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FROM THE EDITOR
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READY FOR WAR

After midterm elections, America's affliction has intensified, and the battle to recover the nation is sure to be fierce.

THE BATTLE LINES ARE DRAWN. THE STAGE IS set for one of the most dramatic fulfillments of biblical prophecy we have yet seen in our lifetimes.

On one side of this political battle in America is the Democratic Party and the radical left. There is also, we now know, establishment Republicans. They are joined by the media—both leftist and “conservative”—and Big Tech, with the single exception now of Twitter. All are arrayed together.

On the other side is Donald Trump. Virtually alone. How did we get here?

Polls before America's Nov. 8, 2022, midterm elections indicated a “red wave” would sweep the country. With inflation soaring and Joe Biden's approval ratings tanking, everybody expected signal Republican victories that would bring majorities in the House and Senate, as well as governorships in more states.

They were wrong. Outside of Florida, the red wave didn't happen. About half an hour after polls closed, Nevada's two largest counties stopped counting ballots because election workers were overwhelmed by an avalanche of mail-in ballots. Arizona's largest county reported that 20 percent of its tabulating machines were malfunctioning. Georgia was hit with a mysterious last-minute ballot drop for Sen. Raphael Warnock. Several key races experienced anomalies with voting machines, delayed counts, suspicious ballot dumps and other concerning developments that virtually *all* favored Democrats—and that undermine confidence in the integrity of the elections. It was a sickening repeat of the problems that plagued the 2020 elections.

Democrats gloated. And Republicans, astoundingly, rather than challenging the irregularities, fighting for transparency, and investigating possible crimes, meekly accepted the results. *Almost all of them* completely ignored the glaring evidence of fraud! Post-election, all the talk among Republicans centered around questions like: *What did we do wrong? Did we back the wrong candidates? Was our messaging off? How could our predictions have been so flawed?*

And most of all, they said: *This is all Donald Trump's fault.* That was certainly the narrative immediately pushed by Democrats and radicals: *The biggest loser of this election was Trump.* And Republicans **AGREED!**

That was the biggest lesson they took from these elections: *We have to dump Trump.*

I have written a lot about the prophecy of 2 Kings 14:26-28 and how this applies to America's current political scene. If you have not read my book *America Under Attack*, you need to do so (we will send you a free copy). What happened in these elections brings this prophecy into even starker focus. We must pay attention to what God foretells here!

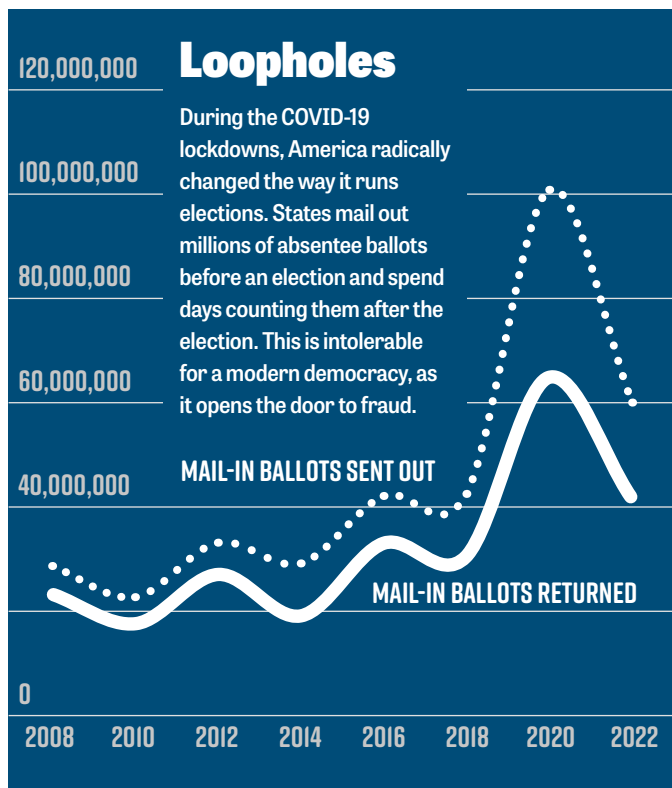
Bitter Affliction

Remember that the book of Kings is one of the **FORMER PROPHETS**. And most of that prophecy is for the end time. The former prophets were written by prophets! And prophets are there to prophesy—mostly for these latter days. (Request my book *The Former Prophets*; all of our literature is free.)

2 Kings 14:26 reads, “For the Lord saw that the **AFFLICTION** of Israel was **VERY BITTER**; and whether bond or free, **THERE WAS NO HELPER FOR ISRAEL**” (New King James Version). This is happening to the modern nations of Israel today, and America is at the top of the list (request *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*). The nation is in *very bitter affliction*, and it has **NO HELPER!** This is illustrated powerfully in the way that the entire political and media establishment is fighting against Donald Trump.

“And the Lord said not that he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven: but he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash” (verse 27). Whose goal is it to “blot out the name of Israel”? That would be Satan, the devil. He hates everything God stands for, including what God wants to accomplish for the world through His chosen nation. Satan wants to destroy America. And sadly, he is doing a terribly effective job.

But God is not going to allow that. He will save Israel, temporarily. How? “By the hand of *Jeroboam*.” Anciently He did so through King Jeroboam II. Prophetically, that is the role Mr. Trump is going to play. This has not happened yet to the



extent that it will. Trump must return to the presidency to fulfill this job.

These are the battle lines. On one side are Satan’s forces, led by *one man*. As we will see, Bible prophecy calls this man an end-time *Antiochus* because of the way the devil used Antiochus Epiphanes anciently to try to “blot out the name of Israel.” Who is this man today? God says, “Ye shall know them by their fruits” (Matthew 7:16). WHO IS LEADING THE ENTIRE MOVEMENT TO “FUNDAMENTALLY TRANSFORM” AMERICA IN DESTRUCTIVE WAYS?

On the other side is a modern-day Jeroboam. Since this is the man God is using to *save* the nation temporarily, it is this man whom Satan and his Antiochus fight most viciously.

Scripture shows that this Antiochus-type is *deeply influenced* by the devil—even, at times, *possessed*. He is Satan’s number one disciple in this society, and he is doing some horrible things.

It is shameful that people don’t know what the Bible says. They really need to know God’s Word, yet they are dangerously ignorant! It makes them very vulnerable to the devil’s attacks.

Antiochus in Prophecy

One of the most important keys to understanding prophecy is knowing that it is *dual*. A theme of *duality* runs throughout the Bible. God says we must look at “former” events and “consider” them if we are to understand the “latter end” of His prophecies (Isaiah 41:22). Though many prophecies have been fulfilled in the past, most of them were only a small type of a greater end-time fulfillment. Many Bible scholars fail to see that past, partially fulfilled prophecies still have an end-time fulfillment.

One of these is the prophecy about Antiochus, found in Daniel 8:9-12, 23-25. Daniel 10:14 shows this prophecy is for “the latter days”—the time we are living in right now. In fact, the whole book of Daniel is for this end time (Daniel 12:4, 9).

Daniel 8:9 speaks of a man called “a little horn.” Virtually all commentaries agree this refers to Antiochus Epiphanes, a ruthless dictator who used deceit and flatteries to obtain rule in Palestine in 176 B.C. In 168 B.C., Antiochus pillaged and desecrated the Jews’ temple in Jerusalem. Among all the turbulent history Israel had ever suffered, Werner Keller wrote, “never before, neither under the Assyrians nor under the Babylonians, had it received such a blow as the edict issued by Antiochus Epiphanes by which HE HOPED TO CRUSH AND DESTROY THE FAITH OF ISRAEL”—OR BLOT OUT THE NAME OF ISRAEL! (emphasis mine throughout).

This prophecy applies to an *end-time* Antiochus whose goal is to crush the faith of *spiritual Israel*—God’s Church. But there is yet *another* Antiochus in our day, who is *political*. He does all he can to destroy the superpower of America. (He also does serious damage to the British peoples and the Jewish state.)

Anciently when Antiochus went to Jerusalem, he desecrated the temple first and *afterward ransacked the whole city*. The time sequence is critical. The city of Jerusalem is a prophetic type of three modern nations of Israel—America, Britain and the Jewish state (this is explained in my booklet *Daniel—Unsealed at Last!*).

Verses 11-12 show how this man “magnified himself even to [margin reads ‘against’] the prince of the host, and by him *the daily sacrifice* was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down. And an host [or *army*] was given him *against the daily sacrifice* by reason of transgression, and it CAST DOWN THE TRUTH TO THE GROUND; and it practised, and prospered.” Anciently, the daily sacrifice was offered in the temple. Today, the temple is the Church—so this refers to the work of God’s Church.

The true Church of God, spiritual Israel, delivers a warning to the spiritual Antiochus. It also proclaims a warning to the political Antiochus. Both of these wicked men *cast truth to the ground*. Their goal is to BLOT OUT THE NAME OF ISRAEL—God’s master plan for all mankind!

Barack Obama does more than try to destroy America’s constitutional republic. HE CASTS TRUTH TO THE GROUND. He also lies like the devil (John 8:44).

Obama is Satan’s number one disciple. That is where this man gets his power. *Only* God has the power to keep Satan and his Antiochus from blotting out the name of Israel.

In His Own Words

If you want to know what Barack Obama is guilty of, listen to what he accuses others of. In the lead-up to the midterm elections, he held major rallies in Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. And he spoke in a way quite different from his usual style. Normally he comes as an “angel of light,” but he is increasingly dropping that pretense. You can sense the disdain, hatred and deceit in what he said at these rallies.

In Georgia on October 28, Obama blamed America’s problems on “the politics, where some in office, or who aspire to office, work to stir up division—to make folks as angry and afraid of one another, for their own advantage” He is accusing Republicans. Yet no president in America’s history has stirred up more division than Barack Obama.

“[A]ll of this has been amped up, hyped up, 24/7 on social media, on platforms that oftentimes find controversy and conflict more profitable than telling the truth,” he added. As if

he believes everybody ought to be telling the truth. But no president has ever lied like this man has. Lying is a way of life for him.

Obama accused Republicans of being “in the habit of not telling the truth, being in the habit of saying one thing and doing another, being in the habit of having certain rules for you and your important friends, and other rules for everybody else.” That describes him more than anybody else you can think of. John 8:44 says of Satan, “there is no truth in him”—and this man is speaking for the devil in a powerful way.

“That’s the choice in this election,” he said, “between politicians who seem willing to do anything to get power, and leaders who share our values, who see you and care about you—leaders who want to make your lives better, not theirs; who want to move this country forwards, not backwards.” No one has been more willing to *do anything to grab power* than Barack Obama.

In these preelection speeches, Obama repeatedly talked about saving democracy and preserving freedom. But he is actively stripping Americans of their freedom and destroying American freedom!

In Georgia on October 28, Obama said: “The only way to save democracy is if we, together, nurture it and fight for it.” Yet this man has proved that he *hates* democracy! He is a tyrant! Look what he has done and is doing to this land. It’s like a ghastly horror movie: America is being torn apart before our eyes! They say MAGA Republicans are the guilty ones, but anybody ought to be able to see that’s a lie. For people to not be aware of that is the worst kind of ignorance. This is their country. If they loved it, how could they not want to know what’s really happening?

America’s democratic traditions have brought us considerable freedom and enabled us to pursue happiness. But this man wants to take all that away. The radical left’s goal is to *destroy* America’s democracy, and they have succeeded.

“We have seen throughout history—we see now around the world—what happens if we give up on democracy,” Obama said. “We can see it in other countries where the government tells you what books you can read and cannot read, countries

that put dissidents and reporters in prison, countries where it doesn’t matter who you vote for—the people in power will do whatever they want, where corruption is rampant because there is no accountability.” How can that man stand there and say such things, when you know what he has done and is doing? It’s Barack Obama’s intelligence apparatus that is imprisoning people for dissenting views against the radical left. It’s leftist school administrators telling young people what books they can and cannot read; and often the ones they tell them to read, students *should not* be reading.

Demons

In Arizona on November 2, he said: “One thing is clear, and that is this increasing habit of *demonizing political opponents*—of just yelling. And thinking not just that I disagree with somebody, but that they’re evil or wrong. That creates a dangerous climate.” The radical left *continually* use these tactics. It is they who *created* this dangerous climate.

In Wisconsin on October 29, he said: “We’ve got politicians who work to stir up division [T]hey are for-profit platforms and they find it more profitable to feed you controversy and conflict instead of facts and truth.” A perfect description of the radical left.

He then added, “[S]ometimes it can turn dangerous.” Yes, it can. But who is behind it?

In the context of the attack on Paul Pelosi, Obama said on October 29: “[I]f our rhetoric about each other gets that mean—when we don’t just disagree with people, but we start *demonizing them*, making wild, crazy allegations about them—that creates a dangerous climate.” He’s talking about his opponents. But the narrative that the man who attacked Pelosi was a MAGA Republican is a monstrous lie: That man supports Black Lives Matter and LGBTQ; he lives in very liberal Berkeley, California.

In Phoenix on November 2, Obama said: “[I]f your opponents are demonic, well, then there is no constraint on what you think you can do to them. Break into their homes. HIT



Vulnerabilities

Known U.S. voting system vulnerabilities

WEAK HARDWARE Connecting physical devices like USB drives to voting machines is easy and untraceable.

WEAK SOFTWARE Hackers at conferences and elsewhere have repeatedly demonstrated the ease of manipulating current

voting machines, hard-coded passwords are often easy to guess, and the machines contain software like Microsoft SQL to allow even those with limited skills to alter vote databases.

NETWORK CONNECTIVITY Electronic voting machines, required by law to have no possible connections to outside networks, have connections to outside networks, including the Internet.

PROPRIETARY PRIVILEGE Electronic voting executives block even election officials from access to the code that determines what happens to votes. Updates to the code occurs without officials knowing their nature or even that they are occurring.

FOREIGN EXPOSURE Hackers at foreign adversaries can access voting systems through a number of means, and voting machine corporate structures and funding may have ties to foreign nations.

NO ELECTRONIC CROSS-CHECKS Altering information in one part of the database alters the entire record. No data exists to cross-check.

NO PHYSICAL CROSS-CHECKS Machines never use physical ballots and provide only receipts, illegible barcodes, or no record at all, preventing votes from being matched to voters. Some machines can also print, potentially adding votes to empty areas or voiding legitimate votes.

CHAIN OF CUSTODY GAPS It is often not known who controlled ballots and hardware, what they did with these materials, and when.

MAIL-IN VOTING Ballots passed through the mail are simple to steal and falsify.

BALLOT HARVESTING Individuals who collect ballots from others can easily influence or falsify those ballots.

EARLY VOTING Extending the window of time before (and after) Election Day enables fraud, which requires more time than simply tallying votes.

LAWBREAKING Officials break state laws on which ballots to count and how to count them.

PEOPLE WITH HAMMERS. BECAUSE THEY ARE DEMONS. IT'S DEMONIC." It's amazing how much he has his mind on demons! And for good reason.

Revelation 12:12 says, "Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time." Satan has been cast down, and millions of demons are confined to this Earth and are roaming! That means a lot of trouble; you can see that in events in this world and in America.

In just a *short time*, Satan is going to be put away. He knows that, which is why he is so wrathful. His disciple is also full of wrath in many ways, as you can see in his speeches before the elections. Obama is possessed, certainly at times. And his mind is on demons today.

Focused on Jeroboam

On November 2, Obama said, "I didn't instigate a mob to go up and storm the Capitol." But he did! The radical left stirred up the fake January 6 "insurrection." They filled that crowd with Federal Bureau of Investigation agents who egged them on! And that could only have been done if Obama approved; no one else has the power to even attempt something like that. In that supposed "coup," only one person was shot and killed, and that was a Trump supporter.

Where is Obama's real focus? He said this: "If a candidate's main qualifications is that he's going to be loyal to Donald Trump, it means that he's not really going to be thinking about you and your needs. Of course not. His mind is on Donald Trump." Why is Donald Trump on his mind so much?

Satan knows that God is behind Donald Trump, for a time. Under his influence, a lot of people hate that man, and many don't even know why.

Obama said: "They have decided that it's advantageous for them to just assert that Donald Trump won the last election." A mountain of evidence shows that Donald Trump *did* win the last election. It is those who say otherwise who just assert so.

"Every Republican politician seems obsessed with two things: owning the Libs and getting Donald Trump's approval," he said on October 28. The reality is, every person goes to Obama for approval like he's God! They all sound like the same person! The entire media, Big Tech and countless others are bowing down to Satan the devil through a man and giving him all this power! But soon it will be taken away from him personally.

Comments like these come from the mind of the devil. Satan wants to blot out the name of Israel, and he is working through Antiochus to do so. Yet the media and so many others foolishly believe everything Obama says.

Election Fraud

It is stunning how successful the devil has been in BLOTTING OUT talk of election fraud in America. The Democrats insist there is "no evidence" of any wrongdoing. The media label anyone who brings it up as an "election denier" and an extremist. They have *intimidated* most of the nation into shutting up and pretending there are no problems. And tragically, shamefully, the great majority of "conservative" politicians and pressmen have gone along!

Satan has hung a *curtain of fear*. Those who are afraid to confront Obama, in reality, fear Satan the devil. Many others actually *enjoy* being on his team.

When he was campaigning for president in 2008, Barack Obama answered a question about how to prevent election fraud: "Well, I tell you what: It helps in Ohio that we have Democrats in charge of the machines." He was implying that *Republicans* would use those machines to rig the vote! Then he said, "Look, I come from Chicago. So I want to be honest: It's not as if it's just Republicans who have monkeyed around with elections in the past. Sometimes Democrats have, too. Whenever people are in power, they have this tendency to try to, you know, tilt things in their direction."

Yes—Obama is *very familiar* with election fraud and how voting machines can be manipulated. He continued, "That is why we have got to have, I believe, a voting rights division in the Justice Department that is nonpartisan and that is serious about investigating cases of vote fraud ...

That's why we need paper trails on these

new electronic machines, so that you actually have something that you can hang onto after you punched that letter to make sure it has not been hacked into. Those are all part of the process of making sure that our democracy works for everyone."

Today, this man has a very different message. Now that Democrats are in power, he insistently peddles the lie that electronic voting machines are perfectly trustworthy. And anyone who insists on paper trails and proof of election security is sidelined and silenced!

Obama says that "MAGA Republicans ... claim, without any evidence, that the 2020 election was stolen." Frankly, there has been a DELUGE of evidence! But people will not look into it. Even Fox News doesn't want anyone reporting on the subject.

The repressive silence on this momentous issue is of Satan the devil! It is not of God, who always champions TRUTH. It's not even of common sense! Can you *believe* the media won't even *talk about* a matter SO CRITICAL FOR NATIONAL SURVIVAL?

Donald Trump has said all along that the 2020 election was stolen, and he is absolutely right.

Mike Lindell is another of the few people who have been going after Barack Obama and those machines from the



These Republicans would rather live under Barack Obama than back senators who support Donald Trump. Such senseless decisions are political suicide.



OBAMA UNMASKED

The elder statesman of the Democratic Party is not as moderate as he pretends. **BY STEPHEN FLURRY**

BARACK OBAMA STEPPED INTO the spotlight ahead of the November 8 midterm elections to try to shrink the predicted “red wave” of Republican victories. During the final two weeks, Obama campaigned for the Democratic Party in Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, the same six states marred by egregious vote manipulation in the 2020 election that brought Joe Biden—and Obama—back to power.

The result of the elections was disappointing for Republicans. Despite the fact that most midterms produce significant gains for the opposing party, despite the fact that Americans are suffering financially and that 75 percent of those asked reportedly said that the country is

heading in the wrong direction, official vote totals across the country and, importantly, in those six swing states, kept the Democratic Party firmly in power.

Some commentators said Obama saved the day by appealing to moderate, undecided voters and avoiding the extremism of many other Democrats. Some noticed that he still, angrily at times, demanded even more of the radical change that his party has pushed through.

What is important to understand is that the direction of the Democratic Party (including Joe Biden) and the direction of the nation is subject to him. You need to know who Obama is and how he thinks.

The Bible foretells an end-time political figure who uses deceit, flattery and a hateful will to fundamentally transform

America. My father, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry, identifies Barack Obama as this man. The press never vetted Obama, and many Americans view him as a centrist, yet new evidence is emerging about this man’s true identity.

Transformative Politics

As Barack Obama reemerged in the news, so too did a manuscript that he wrote back in the 1990s. It revealed his ongoing motive behind his entire political career: to be part of a transformation of this country.

Prior to attracting the national spotlight as a presidential candidate, Obama was more open about his agenda. In the 1990s, he left Harvard University with a blueprint for transforming America. The *New York Times*

reports that Obama coauthored this 250 page manuscript with Prof. Robert Fisher, giving it a title that should ring a bell: *Transformative Politics*.

Neither Obama nor Fisher published the manuscript, so it remained hidden for decades until David Garrow, researching for his biography of Obama, *Rising Star*, found a copy in Fisher's basement. The full text remains out of public view, but the *Times* reports that Obama and Fisher portrayed 1990s America as an ongoing racialized culture war. They wrote that feckless Democrats were being outmaneuvered by cynical Republicans. Their strategy was for racial activists to stop asking the judiciary to hand out victories they couldn't win at the polls and instead engineer a political realignment that would begin a new chapter in the country's history. This would help them accomplish a national transformation.

Transformative Politics paints America as a battleground of races, with whites as the enemy. Obama and Fisher wrote that because America is a racist society, we cannot realistically expect white America to make special concessions towards blacks over the long haul. They ridiculed the idea that whites would one day wake up, realize the error of their ways, and provide blacks with reparations to expiate white demons. So, they advised radical activists to redistribute wealth, not only to minority blue-collar workers but to blue-collar whites as well.

Obama criticized Bill Clinton, then governor of Arkansas, for retreating from true socialism, and argued that emphasizing economics rather than race was the best way to beat conservatives and push through race-based changes. Attracting a larger share of people who vote according to their own bank accounts would increase Democrats' political power and their ability to force through wholesale reparations, special concessions and transformation.

Marxist Roots

A decade before Obama wrote *Transformative Politics*, he was even *more* openly radical. He arrived at Occidental College in Los Angeles as a traditional Marxist-Leninist predicting a violent uprising in America. He joined the Democratic Socialist Alliance, a

Marxist-socialist fellowship founded by Dr. John Drew (a political scientist who has since repudiated Marxism). Obama learned from Drew that the type of revolution he sought has never happened in a First World nation. Middle-class people have too much to lose to risk it all in a Bolshevik-style uprising. Therefore, it is easier for American Marxists to hijack the system and gradually transform the nation into a Communist society from within.

Drew sees himself as a "missing link" between Obama's earlier exposure to traditional communism by Frank Marshall Davis in Hawaii and his later exposure to

It is definitely possible for a single individual to exert control over large numbers of people, especially when that individual harnesses the power of deceit.

more subtle forms of radical leftism in Chicago before becoming president.

Obama's 250 pages on transforming politics describe how to accomplish what Drew suggested. It argues that you cannot convince millions of working-class Americans to vote for socialism by telling them that racism is in their DNA. You must convince millions of working-class Americans to vote for socialism by destroying what America has been, including its economy, and offering socialism as the way out of the crisis. In other words, you have to sway many of the people you consider the enemy to support you before you can openly wage the racial culture war against the racial majority.

Obama promotes the Democratic Party with a similarly subtle and sophisticated strategy. Communism, critical race theory, transgenderism and racialized culture war are surely just as much a part of him as they are of

his fellow radical elites in Washington, Martha's Vineyard, Silicon Valley and other centers of power. But he is better than they are at keeping that out of view as he appeals to oil and steel workers in rural Pennsylvania, for example.

Radical Democrats saw Obama and his elites transform America during his eight years in the presidency, combat the unexpected presidency of Donald Trump, and even overthrow the 2020 election (particularly in Arizona, Georgia, Michigan, Nevada, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, ironically). And they saw them get away with it. Confident in their power, they are now fighting the culture war out in the open instead of making overtures to independents or conservatives.

Like other radicals, Obama believes that America is a racist society needing to expiate white demons by special concessions, wholesale reparations and waging culture war. But unlike them, he senses the effectiveness of hiding that radicalism, even at this late stage. Deceiving those he considers the enemy about his motivations has worked blindingly well for Obama for more than 15 years. He comes across as moderate relative to the others despite the fact that he has destroyed more and transformed more than all the rest of them combined!

End-Time Antiochus

It is definitely possible for a single individual to exert amazing control over the elites and over large numbers of people, especially when that individual harnesses the power of *deceit*.

Antiochus IV Epiphanes was one such individual. Antiochus was a Seleucid king who obtained rule by pretending he was someone he really was not. Through deceitful lies and flatteries, he usurped power from the rightful king (his nephew) and then tried to extinguish the Jewish faith. He betrayed the people of Jerusalem, slaughtered them, and desecrated the temple of God with an idol of Jupiter Olympus bearing his likeness. Among the flatterers, pretenders, deceivers and elite, Antiochus was the master flatterer, pretender, deceiver. Among those who exerted their will on the masses, he exerted *his* will above all. He used his power of deception to rise like a star from what could have been

a far lower position, seizing power and exerting it for his own benefit, his own ideology, and even his own whims.

After Barack Obama was reelected president in 2012, my father wrote a startling booklet titled *America Under Attack*, which he recently updated and greatly expanded. It revealed that Obama is an end-time type of Antiochus Epiphanes. Like Antiochus, Obama obtained power through lies. Now he is betraying the American people and trying to extinguish the faith of our Founding Fathers through a combination of subterfuge and brute force.

The Prophet Daniel said an end-time Antiochus would “cast down the truth to the ground” (Daniel 8:12). There is more than one Antiochus figure at work on the world scene right now. There is a spiritual Antiochus who “cast down the truth to the ground” inside God’s Church. There is also a political Antiochus who “cast down the truth to the ground” in America. This astonishing truth is why we at the *Trumpet* have kept an eye on Obama even since he left office. He is at the epicenter of the election crisis and the radical left’s effort to prevent Donald Trump from being reelected.

The existence of a “hidden Antiochus” is also inferred in 2 Kings 14:26-27: “For the Lord saw the affliction of Israel, that it was very bitter: for there was not any shut up, nor any left, nor any helper for Israel. And the Lord said not that he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven: but he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.”

With the reemergence of Barack Obama, you are seeing the reemergence of a modern Antiochus who is primarily responsible for the “bitter affliction” America is suffering today. It will take a miracle from God to restore free and fair elections to the United States and fix the grave economic woes besetting the country. But before such a miracle occurs, God is going to unmask the political Antiochus behind the Biden administration and let people see the extent of the sickness that has beset American politics. The discovery of Obama’s manuscript, *Transformative Politics*, is part of this unmasking. But you can expect much more earthshaking exposures to be uncovered in the very near future!

One man more than any other is responsible for the demise of the United States.

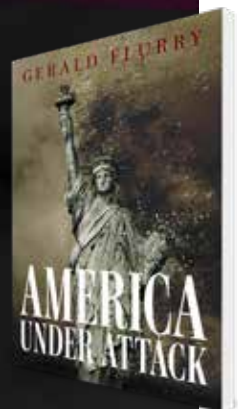
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Netanyahu won an election by a whisker, yet received the most stable governing coalition of his career. Why? **BY BRENT NAGTEGAAL**

JERUSALEM

IT IS COMMON FOR ELECTED LEADERS to conclude their time in power by leaving a personal note on the desk for the incoming leader. When Benjamin Netanyahu left Israel's prime minister's office to Naftali Bennett, his former ally who broke a campaign promise and sided with his opponents for the express purpose of dethroning him, he left such

a note. Compared to other such notes, it was much pithier—and much more prophetic: three words in blue ink, above a doodle of the Israeli flag.

“Be right back!”

On Nov. 1, 2022, Israelis went to the polls for their fifth election in four years. Results in the previous four were inconclusive or produced weak coalitions that quickly dissolved. This

time, the Netanyahu-led bloc won an outright majority of 64 seats in the 120-seat Knesset. Four seats might seem like a thin majority, but at this time in Israel, it equates to a resounding victory.

With this governing majority, Netanyahu now has the opportunity to enact serious reforms that will stabilize and strengthen Israel. How did it happen? More importantly, *why* did it happen?

A Lucky Break?

The 64 seats won by Netanyahu's coalition is a big jump from the 52 seats it won in the previous election. Why? It wasn't simply a surge of support for the man or for the conservative and religious values he represents.

There is no proof that left-wing voters shifted to the right during this election. Instead, this election proved that Israel is a divided country with citizens fiercely loyal to their tribe. So vehement is the hatred of many toward Netanyahu that even after their side has failed repeatedly, they will not vote for him. On the other side, Likud voters believe Netanyahu is a godsend who can do no wrong and will vote for his governance no matter what, five times in four years if necessary. Ultraorthodox voters vote for the ultraorthodox parties. Israeli Arab voters largely vote for the Arab parties.

The politicians know this. Therefore, their campaigns focus less on persuading others to join their side than on simply getting the most people from their tribe to go vote. The leader who can persuade more of his followers to forgo the beach or Netflix and go vote has the best chance of winning.

Remarkably after so many elections, voter fatigue was not a factor: Over 7 in 10 Israelis voted in the November 1 election, up 4 percent from the previous election. The difference is that most of this increase came from areas with more right-wing voters.

All totaled, in this election the Netanyahu camp won 2.36 million votes, only 30,000 more than the opposing 2.33 million. So how did those 30,000 extra votes translate into the strongest government in 20 years?

This has to do with the “electoral threshold.”

Rather than a simple two-party system, Israel grows political parties like

northern Israel grows bananas. New ones come up every season, even though they are largely a reconfiguration of previous parties. They have the same roots, the same political figures, but frequently rebrand to try to gain an edge. No fewer than 40 parties appeared on the 2022 ballot. Israel's constitution says any party that reaches the threshold of 3.5 percent gets a parliamentary seat. When political parties fall short of the threshold, votes for it are effectively wasted, since those seats are redistributed to the successful parties.

Typically, when preelection polls show a party at or around the electoral threshold, there is a push to combine with a similar smaller party. For example, the Arab majority parties often form a "joint list" to ensure that no Arab vote is wasted. But in this election, the Arab parties refused to join, as did the two far-left parties (Labor and Meretz). Had these parties joined, the election and Israel's current government would have been totally different. The leftist Meretz party and the Arab Balad party won 3.16 and 2.91 percent of the vote respectively. Thus 6 percent of the total Israeli vote, which would have gone against Netanyahu, did not count.

This made the critical difference between another stalemate election, and a dominant Netanyahu victory.

As it stands, Netanyahu is in power once again. And barring any unforeseen circumstances, he has four years to shape Israel's future.

Restoring Stability

For Israel's multiparty government system, a four-seat majority is significant. It allows the Netanyahu coalition the freedom to enact serious (and much-needed) reforms and provide respite from the country's downward trend. And the right is calling for immediate change.

High on the agenda is the need for a far stronger response to the surging terrorist attacks emanating from the West Bank, where half a million Jews reside. Almost daily, shooting attacks, car rammings and attempted stabbings are taking place against Israeli border police or civilians. Leading this charge is the Religious Zionist party led by Itamar Ben-Gvir and Bezalel Smotrich, whose constituents are largely comprised of the religious

right. Both leaders have been absolutely demonized by the mainstream press.

The need for a reset of Arab-on-Jew crime is clear. In three days starting on election day, there was an attempted kidnapping by a terrorist, an attack on three soldiers near the Temple Mount, a car-ramming and a stabbing in Modi'in, a fatal shooting close to Hebron, and missiles fired from Gaza.

"We will do everything to establish a nationalist right-wing government, a government that will restore personal security, that will restore governability to the Negev and the Galilee, and will hold its head up high and not bow before threats" wrote Ben-Gvir in *Israel Hayom* after the election. "For too long, too many Israelis have been afraid of enemies from within and without. No more!" (Nov. 8, 2022). Such unabashed, straight-shooting rhetoric on security resonates with more Israelis than just the religious right. Most people can see the need for a more robust response.

However, the main policy objective that has leftists furious and *worried* is the legitimate need to overhaul Israel's Supreme Court. For the past three decades, this court has increasingly filled with intellectual leftist elites who strike down government policy or even laws that passed the Knesset that don't conform to their interpretation of their powers. (We wrote about the unchecked power of Israel's rogue Supreme Court in the August 2020 issue: [theTrumpet.com/22522](https://www.theTrumpet.com/22522).) This has been a subject of extreme consternation for the right for the past decade.

"In light of the nondemocratic, hyper-political legal fraternity that controls the levers of power in Israel," Caroline Glick wrote, "the most urgent item on the incoming Netanyahu

government's agenda must be to reform the judicial system, including the state prosecution and the Attorney General's office. Everything Netanyahu and his colleagues seek to achieve depends on it" (Jewish News Syndicate, November 4). As such, Israel's new government will attempt to alter the Supreme Court by changing the way judges are elected.

Predictably, any change Netanyahu makes to curtail the Supreme Court's considerable power provokes the mainstream media to scream that "democracy is dying." A *Haaretz* editorial on election night encapsulated the left's outrage: "Israel is now on the verge of a right-wing, religious, authoritarian revolution, whose goal is to decimate the democratic infrastructure on which the country was built. This may be a black day in Israel's history." Somehow, these writers forget that the democratic will is known *through elections*.

A Netanyahu government that restrains this bastion of leftist power could mean that the court undergoes fundamental changes that return power to the legislature.

Another priority for the new government will be ending the kow-towing to the United States government under Joe Biden (and Barack Obama). Contrary to the way Netanyahu led Israel during the dark days of the Obama presidency—where his number one foreign-policy goal was to protect Israel's safety even

if that meant going against Obama's policies (including the Iran nuclear deal)—the government of Yair Lapid believed the U.S. must be placated at all costs, even if it jeopardized Israel's future.

One example of this took place in the final days before the election. Biden's regime pushed Lapid to make a deal with Lebanon regarding a demarcation line at sea between the two countries.



Netanyahu's Career

1984-1988

Representative to United Nations

1988-1993

Enters Knesset for Likud

1993-1996

Leader of the opposition

1996-1999

Prime minister

2009-2021

Prime minister

2021-2022

Leader of the opposition

2022-PRESENT

Prime minister

Lebanon is dominated by Hezbollah, which takes its orders directly from Iran (which receives strong support from Obama and Biden).

The Trump administration had tried to settle the maritime dispute by giving Israel and Lebanon each about half of the access to a natural gas field in the eastern Mediterranean Sea. Lebanon rejected this offer. Yet in the two months before the election, Biden's operatives forced Israel to give up its claim to control *any* of the gas field. Iran's ally got 100 percent control.

Though Israel's elites in the media peddled the deal as a win, the public was infuriated. Netanyahu has vowed to immediately retract the deal when he takes office.

Put together, strengthening internal security, restoring power over the Supreme Court to the people, and putting Israel's national interests first, even if it means standing up to a hostile American ally, all point toward a coming period of stability for Israel. While the minority of the left may complain, the majority of Israelis (even many who voted against Netanyahu) will be grateful for the change.

Israeli Resurgence Prophesied

Given the opportunity for such significant changes for Israel under Netanyahu's leadership, it is astounding to consider how close this election was. If Meretz and Labor had joined forces before the election, and if the Arabs had formed a joint list, Netanyahu would not have won the election. It would have been a stalemate at best. Because they didn't, Netanyahu now has the chance to lead the strongest, most stable conservative government in his era. The anti-Netanyahu camp is kicking itself for its oversight.

Yet perhaps this was not just an oversight. Perhaps there was more behind this election result in Israel.

The September 2022 *Trumpet* cover story by editor in chief Gerald Flurry was titled

"Britain's and Judah's Governments Fall—America Next?" ([theTrumpet.com/25966](https://www.thetrumpet.com/25966)). The article centers on two main prophecies that link the political futures of all three nations. Mr. Flurry wrote that, based on a prophecy in Hosea, all three nations are destined to finally fall into catastrophic calamity together, during a period the Bible calls "Jacob's trouble."

However, another prophecy highlighted in that article details upcoming events before that trouble. Based on a prophecy in 2 Kings 14, Mr. Flurry

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—BENJAMIN NETANYAHU

wrote that President Trump is typed by ancient King Jeroboam II, who ruled the northern tribes of Israel during a period of economic boom. After Jeroboam's reign, Israel's internal divisions tore apart the nation, making it vulnerable to impending Assyrian captivity. Based on this prophecy and one recorded in Amos, Mr. Flurry forecast as soon as President Trump was removed from office that he would once again assume the presidency. Once he does, Mr. Trump will lead a dramatic, yet temporary, resurgence in the United States' power. This will give America one last chance to heed God's warning before "Jacob's trouble."

Yet this prophecy isn't just about the United States.

2 Kings 14:28 states: "Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did,

and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damascus, and Hamath, which belonged to Judah, for Israel, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?" As Mr. Flurry noted in his article, "This verse ties the politics of the U.S. and Judah together."

This is also confirmed by what took place anciently. Jeroboam II had an unusually close alliance with the Jewish king ruling from Jerusalem, King Uzziah. Both kings worked together, which was far from the normal state of affairs between the two kingdoms. A period of national power stabilized both nations. Clearly, the modern counterpart of this relationship was on display during President Trump's first term while Netanyahu was in power.

In his new autobiography, *Bibi: My Story*, Netanyahu confirms this unusually close relationship, writing, "Despite bumps in the road, our years together were the best ever for the Israeli-American alliance ... They showed the world that great things happen when an American president and an Israeli prime minister work in tandem, with no daylight between them."

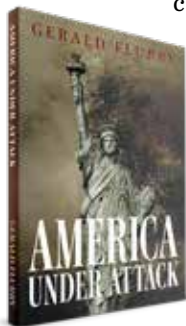
Trump and Netanyahu worked together during the president's first term. And since President Trump is prophesied to return to office, was it God's will also that Mr. Netanyahu would once again lead the Jewish state?

The closeness of the Israeli election compared to how massive the gain in power was for Netanyahu shows how God's hand can influence the outcomes of elections, even in a fractious and divided country such as Israel or the United States. And as the Bible links America and Israel in a special way, is Netanyahu's election a harbinger of things to come in the United States? Indeed, this is exactly what God prophesies will happen.

It is critical you read these prophecies *before* they happen. You will realize that you are seeing God's active hand in world events. It will also show you what is next and what you can do to stabilize your life in such uncertain times. ■

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WHAT HAPPENED TO BRITISH LEADERSHIP?



It's much deeper than a mere political problem. **BY RICHARD PALMER**

HAS THERE BEEN A MORE FARCICAL period of British history?

On October 25, Rishi Sunak became Britain's third prime minister in 2022. Boris Johnson was booted out at the start of the summer for holding boozy parties at Downing Street after he'd put the entire country under house arrest.

The ruling Conservative Party spent 62 days choosing a new leader. But Liz Truss lasted only 44 days—smashing all records for the shortest-running prime minister.

There's a real sense of chaos in the United Kingdom. Inflation is at a 40-year high, at over 10 percent. Rising interest rates risk making housing unaffordable

for the 1 million on variable rate mortgages. Fuel prices are still high—the average petrol price is £1.82 per liter, or US\$7.77 per gallon. And the government is borrowing untold billions to help families and businesses afford to keep the lights on and buildings warm this winter.

Around 2 percent of Albania's adult male population have joined the tens of thousands crossing the English Channel in small boats. The government is now spending £2.5 billion (\$2.9 billion) a year to put them up in hotels, while police fear a crime wave fueled by Albanian drug gangs.

To add insult to injury, a small group of radical protesters shuts down major

highways on a daily basis. The police are too timid to stop them, so half a dozen people regularly cause disruption to thousands.

Britain is facing a future of rising taxes, escalating costs, rising crime and falling opportunities.

Spiked writer Brendan O'Neill wrote that Truss's tenure, which is the shortest in the 301-year history of the office, "deserves to live in ignominy. Not necessarily because her blunders were so spectacular—though many of them were—but because of what this strangled-at-birth stint in Downing Street tells us about British politics more broadly. Which is that it's a wasteland.

An ideological void. A dustbowl of ideas. The lack of even the faintest glimmer of leadership material anywhere in the Westminster circus is horrifying to me.”

Why are we in this situation? This nation has produced some fantastic leaders in the past. Where did they go? Why can't we get anyone competent in charge, and why can no one provide any answers?

The Cause of Our Problems

When Rishi Sunak took office on Oct. 25, 2022, he immediately made history: Britain's first Hindu prime minister.

He was already the first cabinet

minister to take his oath of office by swearing on the Bhagavad Gita. This was completely unremarkable. The Bible is so remote from the lives of most Englishmen that no one really cares that it was swapped out for another sacred book.

Yet this is exactly where we must look to understand our problems.

Most believe the Bible is at least a book of good principles or nice ideas. But few delve into the specifics.

This is a shame—because those specifics describe exactly the problems we face.

The Bible tells us that when a nation falls, the problems generally start with leadership. In Isaiah 3:12, God laments,

“O my people, your leaders mislead you; they send you down the wrong road” (New Living Translation).

The Bible is full of many principles that can make any nation great or explain the fall of any empire. But for Britain it is even more specific. For years we've taught that the biblical tribe of Ephraim refers to Britain in Bible prophecy (read our free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* for more information).

The Bible's prophecies for modern Israel and Ephraim describe modern Britain perfectly.

The book of Hosea has a lot to say about modern Ephraim. In biblical

IS PRIME MINISTER SUNAK A MISTAKE FOR BRITAIN?

GETTING A NEW PRIME MINISTER IS BECOMING A REGULAR thing in Britain. In October 2022, it got its third prime minister in seven weeks. What made it unique, though, is that Rishi Sunak is ethnically Indian and a proud Hindu.

Sunak's religion was cause for hearty self-congratulation in today's United Kingdom. The entire kingdom slapped itself on the back for empowering a nonwhite man. Even Labour members of Parliament momentarily paused their partisan attacks to express their enthusiasm.

That it is utterly uncontroversial for the new head of government to have taken his oath as a member of Parliament on the Bhagavad Gita shows just how religiously Britain has adopted diversity and multiculturalism as superior to its Judeo-Christian heritage.

It wasn't long ago that Boris Johnson became Britain's first Catholic prime minister, another major step away from the nation's Bible-centered past.

Britain has forgotten its extraordinary history: It is descended from Ephraim, one of the two chief nations that trace back to biblical Israel, along with Manasseh, modern-day America.

The God of the Bible “hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth ...” (Acts 17:26), and aims ultimately to save *all peoples, of all races and religions* (e.g. 1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9). He called ancient Israel for a special purpose: to *prepare* to open salvation to everyone. Foreigners who sought to immigrate into Israel were welcomed

and protected by its superior laws, but they were required to acknowledge the true God and to obey those laws. God repeatedly warned Israel not to compromise and mix with foreign religions, alliances and peoples and thus undermine His purpose for Israel *and* for those peoples.

Such biblical thinking is wholly alien, even offensive, to most modern Britons. But end-time biblical prophecy pertaining specifically to their nation actually foretells this trend and forecasts its ruinous effects. Britain, end-time Ephraim, “has mixed himself among the peoples; Ephraim is a cake unturned. Aliens have devoured his strength, But he does not know it ...” (Hosea 7:8-9; New King James Version).

Practically speaking, promoting an ethnically Indian Hindu to prime minister will surely do far less damage than the many other ways Britain has weakened itself by rejecting God and His laws and worshiping fervently the alleged glories of multiculturalism: granting enclaves of Muslims legal autonomy to practice sharia; ignoring sex crimes committed by “grooming gangs” because they are Pakistani; permitting the incubation of homegrown Islamist terror cells. It seems no amount of curses can shake people's conviction in the propaganda that “diversity is our strength.”

And this is but *one* of the ways that today's Britain has thumbed its nose at the wisdom of the Bible. It simply pays no heed to God's commands on keeping an economy solvent, restricting government welfare, conducting successful foreign relations, building strong families, and upholding standards of morality and virtue.

Such neglect is ushering Britain swiftly to its prophesied collapse—which God amply warns about in an effort to help Britons avert it. Learn more about this nation's illustrious past and now apparently inevitable future in our free e-book *Britain's 4,000-Year-Old History* (theTrumpet.com/go/uk4000).

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language, it analyzes the causes of modern Britain's dysfunction.

Chapter 5, for example, begins by addressing the “priests” and “house of the king”—the leaders of the nation. It says they are a “snare” and “a net.”

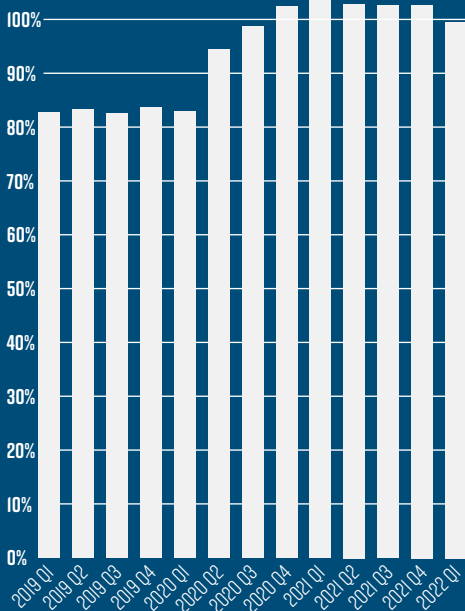
“God is putting the blame where it belongs,” writes *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry in his booklet *Hosea—Reaping the Whirlwind*. “Who has led the nation of Britain astray? It has been the ministers, rulers and even the royal family. The leaders of the nation have been a snare to the people.”

God singles out the royal family for its



British national debt

as a percentage of GDP



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POUND CRISIS: THE END OF FREE MONEY?

IN SEPTEMBER 2022, THE BRITISH POUND HIT ITS LOWEST LEVEL AGAINST the dollar in 230 years. The Bank of England called it “a material risk to UK financial stability.”

The turmoil passed quickly, but it played a key role in pushing the country into new leadership. Liz Truss had been appointed prime minister earlier that month after telling fellow Conservative Party members that she would cut taxes (the easy part) and grow the economy. Then, she hoped, at the next general election, she could win a mandate to cut spending too (the hard part).

The results are a warning to all governments about the dangers of debt.

For 15 years, the Western world has met every crisis with money printing and massive borrowing. The normal financial laws no longer seemed to apply.

In 2007, the United States’ national debt was \$9 trillion. Today, it’s over \$30 trillion. In the United Kingdom, the debt has exploded from around £600 billion (us\$663 billion) to £2.4 trillion (\$2.7 trillion).

The government spent an estimated £400 billion on its COVID-19 response, including huge sums to keep huge numbers of people sitting at home doing nothing. It has promised to spend another £150 billion or maybe more to bring down energy bills.

Normally, when a government’s debt explodes, it must pay a high interest rate to convince investors to risk loaning it their cash. With America and Britain, this didn’t happen. Part of the reason is that central banks have been creating money, which is used to buy up government bonds. Over the same time, the Federal Reserve created nearly \$9 trillion through “quantitative easing.” The Bank of England created £900 billion.

This would normally create inflation. But that didn’t happen; the government paid for what it wanted with no consequences, and everything felt magical. The nation got the message: *The government has access to unlimited funds and can bail the nation out of anything.*

Through it all, serious investors warned, *Sooner or later we will have to pay the price.*

Then economic reality struck.

Prime Minister Truss announced a set of tax cuts, including cutting the top tax rate from 45 percent. The estimated loss in revenue was relatively small. But it signaled that the government wasn’t particularly bothered by increased borrowing or inflation. So investors sold the pound. Why hold on to a currency whose value will be eaten away by inflation?

Interest rates on government debt rose sharply. This caused a crisis for pension funds, which had bet heavily that interest rates would remain low.

Perhaps if she were a stronger leader, Ms. Truss could have toughed it out. But Britain’s economy is too addicted, and even Truss’s tiny tax cuts compared to the epic levels of previous years were rejected, as was her entire seven-week prime ministership.

Proverbs 22:7 says the borrower is servant to the lender. That reality has been hiding since 2008, but it has reemerged. British borrowing meant that the lenders overruled and effectively fired the prime minister.

The UK is still in deep debt. So is the U.S. This is not a theoretical problem. It is a curse. Psalm 37:21 says, “The wicked borrows, and cannot pay back, but the righteous is generous and gives” (Revised Standard Version). Debt is a moral issue. We are causing ourselves serious financial problems. Through fancy accounting we’ve managed to push back the effect. But the pound’s September crisis warns the world that the reckoning is unavoidable, and near.

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lack of leadership. This was a theme of the cover article of last month's *Trumpet* issue. In it, Mr. Flurry wrote: "I believe that now that the Queen has died, Britain's demise will accelerate." One month later, we'd moved on to a new leader and new set of problems.

So our poor leaders are causing our problems. But why can't we find any good leaders? Where did they go?

Where Did Our Leaders Go?

A key theme the Bible emphasizes in these passages is cause and effect.

In Hosea 8:7, God says, "For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind" God has a lesson for us about cause and effect.

Our leaders are choosing policies that cause our problems.

In the end, "... Ephraim shall receive shame, and Israel shall be ashamed of his own counsel" (Hosea 10:6).

Mr. Flurry writes in his booklet on Hosea: "Britain will soon become ashamed of its 'craftsmen,' or experts. Do you really want to rely upon the experts?" COVID-19 has already given us a preview of where trust in such "experts" will lead.

"O Israel, thou has destroyed thyself," God laments (Hosea 13:9).

But there's more to it than this. As a society we're living a way of life that has caused our leadership problems.

Isaiah 3 and Hosea 4 and 5 discuss our leadership crisis. And they highlight our families.

Family has collapsed—and without strong families and strong child rearing, there is no next generation of strong leaders. In fact, the consequences of the destruction of Britain's families are so devastating, God likens it to child sacrifice (Isaiah 57:5; Hosea 4:13-14).

Isaiah 3 discusses upside-down families—where women and children lead. The idea that the man should be the head of his family is outdated. But the lack of national leadership that we see in the world is a direct result of the lack of male leadership in the home.

Both passages also discuss "sin"—another outdated concept. But our refusal to obey God has led to our leadership crisis.

But there's another critical cause of our leadership crisis: God.

Curses

Isaiah 3 starts by saying: "For, behold, the Lord, the Lord of hosts, doth take away" God says, "Behold"—He emphasizes *who* is the one taking away. He is also ensuring that we don't have strong leaders today.

God said He will take away all the capable leaders: the military generals, the "eloquent orator," or skilled politicians, are all gone. Instead, God said, "I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them" (verse 4).

Without strong families, there is no next generation of strong leaders. The consequences of the destruction of Britain's families are so devastating, God likens it to child sacrifice.

People are desperate for somebody—anybody—to be a leader. We're at a time when "a man shall take hold of his brother of the house of his father, saying, Thou hast clothing, be thou our ruler, and let this ruin be under thy hand" (verse 6).

"Such will be the want of men of wealth and ability, that they will 'take hold of' ... the first man whom they meet, having any property, to make him 'ruler,'" notes the *Jamieson, Fausset and Brown Commentary*.

This is exactly the situation we find ourselves in.

But why would a loving God do this?

Isaiah 2:22 gives us the answer: "Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?"

"Man is the CAUSE of our problems today," Mr. Flurry writes in *Isaiah's End-Time Vision*.

We cannot solve our problems. The issues that confront us—getting on with other nations, managing an economy, dealing with poverty, raising and selecting leaders—are all spiritual in nature. They're all problems that man, by himself, cannot solve.

God is adding curses to help us see how much we need Him. "O Israel, *thou has destroyed thyself*," God says (Hosea 13:9), but finishes by noting: "but in me is thine help."

God is going to allow us to keep causing worse problems. He's going to add more and worse problems on top of that. It is the only way He can get us to stop looking for some new human leader to come in and solve our problems—and instead to look to Him.

God yearns for that time. He's desperately eager to step in. "I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him," God says. "I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon" (Hosea 14:4-5).

God does not want to see anyone suffer. But once again, it all gets back to cause and effect. He wants us to change from the way of life that causes problems to the way that causes joy. Once we make that change, He is quick to respond.

It will take more pain before Britain will make that change. But God is willing to act in your life now. He does not have to wait for a whole nation to change—

He can work with any individual willing to turn to Him. ■

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A 21ST-CENTURY EMPEROR

The results of the Chinese Communist Party's National Congress show that the worst fears about Xi Jinping are coming true.

BY JEREMIAH JACQUES

HE APPEARED TO BE A HUMBLE man. A decade ago, on the day that Xi Jinping was announced as the next general secretary of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP), he began his speech with a bashful smile and a seemingly warm apology for having made reporters wait. After the speech he was videoed lining up at an inexpensive restaurant and then paying for and eating a meal that would have been attainable for any ordinary Chinese.

It was a fitting start for a man who was expected to lead China in the tradition of his most recent predecessors: staying the course, maintaining and preserving the status quo.

Preserving the status quo would mean ruling the CCP within a framework of “collective leadership.” Rulers before Xi had established this framework because of the disastrous history of Mao Zedong, who ruled China with an iron fist from 1949 until his death in 1976. Mao had seen himself as someone closer to a god than man, and he had no interest in the counsel of other CCP leaders or anyone else. Under his reign, between 65 million and 75 million Chinese were killed: starved to death by imbecilic agricultural policies, executed as traitors, or bullied to suicide by Mao’s legions of enforcers.

So it was in recognition of the tragedy of Mao’s rule that subsequent CCP members put a premium on collective leadership. They recognized the need for fellow party elites to help them see potential blind spots and imbalances.

This meant even though a “general secretary” was head honcho, in practice he was only negligibly more powerful than the other six members of the CCP’s Politburo Standing Committee. And those six were only a notch above the 25-member Politburo. These two CCP bodies included men of competing factions who routinely disagreed in talks and votes about policy. And this



disagreement was mostly positive for the government and the nation. It acted as a system of checks and balances on the general secretary and helped create circumstances of market-friendly reforms that fueled China's rapid economic rise.

That was the system that Xi Jinping was expected to maintain when he was named as CCP head. But within a short time, it was clear that his humbleness had been a front and that he had drastically different plans for his reign.

Man Becomes Strongman

Xi began almost immediately to bypass State Council authorities by forming new policymaking party groups, many of which he personally chairs. He took personal control of writing policy on everything from China's economy and international relations to its environmental strategies and Internet regulations. Xi also waged what he called an anti-corruption campaign that investigated at least 4.4 million CCP members and resulted in the arrest of a breathtaking 1.5 million of them.

This would be like the entire population of Hawaii suddenly being fired from important government positions and, in many cases, imprisoned. And untold numbers of these purged men and women were guilty, not of corruption but of not sufficiently submitting to Xi's will.

Xi Jinping's China also began to transform into the most-watched country in the world, with surveillance cameras installed by the millions and integrated with facial recognition software. Along roads, sidewalks and bike paths, mounted atop traffic lights and signs, placed inside schools, restaurants and banks, and even in taxis, the CCTV cameras are inescapable. Many large cities would come to have more than one camera per person, with the national total exceeding 200 million unblinking eyes.

At the same time, Xi shifted into overdrive to make his the face of the nation. When I visited Beijing in mid-2017, his uneasy smile seemed ubiquitous: peering at shoppers from innumerable keychains and plates, looking out at bustling streets from the covers of countless books and newspapers, and gazing upon pedestrians from larger-than-life posters throughout the vast capital city. It was clear that China was being remade in Xi's image.

Xi Jinping also began a brutal crackdown on some of China's Muslim minorities, placing more than a million in concentration camps and committing unspeakable atrocities in order to make the CCP—not Allah—their main god.

Xi also implemented arduous military reforms that placed him at the top, as unchallenged commander in chief, of the world's largest army. "[H]e not only controls the military but also does it in an absolute manner," Shanghai-based military affairs commentator Ni Lexiong told Associated Press. And Xi began using his grip on the People's Liberation Army to aggressively assert China's authority on the global stage, particularly in the South China Sea.

With all these moves, Xi Jinping defied the early forecasts about how he would rule. And they showed that he was ambitious and self-reliant on a level that no Chinese ruler had been since Chairman Mao. But they were only just the start.

Strongman Becomes Authoritarian

With the end of Xi's first five-year term in 2017 came a major bombshell. CCP norms required Xi to name someone who would succeed him (at the end of his second five-year term) as the new head of the party and nation. Xi broke from that convention, naming no next-in-line. This unprecedented move showed that he was planning something dramatic for himself—and that many CCP elites were backing him.

At the same time, Xi Jinping also achieved the rarest of honors by etching his name and personal ideology—"Xi Thought"—into the Chinese Communist Party Constitution. Both of Xi's most recent predecessors, Hu Jintao and Jiang Zemin, had made some contributions to the Constitution, but neither was named in the document. Even the contributions of the deeply revered Deng Xiaoping were never named after him while he led China. It was only after Deng's death in 1997 that his name was penned in alongside his additions.

The only other sitting ruler to have his name and ideology written into the Constitution was Chairman Mao. So this achievement essentially equated "Xi Thought" with "Mao Thought," lifting Xi's status unquestionably to the level

of the near-mythical and notoriously despotic CCP founder.

Asian affairs analyst Chris Buckley wrote at the time for the *New York Times*: "Mr. Xi's thinking will now infuse every aspect of party ideology in schools, the media and government agencies" (Oct. 24, 2017).

Time showed that this was no exaggeration. From 2017, Xi's grip on the levers of power tightened significantly, and his role in Chinese life began spilling over the banks of politics into every aspect of society.

He took a direct role in shaping all levels of education so that students focus on what the state-run *Global Times* called "cultivating love for the country, the Communist Party of China, and socialism." He tightened controls on media, muzzling tens of thousands of publications, silencing millions of social media accounts, and expanding the "Great Firewall of China" to block nearly all foreign news sites so that he alone shapes public opinion. And Xi's business regulators began waging almost daily attacks on private power bases inside China, mainly tech moguls, to reduce their power and increase their subservience to the CCP. In many areas, he brought the private sector firmly under state control.

Xi also focused during this time on Hong Kong, a former British colony that London had handed to Chinese control in 1997 on the condition that China would let it preserve its free speech, free press and other political and civil rights for a period of at least 50 years. For the first two decades after the handover, Hong Kong was the freest place in China by far. But less than halfway through the promised 50 years, Xi violently crushed Hong Kong's freedoms and turned it into just another harshly oppressed Chinese city.

Xi was transforming China in a terrifying way. Yet despite all of this, the CCP's Politburo and Standing Committee still included some individuals who would question Xi and check him at times. This meant that there was still some room to hope that he may not take China on the darkest path—the path of a modern Mao.

But this year those hopes were dashed.

Authoritarian Becomes 'Emperor'

As Xi's second five-year term ended in October 2022, the CCP held its 20th

Congress in Beijing's Great Hall of the People. And the results showed that the worst fears were coming true.

As expected, 69-year-old Xi Jinping seized a precedent-shattering third term. And given the power he has amassed and the cult of personality he has built, the only force now likely to remove him from the presidential palace is death.

As Xi secured his third term, he also ousted the last few men from the party's upper echelons who represented even a potential challenge to his authority. And he stacked the Standing Committee and the Politburo with extreme loyalists and yes-men. "These are all officials who got to the highest level of power by agreeing with Xi Jinping on everything and by siding with him consistently," said Victor Shih, associate professor of political science at the University of California-San Diego. "They will not start to challenge his decisions regardless of the merits of these decisions" (Bloomberg, Oct. 24, 2022).

Eurasia Group senior China analyst Neil Thomas called the moves "a consolidation of power unseen since the Mao era" (Oct. 29, 2022).

Just as Xi was stacking the deck with loyalists, he also had 79-year-old Hu Jintao forcibly removed from the Communist Party proceedings while Xi looked on coldly. Hu was Xi's immediate predecessor as CCP general secretary, so he is a towering figure in Chinese politics. Medical explanations are possible, but many analysts see the move as a chilling demonstration of Xi's new unchecked powers. Gatestone Institute senior fellow Gordon Chang called it "a deliberate attempt to humiliate [Hu] and to show Xi is in control—complete control."

Xi is certain to use his growing power to increasingly pursue policies that "are dangerous, are murderous, malicious,"

Chang said, and this means "we have to worry about the dangerous storm that is coming."

A 'Catastrophic Storm'

It is plain to Chang and more and more China watchers that under Xi, a "dangerous storm" is on the horizon. And this is a reality that a Bible prophecy recorded nearly 2,000 years ago told us to expect.

Luke 21:24 calls this age "the times of the Gentiles." And the description in verses 20 through 26 (and related passages) make plain that it will be a profoundly turbulent era.

In the February 2020 issue of the *Trumpet*, editor in chief Gerald Flurry examined current geopolitical trends in



light of this prophecy, writing: "These 'times of the Gentiles' are yet to be fully realized. However, we are in the outer edges of this catastrophic storm."

Mr. Flurry explains that *Gentile* basically means "the nations," or all peoples other than the Israelite people who descended from Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Modern "Israelites" include the Jewish nation called Israel, and also the United States, Britain and some others. "Once you understand who Israel is, then you can see how the Gentiles—the non-Israelite peoples—have started to take charge of the world *already*," Mr. Flurry wrote.

For most of the last two centuries, British and American leadership brought an imperfect but stabilizing force to mankind. These nations have biblically-influenced beliefs in the rule of law, the God-given rights of individuals and the injustice of despotism, and those beliefs helped billions around the world to live more stable lives.

But now the U.S. and Britain are declining and large Gentile nations are beginning to rise up to fill the void. Mr. Flurry continued: "[W]hen this prophecy is completely fulfilled there will be two *major* powers—one revolving around Russia and China, and the other around Germany."

The power-hungry and ruthless way Xi Jinping has ruled China gives us a preview of how tempestuous the times of the Gentiles will be. As Mr. Flurry wrote, we are now seeing only the first gusts of this "catastrophic storm."

In His warning about the blustering era ahead, Jesus Christ said, "Men's hearts [will be] failing them for fear ..." (Luke 21:26). But in the next verse, He assures us that the storm will break up and give way to ineffable celestial radiance: "And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory."

These times of the Gentiles, which we are already entering into, will be decisively ended by divine intervention. And then mankind will see the end of the age of cruel tyrants. The Creator of human beings will rule with a rod of iron to put an end to all of humankind's violent, ignorant, ineffective, sinister governments—and to establish His government of love and harmony. In God's government, there lies deep hope for the people of China of the present, the future and even of the past. ■

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Barack Obama's Economic Agenda



The economic collapse of the United States over the past two years has been so dramatic that many are asking whether Barack Obama and Joe Biden are intentionally destroying the economy. These men keep saying they want to transform the country into a worker's paradise, but their fruits tell a different story.

HOUSE-TO-INCOME RATIO

\$322,425

RATIO = 1 : 5

\$61,136

\$454,900

RATIO = 1 : 6

\$76,563

\$126,095

NATIONAL DEBT PER PERSON

\$61,062

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Median home prices are now 40

percent higher than they were when Donald Trump took office in 2017, while median incomes are only 25 percent higher. This means home affordability is worse than ever.



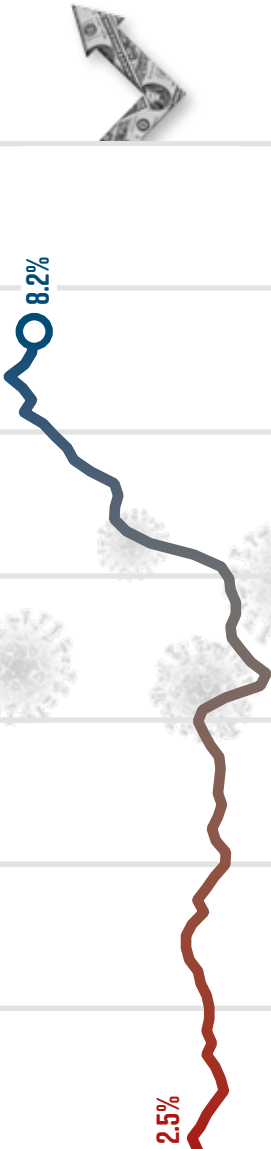
Household debt is now 18 percent higher than when Donald Trump took office, mainly due to the rising cost of homes and automobiles. This means the average family now has almost \$20,000 in additional debt.



America's national debt is rising faster than its consumer debt. It is now 50 percent higher than when Donald Trump took office, meaning every man, woman and child now owes almost \$100,000 to America's creditors.

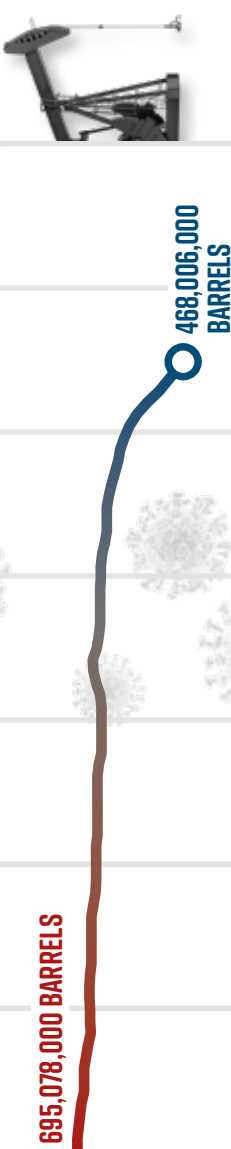


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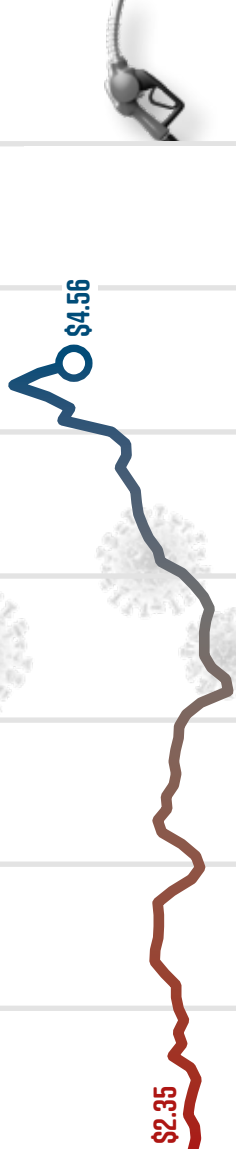
The inflation rate is more than three times as high as it was when Donald Trump took office. One third of U.S. households report that they skip meals or dramatically reduce portion sizes due to rising prices.

STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE



America tapped into its Strategic Petroleum Reserve only three times before Joe Biden seized power. Biden has single-handedly drained it down to only 400 million barrels, its lowest level since 1984.

GASOLINE PRICES



Federal oil leases have slowed to a trickle under Biden, causing the price of gasoline to spike. It is now almost twice as expensive to fill up your automobile as it was when Donald Trump first took office.

DEFENSE BUDGET vs. INTEREST PAYMENTS



Rising interest rates make the national debt more expensive. The federal government pays double the interest it did when Donald Trump took office. It will pay more in interest than defense within three years.

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The hidden reason why Germany is trusting another authoritarian regime **BY RICHARD PALMER**

GERMANY SIGNED A PACT WITH THE devil and got burned. That's the way many view Germany's Nord Stream pipeline with Russia. It wanted cheap gas, built a couple of pipelines to Russia, and shackled its economy to Russia's. Then Russia invaded Ukraine. Suddenly, doing business with Russia became a major risk. This left Germany with a lot of egg on its face and a lot less money in its pockets.

Did Germany learn from this experience? It's a good question, because now Germany is doing the same thing again—signing major infrastructure deals that fundamentally tie its economy with an authoritarian regime. This time, it is doing so with China.

Viewed purely through economics, it seems crazy that Germany would make the same mistake again.

But this isn't just economics. The new deal with China reveals a deliberate strategy to shift Germany away from the United States and into the arms of America's enemies.

Into China's Arms

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz became the first Western leader to meet with Chinese General Secretary Xi Jinping since COVID-19 swept across the world

three years ago. He was also the first Western leader to visit since China's Communist Party Congress recently met and Xi cemented himself as China's de facto emperor.

To visit so soon after that stunning announcement sent a clear message that Germany doesn't care about China's internal affairs; they will do business regardless.

Before the visit, Scholz sent China a gift to ensure he received a warm reception: He handed Chinese government-owned shipping giant COSCO a major stake in Germany's largest port (and Europe's third-largest)—Hamburg.

COSCO already owns stakes in Europe's two largest ports: Rotterdam and Antwerp. The Chinese company also controls the port of Piraeus and is developing a major rail freight terminal at Duisburg in Germany, near both the Ruhr and Rhine rivers, to boost overland trade between Europe and China.

COVID-19 exposed how critical global supply chains are. Delays at ports can rapidly snowball into economic crises. In March 2021, the consequences of one ship getting stuck in the Suez Canal reverberated around the world. Yet Europe is handing the keys to its ports over to China.

Scholz's overtures to Beijing are causing him serious political problems. European Union leaders urged him not to. This move is unpopular with the German public. It risks bringing down Scholz's own government: Both of his coalition partners are against it. The Foreign Ministry was incensed by the deal. *Bild*, Germany's largest newspaper, pleaded for the government to block it.

Yet Scholz overruled everybody and approved China's purchase of a 24.9 percent stake in a company that runs the three main terminals in Hamburg's port. His one concession was to cut the stake down from 35 percent, which means COSCO no longer has a controlling stake. In reality, though, this is merely a delay for China. It will start a bit smaller and get a bigger stake later.

Why risk so much and put such trust in China?

Risky Business

A clue can be discerned from the people Scholz took with him to China: the CEOs of Siemens, Volkswagen and BASF, as well as the president of the Confederation of German Industries.

“Exports are the lifeblood of the German economy, and its large manufacturing and chemicals firms have serious

influence over German policymaking,” wrote Geopolitical Futures. “They also aren’t shy about using it.”

German businesses are pushing the nation into a risky deal with China. They have done this before.

Former German Chancellor Angela Merkel approved the Nord Stream 2 pipeline deal with Russia. She reportedly told former Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk that though she believed it was a mistake, she was “helpless” in the face of pressure from German businesses.

After these comments, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote, “On this issue, German business leaders had enough power to overrule the chancellor! The people may vote for one thing, but *if business leaders want something else, they win.*”

There is more behind these business leaders’ decisions than profit. What is motivating them? The Nord Stream pipeline proved that doing deals with aggressive autocracies like Russia can land you with massive losses, and many German businesses got burned. Yet the same companies are charging forward into a deal with China. Why are they pushing the country into bed with dictators?

This situation brings to mind an intelligence document that the U.S. declassified in 1996. Known as the Red House Report, it details a 1944 meeting between senior Nazis and German industrialists. It states that the industrialists were told that they “must realize that the war cannot be won” and instead they must prepare “for a postwar commercial campaign.” They “must also prepare themselves to finance the Nazi Party, which would be forced to go underground”

Today this document is ignored—viewed as a failed plot, if it is viewed at all.

But many of the businesses present at that meeting are the *same businesses* that recently pushed Germany into deals with Russia! Volkswagen stands out as prominently pro-Russia. Siemens has developed a close relationship with the Kremlin and its CEO is a cheerleader for Putin. Even in the last few months, BASF CEO Martin Brudermüller has campaigned against sanctions on Russia—and its parent company, IG Farben, was a key player in Nazi Germany.

German businesses that promised to resurrect the Nazi spirit in Germany are

now working to pry the nation free from its alliance with the United States and align it with America’s enemies.

A Beastly Empire

It is not just the minutes of the 1944 meeting that warn us to watch for Germany rising again. Bible prophecy does too. In fact, it foretells that Germany will rise up as America’s most formidable enemy!

In 1945, Herbert W. Armstrong forecast that Germany would bounce back from the destruction of World War II and rise again as a leading part of a European union. A key reason he could make this accurate forecast is because of what the Bible says in Revelation 17.

This chapter prophesies of a “beast”—an empire, in biblical symbolism—that repeatedly rises up and conquers, and then disappears. Verse 8 states that this empire rises out of the “bottomless pit”—a better translation is “underground.” This prophecy also warns that an empire with the same spirit of Nazi Germany would rise up once more.

Over the last decade, German historians have unearthed more and more concrete evidence that German business leaders, intelligence operatives, soldiers, politicians and civil servants all went underground following World War II.

But for a German empire to reemerge and dominate Europe today, it would need to clear a significant hurdle: It must first drive out the United States.

The best way to do this would be in

Real fascism exists. Many just don’t recognize it.

Where can you find government and business working arm in arm and toward nefarious goals despite the protests of the people? The truth is, you see this everywhere. But there is one nation turning fascist that should truly alarm the world.

Read our article “**Rising From the German Underground**” ([theTrumpet.com/25143](https://thetrumpet.com/25143)) to understand how Germany’s return to its historic roots should be a wake-up call.

alliance with other American adversaries. This is exactly what German businesses are doing.

And this strategy is also prophesied.

Isaiah 23:3 talks about these powers forming a “mart of nations.” The chapter describes “merchants” who “pass over the sea” (verse 2). It discusses “great waters,” or oceans (verse 3), as well as merchants and “traffickers” who are so rich they are like “princes” and “the honourable of the earth” (verse 8). The Bible describes “Chittim,” a biblical name for China, as a major member of this new economic system. Ezekiel 27 gives a parallel account. It adds that Tubal and Meshech—ancient names for the people of Russia—will also be a part of this market. These three powers will be key members of the new world economic system.

There is no place for Britain and America in such an alliance.

Mr. Flurry explains in *Isaiah’s End-Time Vision*, “With a German-led Europe ... possessing great maritime power, North America will be surrounded on the east by Europe and the south by Latin America. The Bible contains many prophecies of that European power attacking America—and many other prophecies of America being *besieged*.”

“That is where China and the giants of Asia enter the picture. When the Holy Roman Empire attacks North America, there will be no help or sympathy from Asia. In fact, considering that China has come to possess most of the world’s strategic sea gates (which, ironically, at one time were held by Britain and America), we believe there may be a brief alliance between the German-led Holy Roman Empire and certain Asian powers (Russia, China, Japan—the kings of the east). Should Europe, the resurrected Holy Roman Empire, find a way to take advantage—even for a moment—of key resources and strategic holdings of China, Russia and Japan, it would have more than enough power to besiege the Anglo-Saxon nations and enslave them.

“This is why Isaiah’s prophecy of an end-time ‘mart of nations’ that includes both European and Asian powers is so intriguing. And why the trend of collusion between these two great economic blocs is worth watching.”

German businesses are helping to build this mart before your eyes. ■



An Alliance of Evil

Iranians are helping Russians kill Europeans in Ukraine. **BY ABRAHAM BLONDEAU AND MIHAILO ZEKIC**

RUSSIA'S WAR ON UKRAINE HAS forced the world to choose sides. Europe and the West have responded to the full-scale invasion with sanctions and threats. Iran has seen an opportunity to strengthen its relationship with Vladimir Putin's Russia. The Iranians are lending Putin much-needed support and are receiving his support in return for achieving their own goals.

This partnership is yielding a stunning result: Iranian drones are now striking targets in Ukraine, Iranian troops are now in the war zone, and thousands of Iranian missiles will soon rain down on Ukrainian cities.

Iran is now officially at war in Europe.

This alliance is gaining momentum and already profoundly impacting world events.

The *Trumpet* has warned for years about the Russia-Iran partnership because it fulfills several Bible prophecies written millenniums ago. The war in Ukraine will pale in comparison to the shocking war these events are leading to.

Seeds of an Alliance

Russian-Iranian relations have a long and storied history.

During the Cold War from the 1940s to the early 1990s, the two nations had an uneasy relationship. Iran was allied with the United States until the 1979 Islamic Revolution, which deposed the monarch

and installed the radical regime of Ruhollah Khomeini. Iran then began its strategy of building a Shiite Islamic empire to dominate the Middle East. During the resulting Iran-Iraq War (1980–1988), the Soviet Union supplied weapons to both sides of the conflict. After the USSR collapsed in 1991, Russia's relationship with Iran improved. Iran was a natural strategic partner to help control Central Asia and the oil-rich Middle East. In the 1990s, Russia was instrumental in helping Iran develop its nuclear program.

When he became Russia's president in 2000, Vladimir Putin began a more deliberate policy of strengthening relations with Iran. Despite their differences, these nations share the goal of overthrowing the U.S.-dominated global order.

In 2006, Russia invited Iran to join the Shanghai Cooperation Organization—a political, economic and military organization consisting of some Central Asian countries, China and Russia. It is the world's largest such organization by geography and population. Iran formally became a member in 2021. Russia has also invited Iran to join its Collective Security Treaty Organization, which currently consists of Russia and five former Soviet states.

In 2011, the eruption of civil war in Syria signaled a new era of close military and strategic operations between the two countries. Both nations would benefit

from preserving the government of Syrian President Bashar Assad: Syria offers a port in the Mediterranean and military bases to expand influence in the region. On Aug. 16, 2016, Russian Tupolev-22M3 long-range bombers took off from Iranian airfields and inflicted devastating strikes against Syrian rebels in Aleppo.

Later that year, Russia fulfilled an \$800 million deal from 2007 and completed delivery of S-300 units to Iran. This advanced air-defense system can strike aircraft at a range of 120 miles and ballistic missiles at a range of 30 miles. This significantly increased Iran's ability to defend against potential attacks, particularly against its nuclear program. (This was made possible by the U.S. damaging its own interests under the 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, orchestrated by Barack Obama.)

Interestingly, Putin held a meeting with Iranian economic leaders in July 2022, five months after launching his full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

The economic sanctions imposed on Russia have only brought these two nations closer together. Echoing their military cooperation in Syria, Iran is now helping Russia in its war in Europe by providing attack drones. In "Iran Is Now at War With Ukraine," *Foreign Policy* reported: "The Shahed-136 has helped Russia damage around 40 percent of Ukraine's electricity

infrastructure, affecting half the country's nonnuclear power generation capacity ..." (Oct. 26, 2022). These drones fly into targets kamikaze-style and are effective at destroying stationary targets.

Reports from November state that Iran is sending a further 1,000 weapons into the Ukraine war zone, including more drones, surface-to-air missiles and ballistic missiles. This will include the Fateh-110 ballistic missile, with a range of 190 miles, and the newer Zulfigar ballistic missile, which has a range of 435 miles. Iranian-made missiles could soon be killing Europeans.

For centuries, Europeans have fought wars in the Middle East. Now Iranians are fighting a war in Europe.

This is historic. Iran hasn't been involved in Europe like this since the Persian Empire's wars with the ancient Greeks in the fifth century B.C.

A Proxy War

Many analysts see Russia's increasing dependence on Iranian equipment as an acknowledgment of its own military's shortcomings. Iran is not the only foreign supporter of Russia's Ukraine war. But Iran has real-world war experience most of Russia's allies do not have. Tehran has plenty of practice fighting U.S. military technology in the Middle East. Other Russian allies haven't been as staunch in their support. (For example, at the beginning of the war, China sent Ukraine over \$2 million worth of humanitarian aid.) Moscow knows this and is likely turning to Iran more and more out of desperation.

This makes Iran more than just the number one state sponsor of Islamic terrorism. At least militarily, you could say THIS MAKES IRAN THE NUMBER ONE STATE SPONSOR OF RUSSIA.

Russia is one of the world's great powers. Iran is an isolated pariah state. Both are enemies of the West, and Russia normally supports Iran in its activities. That the tables can turn so fast and *Iran* can become *Russia's* sponsor shows how powerful Tehran has become.

This is putting Europe on edge. The European Union has adopted sanctions on Iran for its actions. More sanctions are apparently on the way. Czech Prime Minister Petr Fiala, whose government holds the EU's rotating presidency,

accused Iran of complicity in the "murder" of "innocent Ukrainian citizens."

The United Kingdom, France and Germany have taken things a step further: They are calling for the United Nations to investigate Iran for breaching the controversial 2015 nuclear deal. Europe has been urging America to rejoin the JCPOA after having left it in 2018. That Europe itself is now going after Iran for breaking the deal shows how little it trusts Tehran.

Furthermore, Europe is already one of Ukraine's biggest sponsors of money and weapons. Iran is turning into Russia's main sponsor of at least weapons. This means THE BIGGEST WAR IN EUROPE SINCE WORLD WAR II IS LITERALLY A PROXY WAR BETWEEN THE EU AND IRAN.

An Iranian 'Push'

The *Trumpet* has followed Iran-Europe relations for decades. This is because of a prophecy in the biblical book of Daniel. "And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over. He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown 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: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps" (Daniel 11:40-43).

This prophecy is dated to "the time of the end," the time we are living in now. The two principal actors in the prophecy are "the king of the south" and "the king of the north." Secular history shows this king of the north to be fulfilled in part by the Roman Empire. Today, it refers to a revived Roman Empire forming in Europe. (Request [History and Prophecy of the Middle East](#) for more information.)

Knowing who the *king of the north* is helps identify who the *king of the south* is. It is a powerful empire located to the south of Europe. The geographic context of the prophecy shows this to be somewhere in the Middle East. It has a "pushy," provocative foreign policy. It has influence over (but does not directly control)

such Middle Eastern and North African nations as Egypt, Libya and Ethiopia.

The *Trumpet* identifies the king of the south as radical Islam led by Iran.

For years, the *Trumpet* has watched for Iran to "push" at Europe. Radical Islamist terrorist attacks are a perennial migraine for Europe. Europe and Iran sponsor rival sides in the Syrian civil war. Iran helped the Taliban push the West—including Europe—out of Afghanistan. Europe and Iran are by no means close.

Yet the Ukraine war brings this hostility to a new level. It is the largest war Europe has seen since World War II. And the rampaging Russian bear is *terrifying* Europeans—especially East Europeans. They remember how violent Russia was in World War II. They remember how Moscow divided the Continent in half with an iron curtain.

Iran is now becoming one of Russia's principal backers—possibly even *the* principal backer—in its war. Iran is becoming responsible for the current path of the Ukraine war. *Iran is becoming a sort of lifeline for Russia.* If there were any hope in Europe's capitals that Iran and Europe could be reconciled, it ends with Ukraine.

Daniel prophesies that Iran will "push" at Europe. It will push and push until Europe strikes back. What happens then?

"[T]he 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. He shall enter also into the glorious land, and MANY COUNTRIES shall be overthrown ..." (verses 40-41).

Europe's counterattack will be so violent *it will wipe Iran off the map.* Why does Europe respond in such a fashion? *Because it sees Iran as a serious threat.*

Iran sponsoring the biggest European war since World War II shows how much of a threat it is. It won't be long before Europe decides to face Iran head-on. The Bible prophesies that this coming clash will impact not only Europe and the Middle East but the whole world. ■

A clash of civilizations?

Could a 2,500-year-old Bible passage reveal the fate of Europe and the Middle East? Our free booklet *The King of the South* will show you. Your free copy is waiting for you.

A man walks in front of a heavily damaged apartment complex in Kyiv, Ukraine, hit by Russian air strikes in March.

A Way to Peace for Eastern Europe

What the Nobel Peace Prize means for Russia, Ukraine and Belarus
BY MIHAILO ZEKIC

THE BIGGEST WAR IN EUROPE SINCE World War II has shattered the Continent's fragile peace. As bloodshed rages on in Ukraine, questions are swimming in people's minds: *How did this happen? Can it be stopped? Is nuclear war coming? Is peace always an illusion?*

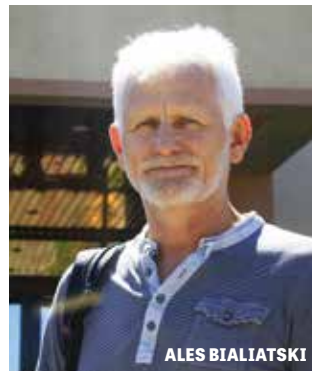
Against this backdrop, the Norwegian Nobel Committee announced the three laureates of the 2022 Nobel Peace Prize on October 7: Ales Bialiatski, chairman of Belarussian human rights group Viasna; Ukraine's Center for Civil Liberties; and Memorial, Russia's oldest human rights organization.

The home nations of all three recipients are significantly involved in the current war. Ukraine of course is ground zero for the conflict. Belarus, an ally of Russia, let Russian troops use it as a launch pad for the invasion. But awarding the prize to a group from Russia—the instigator of the conflict—right when Russian President Vladimir Putin

ramps up his attack on the freedoms of Russians at home—is noteworthy.

Ongoing Heartache

Memorial was founded in 1989 as a decentralized association of organizations with a common purpose of exposing the Soviet Union's historical injustices. Its first chairman was famed Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov. After the Soviet Union fell in 1991, Memorial was a leader in recording and teaching the histories of communism's victims. It has attracted a lot of publicity for its work and won many accolades over the years. But 2022 proved to be a watershed year for the worse for Memorial.



Russian forces in the war on Ukraine have committed atrocities not unlike those of the Stalinist period that Memorial hoped would remain in the dustbin of history.

Hitting closer to home, 2022 was also the year of Memorial's dissolution in Russia. Its two largest branches, Memorial International and Memorial Human Rights Center, both based in Moscow, were liquidated by court order on Feb. 28, 2022, just days after Putin expanded his war on Ukraine into a full-scale invasion.

"The [Nobel] prize was awarded at a time when Russia is waging an aggressive war against Ukraine, and the rights and freedoms within Russia itself are being violated every second," Natalia Petrova, Memorial's press attaché, told the *Trumpet* on Oct. 7, 2022. "And now, more than ever, it is important to recall the thesis formulated many decades ago by Andrei

Sakharov: peace, progress, human rights—three inextricably linked goals. You cannot achieve one of them while neglecting the others."

The war has also brought contemplation of what it means to be a Russian organization while Russians are committing war crimes across the border. "Before February 24, we felt ourselves first of all as victims of the current regime," Irina Galkova, director of Memorial's museum in Moscow, told the *Trumpet* on Oct. 21, 2022. "After the war was proclaimed, this feeling changed, because now we feel our responsibility for the crimes committed by this regime that we could not prevent and we cannot change currently. And it's quite a horrible feeling."

Memorial's Nobel Peace Prize coincided with a court

trial over the rights to Memorial International's property. The organization hoped that the property could be transferred to one of its other branches. But the state confiscated the property.

This makes receiving the Nobel bitter-sweet. Soon after the prize was awarded, Russia launched a particularly brutal military strike against Ukraine, "and it was so frightening and horrible that you just could not be happy about getting this prize," Galkova said. "When you get the peace prize in the situation of war, you cannot be calm about it. Because there is no peace. You got this prize, but there is no peace. And you cannot be calm until the peace comes as a reality."

Institutions like the Norwegian Nobel Committee and Memorial are intended to memorialize the past and to stop similar atrocities in the future. Yet the

The problem is not Russia, Belarus, Ukraine or even the worst of their leaders. The problem is human nature.

atrocities keep coming. And there's very little anybody can do about it.

This is the great paradox of peace-making. Men want peace, celebrate peace, and award peace prizes, yet are ultimately incapable of having peace.

Blessed Are the Peacemakers

Jesus Christ said, "Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God" (Matthew 5:9). Yet man's efforts to make peace have been anything but "blessed." As another Bible verse states, "The way of peace they know not ..." (Isaiah 59:8).

Herbert W. Armstrong, editor in chief of our predecessor magazine the *Plain Truth*, was present in San Francisco for the inaugural conference of one of humanity's greatest efforts toward peace, the United Nations.

"Yes, the efforts to form a world PEACE-ENFORCING government here are proving, in themselves, a continuing

CONTEST, punctuated by constant strife," he wrote. "I do not see PEACE being germinated here, but the seeds of the next WAR!" (*Plain Truth*, December 1948).

He referred to comments by representatives from Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia and Yugoslavia, countries that were succumbing to communism, many of whom warned that millions could become victims of political repression.

"Success of the United Nations' effort for world peace requires complete HARMONY between the Big Three," Mr. Armstrong continued. "But if America and Britain are to achieve harmony with Russia, it is already apparent *it will have to be at the cost of justice in the smaller Baltic and Balkan nations, and Poland*. And if the rights of these helpless millions are to be trampled upon with impunity as the price of peace with Russia, THEN WE STILL HAVE NO PEACE!"

Today's similarities to the past are striking. Wars rage, enemies negotiate, smaller nations are betrayed, millions are victimized—and "we still have no peace."

The problem is not Russia, Belarus, Ukraine or even the worst of their leaders. The problem is human nature. As the Bible shows and *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry has often emphasized, there is no hope in man.

Does this mean peace will never come?

Despite the dire situation in Eastern Europe, in the world at large, and in the bloodstained record of humanity, THERE IS CAUSE FOR HOPE. The Nobel Peace Prize at least shows downtrodden people in organizations like Memorial, Viasna and the Center for Civil Liberties this one thing: Someone *does* notice their desire and efforts toward peace.

And Someone far beyond the Norwegian Nobel Committee notices—hearing the groans of people rotting in prisons in Moscow and Minsk, the sobbing of parents in bombed-out and bloodied

'PEACE, PEACE, BUT THERE IS NO PEACE'

Many laureates have contributed nobly to peace, but this year is not the only instance in which the Nobel Peace Prize has highlighted the bitter irony that men simply do not know the way to real peace.

Lê Đức Thọ (1973) For helping end the Vietnam War. North Vietnam invaded and subjugated South Vietnam two years later. He never accepted his prize.

Aung San Suu Kyi (1991) For campaigning for democracy in Myanmar. She took control of the government from 2016 to 2021 and was allegedly complicit in genocide against the Rohingya minority.

Yasser Arafat (1994) For helping create the Oslo Accords. Six years later, he instigated the bloody Second Intifada terrorist uprising.

Abiy Ahmed (2019) For helping declare peace with Eritrea. He has since led Ethiopia into civil war, including alleged genocide against the Tigray minority.

childrens' bedrooms in Kyiv, the hopeless in war zones and labor camps across the world and across history.

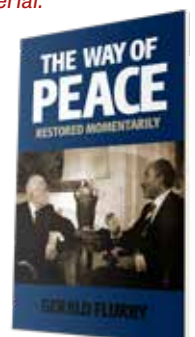
The Prophet Isaiah wrote that human beings simply do not know "the way of peace." It is a capability we simply have never had. Yet the way to peace *does* exist. In a handful of examples, this "way to peace" has even been implemented in living memory with real, tangible results. ■

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Why God Hides Himself

Most Christians believe that God is on a desperate soul-saving crusade, fighting the devil to save human beings before they die. But your Bible says that God hides Himself. Why? **BY GERALD FLURRY**

GOD IS A MYSTERY TO MANKIND. People can't answer *who* and *what* He is. They don't understand Him or His purpose.

Do you realize that God hides Himself deliberately?

God created us, and He created us for a great purpose, in this life and beyond this life. He knows how we humans can find true happiness in this world. We all want a wonderful life, which only God can provide. Yet He *hides* Himself from the vast majority of us.

Does that seem logical to you?

Here are a couple of Bible verses to consider. Psalm 104:29 says of God, "Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust." This verse has some disturbing implications. Do you understand it?

Isaiah 45:15 reads, "Verily thou art a God that hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Saviour." How can God help us by hiding Himself? This same verse says He is "the Saviour"—but how can He *save* us this way? These are crucial questions.

God has a plan for saving Israel—and the whole world! "But Israel shall be saved in the Lord with an everlasting salvation ..." (verse 17). And *hiding Himself* is part of that plan.

But the Bible is also clear that God will not hide Himself from this world for much longer. He prophesies that He

will send Jesus Christ to Earth soon to reestablish the government of God on Earth. "And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together" (Isaiah 40:5).

But we must understand why God is hiding Himself right now.

'Angel of Light'

Before God created mankind, He created angels. He sent a leading angel, Lucifer, and one third of the angels to Earth to establish God's government. But Lucifer rebelled and eventually deceived all the angels under him.

Once that tragedy occurred, God knew that the angels could not be trusted to beautify the whole universe and build it the way God wanted them to. That had been God's plan for them. The only way to ensure that such a destructive rebellion never happened again was to undertake an even bolder plan. God created human beings for the ultimate purpose of creating more God beings like Himself!

God created human beings not only with the human brain but also the *human spirit* (e.g. Job 32:8; Zechariah 12:1; 1 Corinthians 2:11). This human spirit is what separates man from animals: It imparts the power of intellect. It empowers us to think and make choices. It also enables our minds to connect with God's mind when we receive His Holy Spirit.

To humans, God gave the potential to receive the power of His Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:7-16), which allows Jesus Christ to enter our minds (Philippians 2:5).

God gave the first humans a fundamental choice. They could submit to His authority and accept His definition of good and evil. Or they could decide that they were their own highest authority and define good and evil for themselves. This choice was represented in His offering to them the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2:9, 16-17).

God wanted Adam and Eve to eat from the tree of life, but He did not force them to do so. He allowed them the option of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Even further, He allowed Lucifer, then renamed Satan, to tempt them. Why? Because only when human beings *voluntarily* reject Satan and submit to God can He build righteous character in them, enabling them to be born into His Family. That is the fundamental reason why God created human beings and how He plans to reproduce Himself!

The first human beings followed Satan instead. Like him, they chose to reject God's authority and to believe that they knew best.

Satan deceived Eve. The first woman really *believed* that the tree of the knowledge of good and evil was better than the tree of life (Genesis 3:1-6). But Adam

was *not* deceived (1 Timothy 2:13-14). He willfully chose to follow Satan and rebel against God's explicit instructions. He opened the door to Satan, allowing him to work on his mind and lead him. Satan became Adam's god. Adam had set the course for himself, for his children and for all of mankind.

"And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life" (Genesis 3:22-24).

God was disappointed, obviously, yet He allowed this choice, and He *continued* with His plan, but not the way most people—even most Christians—believe. Notice that God Himself *cut off* mankind as a whole from the Garden of Eden, from those two trees and from that fundamental choice. He has allowed human history to continue for thousands of years. Yet He has hidden Himself.

God expelling Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden and barring them from reentrance was the start of a 6,000-year sentence on mankind. During this time, God would only select a tiny few, including the ancient prophets and then the one true Church (Matthew 16:18).

God hid Himself!

Ever since Adam and Eve, Satan has taken this world captive. Satan possesses real power. He is the "prince of the power of the air" (Ephesians 2:2), the master broadcaster of wrong moods, attitudes and impulses. He *deceives the whole world* (Revelation 12:9). He is, in fact, "the god of this world" (2 Corinthians 4:4) and has manipulated mankind into obeying him.

This is clear in your Bible. But how many people really believe this or have ever even heard of it?

"The glorious archangel Lucifer, as God originally created him, was the pinnacle of God's creative power in a single being," Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in *Mystery of the Ages*. "Few today remotely realize the great power, now turned to cunning deception, possessed

by Satan. Apparently Adam completely underestimated him."

Mr. Armstrong grew to understand much more deeply at the end of his life just how *totally* God had cut mankind off from Himself. This was one of the reasons he wrote *Mystery of the Ages*.

Lucifer was a bringer of *light*. Now he is the bringer of indescribably wicked *darkness*. Human beings think they can recognize good and evil and tell the difference between the two. *They cannot!* They rely on themselves and think they know the difference between God and Satan. *They do not!* If you are not actively submitting to God's authority, you will look at things that are coming from *Satan* and think they are coming from *an angel of light* (2 Corinthians 11:14).

People today underestimate Satan all the time! He has tremendous power. He has led all humanity in eating from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, which leads to *death*.

Throughout history, God has called out a tiny minority to choose the tree of life, to preserve the truth, and to prepare for the next stage of His master plan. But even many of those, including 95 percent of true Christians in this end time, have eventually decided to choose good and evil for themselves.

Cut Off From God

If Adam had resisted Satan, he would have replaced Satan on Earth's throne. But he failed.

Adam and Eve decided to determine for themselves what is good and what is evil, which only results in self-righteousness. They rejected God's definition of good and evil. That is the meaning of the tree they chose. God calls human righteousness filthy rags! (Isaiah 64:6). It is worthless!

Those called out of this world today have God's government restored in the Church. Christ will return to restore God's government over the entire Earth. God's people today must build God's character to be able to help Christ establish the Kingdom of God, rule in the World Tomorrow, and finish creating the whole universe. All this is part of God's master plan!

But we must *change*. Adam and Eve refused to change, so God drove them out. If those of us called out of the world now



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decide, after a lifetime of chances, not to change and obey God, then God will blot us out of the book of life (Revelation 20:15).

For the rest of mankind, their opportunity to choose life is yet in the future, but the process will be the same. They will not be cut off from God for much longer. Hebrews 9:27 shows that the hope of mankind is not for them to be saved before they die, but in the resurrection. They are not being judged by God yet! But because they have rejected Him, He hides Himself.

Right now, God is reproducing Himself only among true Christians. He has called this tiny minority out of the world prior to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ to do His work and deliver His warning message to the world. But His plan is not just for this tiny minority. It is a plan for all human beings who have ever lived. God is re-creating Himself in man! That is the ultimate feat! It ought to stagger our minds!

God's Master Plan

The two symbolic trees in the Garden of Eden are highly significant to us today. These trees explain the very foundation of this world, which has always been a mystery to mankind. People can laugh and scoff at the two trees as a childish way to explain the Bible, but this is so profound that almost no one understands it. It is the very depth of God!

What happened to Adam and Eve is now happening to the whole world. God has allowed mankind to work things out their own way. He has observed humans continually choose the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, which is really the tree of death. It symbolizes eternal death for us—if we don't learn some lessons. This is something to beware of in this pulsating, evil, twisted world.

We are nearing the end of 6,000 years of human history. It is as if the movie were almost over. We can't understand what is going on unless we go back to the beginning and understand the premise and what has happened since. We must go back to the two trees and beyond to grasp why the world is the way it is. Study the origins. Start the movie from the beginning.

From our very first parents, human beings have been learning the hard way that going our own way brings suffering

and death. The firstborn son of the first humans murdered his own brother! (Genesis 4:8). Cain killed Abel at the very beginning. We have suffered strife, violence and murder, and we have failed to understand our purpose, or potential, from the beginning.

The first family on Earth was taught directly by God. He didn't hide His face from them! He taught them how to live a joyful, happy, abundant, prosperous life. They could have grown in godly character to the point that they would be born into God's Family! But they rejected

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Him, and their descendants killed each other, including the prophets God sent through the ages to warn them and teach them. Human beings are in love with Satan's attitude. They keep trusting in themselves, no matter how horrible the results are from this fundamentally wrong choice. They are self-reliant and self-willed. They worship Satan without realizing it!

God's Mind in Us

Sin makes God turn His face from mankind. "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear" (Isaiah 59:1-2).

The world doesn't want God. They don't seek Him. They might think they do, but they really don't know or understand Him at all.

God has not given up on man. His hiding Himself is part of His master plan. So was the sending of a God Being to *become* a man. Jesus Christ came to

Earth not only to pay the death penalty for our sins if we will repent, believe God and obey His law, but also to do what Adam failed to do and what Lucifer failed to do before him. Jesus Christ *submitted perfectly* to the will of His Father and relied totally on Him! He finished His Father's work.

When Christ returns, He will at last reveal the Father to mankind as a whole. He came to Earth the first time to declare the Father (John 1:18). Why? Because no one knows the Father!

There are two Gods at this time, called God and the Word in John 1:1. They use the power of the Holy Spirit to build character in human beings. The Word, or Spokesman, became Christ. God is now the Father; Christ is the Son. God is a Family! And they want to bring *us* into their Family through the resurrection.

All mankind is about to know the one true God. Notice the positive ending: "[B]ut I have gathered them unto their own land, and have left none of them any more there. Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord God" (Ezekiel 39:28-29).

God has hidden Himself to allow mankind to experience the results of our choices. He has hidden Himself to teach us a powerful lesson. He has hidden Himself because He has a plan for *all* human beings, living and dead. Soon He will reveal Himself! Jesus Christ is about to return to Earth to rule the Earth and to do what Adam and Lucifer failed to do. He will compel everyone to submit to the Father, as He Himself does. Everyone will have the opportunity to humble themselves before God and receive His Holy Spirit. They will have the chance to develop the very mind of God. God *will* accomplish His master plan. God *will* reproduce Himself and bring billions of human beings into His Family!

God is hiding Himself today for the purpose of accomplishing His master plan. ■

Do you understand God?

Many people think they do, but God reveals who He is through the Bible. Learn "who and what is God" and the answers to life's most important questions with your own Bible and your free copy of Herbert Armstrong's *Mystery of the Ages*.



Be an Encourager

It's not just a nice thing to do.

THIS WORLD IS A DISCOURAGING PLACE, AND PROPHECY SAYS it will get even worse. Yet God wants us to be happy. In fact, He commands it! Deuteronomy 12:7 says, “[Y]e shall REJOICE in all that ye put your hand unto”

In society today, the toxicity of discouragement flows freely—far more than the healing balm of encouragement. We easily absorb the spirit of sarcasm, put-downs, judgment, biting humor, complaining and negativity.

God wants us to rise above the negativity and to help others to do the same. He instructs us, “Therefore encourage one another and build each other up ...” (1 Thessalonians 5:11; New International Version). To *encourage* someone is to inspire him with hope, to fill with courage or strength of purpose. It implies infusing him with life, energy or vigor.

When was the last time you encouraged someone else?

Most of us don't naturally do this. Why not? If you find it especially difficult to say uplifting things to others, examine yourself and your personality to try to discern why this is so. Here are a couple of common reasons: For one, we tend to pay more attention to negative things than positive. A single adverse item can preoccupy our thoughts, obscuring a whole slew of good and praiseworthy things. On top of that is our natural self-absorption. We don't tend to pay enough attention to others to notice things worth complimenting and encouraging.

Reorienting our thinking to notice the positive is a splendid goal to pursue.

In Romans 12, the Apostle Paul writes about *gifts* God gives people. Verse 8 says to focus on the gift of “exhortation.”

The Greek word for “exhort” is *parakaleo*, which means to call to one's side; to come alongside to help. It combines the ideas of *exhorting*, *comforting* and *encouraging*. This is a *gift* worth developing and *using*, and one we can *all* have if we let God direct our thoughts and we train ourselves to think on the needs of others. Come alongside others and help them.

Pray for God to help you appreciate others and recognize when they need encouragement. Then back that up with genuine, consistent *effort* to pay attention and develop your awareness of situations where providing reassurance, support or comfort would be timely.

Paul tells us to think on things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely and of good report—to *set our minds* on virtue and praise (Philippians 4:8). This means overcoming that natural negative

bias. *Look* for and *notice* these positive qualities in others. If you are attentive, you will begin to find plenty of things to praise. The more observant you are, the better you will be able to offer a compliment or encouraging word for very specific things, even seemingly trivial things that most people would overlook.

At times we may *think* positive things about someone; the key is to take the extra step: *Vocalize* it to the person. Or write a note of encouragement; even a few short lines can do wonders. And try to do it *as soon* as you think of it. If you wait, you will probably forget. Tell the person how what they are doing brightens your day or makes your job easier. If they're going through a difficult period, be sure they know you're thinking of them.

Sincerity in encouraging others is critical. God seeks *sincerity* and *truth* in His people (1 Corinthians 5:8). The real value of an encouraging comment is how *sincere* and *true* it is. Don't give *insincere* praise, and never flatter (Proverbs 26:28; 28:23; 29:5).

Brett McKay, in an *Art of Manliness* article on giving compliments, advised relaying “secondhand compliments”—compliments not spoken directly to a person but which you pass along: *Hey Bruce, I was talking to Jim, and he mentioned how much he appreciates your contributions here and enjoys working with you.* This can also mean complimenting someone to someone else. When *those* compliments reach the recipient, that can really mean a lot to them.

Work to develop the *habit* of encouraging others. Building a positive habit is never easy. Challenge yourself to give some encouraging words to a handful of people *each day*: a loved one or friend, a co-worker, a clerk at a store. Don't

neglect the value of even complimenting a stranger: “Hey—I like your shoes!” This benefits both the other person and yourself, because it is more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35). Becoming aware of others in this way is really a matter of orienting our thinking to God's WAY OF GIVE.

God says, “Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me ...” (Psalm 50:23). By giving encouragement, we glorify and honor God. God is very positive. He believes the best in others (1 Corinthians 13:7). God is an Encourager, always looking for things to praise and encourage us with. Even when we make mistakes, fail and sin, Jesus Christ is our Advocate—our *parakletos*, one called alongside to help (1 John 2:1).

Follow Christ's example. In a discouraging world, be an encourager. ■



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beginning. Far too few are listening to him and the evidence he has presented, but from the beginning, he said that if you don't get rid of the machines Democrats used to steal the 2020 election, you won't win another election. He is right! Look what is happening: The midterms should have been an absolute blow-out victory for Republicans. But they weren't, and THIS IS WHY!

Republican Division

"Conservative" news outlets like the *New York Post*, *Wall Street Journal* and Fox News now say Republicans must "dump Trump" if they want to win elections. All three of these media outlets are owned by media mogul Rupert Murdoch, who believes Republicans need a new leader. Establishment Republicans blamed *Trump* for failures in the midterms. That is sheer nonsense! There is *no truth* in that.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell's high-spending super-PAC devoted vast amounts of money supporting anti-Trump Republicans like liberal Alaska Senator Lisa Murkowski but spent next to nothing supporting pro-Trump Republicans like Arizona Senate candidate Blake Masters. He did this even though the Republican Party didn't need much help in Alaska but desperately needed help in Arizona. So it's pretty clear that McConnell and his supporters were more concerned about defeating the MAGA movement than defeating Democrats.

It is astounding that these establishment Republicans would rather live under the tyrant Barack Obama than support senators who back and support Donald Trump! How can you deal with that kind of division? Such senseless decisions are political suicide! What is wrong with their minds? They have become addicted to the devil's reasoning.

These Republicans have divided their own party. If your army is fighting against itself, how many times are you going to win?

Mr. Trump helped Ron DeSantis become governor in Florida. DeSantis really should express some gratitude, but he's not saying anything. He is a strong governor. Republicans are happy to have him on their side. But God isn't going to save America through anybody except Donald Trump.

People believed a red tsunami would shift power to Republicans. But they must face the fact that until they get rid of the machines, they will never win many elections. They are so naive. As long as those machines are in place, the radical left will steal elections!

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich pointed to a report showing that Republican votes for House candidates outnumbered Democrats by 5 million to 6 million votes, yet had little to show for it in terms of victories. "I've never been as wrong as I was this year," he said. "It makes me challenge every model I'm aware of." Appearing on Fox News, he said something just didn't seem right, but he stopped short of discussing the possibility of fraud—I'm sure because Fox News owner Rupert Murdoch shut that down! "Not gaining very many seats makes you really wonder what's going on," he said. "I want to know, where did those votes come from?"

I do believe that things going this way is a *blessing* for Republicans. I believe that, rather than giving them big victories, God is waking them up to the fact that the machines are corrupted. Something will have to jolt them to see reality: THIS IS A WAR.

There is a war for control of America. At the heart of it are the voting machines. Either get rid of the machines or forget about winning!

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you going to win?**

War Against the Machines

John Fetterman won the Senate race in Pennsylvania. This man recently had a stroke, and he cannot even speak clearly. Pennsylvania's economy relies heavily on fracking oil, yet Fetterman has said he will never support fracking.

Polls show that 75 percent of Americans believe we are going the wrong direction as a nation. Do you think

Fetterman can straighten it out? A politician who doesn't talk well is in bad shape. Joe Biden can't talk very well either. This is what America is dealing with. We are in a big morass and can't seem to get out of it.

Mr. Lindell has a sharp crew, and he says he can prove that they are using these machines to steal the elections. *Somebody* ought to pay attention to this man. He has data showing that Fetterman lost, as did Democrat Governor Josh Shapiro. Republicans had actually won both elections.

There was a blackout in the security camera footage in the Nevada election facility from 11 p.m. on election night to 7 a.m. the next morning. By the time it was resolved, the Democratic House candidate had moved ahead in the polls. They say the blackout was an accident, no cheating involved. But somehow these "accidents" ALWAYS FAVOR THE DEMOCRATS! These people are committing treason against this land! And they are getting away with it.

It looks like Joe Biden will run again. And he would probably win if they don't get rid of the machines. Somehow God is going to have to make them face that reality. They must reach the point where they check the machines. God will teach them to face what they have been unwilling to face.

God had a hand in allowing the machines to run the course. He could have changed that. He could have had Republicans win everything. But something has to wake them up to make them see what Donald Trump and Mike Lindell see.

I believe putting them through a trial like this is the only way God can jolt some of these people awake.

Roughly 2,700 years ago, the Prophet Isaiah wrote, "Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward. Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment. Your country is desolate, your cities are burned with fire: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers" (Isaiah 1:4-7).

America's power structures are terminally ill, top to bottom. The government agents are sick; the legislators are sick; the judges are sick; the media moguls are sick; the officials counting our votes are sick. Why did it take officials in Clark County, Nevada, nearly a week to count 50,000 mail-in ballots when it should take less than a day? They were looking for various ways to pad the vote!

The FBI seized Mike Lindell's phone after he tried to bring attention to voting machine irregularities. Former Trump adviser Peter Navarro was literally shackled after he highlighted mail-in ballot fraud. Do you think the Biden administration is going to let people look into what happened in Arizona, Nevada and elsewhere?

Satan certainly has a lot of help! But 2 Kings 14 shows that there is *no helper* for Israel. Mr. Lindell is so committed to exposing election fraud, he nearly lost his corporation. You don't find many people willing to make sacrifices like that. But he doesn't have any real power. There is no helper—no real power coming to the aid of President Trump and of America.

There's no helper there, except God! God sees everything that is happening. And these criminals are going to run up against something they have never faced before.

God is going to save Israel—otherwise Barack Obama would blot out the name of Israel!

'How He Warred'

Verse 28 of the prophecy in 2 Kings 14 says, "Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, HOW HE WARRED, and how he RECOVERED Damascus" Jeroboam had to WAR. In order to return to power, Mr. Trump is going to have to WAR! There are very few people warring with him today. But I don't care how much his enemies hate him—prophecy says Trump will return.

On November 15, Trump announced his candidacy for the 2024 presidential election. In his speech he said, "Together, we will be taking on the most corrupt forces and entrenched interests imaginable. ... Our country is being destroyed before your very eyes. ... The Washington establishment wants to silence us, but we will not let them do that. ... We will be attacked. We will be slandered. We will be persecuted But we will not be intimidated. We will persevere. We will stand tall in the storm. We will march forward into the torrent and we in the end will win. Our country will win."

After all the terrible attacks on this man for the past six years, it is remarkable that he has the stamina and determination and fight to keep doing battle for this country. He is a man READY FOR WAR.

You need to watch Jeroboam. He is going to WAR HIS WAY BACK.

Somebody needs to take a case against the voting machines to the Supreme Court. As I wrote in *America Under Attack*, Amos 7:13 indicates that it is that court—there called "the

king's court"—that will make the decision. Then God can get Mr. Trump into office. That will surely happen soon.

In that speech, Trump called this period out of office a "pause." "One of the important factors of THE PAUSE is that we see how bad they've done, so we will be able to do it properly and it will be much easier," he said. "Everybody will agree with us because everybody sees what a bad job has been done during this two-year period."

This is what I wrote in *America Under Attack*: "In Amos 7:8, God says He is giving the nation its final warning. Then verse 9 describes a time of desolation, wasting and the sword. God forewarns that He Himself 'will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.' That is a major intensifying of the picture in verse 8.

"I believe there is, in fact, a PAUSE in the events between verses 8 and 9, and that we are in this prophesied pause now—after the election coup that stole the presidency from Mr. Trump but before he returns to power.

"Look around today: This country is in a catastrophe! Radicals are destroying the nation, foolishly thinking that somehow they will be able to control these ruinous, anarchic forces they are unleashing. And this trouble is certain to lead to worse trouble."

Yes, evil forces are working to blot out the name of Israel. Satan will keep pushing this destructive agenda until God stops him—and ultimately confines him to the abyss!

Mr. Trump is about to return. America will enjoy a temporary resurgence.

But Trump's next term will be the last time God spares America. Amos 7:7-8 show that God is measuring America with a plumbline and that He "will not again pass by them any more." So realize that when Trump does return, it will be due to God's mercy. If the American people do not repent and turn back to God during Trump's second term, then God will allow America to become "desolate" and "laid waste."

These prophecies are why we have consistently insisted that Trump *will* return to power. We do not know exactly how

this will unfold. But keep watching Donald Trump, because he is not finished. It is not enough to just recognize the evil being perpetrated by the radical left. Nor should you put your faith in Donald Trump, the modern-day Jeroboam. You must have faith in—and *repent toward*—the God who used Trump and is about to use him again—or the curse on America will resume.

Watch as these dramatic prophecies unfold. See God's hand in these events. And let that motivate you to seek Him and allow Him to rule your life! ■

"We will be attacked. We will be slandered. We will be persecuted But we will not be intimidated. We will persevere. We will stand tall in the storm. We will march forward into the torrent and we in the end will win."

—DONALD TRUMP

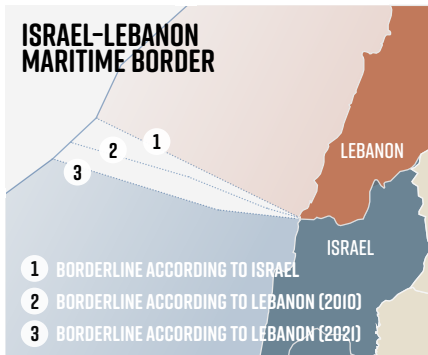
Truly understanding the spiritual reality of what is happening to the United States takes study. Request a free copy of Gerald Flurry's book *America Under Attack*.

WORLDWATCH

MIDDLE EAST

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After five elections in less than four years, **Israel** finally elected an outright victor: **Benjamin Netanyahu**. His Likud party and its partners, Shas, United Torah Judaism and Religious Zionism, won 64 out of 120 legislative seats on Nov. 1, 2022, returning Netanyahu to the prime minister's office 18 months after he was forced out by a motley coalition built expressly for that purpose.



The mainstream press immediately attacked Netanyahu and his coalition, with major outlets calling parties in his coalition extremist, ultranationalist and racist. The title of an editorial in *Haaretz* claimed, "Israel Is Now Closing In on a Right-wing, Religious, Authoritarian Revolution."

The United States government made its displeasure known, as **Joe Biden** took five days to finally call and congratulate Netanyahu.

The exchange was friendly, but White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said Biden would "closely monitor the government formation process," out of concern that Netanyahu would include "far-right parties." See article, page 8.

The most powerful people in the U.S.

government are loyal not to Biden but to **Barack Obama**, who pointedly snubbed, insulted, backstabbed and undermined Netanyahu. Biden himself is beholden to Obama, so expect him to renew that attack against Netanyahu and the special bond between Israel and the U.S.

On Oct. 27, 2022, **Israel and Lebanon** signed a deal to resolve their maritime border dispute over the Karish oil field. While Israel can now develop the oil field, some experts say the fact that it agreed to renounce territory it has claimed for years makes the deal a surrender.

"Such a complete concession can be perceived as a weakness," wrote former Israeli National Security Adviser Yaakov Amidror. "Even objective observers, who accept that Israel had an economic interest in the agreement, would likely agree that the absolute concession embodies a fear of conflict with Hezbollah."

An important dimension is Europe's involvement. Lebanon has strong connections with Europe. This agreement,

brokered in part by **France**, may be part of much greater European involvement in Lebanon, a trend the *Trumpet* has long forecast. Read "[Israel and Lebanon Sign Landmark Maritime Deal](#)."*

Several companies and individuals in **Africa** were placed under U.S. sanctions in late October and early November in



EUROPE

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Crises continue to mount in **Germany**. Russia's invasion of Ukraine has caused Germany's "deepest crisis" since reunification, German President **Frank-Walter Steinmeier** said on Oct. 28, 2022, adding that "tougher, rough years are ahead of us." Eurozone inflation hit 10.7 percent, even higher than expected, according to Eurostat data published on October 31. Germans typically keep their savings in cash, so a lot of wealth for millions of Germans has already been eroded.

Meanwhile, immigration is rising fast. Authorities seem to fear this combustible subject, trying to keep the figures hidden. Manuel Ostermann from the

German Police Trade Union told *Bild* that the most recent figures are missing. In February 2022, 3,842 illegal refugees entered Germany. In September 2022, as many as 12,701 entered. The government is late in reporting the up-to-date figures. While not comparable to the 2015-16 refugee crisis, the influx is a reminder of the volatile situation and Europe's vulnerability.

The result: 55 percent of Germans believe Chancellor **Olaf Scholz** is overburdened, according to a survey commissioned by *Bild*. Only 37 percent say that he seems up to the challenges of his office. Scholz kowtowing to China against the wishes of his coalition partners has also weakened his government (article, page 20).

These crises are already pushing changes in Germany. Steinmeier said that, due to the war in Ukraine, there is a "growing awareness of and growing respect for our Bundeswehr [German military] across our society." "Finally, it is high time!" he continued. It's not just Germany's attitude to its military that will change—watch appetite for a strong leader to grow. The Bible prophesies a new strongman will emerge from the mess in Germany; our booklet *A Strong German Leader Is Imminent* shows how.

Italy has already begun taking a stronger and more nationalist approach, as voters elected **Giorgia Meloni** and her Brothers of Italy party, a successor to World War II dictator Benito

Mussolini's National Fascist Party, in September 2022. The party has tried to downplay its far-right aspects, but on October 31, the government appointed two politicians accused of being fascist sympathizers. **Claudio Durigon** of the League party has been appointed undersecretary in the Ministry of Labor. In 2021, Durigon called for a city park to be renamed to its original Parco Arnaldo Mussolini. The park was named after Arnaldo upon request of his older brother, dictator Benito Mussolini. **Galeazzo Bignami** of the Brothers of Italy has been

an effort to curb the alarming growth of the **Islamic State** in the continent. U.S. Treasury Undersecretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence Brian Nelson said these sanctions target “key individuals ... who have played pivotal roles in enabling terrorism and other criminal activities in the region.” Islamic State affiliates are among

a number of growing terrorist organizations in the region.

Daniel 11 describes a Middle Eastern power called “the king of the south.” Gerald Flurry has identified radical Islam, led by Iran, as this “king.” Daniel 11 also warns that it will gain control over key African nations such as Egypt, Libya and Ethiopia. Read ***The King of the South****. ■



TOPSHOT A Ukrainian soldier of an artillery unit fires toward Russian positions outside Bakhmut on November 8, beating back Russia’s invasion.

appointed undersecretary of the Infrastructure Ministry. In 2005, he was photographed wearing the typical black shirt of the World War II-era fascists and a swastika armband.

In addition, on October 29, around 4,000 Italians gathered in Predappio, northern Italy, the birthplace of Benito Mussolini, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of his dictatorship. Mussolini’s great-granddaughter said, “After

100 years, we are still here to pay homage to the man this state wanted and whom we will never stop admiring.”

The Bible reveals that the same spirit will once again rise from the underground (Revelation 17). *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry has written a detailed analysis on this prophecy and how it applies to current affairs. To learn more, read ***“Fascism Reawakens in Italy.”*** ■

ANGLO-AMERICA

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With persistent inflation eroding wage gains, most Americans’ finances have worsened, and the government’s finances are a clear and present danger to the nation.

According to a September 2022 Lending Club Report, 63 percent of Americans are living paycheck to paycheck. That is near the 64 percent historic high hit in March and 6 percent higher than the number a year ago. Read ***“Americans Living Paycheck to Paycheck.”***

The Federal Reserve countered rising consumer prices by raising its interest rate by 0.75 percentage points on November 2. It is expected to raise it further, a decision that will cost the U.S. government, literally. The government paid 35 percent more in interest on its \$24 trillion public debt in fiscal year 2022, and is projected to spend 55 percent more for fiscal year 2023.

Financial historian Niall Ferguson has warned that nations and empires usually fall once the cost of paying their debts exceeds the cost of defending their borders. Based on current budget projections, and with a border that is already undefended against infiltration, **America will reach this tipping point soon.** The Heritage Foundation’s 2023 Index of U.S. Military Strength ranks the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force and Space Force as too weak to win victories in two major conflicts at once. Slashing military spending to pay for the ballooning national debt will weaken the military further.

In Deuteronomy 28, God specifically warned His people that debt problems are one of the many curses that come from disobedience. Now **America is approaching a point where debt leaves the nation vulnerable to foreign attack.** Yet many Americans do not realize this startling fact because their math skills are plummeting at the fastest rate in history.

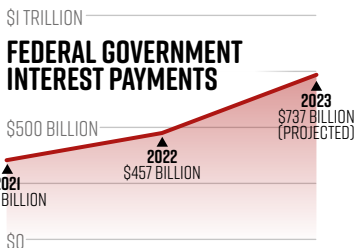
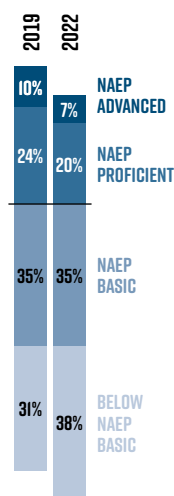
An Oct. 24, 2022, National Assessment of Education Progress

report showed that only 26 percent of eighth graders (13-to-14-year-olds) were deemed proficient in math, down from 34 percent in 2019. Many recognize the massive damage that draconian coronavirus school lockdowns did to America’s

education, but another factor destroying U.S. education is “woke” indoctrination, including teachers and administrators characterizing academic achievement as part of white supremacy culture. Learn more in our March 2020 article ***“What Is Your Child Learning in Public School?”***

Isaiah 3:1-3 prophesies of a time when America’s armed forces are deprived of mighty men, America’s government is deprived of disciplined leaders, and America’s children are deprived of good teachers. The lack of biblical virtue in America’s families, schools, officers and politicians is having real-world, mass-scale consequences. ■

Trend in eighth-grade NAEP math achievement



ASIA

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On Oct. 9, 2022, **Russia's** President **Vladimir Putin** declared martial law in four territories he has forcibly annexed from **Ukraine**. This authorizes him to ban travel, set curfews, censor information, and legally seize civilian resources in **Donetsk, Kherson, Luhansk** and **Zaporizhzhia**. Government spokesman Dmitry Peskov said, "All these territories are inalienable parts of the Russian Federation" and their "security is provided for at the same level as the rest of Russia's territory." In other words, Putin will use nuclear weapons to keep

RUSSIAN SATELLITE AGGRESSION TIMELINE

2017 Russia launches Kosmos 2523, a satellite that can possibly nudge other satellites off course, cause damage, or plant spy equipment.

2018 Russia announces completion of a ground-based laser system designed to destroy satellites.

2019 Russia launches Kosmos 2543, with capabilities similar to 2523.

2020 Russia successfully tests an antisatellite missile capable of destroying military and commercial satellites.

the land it has taken from Ukraine.

Two weeks later, **Russia** said it might attack American commercial satellites that **Ukraine** is using for its defense. "Quasi-civil infrastructure may be a legitimate target for a retaliation strike," Foreign Ministry spokesman Konstantin Vorontsov said. Considering Russia's history, this is not an empty threat.

In his January 1995 article "**America's Achilles' Heel**," *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry warned, "America is the greatest superpower this world has ever known. But we have a very vulnerable point in our military—our own Achilles' heel." That fatal vulnerability, he wrote, is heavy reliance on information technology.

On Oct. 1, 2022, China Central Television aired footage of the nation's latest Dongfeng "aircraft carrier killers." The U.S. Department of Defense warned that these nuclear-capable ballistic missiles are "capable of conducting precision land-attack and antiship strikes specifically" and are designed "to hold adversary aircraft carriers at risk when located within 1,500 kilometers of **China's** coast." Showcasing these on television, according to former People's Liberation Army instructor Song Zhongping, "is a subtle warning to the United States."

China has also established at least 54 "overseas police stations" in 21 different countries, according to a recent report

titled "110 Overseas: Chinese Transnational Policing Gone Wild." The report, named after the emergency telephone number for the Chinese police, was published by Safeguard Defenders, a nongovernmental organization based in Spain.

The Chinese Communist Party established these stations in Germany, Spain, the United Kingdom, the U.S. and at least 50 other nations so it can crack down on dissent and silence critics of the party far beyond China's borders. Beijing says 230,000 Chinese people in other nations have been "persuaded to return" to China to face criminal proceedings from April 2021 to July 2022. "[P]eople are afraid," said Laura Harth, campaign director for Safeguard Defenders. "People being targeted ... have family members back in China," which makes them "afraid to speak out."

In July 2014, Mr. Flurry wrote: "Throughout history, China has often taken on an expansionist policy to conquer, destroy, subdue and enslave people. That same policy is starting to materialize again" As Mr. Flurry explained, China's actions are just the beginning of what the Bible terms "the times of the Gentiles" (Luke 21:24). "These 'times of the Gentiles' are yet to be fully realized. However, we are in the outer edges of this catastrophic storm." Read that article, "**What Are the Times of the Gentiles?**"

FEATURED FEEDBACK



I never realized in the Bible that all of this history with the royal family came through the line of David ("The Queen's Funeral Shows the Power of the Throne," November-December, theTrumpet.com/26217). I even went to Bible college, and I never knew this. It's like a whole new world has opened up for me. This is a wonderful ministry.

Gail Triplett NORTH CAROLINA

This is the greatest information I have ever received. I have been a dedicated Methodist from the day I was born, and I am 88 now. The Bible has meant more to me than anything in the world, and I have been blessed my whole life. I want to make sure that I keep in touch with you and receive the *Trumpet*. This article on Abraham Lincoln tells it like it is ("Lincoln's Fight for True Freedom," October, theTrumpet.com/26059). I love *Royal Vision* too.

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How Can Evil Hide in Plain Sight?

Here is one reason.

WOULDNT IT BE WRONG TO TELL BIG LIES TO YOUR spouse or your children or others you know, for years? Most people can't conceive of doing such a terrible thing. But the Bible reveals that there are wicked people who *take advantage* of the fact that such deceit is so inconceivable.

In his book *America Under Attack*, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry emphasizes that the corruption in America is so deep that most people won't even believe it.

The nation's afflictions are not caused by gaffes or incompetence. They are the result of deliberate lies, lawlessness and corruption. God has been exposing the truth, *yet we cannot bring ourselves to believe it, let alone face it*. This itself is a monstrous problem.

THIS IS SPIRITUAL SICKNESS. GOD WANTS US TO FACE IT SO He can heal us of it. Human nature, which we all have, is the virus.

People naturally assume that human nature is good. We certainly see ourselves as good. More than 8 billion people of all backgrounds, languages, cultures and histories inhabit this world, yet we all act out in the same way. We struggle to see how truly corrupted is the human nature of others because we struggle to see our own evil nature. And we will recognize it in others *long before* we ever recognize it in ourselves.

The spiritual sickness is so deep, for example, that criminal justice leaders rationalize that it is good to put rapists and murderers back on the street and to permit rioters to burn cities. This outright inversion of evil and law-keeping is rapidly consuming society.

It takes a great and irrational leap of faith in human beings to believe that modern scientific or ideological thinking can explain, much less solve, the crises we are living through.

Mr. Flurry has explained that to face these nation-destroying problems, we must first face the truth about our collective human nature and understand its evil origins.

Isn't it remarkable that humans can all be so different and come from such different backgrounds—yet think in fundamentally the same way? We all have one basic attitude of mind, and that attitude focuses on *self*. You see it in babies,

in children, in adults. The *universal* attitude of doing what you think is good for *yourself* begins before you even learn to talk. And it remains with you throughout life.

The effects are all around us, but the solution comes only from above. That takes us to the Bible.

People can scoff at the idea, but the Bible reveals that human nature comes from Satan's nature. As "the prince of the power of the air" (Ephesians 2:2), he broadcasts to human beings from the time we are very young in moods and attitudes that radiate from his selfish, self-centered, self-justifying, uncooperative, evil, lying and murdering nature. These patterns of thinking become ingrained in our basic underlying attitude, to one degree or another. That basic nature is within every man, woman and child.

Yet 2 Corinthians 11:14 describes Satan as presenting himself as "an angel of *light*." He veils his wickedness in false virtue and high-minded deception. What a black lie!

This is the origin of the intolerant, virtue-signaling, radical-left, woke attitudes so prevalent in modern America today. People who *think they are right* strut around wearing a cloak of righteousness and imposing their evil "good" on others to the point of destroying the nations. They demand surrender to human nature. And they are growing in power.

Satan continually works to get man to regard evil as good and good as evil (e.g. Isaiah 5:20). What is considered human "goodness" is a leading means by which Satan injects his foul evil into the world.

It began with the very first human beings. Eve *reasoned* it was *good* to reject God's benevolent authority and law and *take* from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 3:6). She and Adam believed Satan and changed their definitions of what was good from God's law to their own reasoning. Satan's evil became their good.

That is the foundation of this present evil world (Galatians

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1:4). It was by this means that Satan became the god of this world, who deceives the *whole world* (2 Corinthians 4:4; Revelation 12:9). People everywhere are ignoring God's truth and defining good and evil as they choose. In the 20th century it was "good" to Adolf Hitler to murder 6 million Jews. It was "good" to Joseph Stalin to butcher many millions of his own countrymen. Today, it is "good" to a few powerful radicals to outright destroy our nations. It is "good" for the majority to overlook these crimes and just hope it all goes away.

We need to face the evil. We need to let God show us where the deep corruption traces back to, even when it traces back, in part, to ourselves.

To cut through all the lies and the corruption, we have to first go to God and acknowledge our *own* spiritual sickness and sins and to plead with Him to help us with them. We must face and forsake our own human nature, acquired from Satan, and become teachable. Then God can teach us His ultimate, and hope-filled, solution to our problems. And He will start by making available to us a different nature—His nature. ■



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