proclamations? If so, how? What is its foundation? What, really, is the basis for people's faith in this prophecy?

There are several problematic aspects of this story. First, many sources have revealed common misunderstandings of the prophecy and its culture of origin. The "Stone of the Sun," which has been credited as the source of the Mayan prophecy, was actually a creation of the Aztecs some half a millennium later and miles away from the Maya.

The popular conflation of these two distinct cultures has added to the confusion.

The Mayan calendar includes overlapping cycles of time, and 2012 happens to be a date where several of these cycles reset. However, Mayan experts dismiss the notion that this anticipates some form of cataclysm; instead, it is simply a logical outgrowth of the Mayans' complex mathematical formulas. In fact, an ancient Mayan painting uncovered this past May shows calendrical calculations that progress well beyond 2012.

More fundamentally, however, the question remains how a group of people a millennium and a half ago could make such a prophecy accurately. Why are people suddenly putting so much stock in the utterances of the ancient Mayans? However impressive their mathematics or astronomy skills, how could the Mayans predict a collision between planets so far in the future—particularly since one of them has yet to be detected? What *evidence* is there that Bolon Yokte, the god who is supposed to return in December, even exists?

NASA has weighed in with scientific proof that there will be no unusual astronomical alignments or collisions with planets this December. It also has proven that the worst effects of a pole shift would be that we would have to recalibrate our compasses.

Soon, December 2012 will come and go, and a collection of stories will hit the media about yet another failed prediction of the world's collapse. Some people will feel foolish for ever having believed, and skepticism over such prophecies will get a

**1666**

Many Bible students believed the occurrence of 666 in the date heralded the world's end.

**1669**

Russia's Old Believers thought the end of the world would happen in this year. Twenty thousand of them burned themselves to death to protect themselves from the antichrist.

**1689**

Baptist preacher Benjamin Keach predicted the end of the world for this year.

**1843**

William Miller, founder of the Millerite movement, prophesied that Christ would come on March 21, 1843. After He failed to return, Miller set a second date—an event now called "The Great Disappointment." Many of his followers sold their possessions and properties, and quit their jobs to prepare themselves for the Second Coming.

**1850**

Seventh Day Adventists founder Ellen White made many predictions about the timing of the end of the world. In June of 1850, she prophesied that just a few months remained.

**1891**

In 1835, Mormon Church founder Joseph Smith said Jesus would return within 56 years.

**1892**

Pyramid scholar Charles Piazzi Smyth said the dimensions of the Great Pyramid of Giza made plain that the world's end was nigh.

**1914**

The Jehovah's Witnesses believed that each of the "seven times" mentioned in the biblical book of Daniel was 360 days, totaling 2,520 days. They interpreted this as representative of 2,520 years, beginning in the year 607 BCE, which made 1914 the target. After 1914 came and went, *Watchtower* magazine predicted the world's final year to be 1915, 1918, 1920, 1925, 1941, 1975 and then 1994.

**2000**

Many believed all technology would shut down, creating global pandemonium at the turn of the millennium.

boost. Then, in a short while, another colorful prediction of apocalypse will begin to capture the public's attention.

False prophecies are abundant. But would you believe that there is actually one reliable, verifiable source of prophecy that has a *proven track record* of accuracy?

### Accurate Prophecy

It is the most accurately copied and painstakingly preserved book from ancient times we have. It is totally unique among other so-called sacred texts: It claims to be the infallible revelation of truth given by the Creator and Ruler of the universe. It repeatedly quotes this Being, speaking in the first person—and actually asserting that *He alone* has the power of prophecy.

And it actually contains many prophecies that have *already come to pass*. Its history of correctness gives substantial credence to those forecasts that have yet to take place.

This source is the Holy Bible. And the author of the prophecies is the Creator God.

What is the *basis* of this prophetic power? Pagan mysticism? Good guessing? No—it is DIVINE OMNIPOTENCE: the *power* to proclaim major, earthshaking events in advance of their happening—and then to actually *bring them to pass*, even millennia later!

Did a *human being* write this? "I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My

counsel shall stand."

That is quite a boast. The Being who uttered these prophecies has put His reputation on the line.

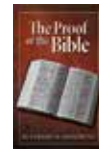
Prophecy is, in fact, a most compelling *proof* God offers both of His existence and of the Bible's veracity and authority. His Word never fails. True Bible prophecy is 100 percent reliable.

As Jesus Christ said in the midst of His famous Olivet prophecy, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." On another occasion He said, "The scripture cannot be broken." Jesus also said, "I have told you *before* it come to pass, that, *when* it is come to pass, *ye might believe*."

Prophecy shows that God is in control. He is ensuring that certain events transpire precisely according to His master plan—even to the point of setting up and toppling kings, making and unmaking nations! Only the Almighty God has the power to do so. He does everything with purpose. He has an ambition—and the will to see it through. The essential message of prophecy is that *God rules*.

Did you know that *one third* of this best-selling book in history is devoted to prophecy?

It includes prophecies of the rise and fall of future cities, nations, empires—of successions of eras and epochs—and, yes,



**Request a free copy of our booklet *The Proof of the Bible*. It details several cases in history where biblical prophecies came to pass exactly.**

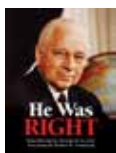
even of the end of our present civilization and its replacement with a better, more peaceful one.

Mayan beliefs may echo some of these prophecies, but the Bible is the genuine article. Do the people expressing faith in the Mayan calendar really believe in the almighty power of Bolon Yokte?

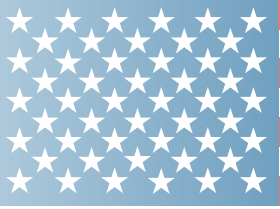
The God of the Bible actually *challenges anyone out there* to do what He has done. The Moffatt translation of Isaiah 41:21-24 reads, "Now, the Eter-

nal cries, bring your case forward, ... state your proofs. Let us hear what happened in the past, that we may ponder it, or show me what is yet to be, that we may watch how it turns out; yes, let us hear what is coming, that we may be sure you are gods; come, do something or other that we may marvel at the sight!—why, you are things of naught, you can do nothing at all!"

When false prophecies fail and are exposed as frauds, do not let that shake your faith in the one source of *true* prophecy! Jesus Christ gave specific signs—not a date, not an hour, but descriptions of general conditions and particular events—for His followers to watch for signaling the end of this age—and those signs *are all around us!* "When ye shall see all these things," He said, "know that it is near, even at the doors. ... Watch therefore, for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come." ■



If you want to learn more about these signs, we recommend that you request our free booklet ***He Was Right***. It details five decades of accurate prophecy-based forecasting of world events.



# 7 CHALLENGES FACING THE NEXT PRESIDENT

**W**ILL MITT ROMNEY PULL AMERICA out of its financial dive? Or will Barack Obama turn it around since he will have eight years to work with instead of four? Both candidates are framing the presidential election as an economic choice. Many Americans believe this is a choice between fiscal sustainability and economic collapse. Others believe it is about social justice and who will shoulder the economic burden. But let's look at some apolitical realities about America's economy that the next president, whoever he is, will have to face.



## CHALLENGE 1 CONCEPTUALIZE \$1 TRILLION

One billion seconds is 12 days. One billion seconds is more than 31 years. One trillion seconds is about 31,688 years!

That is what a trillion is in seconds. In dollars, America goes more than \$1 trillion further into debt every year. The federal government's total yearly budget is only \$3.7 trillion. So, close to a third of our total spending per year is borrowed. That means that if the new president wants to suddenly balance the budget, he will have to cut *almost a third of the entire federal budget*.

Most of the budget-balancing would need to be done by cutting funding—because there simply is not enough left to tax. According to Mike Shedlock from Global Economic Trend Analysis, even if the government taxed 100 percent of profits from every corporation in America and confiscated every single asset of the super-wealthy (like Warren Buffet and Bill Gates), it still wouldn't even get close to balancing the budget. We would still have to "take the combined salaries of all players in the NFL, Major League Baseball, the NBA and the NHL, cut military spending by \$254 billion, and tax everything people make above \$250,000 at a 100 percent tax rate," Shedlock says.

That's unrealistic. But so is the expectation that America can keep borrowing trillions forever.

Of the more than \$1 trillion America borrowed last year, about half was money the Federal Reserve created out of thin air. Why did the Fed do it that way? Because foreigners would not lend it at the interest rates America wanted.

This is a clear sign that America's deficit is dangerously unsustainable.

And regardless of whether the next U.S. president decides to cut spending, increase taxes or both, our deficit will inflict huge gashes in an economy that is unstable and probably already in recession again.



## CHALLENGE 2 COME TO GRIPS WITH THE NATION'S DEBT

As huge as America's deficit is, the bigger threat is America's practically unfathomable debt. America's official federal debt is over \$16 trillion, but that is only the tip of the iceberg. America has promised its citizens tens of trillions more in Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid benefits. Laurence Kotlikoff, professor of economics at Boston University, puts America's total liabilities at a mind-boggling \$222 trillion. Go back and re-conceptualize a trillion.

Not all of this money is due at once, but increasing portions will be as America's 80 million baby boomers retire. There is not a chance that America can pay this bill.

America's next president will have to cut much if not most of the promises that have been made to retirees—and even if he cuts them all, his government will still owe that official \$16 trillion.

The most imminently dangerous part about this debt is refinancing risk. America is constantly borrowing money to pay back money that is coming due. Right now, borrowing rates are good, because Europe appears to be in worse shape. But when Europe eventually gets its act together—and it will—America won't have as many willing lenders.



## CHALLENGE 3 GET A HANDLE ON UNCONTROLLABLE WELFARE DEPENDENCY

The U.S. federal government now funds 79 welfare programs: 11 programs just for housing assistance, 12 for social services, three for energy and utility assistance, 12 for food aid, 12 for various education assistance—on top of nine for vocational training, three for childcare and child development, seven for medical assistance and 10 providing cash assistance.

Add to that a myriad of welfare-type programs at the local city and county levels.

The total price tag for just federal and state welfare programs came to almost \$1 trillion in 2011, according to the Heritage Foundation (see Challenge 1). So *almost a third* of America's yearly budget now goes to welfare.

And if nothing is done, the share of welfare spending in the federal budget will dramatically increase. Under the current 10-year budget, federal welfare spending alone will total \$1.57 trillion by 2022.

There is no easy fix. In fact, there may be no fix at all. About one in three Americans get some sort of government hand-out. Politicians can cut spending—but not without massively damaging the economy. The economy is addicted to government spending. There are whole industries that cater to welfare dependency. Go cold turkey, and the president can expect massive economic, if not social, upheaval.



## CHALLENGE 4 WORK WITH A CORRUPT AND COLLAPSING BANKING SYSTEM

In 2010, U.S. regulators told America's biggest banks that they needed to make plans for preventing collapse. The regulators emphasized that the banks needed to consider radical measures to prevent failure and that they could no longer count on government support. Five years after the 2008 Wall Street meltdown, the banking system is still no more secure. Bank insiders know it isn't safe, and the one thing propping it up—the heavily indebted federal



Regardless of who wins the November election, The state of America's economy means he will face some brutal decisions. **BY ROBERT MORLEY**

government—says it is now pulling out.

Add to this intractable problem several others: money-laundering scandals, rogue trading, the MF Global implosion, the unfolding LIBOR scandal, and record-low interest rates. The global banking system may be *even more* prone to economic disasters than it was in 2008!

Yet, because America's economy is debt-based and consumption-driven, if regulators try to rein in the big banks, they will have to reduce lending. Reduced lending means the economy will slow even further. Jobs will be lost, tax revenues will fall, welfare usage will increase, and paying the debt will become that much harder. It's an unsolvable Catch-22 for President Obama or President Romney.

### **CHALLENGE 5** **FIND A MAGICAL** **JOB FAIRY**

America is in the midst of its worst-ever post-recession job recovery. At the current pace of job growth, America is still 2½ to three years away from getting the jobs back that it lost in the 2007 recession. Then the nation still must find more jobs for all the people who entered the workforce over the ensuing eight years.

Regardless of what either presidential candidate would do or says he would do, the jobs are not coming back—because they were fake jobs in the first place. The housing bubble was a product of politicians forcing big banks to give loans to unqualified buyers and the Federal Reserve trying to goose the economy by artificially lowering interest rates. The result was a ballooning money supply that flowed into real estate—and tons of builder, agent, appraiser and banker jobs that have since evaporated.

Meanwhile, the effects of the housing bubble masked the greatest period of industrial and manufacturing outsourcing in U.S. history. Due to a combination of high labor costs, high taxation, high regulatory burden, high environmental compliance costs, advancing technology and the new global economy, many U.S. jobs are

now filled overseas, and made-in-America products and services are now imported.

As President Obama's green energy/solar power initiative proved, attracting manufacturing to America is virtually impossible even with massive government subsidies—which may soon be unaffordable. It was a campaign promise that was too good to be true. And now we're hearing dozens more of those empty promises ringing in our ears in stereo.

### **CHALLENGE 6** **FIX A FAILING** **EDUCATION SYSTEM**

For the first time in history, American students owe more in student loans than the country owes in credit card debt. Yet what do students get for that? Increasingly, it is a lifetime of indentured servitude at a job that barely pays the interest on their loans.

This is a huge problem, because many of these students will become economically nonfunctional—trapped in jobs paying the bills instead of generating healthy incomes, creating meaningful jobs and building the economy.

Government policy that encourages everyone to go to college—and to borrow money to do it—has driven up tuition so high that in many cases it no longer pays to even get a degree. Meanwhile, schools continue to try to increase enrollment, so course work is being dumbed down and grades inflated.

The next president needs, if nothing else, an American workforce that is healthy and strong. But it looks like he'll have one that is operating well shy of its potential.

### **CHALLENGE 7** **FACE THE ECONOMIC COST** **OF AMERICA'S MORAL SLIDE**

Fifty years ago, the majority of Americans went to bed with their doors unlocked. They left their keys in the car in case someone needed to borrow it. They never thought twice about letting their children walk to school.

We don't live in that America anymore. The nation has tumbled through a decades-long moral slide, and that decline has a high price tag. How much does increased crime cost? Corporate compliance? Tax software to prove the taxpayer isn't cheating the government? Think of how much money would be saved if businesses were never robbed, websites were never hacked, billion-dollar lawsuits were extinct, police did not have to track down criminals, and courts and prisons did not have to process convicts.

Think about how much more wealthy America would be if people just practiced the Ten Commandments: no more lying, stealing, coveting, murdering. Now there's a plan you can really believe in. As Bruce Walker, in the *American Thinker*, wrote in 2008, “[T]he cool, practical, financial argument against sin is so overwhelming, the number crunching of any serious cost-benefit analysis of the trillions lost through our acceptance of sin is so convincing, that hopeful people can dream that a wise leader will champion the fight against sin as the clearest way to make us wealthier and happier people.”

Don't get your hopes up. Regardless of who America chooses at the ballot box, America's moral slide will not be turned. There are 230-plus years of U.S. history that prove it.

America's debt, its welfare mentality, and its crumbling education system and morals are all the product of its collective choices. We are now eating the fruit of those choices. Economic indicators suggest another economic downturn has already started. A greater economic depression is on the way, and there is little that can be done to mitigate it.

America's past prosperity will not return until the whole economic system has been wiped out and a new one built on a different foundation. Its financial cardiac arrest has already started, and it will take more than campaign promises—or even a presidential election—to bring prosperity back to this nation. ■



# There's Intelligent Life Alright!

Curiosity, NASA's miraculous Mars rover, has already revealed a remarkable discovery. **BY RICHARD PALMER**

**N**ASA LANDED A NUCLEAR-powered robot car with a rock-zapping laser on the surface of another planet using a sky crane. It sounds like science fiction. It's actually science history—the rover touched down on August 5.

There is intelligent life after all—it's back here on Earth. And the mission to send Curiosity, the six-wheeled Mars Science Laboratory, to the Red Planet is one of its greatest technical achievements.

## Precision Operation

Curiosity traveled 354 million miles, the equivalent of driving around the Earth's equator more than 14,000 times. As it neared Mars, it was traveling at 13,000 miles an hour—fast enough to fly from London to

New York in just over 15 minutes. Entering the Martian atmosphere, its heat shield was blasted with temperatures higher than 3,600 degrees Fahrenheit.

To land safely, Curiosity had to decelerate from 13,000 miles an hour to a standstill in seven minutes—without damaging its robotic arm, laser, spectrometer, cameras, radiation detectors or other equipment. Radio signals from Curiosity take 14 minutes to reach Earth, so the landing had to be completely automated. Scientists wouldn't even know that Curiosity had hit the atmosphere until seven minutes after it had already touched down—or crashed.

The atmosphere slowed the rover down to “only” 1,000 miles per hour. Then the craft deployed its “super-chute.” Still traveling faster than the speed of sound, the 50-foot-wide chute deployed, slowing the streaking craft down to 200 miles per hour. Explosive bolts released the chute, then eight rockets blasted to life. The craft dodged the newly released parachute, and the descent slowed further.

But the rover couldn't land using the rockets: The dust cloud would have

damaged its instruments. Instead, a sky crane held aloft by rockets floated above the ground and lowered Curiosity down by tethers onto the Martian surface.

Then NASA really showed off. The whole mission was perfectly timed so that the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter, which reached the planet six years ago, was overhead to take a photo. The orbiter's controllers had to upload their final commands 72 hours before the picture was taken. If the orbiter took its picture one second too late, it would have completely missed the rover and simply photographed the lonely Martian desert. But it didn't.

Wil Wheaton, who narrated a video of the rover's landing, wrote: “Gene Roddenberry always talked about how amazing humans were, because we could do amazing things when we worked together. He was right.”

Yes, he was. Human beings are incredible. Our remote-control rover is leaving tracks on Mars right now.

## Mission Impossible?

The Mars mission brings to mind both the dramatic strengths and the tragic weaknesses of our human minds.

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**CURIOS** An artist's rendering of the Mars rover—with its planet of origin over the horizon.



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Actually it is.

Man "is limited in knowledge to that which may be transmitted into the brain through the physical senses of sight, hearing, tasting, smelling and feeling," Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in his magazine, the *Plain Truth*, predecessor of the *Trumpet*. "Man's most serious problems are spiritual in nature. But man is naturally confined to thinking solely in terms of the physical and material. He cannot grasp or comprehend spiritual problems or spiritual knowledge."

That's why human beings can solve some of the most complicated technical problems out there, but cannot bring peace to our own homes.

On a physical level, man has "a God-type mind," *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry has said. It's a "mind power that ought to just stagger us in wonder and awe."

The accomplishment of NASA's Mars rover team is staggering. It is one spectacular example of incredible God-type minds at work!

Mr. Armstrong wrote that the "human mind's capacity for material accomplishment seems unlimited." As God looked down on mankind working together at the tower of Babel in antiquity, He said, "nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do." God agrees with Gene Roddenberry: Humans can do amazing things when they work together.

But God had to *stop* mankind at Babel. He effectively jammed their communications and decentralized them. Why? Because when man uses his brilliant human mind and his five senses, he only brings himself closer to destroying others and himself. Without the vital spiritual dimension of knowledge, man can still build towers and rockets—but *he cannot bring peace*. He cannot stop crime, hatred, perversion or hopelessness. He hasn't even really gotten a handle on famine, epidemics or poverty.

With that spiritual dimension missing, mankind's amazing physical

accomplishments have just meant more wars with increasingly destructive weapons.

### Missing Spiritual Component

In 2004, NASA landed the Spirit rover on Mars. The scientists had reached the Red Planet with a piece of machinery, but, as Mr. Flurry wrote at the time, "[C]an scientists and engineers transform that wasteland into a Garden of Eden?" As stunning as our technical achievements have been, enlivening a dead planet is still quite beyond our scope. And even if we did have the ability to eventually develop that technical capacity, we are already close to wiping ourselves off our own planet. We wouldn't survive ourselves long enough to beautify another!

The physical part of our God-type minds can do incredible things. But the spiritual part is much different. The part responsible for living in harmony, building character, working together and making the world a beautiful place—that spiritual component is dreadfully askew.

On Earth, man's warped  
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For more on Mars's future, order a free copy of the booklet **Our Awesome Universe Potential**.







Torchlit neo-Nazi rallies are becoming increasingly common in eastern Germany.



### 1 | GERMANY

# Nazis rise, public shrugs

**A**UTHORITIES IN GERMANY HAVE SO far failed to squelch neo-Nazism in some eastern parts of the nation, Spiegel Online reported on August 21. The existence and resilience of right-wing extremist cells in Germany isn't a shock, but the news comes with a more alarming corollary: The German public remains largely indifferent.

German authorities have so far been unsuccessful in eradicating right-wing extremism, especially in the east's depopulated rural regions, where neo-Nazis run local youth clubs and sports centers, man volunteer fire departments and even sit on city councils. "In eastern Germany, the neo-Nazis are winning," *Spiegel* wrote.

Non-white minorities account for just 1 percent of the population in eastern Germany. Some analysts have said the neo-Nazis' greatest victory is that, with the exception of Berlin, eastern Germany is essentially free of foreigners. Immigrants are afraid to settle or even travel through those regions. Germany's center-left *Süddeutsche Zeitung* stated that the neo-Nazis' biggest success "is not their presence in regional parliaments but this fact: Among immigrants, eastern Germany is seen as a no-go area. The state and the police haven't managed to change the climate in two decades" (August 17).

But is the neo-Nazis' racial homogenization of eastern Germany—accomplished by thuggery and intimidation—truly their

"biggest success"?

In mid-August, Berlin daily *Der Tagesspiegel* pointed out a subtler trend that represents a far greater victory for German neo-Nazis: the lack of outcry. "Ordinary citizens still often look away when someone gives the Hitler salute on the village green and calls for a 'Nationally Liberated Zone.' By remaining silent, they are relinquishing their own hard-fought freedom," *Der Tagesspiegel* wrote.

"Society remains indifferent," *Spiegel* reported. "[T]here's no big push in German society to root out the problem. ... [T]he threat of the far right has not become a major theme in the public debate. Society, politicians and the police are once again turning a blind eye towards everyday racist violence that has turned much of the east into a no-go area for people who aren't white ..." (op. cit.).

In many eastern German towns, it is now common to see neo-Nazi emblems on clothing and cars. And a new—yet eerily familiar—phenomenon is happening on city streets. Neo-Nazi groups are exploiting social media to orchestrate unsettling flash mobs that echo the fascist torch rallies of the 1930s. CNN video has also shown these neo-Nazi gatherings. "They appear in the middle of the night, unannounced and armed with torches, their faces hidden behind plain white masks," CNN reported. "It is frightening scene that resembles the Nazi torch

marches of the 1930s" (August 14).

Hajo Funke, a professor in Berlin, is alarmed by Die Unsterblichen, "The Immortals." According to Funke, the increasingly popular group is trying to appeal in particular to young people. Its message is "mystical" and radical. According to German officials, the Immortals and the flash mobs they initiate (generally via text message and Twitter) are a serious and growing concern. The organization has already been banned in a few states.

Germany's domestic intelligence agency made headlines in July after releasing a report saying that, while the overall membership of neo-Nazi groups in Germany dropped from 25,000 in 2010 to 22,400 last year, the number of far-right extremists ready to use violence increased by 300 to 9,800. Although the extremists' numbers have declined, their radicalism is rising.

But again, the real newsworthy numbers are the millions of Germans who are remaining silent.

In another nation, tacit approval of neo-Nazis might be dismissed as irrelevant. But 75 years ago, *this* country quietly tolerated a Nazi movement that ignited into nationwide blitzkrieg fanaticism. Can the nation responsible for the Holocaust allow itself to show anything less than zero tolerance for skinhead youths performing the Hitler salute?

Why is the German public largely reticent? Many Germans sympathize with racist, anti-Semitic, neo-Nazi ideals. As Europe's financial diseases worsen, and the German economy and government bear greater pressure, extremist groups will gain a shocking surge of support. Frustration with politics and the economy will drive the German people to seek a new leader, someone who is decisive and strong and places the Fatherland ahead of the world. Someone, perhaps, like Adolf Hitler.

## 2 | FRANCE

### Muslims jeer, Amiens burns

Around 150 youths shot at police and torched cars as they rioted in Amiens, France, on August 13. The riots happened in largely Muslim area of the city, suggesting that Muslim immigrants were behind the violence. The next day, the French minister of the interior visited the area and was confronted by some 100 youths who jeered and pushed his bodyguards. France suffered widespread violence in 2005, and many French fear that the unrest in Amiens could spread. The riots highlight Europe's ongoing problems with its immigrants. When the economy was strong, problems were papered over, but as it worsens, grievances are tearing through the facade.



Bundeswehr soldiers can now hit Germany's streets, and not just for formal ceremonies.

## Another WW2 taboo falls

GERMANY'S HIGHEST COURT ISSUED A RULING ON AUGUST 18 allowing the military to be used against threats within the country. This ruling breaks a 67-year-old taboo against using the Bundeswehr within Germany's borders.

Just before and during World War II, Adolf Hitler used the SS paramilitary units against the German population to keep his hold on power. In an attempt to stop a repeat of such power abuse, the postwar German government restricted the role of the military to warding off foreign assaults. Troops were explicitly forbidden to be deployed within the country.

The rising threat of terrorism is seen to be what prompted the Federal Constitutional Court to reverse this ruling. Bundeswehr troops can now deploy inside Germany to counter "states of emergency of catastrophic proportions." They are still prohibited from being used "in reaction to the threat posed by demonstrating crowds."

While the breaking of this taboo does not exactly give the German government dictatorial powers as some are claiming, it does show that government officials are growing more comfortable with the use of military power. As the euro crisis intensifies and domestic unrest increases across Europe, expect Germany to rise up as the dominant military power in Europe.

### Sorry, you're closed

The European Central Bank's new watchdog could gain the power to order banks and lenders to close down, Reuters reported August 1. "Speaking on condition of anonymity, [officials and policymakers] said the latest plans envisage giving the eurozone's central bank the remit to police far more than just the currency area's 25 top banks, as originally expected," Reuters said. The authority will also be able to overrule national lenders and intervene in smaller banks. Watch for the ECB to err on the side of more power, not less, over the eurozone's banks.



Rioting in Amiens left property damaged and 16 police injured.

## 1 | GERMANY New constitution? 'Seems inevitable'

The euro crisis is forcing Germany to consider radical changes to its own political system. Senior German politicians from all major parties have called for referenda over Germany's relationship with Europe. *Spiegel* states that the euro crisis will probably force the government to write a new constitution and have the public vote on it. Many expect Germany's Federal Constitutional Court to announce soon that the nation has already gone as far toward the European superstate as the current constitution will allow. *Spiegel* says a referendum to endorse a new constitution "seems inevitable." Rewriting Germany's basic law would throw the door wide open for Europe's most dominant nation to shrug off many of its post-World War II restrictions and remake itself into an even more powerful force.



President of the Federal Constitutional Court Hans-Juergen Papier

## 1 | GERMANY It has arrived: 'the Quarto Reich'

The Fourth Reich has taken over Europe, according to *Il Giornale*, a right-wing Italian newspaper. The bold front page of the paper's August 3 edition showed German Chancellor Angela Merkel with her hand raised in a gesture vaguely reminiscent of the Hitler salute, under the headline "Quarto Reich." Editor in chief Alessandro Sallusti wrote, "Since yesterday, Italy is no longer in Europe. It is in the Fourth Reich." The bold comments came in the wake of talks between Italy, Spain and the European Central Bank (ECB). The two nations are seeking fiscal aid, but ECB President Mario Draghi has pressured both countries to formally apply before the bank provides any assistance. A formal application will allow for the central bank to buy Spanish and Italian bonds—but it will also impose strict conditions that will essentially put either nation at the mercy of the German-influenced ECB. If Germany and the ECB choose to bail out Spain and Italy, expect Berlin to exact increased economic and political control over those two countries. Although Germany's economy is suffering along with the rest of Europe, Berlin knows how to take advantage of the crisis to consolidate control over the Continent.



**1 | IRAN Don't forget about attacking the Jews!**

Iranian officials, ambassadors of Islamic countries and Palestinian representatives held a “Resistance, Islamic Awakening and Liberation of Palestine” conference in Tehran on August 13. The event came in the run-up to Iran’s Quds Day celebration, where anti-Semites around the world rally to support the conquest of Jerusalem. The purpose of the Iranian meeting was to discuss the “intifada” and to “focus on ways to attain the ultimate goal of liberating the Holy Quds, which



“Quds Day” in Tehran

embodies the dignity of the world Muslims,” the Islamic Republic News Agency reported. Even with the Middle East in turmoil and Syria, Egypt and other countries

requiring Iran’s attention, Jerusalem and Israel remain its central focus.

**1 | IRAN One big get-together**

Representatives from nearly 100 nations gathered in Iran on August 30 for the 16th summit of the Non-Aligned Movement. Over 50 heads of state attended, a high turnout that represented a victory for Iran, a country that Western nations have tried and failed to isolate. Iranian Defense Minister Ahmad Vahidi said the conference demonstrated the “thriving power” of Iran. Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Salehi opened the conference with an appeal for solidarity against Western sanctions and lambasting Israel. The “tragedy of Palestine” is “the root cause of conflicts in the region,” Salehi said. In spite of strong protests from Israel, United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-moon attended the summit, a further indication that Iran is not nearly as sequestered as the West had hoped.

**“[The conference] demonstrates the Islamic Iran’s thriving power [despite] all the propaganda launched [by the West] about Iran’s isolation on the international scene.”**



*Syria’s rebels aren’t the only ones who have turned against President Assad.*

**2 | SYRIA Crisis nearing conclusion?**

**S**IGNS OF HOW THE SYRIAN CRISIS will end mounted in recent weeks, as the Iranian-aligned government became further isolated and anti-government forces received much-needed help.

On July 29, the Syrian government leveled some rare public criticism against Sunni powers in the Middle East. Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem accused Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Turkey of trying to destroy his nation. He said those countries were supporting an Israeli plot to overthrow Syrian President Bashar Assad. Moallem’s allegations came while he was on a visit to Iran.

As if to confirm Moallem’s accusation, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation responded on August 15 by suspending Syria, demonstrating its support for those who are trying to overthrow the Assad regime. The organization includes 57 member nations.

Meanwhile, Turkey is taking steps to secure its interests along its border with northern Syria. In late July, Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan raised his concern that the conflict in Syria was allowing a Kurdish authority to be created in the northern part of the country. Such a situation would create a sanctuary for Turkey’s Kurdish separatists, who already use northern Iraq as a springboard for attacks against Turkey. Erdoğan did not specify what actions his nation may take, but Turkey deployed a military convoy along its volatile border, indicating that it is ready to back up its interests with force if necessary. Turkey must now be cautious in its support for Syrian rebels so as not to give Kurds more reasons and more

leverage to separate from Turkey.

The deterioration of Syria’s relationship with Iran was highlighted when, on August 4, Syrian rebels abducted 48 Iranians near Damascus. The rebels branded the Iranians as spies who were assisting President Assad’s crackdown against the uprising. Several other smaller groups of Iranians have also been snatched in recent months. The resulting tension, especially with Assad’s regime seemingly on the verge of collapse, increases the likelihood that Iran’s once staunch ally will soon break ties.

Also in early August, recently appointed Syrian Prime Minister Riyad Hijab defected to opposition forces, making him one of the highest-profile deserters from President Assad’s government since fighting began a year and a half ago. While Syrian state-run media announced that he had been fired, Hijab stated on August 6, “I announce today my defection from the killing and terrorist regime and I announce that I have joined the ranks of the freedom and dignity revolution. I announce that I am from today a soldier in this blessed revolution.” Hijab’s defection comes at a time when Turkey and Saudi Arabia are stepping up pressure to cave in the Assad regime.

Syria lacks the wealth of Libya or the population of Egypt, but it is an important factor in Middle Eastern geopolitics because of its location and its crucial relationship with Iran. Though it seemed virtually impossible just a year or two ago, the Bible prophesies that despite Iran’s continuing ascendancy, Syria will actually break ties with Tehran.





### 3 | CHINA The great Russian helicopter sale

Over the last six months, China bought \$1.3 billion worth of Russian Mi-171E helicopters and other military gear, *Russia Today* reported on August 23. The rotorcraft is a medium transport helicopter that can also be used in a gunship role. Russia's state arms exporter, Rosoboronexport, sold the hardware to Beijing. Watch for billions more in arms deals between these two Asian giants.



A M-171 in operation in Iraq

### 4 | TAIWAN A neighborhood tiff

More than 100 people gathered outside a Japanese government office in Taiwan on August 15 to protest Tokyo's plans to nationalize a set of islands controlled by Japan but also claimed by Taiwan and China. The islands, called Senkaku in Japanese and Diaoyu in Chinese, have been disputed for years. The protest came as a group of activists from Hong Kong stopped in waters off Taiwan to stock up on supplies before sailing to the disputed islands to assert China's claim to them. The protests were staged on the 67th anniversary of the Japanese surrender to Allied forces. China and Taiwan are moving closer to reunification, and this territorial dispute offers them common ground. Back in 1998, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote, "How could anyone fail to see that Taiwan is destined to become a part of mainland China?" Since then, evidence for an eventual reunification has only increased.

### 5 | RUSSIA 6 | INDIA Strength in numbers

Russia and India held their sixth joint anti-terrorism military drills from August 7 to 16 in southern Siberia. India is the largest purchaser of Russian armaments, with the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute saying it purchased \$12.7 billion in weaponry from 2007 to 2011, 80 percent of which was from Russia. Joint military drills between nations like Russia and India are laying the groundwork for future full-scale military cooperation between a great bloc of Asian nations.



Russia is holding military drills with its Asian neighbors.

### 7 | JAPAN What's up with China's military?

Japan published its annual Defense White Paper on July 31, arguing that China's military and navy procedures should be more transparent. Tokyo says it's worried because it sees heaps of money being pumped into China's budget under the large and vague header of "military expenses." "There are incidents that incite concerns over China's military decision making and actions," the paper said. Among Japan's specific concerns is a sizable naval base fitted with subterranean routes for nuclear-powered submarines being built in the city of Sanya. This city is on the southern tip of Hainan Island, a strategically vital location granting Beijing access to the South China Sea and the Pacific Ocean. Watch for China's military expansion to spark a region-wide increase in weapons orders.

### 3 | CHINA 5 | RUSSIA Now WTO partners

Russia became the 156th member of the World Trade Organization on August 22, ending an 18-year saga of negotiations. The following day, China said it is ready to boost cooperation with Moscow under the WTO framework and wants to bring the Russians up to speed on WTO interworking. U.S. trade unions have said they are worried that Russia joining the WTO will be a repeat of China's entry in 2001, which contributed to a flood of made-in-China merchandise into the American market. Some analysts say these fears are ill founded. But either way, Russia and China will become more integrated economically and politically.



### 5 | RUSSIA Boosting its airpower

The Russian military will acquire 1,000 helicopters and 600 planes by 2020, President Vladimir Putin said on August 12. Since his first election in 2000, Putin has labored to restore pride in Russia's military. The planned addition of 1,600 military aircraft, along with modernizing existing aircraft, is part of a \$720 billion program to bolster an armed force still somewhat weakened after the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991. The massive military spending increase represents a sharp increase in Russia's annual defense budget. Expect the Kremlin's desire for a Cold War-style military to be fulfilled in the years ahead.

**"We are talking primarily about providing our forces with state-of-the-art modern technology."**

**VLADIMIR PUTIN**  
PRESIDENT OF RUSSIA

## 1 | MEXICO 11 million sick chickens

Mexico is trying to contain an outbreak of bird flu. Eleven million chickens have been slaughtered, and a further 90 million vaccinated. The outbreak of the H7N3 strain was first detected on June 20. After Mexico declared an animal health emergency in July, prices of eggs and chickens increased sharply, and the nation's poultry industry has already lost \$50 million. The H7N3 virus rarely infects humans, and is not known to be easily transmittable between humans. However, viruses can mutate, and other strains like H5N1 and H1N1 have already been fatal to humans. Former World Health Organization Director-General Dr. Lee Jong-wook warned in 2005: "It is only a matter of time before an avian flu virus—most likely H5N1—acquires the ability to be transmitted from human to human, sparking the outbreak of human pandemic influenza." He added: "We don't know when this will happen. But we do know that it will happen."



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## WORLDWATCH LATIN AMERICA, AFRICA



*The reign of Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi has ended with his death and a fragile succession plan.*

## 2 | ETHIOPIA A strongman dies, Islam stirs

Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi died on August 20 after ruling the nation for over 20 years. His death threatens to throw the nation into turmoil. Meles became Ethiopia's president in 1991 after helping to depose the country's repressive Communist military junta. Meles then became something of a dictator himself, albeit one who improved the lives of his people and was a reliable American ally against Islamism. Hailemariam Desalegn, who became deputy prime minister and foreign minister in 2010, has become acting prime minister, but the succession process is shaky. The government has stated that new elections will not be held until 2015. Hailemariam's opposition may not want to wait that long. *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry singled out Ethiopia in April 2011 and warned that it would soon fall to radical Islam. In spite of strong opinion to the contrary, widespread Muslim discontent is now a fact of life in the African nation. Continue to watch Ethiopia for an Islamist takeover.

## 3 | SOUTH AFRICA Africa's war zone

ALMOST TWO DECADES after the end of apartheid, the world is waking up to the fact that Africa's last hope is a ticking time bomb.

On August 17, a mine worker strike at Lonmin's Marikana platinum mine turned into a battleground as police opened fire on spear-and-machete-wielding miners, leaving 34 dead and almost 100 injured. South African President Jacob Zuma ordered an official investigation into the police action. But it is hard to blame the police for shooting first and asking questions later. Just days earlier, mine workers had brutally hacked two police officers to death and burned two security guards alive.

Some people blame the unions. When the mine workers illegally went on strike, Lonmin tried to bring in other workers. Violence erupted. Eight miners from one union were killed by miners from a competing union. "We aren't going back to work and they won't be able to employ anyone," one striking miner told the Associated Press. "If they employ other people, they won't be able to work either. We'll stay and kill them."

The reality is that South Africa's wealth is about to be divided up among the various power players. The union leaders, the populist politicians and the rich black elite are all jockeying over the post-apartheid jewels. The angry mine workers don't know it, but they are just useful, but expendable, pawns.

Jacob Zuma in June made a big political point out of the fact that the country's economy is still largely under the control of whites. South Africa's various post-apartheid leaders have made it clear that South Africa's wealth—whether that means farms, mining companies, banks, or other businesses—needs to be redistributed. And since the government doesn't have the money to do it through a willing buyer/willing seller policy, it is signaling that white-owned businesses will eventually be taken from whites and given to blacks—just as happened in Zimbabwe.

The violence at the mines is a result of South Africa's redistribution policy. Unions are battling over who will be bequeathed ownership in South Africa's richest properties to fulfill Jacob Zuma's black-ownership policy. But it won't be individual mine workers—of that you can be sure. For them, nothing will change. They will just get new bosses. So social tension will grow.

Signs that South Africa is a time bomb getting ready to explode are evident elsewhere, too. Frustration over the slow pace of land redistribution is making farmers the target of hate crimes. It seems there is a grisly farm attack every other day. Since the end of apartheid, over 3,000 white farmers have been murdered, according to Genocide Watch. This figure amounts to almost 7 percent of the total population of white farmers in South Africa—making South African farming the most dangerous profession in the world. Yet the South African government has passed laws banning farmers from arming themselves, and allowing the government to confiscate their weapons.

South Africa is a nation bubbling over with racial tension and swiftly proceeding down the road toward Zimbabwe-style meltdown. The reality, as Genocide Watch is warning South African farmers, is the country may soon face Rwanda-style genocide.



*Mine workers violently strike near Johannesburg.*





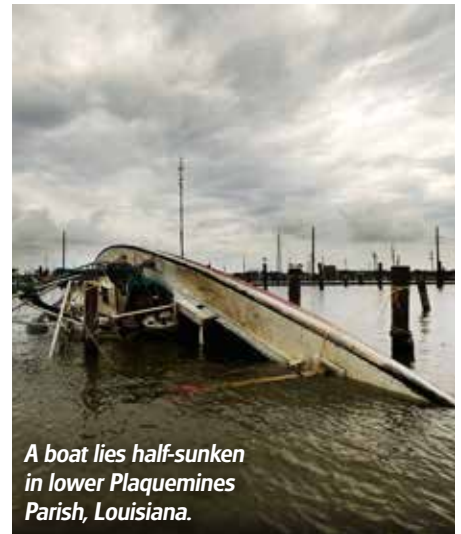
A gang-related crime scene in Chicago

## Gangland in Chicago

Police in Chicago arrested more than 300 members of violent gangs in mid-August in a three-day sting across 10 districts that are notorious for violent crime and illegal drugs. Chicago's 59 active gangs have split into 600 sects, making gang wars, attacks on residents, fighting over drug markets, revenge murders and an overall high crime rate a fact of life in America's third-largest city. Chicago is starting to choke from its deep-rooted criminal activity. This is a sign of things to come for many more American cities.

## Salt water infiltrating Mississippi

A state of emergency was declared on August 22 for the New Orleans parish of Plaquemines after an upsurge of ocean water in the Mississippi River threatened to close water treatment facilities there. Normally, the high waters of the Mississippi are powerful enough to flush out salt water before it advances more than 16 miles inland. But America's ongoing drought has allowed salt water to flow as far as 89 miles up the river. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has begun constructing an \$8 million barrier to impede the saline flow and has had to close the river to shipping traffic twice. The drying Mississippi, one major historical factor in American prosperity, is hurting shipping and may prove to be another economic disaster for the United States.



A boat lies half-sunken in lower Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

## West Nile outbreak

Dallas, Texas, declared a state of emergency on August 15 due to an outbreak of West Nile virus. Thirteen people have been killed and more than 700 others in north Texas have fallen ill. The city has resorted to dispersing insecticide via aircraft in an attempt to kill the mosquitoes that spread the infection. If the trend continues, 2012 will be the worst year for West Nile outbreaks since the virus came to the U.S. in 1999. The sprayings have been deemed environmentally safe, but debate continues between those who are more concerned about the virus and those more concerned about the effect of the mist on children, pets and useful insects such as honeybees.



## Teens violent, out of control

**A**N ALARMING TREND IN TEENAGE CRIME IS HITTING HEADLINES. In late July, a drunken group of girls stabbed a 63-year-old man on a subway in Manhattan, the *New York Post* reported. The eight girls, six of whom were ages 15 to 19, had beers in hand and were creating a loud, booze-party atmosphere on the 6:15 a.m. train. An older man asked the group to stop making noise; one witness said that his only words were, "Relax. Calm down." One of the girls then stabbed him in the shoulder. The victim was taken to the hospital for treatment, and all but one of the girls were arrested and charged with gang assault, disorderly conduct, rioting, criminal possession of a weapon, menacing and felony assault.

The same week, the *Chicago Tribune* reported that an 87-year-old World War II veteran was attacked, beaten and robbed by three young men—two of whom were teenagers—after walking home from a store. Before running off with the old soldier's wallet, the attackers smashed his glasses, knocked out his hearing aid and broke his dentures. The attackers were charged with robbery of a senior citizen and reckless conduct.

Such incidents dramatically fulfill the words of the Prophet Isaiah: "And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbour: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honourable."

## Katrina's 7-year anniversary

After leaving a trail of death and destruction in Haiti and other Caribbean islands, Tropical Storm Isaac hit the Gulf coast as a Category 1 hurricane on August 29. The storm interrupted offshore U.S. oil production in the Gulf of Mexico and along the coastline from Louisiana to the Florida Panhandle. South Florida was inundated by heavy rain and strong winds. Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal declared a state of emergency. Hurricane Isaac hit almost exactly seven years after Hurricane Katrina.

## Catch and release

In a move designed to resuscitate peace talks in Afghanistan, Washington has sweetened a planned deal to release Taliban detainees from Guantanamo Bay prison in exchange for American Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl, who is imprisoned in Pakistan by Taliban cronies. The U.S. appears to be prepared to release five of the most dangerous prisoners remaining at Guantanamo, including a former top commander, a former deputy intelligence official, a former interior official and a former deputy defense official believed to have massacred thousands of Shiites. The plan has come under fire from lawmakers who fear that the released Taliban operatives will kill and capture more Americans on the battlefield. Whatever the outcome, the process reveals that Washington is not negotiating in Afghanistan from a position of strength.





# What's the *Trumpet*

The *Trumpet's* publisher has 21 personnel in the Holy City digging, taping, writing and publishing—why?

BY BRENT NAGTEGAAL AND RACHEL DATTOLO

**O**N A QUIET STREET IN JERUSALEM ACROSS FROM AN open field stands a large, stone-faced house. Green-shuttered windows and doors and numerous balconies adorn the three-story building, and a burst of fiery magenta flowers climbs over a small stone wall by the street. The faint sounds of the city filter through the otherwise serene atmosphere. This is the home of the newest enterprise for the publisher of the *Trumpet* newsmagazine: the Philadelphia Church of God's Jerusalem office.

On May 30, *Trumpet* executive editor Stephen Flurry, his family and five Herbert W. Armstrong College students and alumni arrived in Jerusalem. Their mission: establish a regional office for the church, a branch of the college and a base of operations for *Trumpet* reporting on location. Since then, the PCG's work in the capital of Israel has grown in numbers and in impact. It now includes a crucial involvement in one of the area's most important archaeological projects.

## A HISTORY IN THE HOLY LAND

The Philadelphia Church of God and its predecessor, the Worldwide Church of God, have had a lot of involvement in Israeli Jerusalem archaeology almost since the very beginning.

After Israel won the Six Day War in 1967, it gained control of Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria. This greatly expanded the areas available for archaeological exploration. One of the first excavations to commence took place along the southern wall of the Temple Mount. It was conducted by Prof. Benjamin Mazar, director of the Israel Exploration Society and former president of Hebrew University.

Herbert W. Armstrong was the founder of the Worldwide Church of God and of Ambassador College, a liberal arts institution located in Pasadena, California. When he heard about the new excavations in the heart of Jerusalem, he visited the site and soon realized he wanted to be a part of uncovering the walls and artifacts of the Bible. Immediately he proposed that Ambassador College help fund the excavation and provide volunteer labor during the summer months.

Soon after, Professor Mazar and Prof. Joseph Aviram, the current head of the Israel Exploration Society, accepted Mr. Armstrong's invitation to visit the Ambassador students in California.





## ON LOCATION

(Left) The dig team gathers with Dr. Eilat Mazar at her Solomonic excavations in the Ophel, at the southern edge of the Temple Mount. (Top) Students Elizabeth Blondeau, Laskey Hart and Callum Wood participate in a Publishing the Gospel class at the team's main apartment in the German Quarter. (Bottom left) Assisted by Herbert W. Armstrong College students, *Trumpet* executive editor Stephen Flurry tapes a *Trumpet Daily* program on the Mount of Olives.

# Doing in Jerusalem?

Though the archaeologists had turned down three other major American universities seeking involvement in their project, they now offered Ambassador College a 50/50 joint participation.

The next year, more than 70 Ambassador students spent their summer excavating the Ophel alongside Israeli workers in the “big dig.” The joint project would continue for a decade, and hundreds of Ambassador students would have the opportunity to touch those ancient stones.

In addition to sending over what were praised as the excavation’s most enthusiastic laborers, Ambassador College shouldered half of the cost of excavations alongside Hebrew University from 1968 until the conclusion of the dig in 1976.

After years of labor and research, the big dig yielded artifacts that were dated to the First Temple period in the seventh and eighth centuries B.C., during the time of the temple originally built by Israel’s King Solomon.

## The Next Generation

During Benjamin Mazar’s excavations in the shadow of the Temple Mount, a young girl frequented the dig site, asking questions, rubbing elbows with archaeologists, spending time with the Ambassador students and taking a keen interest in the work. Her name was Eilat.

In 1986, digging recommenced on the Temple Mount. This

time, it was Eilat Mazar, the professor’s granddaughter, who headed the project. The younger Mazar focused on the First Temple period at the eastern part of the site. Throughout the 1990s, she continued in the spirit of her grandfather’s work.

Meanwhile, back in the United States, Mr. Armstrong died in early 1986. The leadership that took over Ambassador College discontinued Mr. Armstrong’s work and his vision—in Jerusalem and worldwide. Ambassador’s participation in Israeli archaeology ceased. In the mid-’90s, the college closed altogether.

In 1989, Gerald Flurry, an Ambassador graduate, decided that Mr. Armstrong’s vision and mission should continue, founding the Philadelphia Church of God in Edmond, Oklahoma. The church established a small cultural foundation in 1996, and a small college in 2001. The Armstrong International Cultural Foundation and Herbert W. Armstrong College endeavor to fulfill the same philanthropic and service-oriented goals that Mr. Armstrong strived for with Ambassador.

In August 2005, Dr. Mazar made a shocking announcement. Her team had been digging the northern part of the ancient city of David in East Jerusalem and had unearthed the remains of a large public building dating to the 10th century B.C. Dr. Mazar believes the evidence shows that this structure was none other than the palace of King David.



The following year, Herbert W. Armstrong College offered its support to Dr. Mazar’s work, sending a handful of students to assist with the excavations.

Dr. Mazar still remembered the close relationship between her grandfather and Mr. Armstrong. “Without the support of Mr. Armstrong and the Ambassadors, the Temple Mount excavations would have never become, as it did, the most important and largest excavations in Israel at that time,” she said, adding that she was “excited to have the ambassadors back with us.”

### Discoveries

Over the past six years, Herbert W. Armstrong College has participated in several phases of Dr. Mazar’s excavations in Jerusalem, helping to make a string of remarkable discoveries.

In addition to the remains of what appears to be King David’s palace, Dr. Mazar and her team discovered that the Stepped Stone Structure in the City of David actually connects with the palace above, proving that the two were built at the same time.

Later in 2007, while excavating a tower adjacent to the palace, Dr. Mazar discovered that what had long been considered a Hasmonean fortification was actually constructed during the time of the biblical Nehemiah.

In the last week of that year, Dr. Mazar’s team also found a bulla (a clay seal impression) of Gedaliah the son of Pashur, one of Jeremiah’s accusers mentioned in Jeremiah 38:1. In 2005, Dr. Mazar had found another bulla, stamped with the name Jehucal, who is also mentioned in the same verse. Both of these seals are currently on display in Armstrong Auditorium in Edmond, along with dozens of other First Temple-period artifacts.

In 2008, the team discovered a water tunnel more than 150 feet long that might have been the conduit King David’s forces used to conquer the city in the 10th century. Dr. Mazar called the excavation of the tunnel an almost entirely “Armstrong College enterprise.”

In late 2009 and early 2010, Armstrong College students helped Dr. Mazar uncover walls in what is believed to be a royal complex built by King Solomon. The city wall, located in the Ophel, is estimated to be more than 200 feet long and almost 20 feet high.

In August 2012, Mazar resumed excavations on King Solomon’s complex at the Ophel, and Armstrong College students returned to Jerusalem again to help.

**ON THE JOB** (Left to right) Elizabeth Blondeau and Gabrielle Haddad level a floor, collecting pottery fragments. A chain of students and other diggers collect excavated soil for removal from the site. Beside his field desk, alumnus and Area B supervisor Brent Nagtegaal fills out a locus card recording details about a section within his area.

## THE PCG IN JERUSALEM

- 2005** Dr. Eilat Mazar uncovers what she believes is the palace of King David inside the City of David.
- 2006** The Philadelphia Church of God sends three Herbert W. Armstrong College students to assist Dr. Mazar in her City of David excavations.
- 2007** Dr. Mazar identifies a fortification as Nehemiah’s wall and finds a second bulla linked to one of Jeremiah’s captors.
- 2008** The team discovers a water tunnel that might have been the conduit King David’s army used to conquer Jerusalem.
- 2009** Dr. Mazar excavates walls that are believed to be part of a royal complex built by King Solomon.
- 2012** The PCG’s largest contingent yet, 21, arrives in Jerusalem and is currently helping on a new phase of excavations in King Solomon’s complex.



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## BEHIND THE SCENES

In March, Herbert W. Armstrong College announced it would send 19 students and alumni to Jerusalem for the summer to assist Eilat Mazar in the second phase of her excavations at the Ophel. It was to be the largest wave of students the college had ever sent to Jerusalem. But a summer dig was not to be. Authorities denied the excavation license, the dig was postponed, and students remained grounded in Oklahoma.

Two months later, however, a crew of nine came to Jerusalem with a different focus: establishing a regional office as a base for reporting on location from the most important city in the world. The PCG team focused on researching, newsgathering, writing, scripting, podcasting and videotaping to produce content for theTrumpet.com. The crew reported on local press conferences and filmed *Trumpet Daily* episodes and other video content at historically significant sites in Israel. The office gives the *Trumpet* a sharper perspective, reporting directly from the focal point of the Middle East and of Bible prophecy.

Within a matter of weeks after the team set up in Jerusalem, Dr. Mazar called with news: The license was in hand, and the dig was on again. Back in Edmond, 12 more students and alumni packed their bags for Jerusalem.

When the second wave of students arrived on August 14, the framework was in place to roll them right into the production; the added students could significantly increase the content that the office was producing. Now, 17 students and alumni are part of the writing and video production crew.

The fact that the dig would now run through the school year also necessitated a branch of the college being established in Jerusalem.

The up-and-running office was well equipped to handle the influx, with adequate office and meeting space at the main building for the *Trumpet* and Armstrong College classes, along with accommodations for the Flurry family and the female student volunteers. A second apartment around the corner houses male students and alumni, and a third apartment accommodates the alumni women.

### On the Dig

With the commencement of the 2012 Ophel excavation, the college has its largest presence in Jerusalem ever, with 21 representatives working on the excavation and in the office. The college is

the only organization supplying volunteers to Mazar's excavation, and the manpower it supplies makes up about a third of the total workforce on the site.

Armstrong students wake early each morning to prepare for a full day of digging. Work at the Ophel excavation begins at 6:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. The early work hours avoid the heat of the day, with short breaks scheduled every two hours.

The Ophel excavation is attached to the Davison Archaeological Park, immediately south of the Temple Mount. The area excavated during the first phase of the dig has been equipped with walkways and informative signs enabling tourists to view the ruins that have been unearthed so far.

### Class

Armstrong students also spend some of their day in class learning skills related to the project. They attend Hebrew class, where they are tested on their individual study of an audio language learning course. They also attend a weekly course on archaeological history and skills taught by Brent Nagtegaal, an Armstrong College alumnus and area supervisor on the Ophel excavation.

"The participation is not something regular," Dr. Mazar said, referring to Armstrong students at the dig. "It's not like coming, volunteer, excavate, go home. You're really taking part, actual part—not just excavating, [but] learning the archaeology of excavating. [T]he contribution is educational; intelligence is part of it."

After several months on the dig, some of the students, she went on to say, have become "professional by now ... to be an actual archaeologist, with great experience."

### This Phase Is Different

During Dr. Mazar's first phase of the Ophel excavation, much of the area had already previously been excavated by her grandfather. Even so, she found several important artifacts, including 12 *pithoi* (large earthen vessels) and the oldest written document ever found in Jerusalem to date. This second phase, however, expands the search to areas that have never been excavated before.

Stephen Flurry said the excavation was also different in that the college has a unique partnership with Dr. Mazar and access to publicizing the news of the dig. As part of their work-study program in Jerusalem, students are producing content relating to daily life on the dig and posting it at [www.keytodavidscity.com](http://www.keytodavidscity.com).

# Why Most People Don't Understand Bible Prophecy

Are you also missing out because you have yet to discover this eye-opening fact? **BY GERALD FLURRY**

**B**IBLICAL PROPHECY IS A MYSTERY—even to most people who read the Bible! This subject is tremendously important, yet it is also tremendously confusing. Why? Because Bible prophecy is *locked*. And the vast majority of people *do not have the one vital key* that unlocks the prophecy.

Newscasters, journalists and politicians talk around the clock about the horrendous events that are flashing all around us. But which of them *understands* what is going on? Which of them can tell you where these events are leading?

The Bible actually makes the ultimate outcome of current events inescapably clear, but its explanations are completely confusing unless you have the key that unlocks them.

To understand this key, we have to look back at the Old Testament.

## Israel Fighting Jews?

2 Kings 16 actually shows where the confusion began. It has to do with the identity of Israel. Today, when we think of Israel, we think of the Jews. But there's something missing here.

Did you know that the first time the Jews are mentioned in the Bible, *they are at war with Israel*? The Jewish nation was not the same thing as Israel—it was actually *fighting* Israel!

Anciently and biblically,

Israel and Judah were two very distinct entities. *And they still are*. That's what so many don't understand: the *modern identities* of Israel and Judah. *That is the key to understanding Bible prophecy!*

Ancient Israel was composed of 12 tribes. Judah was only one of those tribes. Today, we know who Judah's descendants are: the Jews. But where are the other tribes? Have they just evaporated forever? Not at all!

No, Israel is not extinct. These "lost 10 tribes" are actually some of the world's most important nations existing today!

This passage in 2 Kings 16 explains what happened. Israel was a united nation consisting of 12 tribes under the rule of King David and his son King Solomon. After Solomon died, 10 tribes of Israel rebelled from the tribe of Judah and the capital of Jerusalem. The tribes of Benjamin and Levi stayed with the Jews. The other 10 tribes established themselves in Samaria, north of Jerusalem.

*Israel and Judah became two separate nations*. This one fact is **CRUCIAL** to understanding Bible prophecy.

"At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria, and drove the Jews from Elath." This is the very first time the word *Jews* is written in the Bible. "[A]nd the Syrians came to Elath, and dwelt there unto this day. So Ahaz [the king of Judah] sent messengers to Tiglathpileser king of

Assyria, saying, I am thy servant and thy son: come up, and save me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the king of Israel, which rise up against me" (2 Kings 16:6-7).

The king of *Judah* contacted a foreign king to ask him for help in fighting *Israel*! How could they be warring against each other if Israel is just another name for Judah? This was well after the kingdom split. Israel was—and still is—separate from Judah!

Today, there is a nation in the Middle East called Israel. But that nation only represents two tribes of Israel: Judah and Benjamin—along with many or most of the Levites. Those are the tribes that remained in Jerusalem when Israel rebelled and seceded. The modern nation called *Israel* does not include the descendants of the 10 tribes that broke away in the 10th century B.C. and migrated to Samaria (northern Israel).

This war in 2 Kings 16 ended with Israel (the northern 10 tribes) being defeated and enslaved by Assyria. "Therefore the Lord was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only" (2 Kings 17:18). Israel was so faithless and sinful that it enraged the God of love! Because of the Israelites' terrible sins, God became so angry that He forsook them and allowed them to be conquered by Assyria.

Assyria conquered the nation of Israel

from 721 to 718 B.C. (verse 23). *Israel* was taken captive, and only *Judah* was left (verse 18).

We need to think soberly about these verses because they *also apply to us*. This is the end time. The nations of Israel still exist. And they are still continuing to anger God with their terrible sins! The book of 2 Kings is one of the former prophets. That means this verse is not just about an ancient nation, it also carries a prophetic message for us today—IF we understand Bible prophecy! God says the Assyrians will conquer Israel again (see Isaiah 10).

### Fruitless Investigation

Bible scholars have looked into what happened to ancient Israel. Historian and scientist Werner Keller is one of the chief scholars on the topic. He includes a lot of solid information in his book *The Bible as History*. Here is his view, which many other scholars share: “The people of the northern kingdom and their kings with them disappeared, were absorbed into the population of these foreign lands, and never emerged again in history. All investigation into what became of the 10 tribes and who had their home there *has so far come to nothing*” (emphasis added).

Is that true? The northern 10 tribes of Israel *did* get taken captive. Israel *did* lose its identity. Israel *never did* reemerge AS ISRAEL. But Israel *did not* disappear! How could millions of people simply vanish? They have to be somewhere.

Bible scholars know where the tribe of *Judah* is. “Jew” is just a shortened version of *Judah*. Modern *Judah* is where the modern Jews are! They were never totally lost. But most, like Keller, believe that the 10 tribes fell into history’s abyss. So, how do we know that these intelligent scholars are actually *wrong*?

Because Jesus Christ *tells us so*.

### Christ’s Commission to the Apostles

About 750 years after Assyria enslaved Israel, Christ gave His apostles a specific command to go to a specific group of people. *If you understand this, you’re going to understand Bible prophecy.*

Turn in your Bible to Matthew 10:5-6 and read: “These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles [Christ would send the Apostle Paul there later], and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: *But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.*” Christ Himself said that!

Werner Keller and other scholars don’t understand this. But if we believe Christ,

we have to believe that “the lost sheep of the house of Israel” were somewhere on the scene during Christ’s day. That was more than 700 years after they had been enslaved.

Christ was certainly not referring to the Jews. They were there where He was, in the same place the Jews are today. Their

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identity wasn’t lost then, and it is not lost today. Israel, however, had been absorbed into the Assyrian Empire, and these tribes *did* lose their identity. But Christ—and many others—knew they were out there. So where were these tribes, exactly?

Jesus Christ wants us to know the truth about ancient Israel. Several of the

Old Testament prophets, and even Christ Himself, prophesied that the modern peoples of Israel would endure the worst time of suffering *ever* just before His Second Coming. That’s why Christ wants you to *understand* Bible prophecy! And in order to understand those warnings, you must

know who the peoples of Israel are today!

### Where Did the Apostles Go?

In his article “Where Did the Twelve Apostles Go?” Herman Hoeh looked into the intriguing history of Parthia to find out where Israel went (*Plain Truth*, May 1964).

Dr. Hoeh wrote that around 700 B.C., a group of people suddenly appeared around the Caspian shore who had been enslaved to Assyria. They were called the *Parthians*, a name that means *exiles*. These exiles eventually ascended to power and prominence in the land of Parthia around 250 B.C.

These peoples were none other than the “lost” tribes of Israel!

They remained in the land where they had been Assyria’s slaves until the early third century A.D. Then, the Persians drove them northwest into what is Europe today. And that is exactly where you will find *most* of those lost tribes of Israel right now, in 2012.

Josephus, the prominent first-century Jewish historian, was well aware that Israel had settled in the land of Parthia. “But then the entire body of the people of Israel [the 10 “lost” tribes] remain in that country [they never came back to Samaria]; wherefore there are but two tribes in Asia and Europe subject to the Romans, while the 10 tribes are *beyond Euphrates* till now, and are an IMMENSE MULTITUDE, and not to be estimated by numbers” (*Antiquities of the Jews*).

They were an enormous multitude! The scattered Israelites were so vast that Jesus commanded Peter, James, John *and the rest* of His disciples to go to these “lost sheep.” And the 12 apostles knew where they were. Jesus Christ knew where they were. Even Josephus knew where they were.

**Wait a minute:**

**3 Tribes  
+ 10 Tribes  
= 13 Tribes!**

**A**fter Solomon, the 12 tribes of Israel split into the nation of *Judah* and the nation of *Israel*. If there were three tribes in Jerusalem (*Judah*, *Benjamin* and *Levi*), how were there 10 left in *Israel*, and not nine? The answer lies in Genesis 48:14-16. There, the patriarch *Jacob* (who was renamed *Israel*) blessed his grandsons, *Ephraim* and *Manasseh* (the sons of *Joseph*). *Jacob* said, “Let my name be named on them.” Without this blessing, *Joseph* would have gone on to represent a single tribe. His sons, *Ephraim* and *Manasseh*, would have represented half a tribe each. But because of this special blessing, *Ephraim* and *Manasseh* each became considered *full tribes*. Not only that, but they would eventually become the *most powerful* tribes out of all the many nations of *Israel*! This astonishing history is explored, step by step, in Chapter Four of Herbert W. Armstrong’s book ***The United States and Britain in Prophecy.***



A little over a century after Israel went into captivity, the Jews were also conquered by Babylon. However, 70 years after they had been conquered, the Jews, the Benjamites and the Levites returned. Israel, however, never did.

Notice another clue in Matthew 15: “Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David . . .” This Gentile woman knew who He was. She continued: “[M]y daughter is grievously vexed with a [demon].” But Christ didn’t answer her request. He explained why to His disciples: “*I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel*” (verses 21-22, 24).

Jesus went on to talk with this woman, and she demonstrated such great faith that He healed her daughter that very minute. But He clearly told her that He was preparing His apostles to go to “the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” According to Jesus, that was His purpose.

If we listen to Christ and trust Him, we can understand why He came and what the Bible’s prophecies mean. We can actually *understand* this tumultuous and horrendous world around us. But we have to have the kind of faith this Canaanite woman had.

### **Jews Were Conquered— Yet Retained Their Identity**

From 604 to 585 B.C., a little over a century after Israel went into captivity, the Jews were also conquered by Babylon. They too had turned from God, and in His wrath, He allowed them to be taken captive. However, 70 years after they had been conquered, the Jews, the Benjamites and the Levites returned (Ezra 1:5; 2:1).

Israel, however, never did. Look into the history of God’s Church in the book of Acts. After chapter 11, you read almost nothing about the original 12 apostles. You read nothing about the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

This is a very interesting part of the history. The book of Acts is one of only three books in the New Testament that does not end with *Amen*. The absence of

that conclusive final word means that Acts still has more information to be added. A big part of that new material is going to be about the locations of the “lost sheep” of the house of Israel from the time Acts was written until Christ’s Second Coming.

The first century was not the time for God to reveal the location of the lost 10 tribes to the world. History—and Bible scholars—lost sight of those 10 tribes. The tribes themselves even lost their identity. But now, when the prophecies are most relevant, just before Christ returns—*that time has come*.

The revelation of Israel’s identity happened in a powerful way in the 20th century, with God’s Church sending out more than 6 million copies of *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. That book is about this vital truth.

This is crucial to understand, because end-time Israel is again sick with sin and stirring God to anger. These modern nations must be warned! And we have to

time after those first 12 years in Palestine? Metaphrastes, the Greek historian, reports “that Peter was not only in these western parts”—the western Mediterranean—“but particularly that he was a long time IN BRITAIN, where he converted many nations to the faith.” This is speaking of Peter’s main life work to the lost 10 tribes!

Cave’s *Antiquitates Apostolicae* explains more on this subject of Peter’s ministry. Peter didn’t preach the gospel in Rome. That was left to the Apostle Paul. Peter did visit Rome, but he did not preach the gospel there. Instead, Peter was “a long time” in *Britain*; he did most of his life’s work there, preaching and teaching the gospel. So, unless Peter disobeyed Christ’s command in Matthew 10:5-6, *Britain* is one of the lost tribes of Israel! It is, in fact, the modern nation descended from *Ephraim!*

In Genesis 48, Jacob (Israel) named his name on Ephraim and Manasseh. Manasseh’s modern identity is none other than the United States of America. These



An illustration of Jerusalem's destruction under Babylonian rule from the *Nuremberg Chronicle*, 1493

understand prophecy in order to know *whom* to warn.

### **Simon Peter Was in the British Isles!**

Dr. Hoeh’s article traced how the original apostles traveled to the lost 10 tribes. He even examined which areas were visited by which apostles.

Where did Peter spend most of his

two modern Israelite nations, Britain and the United States, became very wealthy and very powerful, just as God prophesied they would.

These two Israelite tribes were blessed because of the obedience and faithfulness of their ancestor, Abraham. God promised Abraham that He would bless his

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# Spend Your Time Wisely

How to coax a much higher yield from your most precious commodity.

**E**ACH DAY, YOU START WITH A FULL BANK ACCOUNT—AN account *filled with time*. And each day, you spend all 24 hours of it. One of the smartest investments you can make is to stop and take stock: You're paying out a lot of hours.

What are you gaining in exchange?

Paul understood the value of time—and how to spend it. In Romans 13, he admonishes us to awake out of sleep—because *we know the time!* As urgently as he lived his life, Paul's words are even more poignant today, when time is so short before the return of Jesus Christ! The key to redeeming our time for something of real value is to *live as Christ lived* in these urgent days (verses 12-14).

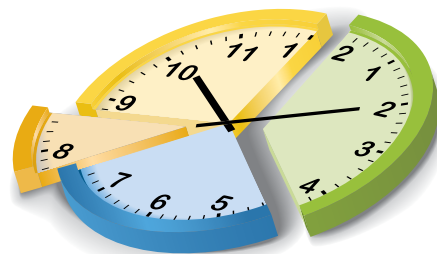
Yet there is a reason why that simple principle is so hard to live by. Satan is doing everything he can to tempt you to nickel-and-dime your life away—or worse. He knows that you cannot serve

done,” Schwartz wrote. “Often, when we make a commitment to a new behavior such as exercising, we fail to recognize that unless we set aside a specific time to do it, it's unlikely we will. In part, that's because there is another behavior we're more accustomed to doing, out of habit, or because there is something easier and more pleasurable we could do. Each time we have to think about whether or not to do an activity—in the face of other temptations and potential distractions—we deplete our limited reservoir of will and discipline. If you have to consciously think for very long about doing something, it's unlikely you'll end up doing it for very long. . . .

“The more challenging the ritual—physically, mentally, or emotionally—the greater the need to be precise in implementing it.”

This same principle holds true for our *spiritual* rituals. The more challenging it is to carve out time for our daily spiri-

To keep this law, you must organize your time investment strategy around God. Every day, you need to carefully budget how much of your valuable time you spend on various activities. An hour is a precious thing. Don't fritter it away!



both God and mammon (Matthew 6:24), and that a friend of the world cannot be a friend of God (James 4:4). So he wants to make you spend your time on anything but God.

So how should we spend our precious time? On the one thing that lasts: God's character!

Matthew 6:33 says, “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” To spend your time wisely, God must come first in your life! You must give God your very *best* time! *Then He'll be involved in how the rest of your time is spent.*

To keep this law, you must organize your time investment strategy around God. Every day, you need to carefully budget how much of your valuable time you spend on various activities. An hour is a precious thing. Don't fritter it away!

In a recent study, a group of participants were asked to complete just 20 minutes of exercise at any time within the following week. Only 29 percent of the people took the time to do so. A second group was told how exercise reduces the risk of heart disease. In that group, 39 percent found the time to exercise. A third group was asked to exercise on a specific day, at a specific time and at a specific location. In that group, *91 percent* completed the assignment (Tony Schwartz, *The Way We're Working Isn't Working*).

“By defining precisely when we're going to undertake a behavior, we reduce the amount of energy we have to expend to get it

tual needs, the more *precise* we must be in locking it into our schedules.

The Apostle Paul charged us to use this life to “present our bodies a living sacrifice” unto God (Romans 12:1). In the Old Testament, there were no living sacrifices. They were all dead. To be a *living* sacrifice, we must first put to death the lusts of the flesh and, by sacrificing the self, keep them dead (Romans 6). Secondly, we must lay down our lives—our energy, our effort, our *time*—to support God's purpose.

Just like us, Jesus only had 24 hours to work with every day. It was His practice to rise up a “great while before day” to allow plenty of time for His prayer (Mark 1:35). He studied God's Word, He trained His disciples, He fulfilled God's will. He spent all His time doing those things that pleased the Father.

Now God says to us, *You follow those steps—you organize your lives the way Jesus Christ did* (1 Peter 2:21). *And if you overcome like He did, you'll rule with Him on His throne* (Revelation 2:26).

When Christ returns to restore His government on Earth, He will need qualified leaders to assist Him in ruling the nations. (See also Daniel 7 and Luke 19.) How we use—or *misuse*—our time will determine how God can use us in His Kingdom (Luke 16:10-11).

Christ is about to return. God is about to give human beings power and authority and eternity—an *unlimited amount of time*. That's a yield that is well worth learning to discipline ourselves and budget our time around Him today! ■



# What Is Real Repentance?

The Philadelphia Trumpet, in conjunction with the Herbert W. Armstrong College Bible Correspondence Course, presents this brief excursion into the fascinating study of the Bible. Simply turn to and read in your Bible each verse given in answer to the questions. You will be amazed at the new understanding gained from this short study!

**Y**OU HAVE MADE YOUR SHARE OF MISTAKES. There are deeds you wish you hadn't done, things you wish you hadn't said. You have made decisions that got you into trouble, and you have paid the steep price.

You're not alone. In fact, beginning with Adam and Eve, every human being has walked contrary to God's way of life—except for Jesus Christ. We have all contributed to this world's sins (Romans 5:12, last part).

We have all done "the works of the flesh." We have all capitulated to the wrong desires of our minds and bodies. We have all walked along with this world, following "the prince of the power of the air" (Ephesians 2:2-3).

Since all human beings have sinned, we have all therefore earned the penalty for sin, which is eternal death—cessation of life forever! (Romans 6:23).

But God, in His great mercy, has provided a way for us to avoid paying that ultimate penalty: "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).

There is only one way to have our sins blotted out—only one way to enter the Kingdom of God—and it requires repentance!

Acts 2:38 summarizes the salvation process in just one verse, and the very first word of that crucial passage is "Repent"! Jesus also said explicitly: "[E]xcept ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3, 5).

But what does it mean to repent? We have to know: It means the difference between eternal life and eternal death!

## The 'Natural' State of Man

Real repentance means real change. But why do we need to change? And what do we need to change? To answer these questions, we must first understand the "natural" state of every human being.

1. God inspired the Prophet Jeremiah to describe the core motivation of the human mind. How did he characterize the mind, or "heart," of man? Jeremiah 17:9. Is the unconverted mind of every human being naturally inclined to obey God, or to disobey? Romans 8:7-8.

2. What are the tendencies of the "carnal" (physically oriented) mind? Galatians 5:19-21; Romans 1:28-32; James 4:1-3.

3. What is the definition of sin? 1 John 3:4.

Stop a moment and contrast the "natural" mind of a human being with the mind of God. God is not preoccupied with Himself. He is filled with outflowing love. He loves all people. He does not want to take from them; He wants to give blessings out of His great

love and concern. He is not hostile, defiant, rebellious, resentful or selfish. He is love!

God wants all of us to eventually become like Him. Therefore, He wants us to *turn from* and strive to *overcome* the devil's evil influence on our thinking and our actions. This is the essence of repentance. It is a doorway out of entrapment in sin and misery—and into living the happy, abundant life that God Himself leads! It is *changing* our very minds, our very selves—who and what we are!

## An About-Face!

The original words in the Hebrew and Greek from which *repent* and *repentance* are translated mean to *turn*, to *change direction*. True repentance is a complete about-face from disobedience toward God to obedience, love and cooperation with Him.

True repentance is fully realizing that we have rebelled against our Maker, that we have broken His righteous law. Repentance means abhorring our past sins and self-willed, rebellious natures. We must truly be broken up and ready, with God's help, to *quit* sinning and rebelling, and to submit to God with all our hearts.

The time of repentance is the *turning point* in our lives!

## True Repentance Is of the Heart

1. Is true repentance a deep, moving, heartfelt experience? Joel 2:12-13.

2. Does a heartfelt, repentant attitude open the way to a close, saving relationship with God? Psalm 34:18.

3. Is spiritual repentance *toward God*? Acts 20:21.

Sin is against God—He is the Lawgiver whose perfect law we have broken. To repent means to be so humbled and broken up about our rebellion against the living, holy God that we turn to Him in real sorrow and plead for His mercy and forgiveness. It means abhorring our deceitfulness, our vanity, our selfishness, and crying out for His help to overcome our evil natures and to develop His righteous character.

Maybe you do see the need to repent toward God. But how do you do it?

First, understand that you cannot work up a deep feeling of abhorrence for your sins and sinful nature *on your own*. Real repentance is not just "beating yourself up" emotionally. It is impossible for a carnal mind to stir up the proper godly attitude toward sin on its own.

So how is it possible for a human being to come to real repentance? How can a carnal, flawed human being start to change from being self-centered to loving God more than himself and loving his neighbor as himself? This desire must come *from God!*



4. What actually leads you to repentance? Romans 2:4.

5. Is it God who also *grants* repentance? 2 Timothy 2:25. Also see Acts 11:18.

Repentance means giving up your way and turning to God's way. It means surrender—unconditional surrender—to live by every word of God. Since the Bible is the Word of God, it means to live by the Bible. It means *voluntary* submission to the authority of God, expressed in His Word!

6. Does surrendering to God also mean that we are to put Him ahead of and above all else? Matthew 10:37. Does this also include our own *lives*? Luke 14:26.

“Hate” in Luke 14:26 means to *love less by comparison*, as the parallel account in Matthew 10:37 shows.

## We Must Turn to God's Law

1. How may we become *cleansed* of sin—made acceptable to God? Is it through Christ's sacrifice and His shed blood? Does that blood *blot out* our sins and reconcile us to God? Romans 5:8-10. What must we do to have Christ's sacrifice applied to us? Acts 3:19.

2. How did God inspire the psalmist to define “righteousness”? Psalm 119:172. It is clearly the keeping of God's commandments!

3. Who did Paul say are justified before God—the hearers or the doers of God's law? Romans 2:13. Did Paul make plain that although the unmerited pardon of our sins is by God's grace through faith in Christ's sacrifice, a Christian is nevertheless *obligated* to God to keep His law? Romans 3:31. Also read all of Romans 6.

4. Is the law of God *good*? Romans 7:12. Is it *just* and *holy*? Same verse.

God's law is the way to peace, happiness and joy. It is God's great gift to mankind—given to make man happy, to lead him into the full, abundant life, both in this life and for eternity. The evils mankind suffers from today are not caused by the law, but by the *breaking* of it!

5. How did Jesus sum up God's law? Matthew 22:36-40. What one word sums up God's law? John 14:15; 15:10; 2 John 5-6; Romans 13:8-10.

The whole intent and purpose of the Ten Commandments is love because “God is *love*” (1 John 4:16). Jesus showed that God's law has two basic aspects. The first shows us *how to love God*, which is the intent of the first four commandments. The second aspect shows us *how to love our neighbor*—fellow human beings. The last six commandments teach us how to do this.

## God's Call to Repentance

1. What was Jesus's message from the beginning of His ministry? Mark 1:14-15; Matthew 4:17; Luke 13:1-5. Were Christ's disciples to preach the same message? Did Jesus say, in fact, that repentance should be preached among *all* nations? Luke 24:46-47.

2. On the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit was poured out upon Christ's disciples (Acts 2:1-4), what message did God inspire Peter to preach to the multitudes gathered in Jerusalem? Acts 2:37-38. Did Peter continue to preach repentance? Acts 3:19.

The same proclamation to repent is central to the message of God's Church today.

3. Does the Bible show there are no exceptions—that *all* have sins they must repent of? 1 John 1:8-10;

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Romans 3:23; 5:12; Ecclesiastes 7:20.

There are many who feel they are “good, humble people” who have never personally done anything really wrong and so have little, if anything, to repent of. But your Bible says *ALL HAVE SINNED!* Those who think they have not sinned are actually guilty of the *sin* of self-righteousness!

## Have You Really Repented?

Have you come to the point in your life where you want to give up walking contrary to God and surrender yourself completely to Him? Have you come to the place where you see yourself as you really are—as God sees you?

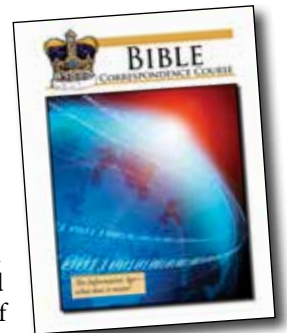
Have you “sized yourself up” against the Ten Commandments and God's Word, and admitted where you fall short? Are you willing to keep all of God's commandments?

Notice what the Apostle Paul says in 2 Corinthians 13:5: “*Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves...*” The Prophet John told the Pharisees and Sadducees to “Bring forth therefore fruits *meet for* [or *befitting*] repentance” (Matthew 3:8).

How can you examine—prove—your *own* self? By comparing your life, thoughts, words and actions with the Word of God.

True repentance requires a *permanent change of direction*. It is a *total commitment* to a course from which there is no turning back. It is not a temporary, spontaneous emotional response so prevalent today in religious “revival” meetings. You have learned that it is something much deeper and vastly more profound!

Have you *really* repented?



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## In Genesis 48, Jacob (Israel) named his name on Ephraim and Manasseh. These two modern Israelite nations, Britain and the United States, became very wealthy and very powerful, just as God prophesied they would.

► **PROPHECY** from page 28 descendants (Genesis 22:18; 48:8-22). Look all over this Earth and all through history, and it's hard to find two nations that were more blessed than the United States and Britain. God gave those two nations the promises of wealth and prominence that He originally promised to Abraham for his obedience. But now those blessings are being taken away because his descendants are wallowing in perverse sins.

These nations must be told *who they are* and must be warned about what they are doing. You can only do that if you understand these prophecies.

Besides the modern nations of Israel and Judah, the Bible also has many prophecies about Germany, Russia, China, Japan and many Middle Eastern nations. The Bible tells you what is ahead for all of these nations!

### Who Else Went to the Lost 10 Tribes?

There's something else interesting about these lost 10 tribes.

When the Apostle Paul arrived in Rome, the Jews there had not received the gospel, and they did not know what was happening with the Church that Christ had established. They only knew that it was persecuted and disliked, and they wanted to know what Paul thought about it (Acts 28:17, 21-22). This is absolute proof that the Jews at Rome had never heard from the Apostle Peter. Paul came along *after* the original 12, and *he* was the one who was preaching in the Gentile city of Rome.

In A.D. 656, Pope Vitalian decided that the Catholic Church was not interested in the remains of the Apostle Peter and

the Apostle Paul. So, the pope sent their remains to Oswy, king of Britain. Here is what he wrote to the British king: "However, we have ordered the blessed gifts of

15:28). He was on his way around to Spain and then on to Britain. Clement of Rome, in his letter to the Corinthians, confirms Paul's journey to the West. But did that include Britain? Listen to the words of the Greek church historian Theodoret. He reports 'that St. Paul brought salvation TO THE ISLES THAT LIE IN THE OCEAN' (Book I on Psalm 116, page 870). The British Isles!

"But was that merely to preach to the Gentiles? Not at all. Remember that the **THIRD AND LAST PART** of Paul's commission, after he revealed Christ to the kings and rulers at Rome, was to bear the name of Jesus to the 'children of Israel' (Acts 9:15)—the lost 10 tribes. ... This is a prophecy of Paul's mission to the British Isles!"

The Apostle Paul *also* went to Europe to teach the lost 10 tribes!

The lost 10 tribes were important to Jesus Christ. They were important to the original 12 apostles. They were important to the Apostle Paul. They are important to God! And one of the main reasons is that their true modern identities **UNLOCK BIBLE PROPHECY!**

Are the lost 10 tribes important to you? Knowing their modern identities is **THE KEY** that unlocks biblical prophecy. You urgently need this precious key, because we are entering the most tumultuous period in world history—the time *just before* the Second Coming of Jesus Christ—when those prophecies are coming to pass before our eyes! ■



Rembrandt's depiction in 1656 of Jacob blessing Ephraim and Manasseh

the holy martyrs, that is, the relics [the bones] of the blessed apostles Peter and Paul, and of the holy martyrs, Laurentius, John, and Paul, and Gregory, and Pancratius, to be delivered to the bearers of these our letters, to be by them delivered to you" (*Bede's Ecclesiastical History*, Book III, Chapter 29). Even the bones of Paul and Peter ended up in St. Albans in Britain!

Another impacting part of Dr. Hoeh's article said this: "Turn now to added proof of the apostles' mission to the lost sheep of the house of Israel to the British Isles. From an old volume, published in 1674, by William Camden, we read: 'The true Christian religion was planted here most anciently by Joseph of Arimathea, Simon Zelotes (or Simon the Zealot), Aristobulus, by St. Peter, and St. Paul, as may be proved by Dorotheus, Theodoretus and Sophronius.' Well, did you catch that? Paul is now included! Had Paul planned to go from Italy into Spain and then Britain? Here is the answer. 'I will come by you into Spain' (Romans



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# A Real Gentleman

It's a rare species of humankind, currently bordering on extinction.



**"H** E'S A REAL GENTLEMAN." THAT'S A PHRASE I heard often during my childhood. More often than not, it was spoken by my mother, my grandmothers, my aunts, or even my elder sister, to identify a particular kind of Homo sapiens.

It's a phrase not often heard these days.

I fear that the word *gentleman* has been throttled to death by the thought police. The feminist-dominated, politically correct movement hates what the very word bespeaks: *virtue* and *manliness*.

The typical English gentleman was the backbone of British society during the grand old empire's glory days. In *The Europeans*, Italian-American journalist Luigi Barzini Jr. pointed out that men around the world sought to imitate the English gentleman, motivated and "dictated by admiration and envy." The demeanor of the English, "well-educated, well-behaved ... the result of good upbringing ... their ease ... made them admired models."

But two world wars and the industrial society, compounded by the rise of feminism, largely did away with this remarkable example of virtuous manliness that the world at large sought to copy and that once was unique to British society.

American historian Gertrude Himmelfarb has reflected deeply about this increasingly unfashionable concept, the genteel Anglo-American. She notes, in relation to the historical usage of the term "gentleman," that "In practice ... it was often used, even in earlier centuries, as a distinction of *character* rather than of class" (*The Demoralization of Society*, emphasis added throughout).

Himmelfarb is the wife of the reputed founder of the neo-conservative movement, Irving Kristol, and is recognized as an outstanding American historian. She traces one common denominator that once linked all classes in English society: "respectability." Cutting through the liberal-socialist lie that the British—during their greatest epoch, the Victorian era—were closely structured by class rigidities, Himmelfarb reveals that the reality at the time was that "the working classes were *respectable members of society* and therefore worthy citizens ...."

Victorian-era French historian Hippolyte Taine marveled at the genteelness and orderliness of the English. "I have seen whole families of the common people picnicking on the grass at Hyde Park; they neither pulled up nor damaged anything.' This was truly admirable, he reflected, for 'the aim of every society must be a state of affairs in which every man is his own constable, until at last none other is required'" (ibid).

Contrast this with British society today, with lager louts and ladettes besmirching public places with the effluence of their alcohol- and drug-debauched behavior, and young Britons considering senior citizens fair game for mugging. Every vestige of good English manners and proper decorum appears to have gone out the window, and there are statistics to prove it. "British teenagers

are the worst behaved in Europe, a report has revealed. They are more likely to binge drink, take drugs, have sex at a young age and start fights. The report, from a think tank closely linked to Labor, says the collapse of family life is at least partly to blame" (*Daily Mail*, July 27, 2007).

"Partly to blame?" That surely must be the understatement of all time!

Why have the good graces of the Victorian era plunged into the 21st-century gutter?

Trace it to one common denominator: *loss of gentlemanly deportment by British gentry*. The male of the species has lost all respect for the God-given offices of husband and father, let alone responsible citizenship. As British society has lost respect for those biblically delineated roles, it has lost respect for family and, indeed, for fellow man. The result is social breakdown of national scope.

History records that where the typical male is a moral person, society thrives. When manhood becomes morally corrupt, that

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society soon fails. Though the woman may powerfully influence the order of the domestic scene, the moral standard of any successful culture is set by the male. Society rises and falls against his moral standard.

"A real 'gentleman' is truly a noble man," Taine observed, "a man worthy to command, a ... man of integrity, capable of exposing, even sacrificing himself for those he leads; not only a man of honor, but a conscientious man, in whom generous instincts have been confirmed by right thinking and who, acting rightly by nature, acts even more rightly from good principles" (ibid).

"What is a gentleman?" asked the 19th-century British author William Thackeray. "Is it to lead a pure life, to keep your honor virgin; to have the esteem of your fellow citizens, and the love of your fireside; to bear good fortune meekly; to suffer evil with constancy; and through evil or good to maintain truth always? Show me the happy man whose life exhibits these qualities, and him we will salute as gentleman, whatever his rank may be; show me the prince who possesses them, and he may be sure of our love and our loyalty" (*The Four Georges*).

Where, pray tell, would you find such a man in today's society? Once a prevalent product of British society, admired by the world at large, the gentleman is almost extinct today. The link between that loss and the moral perils our society increasingly exhibits is undeniable.

May all true men of God strive to be such gentlemen!



## DISCUSSION BOARD

### LETTERS from last issue

#### Lessons from 1938

What a wonderful application of lessons from history to our world today (“Déjà Vu,” September). It was well researched and wonderfully digested information. And your analysis of the major difference as well—the welfare state—helped make our present situation even more crystal clear. I will have my boys study this. *Paula Malone—OKLAHOMA*

#### The type of teen I should be

I am 13 and I thought this article was definitely interesting to read (“Lies a Girl Shouldn’t Learn,” September). It helps me to understand the real type of teenage girl I should be. I’m certainly not all about appearance and I don’t think I need to change for anybody. Thank you for writing this article. *Patricia Wilson*

To say that women tend to cater to men’s lusts in order to feel attractive by degrading themselves with sexually suggestive attire is sad enough. But to include children in this debasement is sick. Single men may not think so, but wait until you have daughters of your own.

*Kurt Simmons—KANSAS*



On the flip side of this topic, at the same time that all these sexualized problems are occurring, there is also a lack of shame about being overweight. The “people come in different shapes and sizes” message does not help anyone to put forth the effort to stay healthy and fit. I find myself just as disgusted at gluttonous jokes as I am at the expressions on the T-shirts that you mentioned. *M.D.*

#### Elephants can’t paint masterpieces

You said, “The capacity to create and appreciate art is a major demarcation setting human beings apart from animals” (“Art: The Good, the Bad and the Mediocre,” September). Yet we give a brush and paint to an elephant and call it a masterpiece. Art truly has been corrupted. Thank you for this thought-provoking analysis on just what true art is.

*Sharalee Fraser—OKLAHOMA*

I enjoyed this deep and insightful article immensely. Thank you for explaining the Christian’s approach to art as well. There are many who seem to misunderstand or misinterpret what the Bible says about art—some churches going so far as to ban all types of a particular art form (such as all instrumental music, or all paintings, or

anything that does not depict a religious sentiment, etc.). It was also very insightful reading about where the true perverseness of art began. That’s something I haven’t read anywhere else. *John*

Another area of “art” to which this same discussion can be applied is the world of fashion and fashion design. There are often many extremes in what is modeled on a runway, though many of those fashions never make it into anyone’s wardrobe. Even this form of art and personal expression can reflect our character. What we appreciate as art can certainly be a means to build or denigrate our character—and ultimately to build God’s character by seeking His greatest standards in all areas of our lives. *Lisa—INDIANA*

#### A lot of deception out there

It seems as if there is a lot of deception going on, more now than ever before (“How Not to Be Deceived,” September). There is so much evil in the world. Everywhere one looks today, sin has become the normal way of thinking and acting for the majority of people. As you stated, we must learn to study for ourselves with God to know what truth is and not depend on what anyone else tells us is right. That way we will know for certain what the Bible says and we will recognize deception if it should rise up before us.

*Bridget Johnson—TENNESSEE*

## ONLINE HIGHLIGHTS

On [theTrumpet.com](http://theTrumpet.com) this past month, two of our most popular articles centered on the epic drought America is experiencing. The United States is in its worst drought in more than half a century. It is the largest widespread drought the U.S. has seen since 1988 and has destroyed much of America’s corn and soy bean harvest this year.

This drought is also drying up America’s single greatest asset in wealth creation, the Mississippi River. We published two articles exploring the effects of the drought on this economic artery, and both received some of the greatest traffic on our website in August. “**The Mighty Mississippi to Run Dry?**” ([thetrumpet.com/go/9694](http://thetrumpet.com/go/9694)) explored the global economic consequences if the world’s largest navigable river system goes dry. Many readers wondered why global warming wasn’t mentioned or mocked the idea that such a great river system could run dry.

One commenter pointed out that one reason the Mississippi is so valuable is that it is a source of fresh water. This was the topic of our article “**Salt Water Infiltrating the Mississippi**” ([thetrumpet.com/go/9765](http://thetrumpet.com/go/9765)). Normally, the high waters of the Mississippi are powerful enough to flush out saltwater from the Gulf of Mexico; under normal circumstances the saltwater only travels 15 to 16 miles inland. But because of low water levels, the saltwater has already traveled 89 miles up the river, and is still moving.

*Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry began recording Web exclusive videos as well. The first of these focused on this crisis and was called “**Epic Drought Dries Up the Mississippi—Why?**” ([thetrumpet.com/go/9780](http://thetrumpet.com/go/9780)). You can find this

and his other articles and videos on his home page on [theTrumpet.com](http://theTrumpet.com): Just select his name in the “COLUMNISTS” drop-down menu.

Stephen Flurry’s article “**The Root Cause of Anti-Semitism**” ([thetrumpet.com/go/9687](http://thetrumpet.com/go/9687)) analyzed recent events that show an increase in anti-Semitism. From an Olympic judo team to Iran’s annual “Jerusalem Day” celebration, hatred for Jews is gaining alarming ground. Read it to learn what the root cause of this special hatred is.

Any article that touches on race evokes strong reactions. Perhaps this is why Ron Fraser’s article “**The Descent of the Anglo-Saxon Male**” ([thetrumpet.com/go/9691](http://thetrumpet.com/go/9691)) garnered heavy response. The article addresses how the denigration of men in Anglo-Saxon society is a sign of our collapsing civilization. While much of the discussion on Facebook on this article focused on what “Anglo-Saxon” is, some commenters wondered whether this affects all races. We believe that question was best answered by our later article, “**The New York Times’ Most Idiotic Attack on Men Ever**” ([thetrumpet.com/go/9804](http://thetrumpet.com/go/9804)).

Finally, another popular article of the month, “**The Fourth Reich Has Arrived**,” centered on a topic the *Trumpet* has forecast since its beginning. A right-wing Italian newspaper, *Il Giornale*, declared the Fourth Reich has taken over Europe. The editor in chief asserted Italy is “no longer in Europe. It is in the Fourth Reich” ([thetrumpet.com/go/9699](http://thetrumpet.com/go/9699)). Our most retweeted tweet was on this subject. The *Trumpet* has said since 1999 that the Fourth Reich has already arrived—albeit in disguise—and it looks like more analysts now recognize it. You can read a concise version of this article on page 15.

## ONLINE CONVERSATIONS

### South Africa Is Past the Point of No Return

What the Lonmin platinum mine massacre portends for South Africa

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**Thomas Garstka:** I read the piece and all the comments. WOW! I really need to read *South Africa in Prophecy!*

**T Harris:** When the workman is worthy of his hire and does not get compensated accordingly, he is deprived of a God-given right and may commit retaliatory acts. This is a direct image of the wrath of the Eternal. It is a divine-law violation to have a contract and make changes or differences without proper notice, consent and accord with all parties or laborers affected. It violated the command “thou shall not steal”; this is LAW!

**Storm Simpson:** This has raised a lot of frustration in the country! What the media fail to put in the front page is that the crowd had already burned to death two security guards and beaten two policemen. The cops are not cold killers. They tried other methods first, but when a mass of warriors charge them with killing weapons, what are they supposed to do? This world is so upside down. The enemy becomes the “victim” and the “victim” becomes the enemy. May God return soon!

### Pogroms in Greece: Racist Violence Sweeps the Nation

What happens to society when the economy collapses [thetrumpet.com/go/9815](http://thetrumpet.com/go/9815)



**MH:** People in this country are very different today than they were in the Great Depression. Then people helped one another through tough times. Today we have a much thinner civilized veneer. Human nature is the same all over the world. We're no different than the Greeks. But it's wonderful knowing that on the other side of all this Christ will return and will help us roll up our sleeves to bring about an amazing transformation!

**Michelle Dell:** People choose the wrong place to make a political statement. Beating up someone who is walking down the sidewalk is not the right way to voice

your opinion on immigration. It should be common sense. That is horrible. My sympathies go out to all the victims.

### The New York Times' Most Idiotic Attack on Men Ever

What do intellectuals have against men?

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**Sarah Evans:** I'm not sure how any scientist or academic worth his salt could equate mere physical size or mass with importance. Just ask a physicist about electrons versus protons; it would be foolish to claim that because an electron is almost 2,000 times smaller you could simply get rid of it. Yet Mr. Hampikian attempts to argue that a man's importance as a father is somehow proportional to his weight in DNA contribution. That sounds like very flawed and unscientific reasoning to me!

**Lisa Jacques:** I really don't understand why women like the idea of doing it all. With two small children currently in tow, I frequently fixate on some time in the future when they are more (physically) reliant on their more able-bodied dad.

**Jackie C:** Let's hear it for the fathers! Trying to imagine growing up without a father-figure around gives me a very empty feeling, and although I realize some children are faced with that situation today, what child would choose that situation? What child would not want that stability, leadership and loving guidance through their years from a loving father who wants the best for them? I say again, let's hear it for the fathers—because society needs you!

### Is There Anything Good About a Boy Wanting to Wear a Dress?

What has happened to sane parenting?

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**Sword:** Is it the clothes that make people homosexual? In Scotland men wear skirts called kilts.

**Jblaze:** Kilts are considered masculine tradition in their country. You would not see them wearing a evening gown or their mother's dresses just for fun! When a man wears a kilt as part of a national tradition, he has no illusions of not being a male.

## READER ENGAGEMENT

### Top retweeted tweets

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spiritual mind brings death and destruction—not life—to his surroundings. The same would be true on Mars.

Before we could ever think of succeeding at populating another planet, we would first need to *change human nature*.

The wonderful news is that human nature *will* change!

### A Universal Future

God promises that He will give mankind that missing spiritual component, and soon! First, man will need to learn just how deficient, how incomplete, his mind is without the spiritual dimension from God. Then God will make it so that “the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.”

When mankind is willing to listen, God will show the world the way to peace. He will give it the spiritual answers to its problems and the will to provide the crucial component that is so conspicuously absent from intelligent life here on Earth: His Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:11-14).

When mankind finally receives this missing spiritual component, *just think* of what we will be able to accomplish! What will we achieve when this entire world is working together, using all of humanity’s God-type minds *in harmony*? Not only will it be a utopia of happiness and joy, but we will also accomplish feats that will make the Mars rover seem like a toy.

“Mankind is destined to remove that decay from Mars and the entire universe!” Mr. Flurry wrote. “It’s hard to even imagine what a direct and strong connection mankind has to the universe. We will make the universe look like the Garden of Eden! That is man’s destiny—and you can prove it from the Bible” (*Trumpet*, February 2004).

Man already has a God-type mind on the physical level. God plans on adding to that, giving man a God-type mind on the spiritual level, as well. He wants to create *His perfect mind* in mankind! In fact, the Bible states that God is creating His character in mankind so that He can ultimately transform men into members of the God Family! Then the God Family will revolutionize the universe.

That is why man has a God-type mind, on the physical level, today. That is why man can create amazing things like the Mars rover. And that is why these amazing accomplishments are *nothing* compared to the real potential of mankind’s incredible mind. ■

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#### Nationwide Satellite

Galaxy 3 Trans. 21 11:30 ET, Tue/Thu  
Galaxy 5 Trans. 7 8:00 ET

#### Direct TV

CW Plus, Chan. 34, 9:30 ET/PT, Sun  
Discovery, Chan. 278, 6:30 ET/PT, Sun  
ION, Chan. 305, 6:00 ET, Fri  
WGN, Chan. 307, 8:00 ET, Sun

#### Dish Network

Discovery, Chan. 182, 6:30 ET/PT, Sun  
ION, Chan. 216, 6:00 ET, Fri  
WGN, Chan. 239, 8:00 ET, Sun

#### Nationwide Cable

CW Plus, 9:30 ET/PT, Sun  
Discovery, 6:30 ET/PT, Sun  
ION, 6:00 ET, Fri  
WGN, 8:00 ET, Sun

**Alabama, Birmingham** WPXH 5:00, Fri

**Dothan** WTVY-DT 8:30, Sun

**Montgomery** WBMM/WBMM-DT 8:30, Sun

**Alaska, Anchorage** KIMO-DT 8:30, Sun

**Fairbanks** KATN-DT 8:30, Sun

**Juneau** KJUD-DT 8:30, Sun

**Arizona, Phoenix** KPXX 5:00, Fri

**Yuma-EI Centro** KSWT-DT 9:30, Sun

**Arkansas, Fayetteville** KWFT 8:30, Sun

**Fort Smith** KCWA 8:30, Sun

**Jonesboro** KJOS 8:30, Sun

**Rogers** KWFT 8:30, Sun

**Springdale** KWFT 8:30, Sun

**California, Bakersfield** KGET-DT 9:30, Sun

**Chico** KHSL-DT 9:30, Sun; KRCR 9:00, Sun

**EI Centro** KWUB 9:30, Sun

**Eureka** KJUV-DT 9:30, Sun

**Los Angeles** KPXN 6:00, Fri; TVCLT-Bilingual, 7:30 Sun

**Monterey** KNWB 9:30, Sun

**Palm Springs** KESQ/KCWQ-DT 9:30, Sun

**Redding** KHSL-DT 9:30, Sun; KRCR 9:00, Sun

**Sacramento** KSPX 6:00, Fri; TVCLT-Bilingual, 7:30 Sun

**Salinas** KION 9:30, Sun

**San Diego** TVCLT-Bilingual, 7:30 Sun

**San Francisco** KKPX 6:00, Fri

**Santa Barbara** KSBY-DT 9:30, Sun

**Sun City/Menifee** TVCLT-Bilingual, 7:30 Sun

**Colorado, Denver** KPXC 5:00, Fri

**Grand Junction** KCJT 8:30, Sun

**Montrose** KKCO-DT 10:30, Sun

**Connecticut, Hartford** WHPX 6:00, Fri

**Delaware, Dover** WBD 9:30, Sun

**Salisbury** WMDT-DT 9:30, Sun

**Florida, Gainesville** WCJB-DT 9:30, Sun

**Jacksonville** WPXC/WPXI-LP 6:00, Fri

**Miami** WPXM 6:00, Fri

**Orlando** WOPX 6:00, Fri

**Panama City** WJHG-DT 8:30, Sun

**Tallahassee** WTXL 7:30, Sun

**Tallahassee-Thomasville** WTLF-DT/WTLH-DT 9:30, Sun

**Tampa** WXPX 6:00, Fri; WTTA 8:30 am, Sun

**West Palm Beach** WPXP 6:00, Fri

**Georgia, Albany** WBSK 9:30, Sun

**Augusta** WAGT-DT 9:30, Sun

**Brunswick** WPXC 6:00, Fri

**Columbus** WLGA 9:30, Sun

**Macon** WBMN 9:30, Sun

**Savannah** WGSB/WGCW-LP 9:30, Sun

**Hawaii, Hawaii Na Leo** Chan. 54 6:30, Sun; 8:30, Wed

**Kauai Ho’Ike** Chan. 52 9:30, Tue

**Maui/Lanai/Molokai/Niihau/Akaku**

Chan. 52 6:30 pm, Sun; 3:30, Mon

**Oahu** Focus Chan. 49 7:00 am Sat (Olelo)

Chan. 27 5:00 am, Fri KPXO

Chan. 333 3:30 am, Sun The Discovery Channel

**Idaho, Idaho Falls** KPIF/KBEO 10:30, Sun

**Pocatello** KPIF 10:30, Sun

**Twin Falls** KMVT-DT/KTWT-LP 10:30, Sun

**Illinois, Bloomington** WHOI-DT 8:30, Sun

**Chicago** WCUU 7:00, Mon-Fri; WCIU 9:30, Sun;  
WCPX 5:00, Fri

**Peoria** WHOI-DT 8:30, Sun

**Rockford** WREX-DT 8:30, Sun

**Indiana, Fort Wayne** WPTA-DT 21.2 9:30, Sun

**Indianapolis** WIPX 6:00, Fri

**Terre Haute** WBI 8:30, Sun

**Iowa, Austin** KTTC-DT 8:30, Sun

**Cedar Rapids** KPXR 5:00, Fri

**Des Moines** KFPX 5:00, Fri

**Keokuk** WMEW 8:30, Sun

**Kirkville** KWOT 8:30, Sun

**Mason City** KTTC-DT 8:30, Sun

**Ottumwa** KWOT 8:30, Sun

**Sioux City** KTIV-DT 8:30, Sun

**Kansas, Topeka** KSNT 8:30, Sun

**Kentucky, Bowling Green** WBKO 8:30, Sun

**Lexington** WUPX 6:00, Fri

**Louisiana, Alexandria** KBCA 8:30, Sun

**El Dorado-Monroe** KNOE-DT 8:30, Sun

**Lafayette** KLWB 8:30, Sun

**Lake Charles** WBLC 8:30, Sun

**New Orleans** WPXL 5:00, Fri

**Maine, Bangor** WABI-DT 9:30, Sun

**Presque Isle** WBPO 9:30, Sun

**Maryland, Salisbury** WBD 9:30, Sun

**Massachusetts, Holyoke** WBQT 9:30, Sun

**Springfield** WBQT 9:30, Sun

**Michigan, Alpena** WBAE 9:30, Sun

**Cadillac** WGTU/WGTQ 9:30, Sun

**Detroit** WPXD 6:00, Fri; WADL 10:00, Sun

**Grand Rapids** WZPX 5:00, Fri

**Lansing** WLAJ-DT 9:30, Sun

**Marquette** WBKP 9:30, Sun

**Traverse City-Cadillac** WGTU-DT/WGTQ-DT 9:30, Sun

**Minnesota, Duluth-Superior** WDLH 8:30, Sun

**Mankato** KWYE 8:30, Sun

**Minneapolis** KPXM 5:00, Fri

**Rochester-Austin** KTTC-DC 8:30, Sun

**Sioux Fall (Mitchell)** KWSD/KSWD-DT 8:30, Sun

**Mississippi, Biloxi** WBGW 8:30, Sun

**Columbus** WCBI-DT 8:30, Sun

**Greenville** WBWD 8:30, Sun

**Greenwood** WBWD 8:30, Sun

**Gulfport** WBGW 8:30, Sun

**Hattiesburg** WBH 8:30, Sun

**Laurel** WBH 8:30, Sun

**Meridian** WTOK-DT 8:30, Sun

**Tupelo** WCBI-DT 8:30, Sun

**West Point** WCBI-DT 8:30, Sun

**Missouri, Columbia** KOMU-DT 8:30, Sun

**Hannibal** WGEM-DT 8:30, Sun

**Jefferson City** KOMU-DT 8:30, Sun

**Joplin-Pittsburg** KSXF 8:30, Sun

**Kansas City** KPXE 5:00, Fri

**Quincy-Keokuk** WGEM-DT 8:30, Sun

**St. Joseph** WBJO 8:30, Sun



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**Montana, Billings** KTVO-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Bozeman-Butte** KBZK-DT/KXLF-DT 10:30, Sun  
**Glendive** KWZB 10:30, Sun  
**Great Falls** KRTV-DT 10:30, Sun  
**Helena** KMTF-DT 10:30, Sun  
**Missoula** KPAX-DT 10:30, Sun  
**Nebraska, Lincoln-Hastings** KCWL-TV 8:30, Sun  
**Kearney** KCWL-TV 8:30, Sun  
**North Platte** KWPL 8:30, Sun  
**Scottsbluff** KCHW 10:30, Sun  
**Nevada, Reno** KREN/KREN-DT 9:30, Sun  
**New York, Albany** WYPX 6:00, Fri  
**Binghamton** WBXI 9:30, Sun  
**Buffalo** WPXJ 6:00, Fri; WUTV 10:00, Sun  
**Elmira** WBE 9:30, Sun  
**New York City** TVCLT-Bilingual, 10:30 Sun WPXN 6:00, Fri  
**Rochester** WUHF 8:30, Sun  
**Syracuse** WSPX 6:00, Fri  
**Utica** WBU 9:30, Sun  
**Watertown** WWTI-DT 9:30, Sun  
**North Carolina, Durham** WRPX 6:00, Fri; 9:00 am, Sun  
**Fayetteville** WFPX 6:00, Fri  
**Greensboro** WGPX 6:00, Fri  
**Greenville** WEPX 6:00, Fri; WNCT-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Lumber Bridge** WFPX 6:00, Fri  
**New Bern** WNCT-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Raleigh** WRPX 6:00, Fri; 9:00 am, Sun  
**Washington** WNCT-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Wilmington** WBW 9:30, Sun  
**North Dakota, Bismarck** KWMK 10:30, Sun  
**Dickinson** KWMK 10:30, Sun  
**Fargo** WDAY-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Minot** KWMK 10:30, Sun  
**Valley City** WDAY-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Ohio, Cleveland** WVPX 6:00, Fri  
**Cincinnati** WSTR 8:30, Sun  
**Lima** WLIO-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Stuebenville** WBWO 9:30, Sun  
**Zanesville** WBZV 9:30, Sun  
**Oklahoma, Ada** KSHD 8:30, Sun  
**Lawton** KAUZ 8:30, Sun  
**Oklahoma City** KOPX 5:00, Fri  
**Tulsa** KTPX 5:00, Fri  
**Oregon, Bend** KTVZ-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Klamath Falls** KMFD 9:30, Sun  
**Medford** KMFD 9:30, Sun  
**Portland** KPXG 6:00, Fri  
**Pennsylvania, Erie** WBEP 9:30, Sun  
**Philadelphia** WPPX 6:00, Fri

**Wilkes Barre** WOPX 6:00, Fri  
**Rhode Island, Providence** WPXQ 6:00, Fri  
**South Carolina, Charleston** WCBD-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Florence** WWMB/WWMB-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Myrtle Beach** WWMB/WWMB-DT 9:30, Sun  
**South Dakota, Mitchell** KWSD 8:30, Sun  
**Rapid City** KWBH-LP 10:30, Sun  
**Sioux Falls** KWSD 8:30, Sun  
**Tennessee, Jackson** WBJK 8:30, Sun  
**Knoxville** WPXK 6:00, Fri  
**Memphis** WPXX 5:00, Fri  
**Nashville** WNPX 5:00, Fri  
**Texas, Abilene** KTWS-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Amarillo** KVII-DT/KVIH/KVIH-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Beaumont** KFDM-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Brownsville** KSFE-LP/KTIZ-LP 8:30, Sun  
**Corpus Christi** KRIS-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Dallas** TVCLT-Bilingual, 9:30 Sun  
**Harlingen** KSFE-LP/KTIZ-LP 8:30, Sun  
**Houston** KPXB 5:00, Fri  
**Laredo** KTXW 8:30, Sun  
**Longview** KCEB 8:30, Sun  
**Lubbock** KLCW 8:30, Sun  
**Midland** KWWT 8:30, Sun  
**Odessa** KWWT 8:30, Sun  
**Port Arthur** KFDM 8:30, Sun  
**San Angelo** KWSA 8:30, Sun  
**San Antonio** KPXL 5:00, Fri  
**Sherman-Ada** KTN-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Sweetwater** KTWS-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Tyler** KCEB 8:30, Sun  
**Victoria** KWVB 8:30, Sun  
**Weslaco** KSFE-LP/KTIZ-LP 8:30, Sun  
**Wichita Falls** KAUZ-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Utah, Salt Lake City** KUPX 5:00, Fri  
**Vermont, Burlington** WVNY 10:00, Sun  
**Virginia, Charlottesville** WVMR-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Harrisonburg** WVMR-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Norfolk** WPXV 6:00, Fri  
**Roanoke** WPXR 6:00, Fri  
**Washington D.C.** WDCW 8:00, Sun; WPXW 6:00, Fri  
**Washington, Kennewick** KCWK 9:30, Sun; KIMA-DT2 9:30, Sun  
**Pasco** KEPR 6:30, Sun; KIMA-DT2 9:30, Sun  
**Richland** KCWK 9:30, Sun; KIMA-DT2 9:30, Sun  
**Seattle-Tacoma** KWXP 6:00, Fri  
**Seattle** KPQ 7:00, Sun  
**Spokane** KGXP 6:00, Fri; KAYU 7:30, Sun  
**Yakima** KIMA-DT2 9:30, Sun  
**West Virginia, Beckley** KVVA-DT 9:30, Sun

**Bluefield** KVVA-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Charleston** WLPX 6:00, Fri  
**Clarksburg** WVF-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Oak Hill** KVVA-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Parkersburg** WBPB 9:30, Sun  
**Weston** WVF-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Wheeling** WBWO 9:30, Sun  
**Wisconsin, Eau Claire** WQOW-DT/WXOW-DT 8:30, Sun  
**La Crosse** WQOW/WXOW 8:30, Sun  
**Milwaukee** WPXE 5:00, Fri  
**Rhineland** WAOW/WYOW 8:30, Sun  
**Wausau** WAOW-DT/WYOW-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Wyoming, Casper** 10:30, Sun  
**Cheyenne** KCHW 10:30, Sun  
**Riverton** 10:30, Sun

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**Nationwide cable**  
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 Vision TV 4:30 pm ET, Sun  
 CHCH 11:30 ET, Sun  
 Grace Television Network 11:00 ET, Sun  
**Alberta, Red Deer** KAYU 8:30, Sun  
**Calgary** KAYU 8:30, Sun  
**Edmonton** KAYU 8:30, Sun  
**Medicine Hat** KAYU 8:30, Sun  
**Lethbridge** KAYU 8:30, Sun  
**British Columbia, Vancouver**  
 KVOS 8:30, Sun; CHEK 9:00 Sun; CHNU 5:30 pm, Sun  
**Victoria** CHNU 5:30 pm, Sun  
**Maritime Provinces** CHF 7:30, Sun  
**Manitoba, Winnipeg** WUHF 8:30, Sun; CIFT Joy TV 11:00, Sun  
**Nova Scotia, Halifax** WUHF 8:30, Sun  
**Sydney** WUHF 8:30, Sun  
**Ontario, Toronto**  
 WADL 10:00 Sun; CHNU 8:30 pm, Sun; WUTV 10:00, Sun  
**P.E.I., Charlottetown** WUHF 8:30, Sun  
**Quebec, Montreal** WVNY 10:00, Sun  
**Saskatchewan, Saskatoon** WUHF 8:30, Sun  
**CARIBBEAN**  
**Regional satellite**  
 Galaxy 3 Trans. 21 11:30 ET, Tue/Thu  
 Galaxy 5 Trans. 7 8:00 ET, Sun  
**Aruba** WGN 8:00, Sun  
**Bahamas** WGN 8:00, Sun  
**Belize** WGN 7:00, Sun

**Cuba** WGN 8:00, Sun  
**Dominican Republic** WGN 8:00, Sun  
**Haiti** WGN 7:00, Sun  
**Jamaica** WGN 9:00, Sun  
**Puerto Rico** WGN 8:00, Sun  
**Trinidad and Tobago** WGN 8:00, Sun  
**EUROPE/MIDDLE EAST**  
**Pan-European satellite** Astra 1L (free to air) 19.2°E transponder 26 11.597V 220000 (DVB); Astra 1KR 19.2°E transponder 50 10.729V (analogue) 11 Central European Time, Sun  
**Belgium** TV Vlaanderen channel 62 11:00, Sun  
**Germany** KDG channel 840 11:00, Sun; TalkTalk TV channel 510 11:00, Sun  
**Ireland** Sky channel 505 10:00, Sun; UPC channel 204; 10:00, Sun  
**Italy** Sky Italia channel 518 11:00, Sun; Tiscali TV channel 518 11:00, Sun  
**Mediterranean**  
 Eurobird 11261 H 232516 E-FTA 11:00 am Central European Time  
**Middle East** Eurobird 11261 H 232516 E-FTA 11:00 Central European Time, Sun  
**Netherlands** Ziggo channel 505 11:00, Sun  
**Poland** Cyfra+ channel 105 11:00, Sun  
**Portugal** ZonTV Cabo channel 210 11:00 Central European Time, Sun  
**Romania** UPC channel 146 12:00 am, Sun  
**Spain** Hispstat 1.092V 11:00, Sun  
**Switzerland** Nako channel 63; Cablecom channel 151 11:00, Sun  
**United Kingdom** Sky: Channel 505 10:00, Sun; Freestat channel 210 10:00, Sun; Virgin Media channel 613 10:00, Sun  
**LATIN AMERICA**  
**Regional satellite** Galaxy 3 Trans. 21 11:30 ET, Tue/Thu  
**El Salvador** WGN 6:00, Sun  
**Guatemala** WGN 6:00, Sun  
**Honduras** WGN 6:00, Sun  
**Mexico** TVCLT-Bilingual, 7:30 Sun; WGN 7:00, Sun  
**Panama** WGN 7:00, Sun  
**AUSTRALASIA**  
**Australia, Adelaide** TV44 9:00, 9:30 CST, Sun; 8:30 CST, Mon-Sat  
**Philippines** TV4 9:30 PHT, Sun

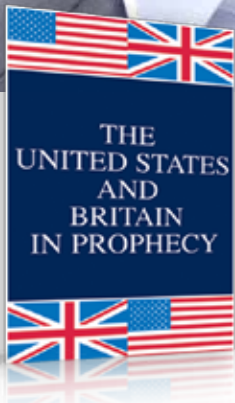
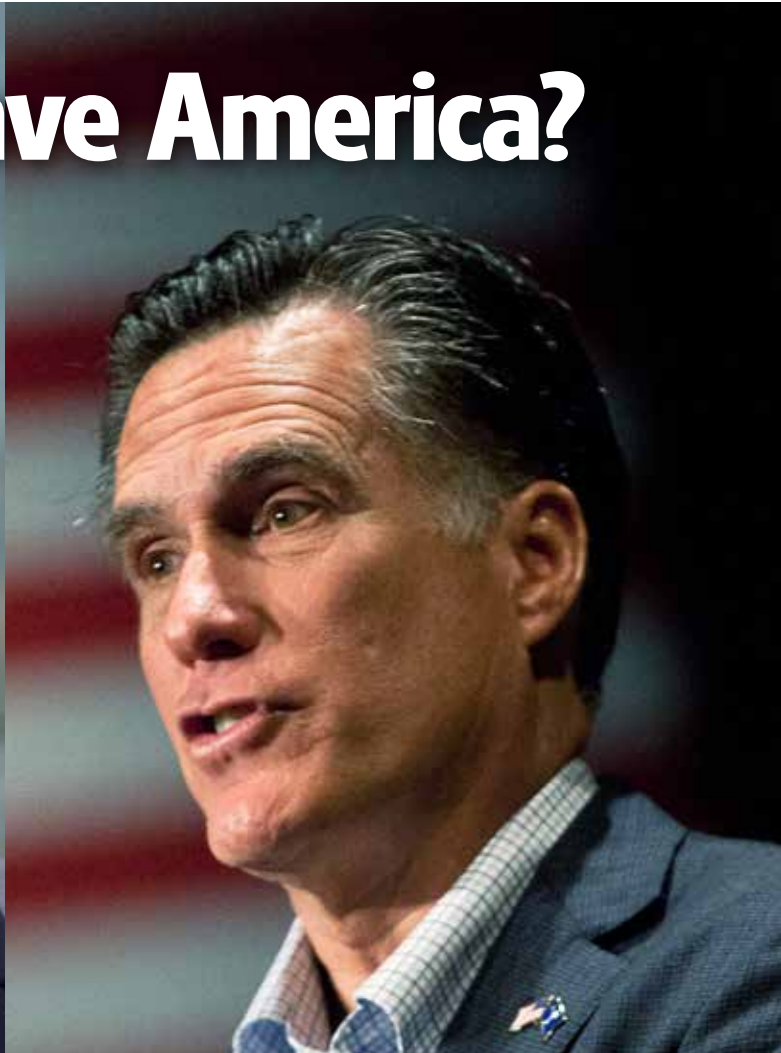
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