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Capture the Jerusalem Vision!

The past, present and future of this city holds a hope-filled perspective you need.

WISE KING SOLOMON ONCE WROTE, “WHERE THERE IS no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he” (Proverbs 29:18). *Vision* is a mental image of what the future will be or could be. We all need *VISION*—and *hope* and *inspiration*—or we perish!

I want to explain the tremendous *VISION*—a hopeful and inspiring vision that *YOU NEED*—in the city of Jerusalem. In its future, as well as its past, and even its present.



GERALD FLURRY

No city on Earth has a past, present or future filled with such meaning and hope. There is *VISION* in the Old City, in the City of David and on the Temple Mount; there is *VISION* in the hills of Judea and on the coastal plains. There is vision in the ancient ruins that testify of this land’s incomparable history, and in the many sensational artifacts that have been uncovered

in archaeological excavation, illuminating Israel’s ancient past.

Israel today is also the epicenter of major issues and trends, both regionally and globally. Though the news media do not convey it, there is enormous vision in this daily news. Israel’s domestic politics, the terrorist threat, the ongoing conflict with Iran and its proxies in Lebanon and Gaza, and many other events, become staggeringly meaningful when viewed in light of Israel’s past and the writings of its prophets. These writings place events in their historical context. More importantly, the ancient prophets explain where today’s events *are leading*.

These sacred writings also foretell of a magnificent future for this incomparable city—a future, soon to be realized, that should set our hearts aflame!

Watch Jerusalem

King Solomon wasn’t the only one to discuss vision and its importance to individual and national health. *Many* biblical priests, prophets and leaders talk about vision, especially the importance of the Jerusalem vision.

In Psalm 137:5-6, the psalmist wrote: “If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, Let my right hand forget her cunning. Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, If I remember thee not; If I set not Jerusalem [a]bove my chiefest joy” (Jewish Publication Society). Written in Babylonian captivity, this beautiful song expresses the deep yearning of God’s people for this city of God. It is a perpetual reminder to *hold fast* the vision of Jerusalem.

The Bible is filled with passages like this—passages that describe how important it is to cherish the Jerusalem vision.

Anciently, God instructed Abraham to uproot himself and move (Genesis 12). Abraham obeyed, and was a stranger and a pilgrim on this Earth. Hebrews 11 tells us that he “looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.” This is speaking of *new Jerusalem*—prophesied in exquisite detail in Revelation 21. Abraham was unconcerned about his physical whereabouts because he knew his spiritual destination. He held a vision of Jerusalem’s ultimate future, when it will serve as God’s headquarters for all nations and even the universe!

The Prophet Isaiah wrote extensively about Jerusalem. Consider Isaiah 40, which is about both the past and the future, and illuminates the Jerusalem vision. Verse 9 says, “O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, Get thee up into the high mountain; O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, Lift up thy voice with strength; Lift it up, be not afraid; Say unto the cities of Judah: ‘BEHOLD YOUR GOD!’” (JPS).

Jerusalem and the State of Israel are filled with history and events that declare, “Behold your God!” Traveling that land is like walking through the Bible. There are biblically significant archaeological excavations, artifacts and ruins all over the country. Many political events and trends in Israel are connected to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. In its own way, each of these declares, “Behold your God!”

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This message, though, must also be specifically declared and made plain, or people will not recognize it. In recent decades, it has been trumpeted by a specific individual—a man who has been called a modern-day “prophet” for Jerusalem.

Jerusalem’s ‘Prophet’

From 1965 to 1993, the mayor of Jerusalem was Teddy Kollek. He had a vision for the city and was able to turn much of that vision into reality. He oversaw the development of Jerusalem

after its reunification in 1967 and brought it into the modern age. He has been called “the greatest builder of Jerusalem since Herod the Great.”

After his fourth reelection as mayor in 1983, Kollek was hosting a luncheon for a friend of his, with whom he could share, develop and expand his vision of his beloved city: Herbert W. Armstrong. Mayor Kollek deeply respected Mr. Armstrong’s understanding of the Bible and of Jerusalem’s paramourcy in its history and prophecy. After Mr. Armstrong toasted the mayor’s electoral success, Mayor Kollek smiled and responded from his chair, “Jerusalem at this time does not have a prophet. *You will have to be our prophet.*”

That statement showed profound insight. Mr. Armstrong was chancellor of Ambassador College, headquartered in Pasadena, California. A prolific author, educator, philanthropist and theologian, Mr. Armstrong traveled the world teaching the true causes of the problems facing humanity and their ultimate solutions. He published the *Plain Truth* newsmagazine, read by 1 out of every 583 people on the planet; broadcast the *World Tomorrow* program, seen on 382 television stations and 36 radio stations. Mr. Armstrong directed many important projects, but his greatest passion, especially in the final decades of his long life, was for the Jewish state and for Jerusalem. Between 1967 and his death in 1986, he visited Jerusalem more than 50 times. He personally befriended *all* of Israel’s prime ministers and presidents during this time. In 1968, Mr. Armstrong and Ambassador College formed what Israel’s tourism minister at the time called “an iron bridge that can never be broken” with Hebrew University and the State of Israel. Mr. Armstrong and Ambassador College supported several archaeological digs in the Old City, including the massive Temple Mount excavations led by Prof. Benjamin Mazar and Hebrew University. When Mr. Armstrong visited, he would often walk arm in arm with Mayor Kollek around the city. The mayor would share his vision of modern Jerusalem, and Mr. Armstrong would give the mayor feedback and ideas about his projects and plans.

Like the biblical prophets and the great Jewish figures of antiquity, Mr. Armstrong had an extraordinary vision of Jerusalem and the Jewish state. He understood that there is tremendous hope and inspiration bound up in the past, present and future of this city and nation. And he devoted a lot of energy to sharing this hope.

In 1967, I was attending Ambassador College. Mr. Armstrong was about ready to deliver a message in Israel. In a letter to co-workers at that time, Mr. Armstrong wrote, “[T]he living CHRIST has moved swiftly to OPEN THE ALL-IMPORTANT DOOR THAT HAS BEEN CLOSED SINCE THE DAYS OF THE ORIGINAL APOSTLES!” In the first century, Jesus Christ came to Jerusalem with a message, and the people KILLED Him!—something God the Father vividly remembers and has deep feelings about (Revelation 11:8). The people of God went to Pella, a place of safety, in A.D. 69. *In all the centuries since*, the truth of God was not again broadly preached in that city! God slammed the door on Jerusalem! God allowed Jerusalem to suffer the terrifying holocaust of A.D. 70, the Roman siege that destroyed the city and the temple.



Yet in modern times, God inspired Mr. Armstrong to carry out the commission spoken of in Isaiah 40 about the voice “that crieth in the wilderness.” This commission was fulfilled by John the Baptist before Jesus Christ’s first coming (Matthew 3:3), but there was also to be an *end-time* fulfillment before the Second Coming—and that would be accomplished by Mr. Armstrong.

The king of Jordan had worked out a way with Mr. Armstrong for him to deliver that message via radio to Jerusalem. But before he could get there and broadcast, the Six-Day War broke out. Mr. Armstrong was deeply disappointed. He desperately wanted to deliver that message!

This proved to be the first of *several major obstacles* Mr. Armstrong faced while doing a work in Israel. Yet, Mr. Armstrong still managed to achieve extraordinary things there. There is a powerful lesson in this history for all of us.

Overcoming Obstacles

I have gone back and studied all that Mr. Armstrong accomplished in Israel and the challenges that arose, and I am convinced of two truths. First, the reason for those troubles



PARTNERSHIP

Top: Volunteers from Herbert W. Armstrong College excavate on Jerusalem's Ophel in 2018. Bottom, from left: Mr. Armstrong meets with Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir. The 2018 Armstrong College volunteers and Dr. Eilat Mazar stand at the Ophel. Gerald Flurry visits with Dr. Mazar in Jerusalem.

Jerusalem vision. He repeatedly attacked Mr. Armstrong's Church and its work in Jerusalem. Such activity in that city makes him very uneasy—and very wrathful! This is because when that Isaiah 40:9 commission is fulfilled, his evil work will end! (e.g. Revelation 12:12).

Mr. Armstrong confronted the problems forcibly, but he also didn't allow them to undermine the work in Judah. If you follow that history in the 1970s, it seems Mr. Armstrong was unshakable! Some critics inside the Church chided him for traveling to Jerusalem when the college was "falling apart." He responded by saying that if the college proved to be a distraction from God's work, he would SHUT IT DOWN! He would not be sidetracked. He knew he needed to focus on Jerusalem, and carried right on doing so!

When you have the Jerusalem vision, even heavy trials will not stop you.

You would think that in the 1980s, while Mr. Armstrong was putting the Church back on track, he would have stopped the dig in Israel. Instead he joined *more* excavations. He also received a medal in the Knesset, and met with President Chaim Herzog and Shimon Peres. Prof. Benjamin Mazar, who led the Jerusalem digs, personally visited the Ambassador College campus many times.

The fruits show that God was inspiring Mr. Armstrong's presence in Jerusalem. He was providing miracles and opening doors, and Mr. Armstrong always tried to walk through every door God opened! Some of the most outstanding universities in America were trying to be a part of those excavations—the most important digs on Earth. Yet a

small college in Pasadena, California, was the one that received that honor! GOD WAS TRYING TO GET HIS PEOPLE'S MINDS ON JERUSALEM AND THE VISION IT REPRESENTS.

In 1986, Ambassador College students appeared on the cover of *Biblical Archaeology Review*—impressive prestige and publicity for *any* college. It was as though God was reminding His people that they needed to stay focused on Jerusalem.

Sadly, when Mr. Armstrong died, the Church members got their minds off that city. And where there is no vision, the people perish. Without vision, churches and colleges perish! That is what happened to Ambassador College and the Worldwide Church of God.

Thankfully, that is not where the story ends.

Behold Your God!

Within four years of Mr. Armstrong's death, the organization behind this magazine launched with the express purpose of continuing the work his successors abandoned. Equipped with the same truth Mr. Armstrong proclaimed, and inspired by the same vision, we have resurrected the television program, magazines,

was that Satan the devil hated what he was doing and worked fervently to oppose it. Second, Mr. Armstrong's intense determination to surmount those obstacles showed his passion and love for Jerusalem! His knowledge of the Bible's prophecies kept him focused on that city, and he found tremendous hope there. He saw its importance because HE HAD VISION!

During the 1970s especially, there was significant turmoil in the Church Mr. Armstrong founded. Some ministers staged something of a coup aimed at liberalizing the Church's teachings. Ambassador College succumbed to these liberal forces in the faculty and student body. Mr. Armstrong had to disfellowship his own son, who then publicly maligned him. The state of California attacked the Church in what was later proved to be a totally unsubstantiated, unconstitutional assault. Many members and ministers left the Church.

This is a compelling illustration of the truth in King Solomon's proverb. These people LACKED VISION, and they were *perishing* spiritually!

All this occurred while Mr. Armstrong was undertaking his greatest efforts in Jerusalem! Satan knows the power of this

book and booklet production and other media efforts. We have revived many other aspects of his work, including Public Appearance Campaigns, a primary and secondary school and summer educational programs for youth, concerts and other cultural events, and a liberal arts college with campuses in America and Britain (now named Herbert W. Armstrong College).

We also have a work in Israel that continues Mr. Armstrong's legacy. We raised the ruins of Mr. Armstrong's humanitarian work in Jerusalem with the Armstrong International Cultural Foundation. We worked to restore Liberty Bell Park. Shortly after Dr. Eilat Mazar discovered King David's palace in the City of David, we started a partnership with her. We sent our first students to assist in her excavations in 2006. That same year, we met Jerusalem Mayor Uri Lupolianski. Our students have since been heavily involved in several digs that have unearthed

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marvelous, biblically significant artifacts, including Nehemiah's Wall, the bulla of Gedaliah (one of the Prophet Jeremiah's persecutors), and Solomon's Wall. God has clearly been abundantly blessing Dr. Mazar's work, because she has made one discovery of mind-boggling value after another!

Mr. Armstrong's presence in Jerusalem prepared the way for our work there today. Dr. Mazar probably wouldn't even be

working with us today if it weren't for Mr. Armstrong working with her grandfather, Benjamin Mazar. She grew up interacting with the Ambassador College students on the excavations.

The message of Isaiah 40:9 still needs to be proclaimed to the cities of Judah and in Jerusalem. God is doing that today through *this work*. We are allowing God to lead us through any doors He opens for us in the modern Jewish state to announce Christ's imminent return: "BEHOLD YOUR GOD!"

On March 30, the *New York Times* published an article titled "Can an Archaeological Dig Change the Future of Jerusalem?" It quoted former U.S. Ambassador to Israel Dan Shapiro as saying, "It's hard to overstate how moving it is for Jews to connect to David's Jerusalem." We operate a website, Watch Jerusalem (watchJerusalem.co.il), and are about to launch a new magazine, also with the title *Watch Jerusalem*. It will be aimed at connecting the people of Israel to David's Jerusalem. We have a POWERFUL message about that city that they need to hear, especially as the nation's problems intensify in the time ahead—which they certainly will, just as they did before A.D. 70.

God is reaching out to the people of Israel! Their own amazing history and heritage is being unearthed from the soil under their feet—artifacts that connect to prophecies of what is about to happen to them!

Jesus Christ is about to return! If He did not do so, every human being on Earth would be killed (Matthew 24:22). We must prepare the way for His Second Coming. We must declare to Judah, "BEHOLD YOUR GOD!" *Your Messiah is coming! You crucified my Son, God the Father might say, but now He's coming back. This is the Messiah you were looking for the first time around. You didn't want the one who would be crucified—you wanted a POWERFUL Messiah! This time, that's what you're going to get. BEHOLD YOUR GOD!*

That is our message to Jerusalem! There is wonderful vision wrapped up in Isaiah 40. Everything we are doing in this end time is about "Behold your God!" And God is opening this door.

YOU NEED TO WATCH JERUSALEM! You need the vision of what is going to happen in that city! In a very short while, Jerusalem is going to be the capital of this world. It will be called a city of truth. Peace, joy and happiness will be abundant (Zechariah 8:3-6). People from around the world will flow to Jerusalem to be taught God's law and to learn the way of peace (Isaiah 2:1-5). God's education and truth will fill the Earth! (Habakkuk 2:14).

I want to encourage you to request my free booklet *Jerusalem in Prophecy*. It explains these and many of the Bible's other prophecies about what will happen in this city in the time just ahead, and in that coming utopia. The last chapter is called "Looking to New Jerusalem." It explains how, after a thousand years of that world governed by Jesus Christ, *all mankind* will be resurrected, instructed, and given the opportunity for salvation (Revelation 20). Then God the Father will bring NEW JERUSALEM—the city that has foundations, after which Abraham sought—down to this Earth, and establish that as His universe headquarters (Revelation 21). He will be united at last with His Family, which will be absolutely happy and have full joy. That is THE BEGINNING of the rest of eternity! WHAT A VISION!

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ANCIENT ISRAEL'S WESTERN FRONTIER
Professor Garfinkel tours the archaeological site of the biblical town of Ziklag.



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King David: More Evidence Unearthed

A massive archaeological excavation has yielded further proof of Israel's greatest-ever monarch. **BY CHRISTOPHER EAMES**

THE CITY OF ZIKLAG IS MENTIONED 15 times in the Bible and has a rather peculiar story. It belonged to the Philistines until it changed hands rather peaceably with an unlikely individual: King David of Israel.

Its exact location has been uncertain. Archaeologists and scholars have suggested as many as a dozen different possible sites. None, however, quite fit the bill—until now.

A July 8 press release from the Khirbet a-Ra'i excavation team announced, "We have found biblical Ziklag." Over the past three years, a massive archaeological effort has excavated nearly half a square mile that provides evidence of the ancient city.

Supporting the Bible

Anciently, during the reign of a violent and unstable King Saul, David and 600 other men were on the run. Weary of being constantly on the move within the land of Israel, David took his men to the Philistine city of Gath and sought refuge with King Achish. As the account in

1 Samuel 27-29 describes, the Philistine king befriended David, seeing in him a fellow "enemy" of Israel—or, at least, an enemy of King Saul. And he gave him a remarkable gift: "And David said unto Achish, If I have now found grace in thine eyes, let them give me a place in some town in the country, that I may dwell there: for why should thy servant dwell in the royal city with thee? Then Achish gave him Ziklag that day: wherefore Ziklag pertaineth unto the kings of Judah unto this day" (1 Samuel 27:5-6).



Ziklag thus became a sort of "first city" for David, who had already been chosen and anointed as king but was not publicly recognized as such until after Saul's death. David lived at Ziklag until the monarch's demise, for a year and four months (verse 7).

Finds at Khirbet a-Ra'i match with several elements of the biblical account of Ziklag.

The excavation, located in what would have originally been Philistine territory, shows heavy evidence of Philistine settlement from the 12th to 11th centuries B.C., which is the period of primary Philistine settlement into the Levant. Finds at the site included "foundation offerings" set beneath buildings in order to bring good luck to their construction, massive stone structures, and general Philistine pottery—discoveries that match with the other excavated Philistine sites of Gath, Ashkelon, Ekron and Ashdod.

Then the remains of Philistine settlement show a transition into rural Judean settlement, dating to around the early 10th century—the time of King David. Discoveries belonging to this Judean settlement include nearly 100 complete vessels identical to those of another early Davidic city: Khirbet Qeiyafa, identified as biblical Shaaraim. The similarity of Khirbet a-Ra'i and Khirbet Qeiyafa can be well vouched for, as they were both excavated by professors Yossi Garfinkel and Sa'ar Ganor, and carbon-14 dated to the identical period. Like Shaaraim, Ziklag was a frontier city, located atop a prominent hill near the border between Israel and Philistia.

Evidence shows that during this period of Judean occupation at Khirbet a-Ra'i, an intense fire destroyed the site. This too matches with the biblical account of Ziklag. While David and his men were on an expedition with Achish, the Amalekites "had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire," taking the women and children captive (1 Samuel 30:1-2). Evidence of the Amalekites has been elusive to archaeologists. The conflagration in Khirbet a-Ra'i could be evidence of their marauding presence. The excavation team is still waiting on dating analysis to show exactly when this fiery destruction occurred, and thus if it precisely fits with the Amalekite attack.

CLUES FROM THE PAST

Professor Garfinkel displays pottery excavated at the biblical town of Ziklag.



The Important Point

In reaction to the press release from the site excavators and Israel Antiquities Authority, some debate has stirred among the archaeology community as to whether this is indeed biblical Ziklag.

Biblical minimalists such as Israel Finkelstein refuse to accept the biblical account, particularly of David's reign, as accurate; they believe it is merely a collection of stories written long after the events they purport to record. Thus, they consider Ziklag ahistorical—with Khirbet a-Ra'i not fitting the period in

that cast doubt on its being Ziklag in particular, as part of their larger effort to discredit the biblical account.

But this debate misses the larger, more important point. Whether or not this site is Ziklag of the Bible (and the evidence suggests that it *is*), Khirbet a-Ra'i is irrefutably *another massive piece of evidence of David's kingdom*. It is another astounding discovery of a Judean-occupied site, matching a growing number of others, dating squarely to the period of David's rule.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS AS A DAVIDIC-

David, what was to prevent the powerful, war-mongering Philistines from simply reclaiming the site? The fact that such a vulnerable rural Judean outpost could continue to exist on the Philistine border attests to there being a powerful monarch ruling from Judah who could oppose Philistine incursions. The Bible is clear who this 10th-century ruler was. It was David.

Even with these and other discoveries testifying to the existence of both David and Solomon, the battle for historical truth still rages in academic circles in Israel. Unfortunately, the very heated and public debate about David and Solomon has tainted the public's receptivity to past and future discoveries that have biblical significance. Because critics have impugned the biblical account, many assume that the Bible's descriptions have been scientifically disproved, when in reality they have merely been academically contested.

Biblical archaeology has made significant strides recently pushing back against those that discredit the history of the Bible.

The announcement of Ziklag's discovery comes on the heels of research released just one week earlier proving the biblical origins of the Philistines. There had been much scholarly debate as to where the Bronze Age Philistines came from—perhaps somewhere in the Mediterranean, perhaps from Turkey. The Bible states that they were from “Caph-tor,” which is believed to be the Greek island of Crete (Amos 9:7; Jeremiah 47:4). DNA samples taken from a Philistine burial site at Ashkelon revealed that the 13th century B.C. individuals were indeed from southern Europe, with the closest DNA link being to Crete!

As time progresses, more and more biblical stories are being proved accurate through archaeological discoveries. Excavations at sites such as the City of David (Jerusalem), Tel 'Eton, Khirbet Qeiyafa, Timna, Tel Dan and now Khirbet a-Ra'i are providing hard science that counters the skeptics' assumptions regarding King David. ■

To learn more about the minimalist-maximalist debate about the early Israelite kingdom, read **“Did David and Solomon Actually Exist?”** (watch.Jerusalem.co.il/178).

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which it is believed to have been written.

Leaving aside this theoretical bias, the primary debate revolves around whether or not Khirbet a-Ra'i fits geographically with the biblical account. Ziklag was primarily assumed to have been located further south, given its original allotment to the tribe of Simeon (Joshua 19:5). However, these biblical boundaries are still unclear, and Khirbet a-Ra'i cannot be discounted on this basis.

Until a sign is found saying “Ziklag Was Here,” the debate is sure to continue among academic circles. And the minimalists will fixate on any details

ERA SITE GOES FAR BEYOND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF WHETHER OR NOT IT IS ZIKLAG. The site is an exact match for material found at other early Israelite kingdom sites dating to David's reign. And the fact that the material was sealed within a burn layer allows a precise snapshot of specifically Davidic material. The geographic position of Khirbet a-Ra'i shows an expanded territory—Israelite territory branching out within what had been Philistine land—just as the biblical account describes during David's reign.

And while the biblical account shows that Ziklag was originally gifted to



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A Prophesied Resurgence in Israel

The Jewish state is confident and strong, and for good reason. How long can the good times last? **BY BRAD MACDONALD**

JERUSALEM

ISRAEL'S ECONOMY IS STRONG and growing stronger. In the last decade, the nation's per capita gross domestic product has grown by 45 percent, significantly better than most Western nations. Foreign direct investment in the first quarter of 2019 increased by more than \$45 billion and is currently at a record high. Israel is a world leader in scientific research and technology innovation and development.

Militarily, Israel is stronger than ever. While it isn't the largest military in the Middle East, the Israel Defense Force is

technologically superior, more highly trained and better equipped than all the others. This gives Israel tremendous confidence in its military, intelligence and security establishments.

Israel is also confident strategically and geopolitically. Terrorist violence is ever present, and the nation remains surrounded by enemies, some of which regularly fire missiles at Israel's towns and cities. But those seeking Israel's destruction are either weakened by political dysfunction (e.g. the Palestinian Authority) or relatively ineffectual before Israel's superior strength.

Israelis believe that as long as they remain strong and alert, they will be safe and secure.

Given these conditions, it's easy to understand why the Jewish state today is feeling confident and optimistic.

Concurrently, it is enjoying a resurgence in its relationship with America. Donald Trump's view of the Jewish state is basically the polar opposite of his predecessor, who practiced an adversarial foreign policy that sought to undermine Israel and embolden its enemies. Since President Trump was inaugurated in January 2017, his basic approach to

Israel has been to look at what Barack Obama did, *then do the opposite*.

America and its president are a major part of Israel's success, and its confidence and optimism. At a time when anti-Semitism is mounting globally and Israel is being maligned and isolated, having the support of America's president has been extraordinary and indispensable. Caroline Glick called Mr. Trump "the most pro-Israel president in U.S. history. No other president comes close." He has also been called the "first Jewish president of the United States."

Shmueli Boteach, a popular American rabbi, described the sentiment many Jews have toward Donald Trump in a *Jerusalem Post* article in April. "Hearing the most powerful man on Earth acknowledge the rise of Jew-hatred all over the globe, and his declaration of war against it, helped to greatly assuage Jewish feeling of isolation and abandonment," he wrote. "U.S. President Donald Trump told us that we're not in this fight alone. *There will be no modern Masada. There is no Fortress Israel. THE MOST POWERFUL NATION ON EARTH IS BY ISRAEL'S SIDE*" (emphasis added).

One can appreciate this man's sense of hope, and the general confidence and optimism in Israel today.

But how long can the good times last? There are reasons to believe that Israel has too much confidence, too much hope, both in itself and in President Trump.

Pro-Israel President

First, though, consider what Donald Trump has done for Israel.

On May 22, 2017, just four months after taking office, Donald Trump became the first sitting U.S. president to visit the Western Wall, one of the Jews' most revered sites. It was a very public gesture, delivered early in his presidency—and deeply unpopular with the international community—and was a clear sign of where America's president stood.

Six months later, on Dec. 6, 2017, Mr. Trump again made history by becoming the first U.S. president to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital. Then on May 14, 2018, the 51st anniversary of the Six-Day War and Jerusalem's unification, America opened its embassy in Jerusalem. This decision was also deeply unpopular with the international community and

within America's political establishment. This didn't faze Mr. Trump. America had promised for decades to relocate its embassy to Jerusalem, and he was determined to follow through. Israel was thrilled and grateful. At the embassy opening, Israeli President Reuven Rivlin said, "Finally, we have a leader who promised it and also kept his promise."

That wasn't the only big development in May 2018. The week before, on May 8, President Trump announced America's withdrawal from the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action—the Iran nuclear deal. "This was a horrible one-sided deal that should have never, ever been made," he said. "It didn't bring calm, it didn't bring peace, and it never will."

This decision was also extremely unpopular. It infuriated Barack Obama and virtually the entire political establishment, as well as Russia, China, Europe, Britain and most of the international community. None of this bothered America's president. Meanwhile, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and the entire nation of Israel were ecstatic.

On March 21 this year, America's president made another pro-Israel announcement. With one tweet, he overhauled a major American policy on Israel: "After 52 years it is time for the United States to fully recognize Israel's sovereignty over the Golan Heights, which is of critical strategic and security importance to the State of Israel and regional stability!" A few days later, the White House made it official. Again, this decision rankled politicians in America and in the international community. But that didn't deter Mr. Trump; Israel came first!

Since January 2017, within the notoriously anti-Israel United Nations, the U.S. has robustly defended Israel. Until she resigned last December, Nikki Haley, handpicked by Donald Trump as America's ambassador to the UN,

was an absolute warrior for Israel. She introduced Security Council resolutions condemning Hamas and withdrew U.S. support from UNESCO, UNRWA and the UN Human Rights Council, all favoring Israel.

America's president has initiated many other significant changes, including cutting aid to the Palestinian Authority (which, among other corrupt behavior, uses funds to pay family members of terrorists), officially designating Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps as a terrorist entity, and routinely and pub-



STANDING BY ISRAEL
President Trump visits the Wailing Wall in 2017 (above), moves the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem in 2018, and visits Prime Minister Netanyahu (right).

licly defending Israel and furthering its interests, both domestically and globally.

Under President Trump, America has delivered on promises that have been made for decades. Many of the president's actions have been significant, meaningful, even historic.

Considering all these decisions, it's easy to understand Israel's affection for Mr. Trump and why many Israelis and Jews are so hopeful. There is a certain confidence and comfort that comes with knowing that the leader of the most powerful nation on Earth has your back. Add in Israel's economic and military strength, and you can understand the nation's optimism.

But is Israel too confident? Both Israel and America ought to remember the

words of wise King Solomon: “Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall” (Proverbs 16:18).

To understand why, we need to examine what Bible prophecy says about the present situation.

Prophetic Parallel in History

Gerald Flurry, the *Trumpet’s* editor in chief, has explained the prophecy in Amos 7, which identifies Donald Trump as a modern-day type of King Jeroboam II of Israel.



King Jeroboam presided over a spectacular renaissance in the kingdom of Israel in the first half of the eighth century B.C. (2 Kings 14:23-29). Israel attained a level of material prosperity, power and national security it hadn’t experienced since King Solomon. Today, America and Britain are the modern-day descendants of ancient Israel, and these nations are enjoying an obvious resurgence. (You can read more about this prophecy in our article on page 20.)

Who is ultimately responsible for this resurgence? Verse 27 says that it was GOD who “saved [Israel] by the hand of Jeroboam.” Mr. Flurry explained this crucial point in the May-June 2018 *Philadelphia Trumpet*: “This resurgence was not because of any personal greatness

or leadership skill by Jeroboam. It was because GOD took pity on Israel in its affliction. It was because GOD did not want the name of Israel blotted out. It was because GOD SAVED ISRAEL!”

The same is true today: *God* is behind the resurgence in both America and the Jewish state!

The Jews today are the descendants of ancient Judah. The nation of Israel covers virtually all the territory included within that kingdom. Anciently, both Israel and Judah experienced a national

believed God was blessing their nation for its *righteousness*.

Anciently, the revivals in both Israel and Judah were short-lived. As Mr. Flurry wrote, “And that resurgence *was temporary*. Not long after, Israel was conquered and its people dispersed in captivity to the Assyrians.” The affluence in the kingdom of Judah lasted a little longer, but it also ended: Judah was soon conquered and enslaved by the Babylonians.

This history is so positive and inspiring, if only America, Britain and the Jewish

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resurgence at precisely the same time. You can study Israel’s resurgence in 2 Kings 14 and Judah’s resurgence in 2 Kings 15 and 2 Chronicles 26.

The *King James Study Bible* says during the first half of the eighth century B.C., “both kingdoms were enjoying great prosperity and had reached new political and military heights.”

As is so common with human nature, the material prosperity and power caused the people of both Israel and Judah to grow overconfident and arrogant. 2 Chronicles 26:16 says, “But when Uzziah [Judah’s king] became strong, he became so proud (of himself and his accomplishments) that he acted corruptly, and he was unfaithful and sinned against the Lord his God ...” (Amplified).

Both Israel and Judah became overconfident. They became fixated on material wealth and pursuits and on satisfying carnal passions. “It was also a time of idolatry, extravagant indulgence in luxurious living, immorality, corruption of judicial procedures and oppression of the poor” (ibid). Many were so deceived they actually

state would give it the time and attention it deserves. God is using this history and its present parallels to warn these nations. He is giving these nations a resurgence so He can deliver one final warning. He is trying to communicate with us!

Will you listen to what God is saying?

Israel should not allow President Trump’s ardent support to bait it into the trap of overconfidence. It must not exaggerate America’s long-term commitment and ability to support and defend the Jewish state. It must not allow its economic and military strength to foster a false sense of security. After all, what happens if America’s president suddenly changes his approach? What comes *after* Donald Trump? His current stance on Israel is an *exception* among world leaders. At some point, this anomaly will end. Then what? Israel is confident and optimistic, but it must be realistic. And it makes a grave mistake if it leaves God out of the picture.

For now, Israel has Donald Trump on its side. Thanks to God’s sanction, America’s president is a powerful force to be aligned with. But Bible prophecy says Mr. Trump, and the resurgence underway in both America and Israel, is a *temporary* phenomenon.

Time, geography, global trends and Bible prophecy are on the side of Israel’s enemies. ■

WATCH JERUSALEM

The One Minority Society Loves to Hate

The world is agitating for another, even more horrific Holocaust.
BY RICHARD PALMER



IN EUROPE, JEWS ARE ONCE AGAIN BEHIND bars. Not in concentration camps—yet. But whenever they gather in synagogues, Jewish schools or other cultural centers, they are doing so behind walls, fences, gates and guards. In Paris's main Jewish district, French soldiers patrol the streets.

Synagogues in Europe's big cities spend about a quarter of their budgets on security. In some places, it's as high as 50 percent. In May, German Chancellor Angela Merkel warned that every synagogue and Jewish school in Germany requires constant police protection.

Meanwhile, the deadliest anti-Semitic attack in recent United States history occurred in October 2018 when a gunman killed 11 at a synagogue in Pittsburgh. Last June, Elan Carr, U.S. special envoy for monitoring and combating anti-Semitism, told a conference in Jerusalem, "We live in a time of danger. Any synagogue, every JCC [Jewish Community Center], should have guards."

In Paris last year, a Holocaust survivor was murdered in her own apartment in an anti-Semitic attack. Almost exactly a year before, a Jewish widow was murdered in the same neighborhood under similar circumstances. In 2015, four were killed in an attack on a kosher supermarket. Forty percent of all violent hate crimes in France are anti-Semitic despite Jews being less than 1 percent of the population.

For every murder, there are thousands more death threats, attacks on Jewish buildings, and other anti-Semitic crimes. Jewish parents receive phone calls threatening to murder their children. Jewish drivers find notes on their parked cars, saying they're being watched. Jewish pedestrians walk by graffiti saying that Hitler had the right idea.

The statistics are all heading in the wrong direction. In France, anti-Semitic acts were up 74 percent in 2018 compared to 2017. In the U.S., they doubled. In Germany they rose 20 percent, with violent attacks up 60 percent. The United Kingdom has set new records for the largest number of anti-Semitic incidents in each of the last three years.

The unique thing about this spike is that there is no immediate cause. Previous surges in anti-Semitic violence in the West have occurred in tandem with major events in the Middle East surrounding the Jewish nation of Israel: the Second Intifada or a war in Gaza, for example. In recent years, there has been no trigger. Soaring anti-Semitism is just the new normal.

"It is now clear that anti-Semitism is no longer limited to the far left, far right and radical Islamists' triangle—it has become mainstream and often accepted by civil society," said Moshe Kantor, president of the European Jewish Congress.

The problem is getting so bad that Jews fear to show themselves publicly. Germany's

anti-Semitism commissioner, Felix Klein, said Jews should avoid wearing their kippahs in some areas to avoid attack. In the Netherlands, nearly half of Jews say they are afraid to identify as Jews in public.

A Problem in Politics

This anti-Semitism is not being committed by European governments yet. But across Europe, political parties with anti-Semitic links are gaining power.

In a democracy, growing anti-Semitism in the populace is going to be reflected in its political parties. In some regions of Germany, the Alternative für Deutschland is the most popular party. One of the party's state leaders has strongly criticized Germany for building Holocaust memorials, and has said that the nation should be proud of the accomplishments of its soldiers in World War II. In Hungary, Jobbik, the country's second-most popular party, has routinely engaged in anti-Semitism. In 2012, one of its members of Parliament called for the government to draw up a list of all Jews in the nation, since they were a "national security risk." In 2013, the party chairman said their country "was not for sale" to Jews. (As Jobbik has gained in popularity, it has tried to tone down its anti-Semitism.)

Across Hungary, 24 percent say they want Jews to leave the country, up from 12 percent in 2006. Thirty percent want restrictions on the number of Jews who can work certain jobs.

Austria's Freedom Party was, until recently, part of the government. The party was founded by two former members of the Waffen SS. In France, members of the yellow vest movement, which organized weeks of mass protests across the nation, show worrying signs of anti-Semitism. Forty-four percent of them said they believe there is a "global Zionist plot" for Jews to rule the world.

Even in the UK, the Labour Party is facing a statutory investigation to determine if it is institutionally anti-Semitic. In July, the BBC's *Panorama* program asked, "Is Labour Anti-Semitic?" The hour-long exposé showed Jewish Labour members describing the barrage of persecution they have received since Jeremy Corbyn became party leader in 2015—as well as the way party leadership has protected anti-Semitism.

As anti-Semitism rises, memories are fading of what has happened historically when Jew-hatred has surged. A CNN poll published in November surveyed more than 7,000 people in mainland Europe and Britain. MORE THAN ONE THIRD (34 percent) know little to nothing about the violence against Jews in the World War II era. About 5 percent have never even heard of the Holocaust. In France, that figure is 20 percent among 18-to-34-year-olds.

For those familiar with the history of the Holocaust, about 32 percent say the Jews use the memory of it "to advance their own positions or goals."

Almost 20 percent of Europeans say they believe that anti-Semitism is a justifiable reaction to Jewish behavior; about 28 percent say it is in response to the nation of Israel itself. No wonder that in Austria, 58 percent say they believe that something like the Holocaust could happen again. THESE ARE DEEPLY ALARMING FIGURES.

Jews Fearful

Jews, naturally, are worried. A survey conducted by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights and published in December 2018 found that, for the majority of Jews in Europe, anti-Semitism threatens their way of life. The poll found that 89 percent say anti-Semitism has increased significantly over the last five years. Thirty-eight percent say they are thinking of leaving because they no longer feel



safe. Property prices in Israel are soaring—in part because European Jews are preparing to move.

France doesn't keep regular statistics on the number of Jews emigrating. But figures from 2015 show that 8,000 left for Israel. With large numbers also leaving for the U.S. or Quebec in Canada, the number of Jews in France is falling by about 1 percent each year. The former president of the Jewish Agency for Israel, Natan Sharansky, warned that there is "no future for Jews in France." Dov Maimon, a senior fellow at the Jewish People Policy Institute, who studies migration, said in 2015 he expected 250,000 Jews to move to Israel by 2030. There are currently only an estimated 550,000 Jews in France.

One parent told *Deutsche Welle* how much safer he feels after moving to Ashdod in Israel. "I can let the children play outside in the evenings and go to school by themselves," he said. "In France, I was afraid to let the children take public transportation, because there were cases of their friends being attacked on the Metro."

This rising tide also manifests itself on the international stage. Between 2009 and September 2018, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization passed 71 resolutions condemning Israel, and merely *two* resolutions against all other nations in the world combined. In 2018, the UN General Assembly passed 21 resolutions on

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Percentage of all violent hate crimes in France that are anti-Semitic despite Jews being less than 1 percent of the population.

TARGET

Tombstones in a Jewish cemetery in France are vandalized with swastikas in February.

74

Percentage increase of anti-Semitic acts in France from 2017 to 2018. In the U.S., they doubled.

In Germany they rose 20 percent, with violent attacks up 60 percent.



HATE

The Citizens of Poland office in Warsaw is vandalized with anti-Semitic messages in February.

Israel, and just six on all other countries. The UN Human Rights Council has passed more resolutions against Israel than against all other nations in the world combined. The UN has passed more than 700 resolutions condemning Israel, and zero condemning the terrorist group Hamas.

Criticism of Israel is not inherently anti-Semitic—but such obsession is. There is *no* evidence to suggest that Israel is the most problematic country on the planet, demanding the overwhelming attention of the United Nations. The Jewish state is being singled out because it is Jewish. That is textbook anti-Semitism.

You may think resentment toward Jews is not a major problem. It makes them uncomfortable, but after all, no one is building gas chambers.

But what did the world look like *before* they built the gas chambers? IT LOOKED A LOT LIKE IT DOES TODAY. Prior to the Holocaust, it was not only acceptable but fashionable to despise Jews.

A History of Evil

“The martyrdom of Jews in the 1940s would strip anti-Semitism [in Britain] of its respectability,” wrote William Manchester in *The Last Lion*, “but in the 1930s, it was a quite ordinary thing to see restaurants, hotels, clubs, beaches and residential neighborhoods barred to people with what were delicately called ‘dietary requirements.’ ... Contempt for [Jews] was not considered bad form. They were widely regarded as unlovable, alien, loud-mouthed, ‘flashy’ people who enriched themselves at the expense of Gentiles.”

“Ladies wore bracelets with swastika charms; young men combed their hair slant across their foreheads,” he wrote. Even former King of England Edward VIII visited Hitler in Germany, said he admired the führer, and did not lift a finger to curb the blatant acts of anti-Semitism surging in the government and across the country.

“Poland’s national character, like Germany’s, was marred by a livid streak of anti-Semitism,” wrote Manchester. In Hungary, anti-Semitic laws similar to those in Nazi Germany made persecution of Jews routine. In France in the late 1930s, rowdy crowds, alarmed by the prospect of war with Germany and convinced that Jewish warmongers were the root

of the problem, protested in towns and suburbs, crying, “Death to the Jews. Raid the Jews.”

In Germany, persecution of Jews was adopted as government policy nearly a decade before the war began. The 1935 Nuremberg Laws and other legislation institutionalized anti-Semitism and provided the Hitler regime legal cover to begin harassing and oppressing German Jews. These laws led to *Kristallnacht*—“the night of broken glass”—a terrifying pogrom against Jews carried out in November 1938 by Hitler’s paramilitary forces and German citizens.

Hatred of Jews was also common in America. “The worst period of American anti-Semitism,” wrote history Prof. Leonard Dinnerstein, “was sandwiched between the ends of World War I and World War II” (*Anti-Semitism in Times of Crisis*). He wrote that by the mid-1940s, animosity had swelled to the point where many American Jews feared that the pogroms occurring in Nazi Germany would spread to America.

This history shows why it is not only Jews who should fear the direction we are heading.

Throughout history, rising anti-Semitism has been a symptom of a society in crisis. The *Guardian*’s Jonathan Freedland wrote, “Jews have often functioned as a canary in the coal mine: When a society turns on its Jews, it is usually a sign of wider ill health” (March 30, 2018). It is no coincidence that the world’s worst-ever attack on Jews, numbers-wise, took place at the same time as the world’s most destructive war.

As Russian society fell apart in the late 19th century, waves of pogroms swept through the empire. In the 1880s, Jews were attacked in Kiev, Warsaw and Odessa. Between 1903 and 1906, thousands of Jews died in a series of attacks that ran alongside the turmoil surrounding the 1905 Russian Revolution. These pogroms were a symptom of a terminally sick society, one that finally destroyed itself in 1917.

Around that time, some in France blamed the Jews for defeat in the Franco-Prussian War (1870–1871). This sparked a rise in anti-Semitism that led to the infamous Dreyfus Affair and a steady undercurrent of French Jew-hatred.

For 2,000 years of European history, Jews have been persecuted in good times and bad. But a pattern has emerged: In periods of major social tension and upheaval, Jews become the scapegoat. When the Black Death killed tens of millions in the 1300s, people blamed the Jews: Hundreds of Jewish communities were attacked; about 1,000 Jews were burned alive in Strasbourg.

Whenever Europe got involved with the Middle East, attacks on the Jews also spiked. When Medieval Europe suffered setbacks, Jews were blamed. During the First Crusade in 1096, Jewish communities in central Europe were wiped out in a separate German Crusade. Around 12,000 are estimated to have been killed in cities around the Rhineland. When King Richard I of England left to fight in the

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Percentage of European Jews who say they are thinking of leaving because they no longer feel safe.

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Percentage of Hungarians who want Jews to leave the country.

Thirty percent want restrictions on the number of Jews who can work certain jobs.

Middle East, anti-Jewish riots broke out across the country. As Pope Innocent III greatly expanded the Crusades, he also persecuted Europe's Jews. His forcing of Jews to wear a special badge, and other persecutions, are widely seen as a turning point that intensified persecution against European Jews. As the example of Pope Innocent shows, such persecution was also usually strongest whenever the Catholic Church was strongest.

British journalist Melanie Phillips noted that today's "resurgence of these anti-Semitic tropes suggests a terrifying mass loss of reason. ... When societies and individuals find their identity fragmenting, they turn on the Jewish people as the scapegoat onto which they project their own murderous feelings" (February 15). Global anti-Semitism is a symptom of global societal unrest.

But even this analysis fails to identify the real reason for concern.

hatred. The coming beast power [a political-religious empire prophesied to arise in this end time] will exhibit the same hatred for the Jews as well.

"Most people who hate the Jews don't even know why they do. Can we see Satan behind such lies and hatred?"

Satan has a special hatred for Jews. He is the ultimate source of anti-Semitism.

Why this special hatred? Because of the Jews' special role in God's plan.

"Satan the devil understands the plan of God," writes Mr. Flurry. "He has a great hatred for God. Because of the plan of God, the word *Jew* can really stir up Satan's wrath. ... Hatred for the Jews has been inspired by Satan" (ibid).

This is why anti-Semitism, and it is also why anti-Semitism is such an effective barometer of crisis. Its rise shows that Satan is really influencing minds.

Now, just what is the Jews' special role?

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Percentage of Europeans who say they believe anti-Semitism is a justifiable reaction to Jewish behavior.



If anti-Semitism is indeed the "canary in the coal mine," we face a deadly poison of global proportions. To understand why, we must understand the unseen fountainhead of this hatred.

The Source of Anti-Semitism

The Bible is clear that God the Father has a plan for mankind, and that the Jews have a unique role in this plan. Most of the Old Testament is a history of the Jews and the other tribes of Israel. Even the New Testament has a lot to say about Jews, as we shall see.

The Bible also reveals that there is a devil who hates God and relentlessly seeks to destroy His plan (John 8:44; 2 Corinthians 4:4; Revelation 12). It is not fashionable to talk about him today. But it's impossible to believe what the Bible says and fail to recognize the devil's existence. Ephesians 2:2 says the devil influences people's moods, feelings and emotions. He is the ultimate author of jealousy, anger and hatred.

"Satan can stir up vicious hatred," *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry writes in his book *The Key of David*. "He loves to use out-of-control emotions. A religion taken to the extreme—such as radical Islam—gives him a great field to work in. Nazi Germany exhibited fanatical hatred for the Jews. The Nazis also used emotion to stir up a repugnant

'Salvation Is of the Jews'

The Jews descend from Judah, just one of the 12 tribes of Israel. The Bible makes clear God has a role for *all* these tribes—and Satan hates *all* these tribes. But there is still something unique in God's plan for Judah.

In Genesis, God made a great twofold promise to Abraham after the patriarch demonstrated his obedience. This included the promise of *grace*: "[I]n thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed" (Genesis 22:18). Here, as part of His plan to offer salvation to all mankind, was God's guarantee of a Messiah who would come as a descendant of Abraham.

Genesis 49:10 shows that this promise was passed on to Judah: "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet, until Shiloh come; and unto him shall the gathering of the people be." This promise said the Messiah would be born to a Jewish woman! This is why Jesus said, "[S]alvation is of the Jews" (John 4:22). What an honor for the Jews to play this part in the Father's plan.

God loves all people, His plan includes all people, and He will offer salvation to all people. But the Jews play a unique role in this plan. "God directly involved the Jews in His plan," Mr. Flurry writes. "From

PREWAR PERSECUTION

(From left) Graffiti marks a storefront in Vienna, Austria, in 1938. Young Germans watch elderly Jewish men scrub the streets in 1938. A mass grave discovered at the Nordhausen concentration camp in 1945.

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Percentage of Austrians who say they believe that something like the Holocaust could happen again.

FOR THE ROMAN EMPIRE, EGYPT was special. It was not governed like the other provinces—rather, it was the personal property of the Roman Empire.

No aristocrat was allowed to even set foot in the country without the permission of the emperor. Why? Egypt fed the empire. Control of this breadbasket gave enormous power, and the emperor did not want to risk anyone taking it away.

Two thousand years later, the principle remains the same: Control of resources means power.

In an era of open trade, open oceans and the United States Navy, we have had the luxury of forgetting this principle. But as tariffs multiply, trade war looms and nations stake out ocean passages as their own, reality is roaring back.

This is why the European Union's involvement in two giant trade blocs is so significant. It is gaining access to the world's most important sources of raw material. The news has been little remarked upon, but it is a major step for Europe toward world power.

The World's Largest Trade Area

On June 28, the European Union and the Latin American trade bloc MERCOSUR announced agreement on a draft of the world's largest free-trade area. When the deal was under negotiation earlier this year, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote, "This trade agreement will impact the whole world! It is going to affect your life dramatically" (*Trumpet*, March 2019).

Why is this deal so important? Because it is about so much more than trade. It's about the arrival of a dangerous empire in America's backyard.

The new agreement is a major, official step toward a European-Latin American alliance. European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker called it "a truly historic moment." Argentine President Mauricio Macri, who led the negotiations for MERCOSUR, said that it is "the most important agreement we've signed in our history."

The agreement creates a free-trade area with a population of 780 million and an annual economic output of \$21 trillion. It covers the four core nations of MERCOSUR (Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay) and will abolish

FUELING AN EMPIRE

Massive trade deals with South America and Africa give Europe the resources it needs.

BY RICHARD PALMER AND DANIEL DI SANTO

\$4.5 billion worth of duties. Over the next 10 to 15 years, it will phase out more than 90 percent of the tariffs the EU and MERCOSUR currently have on each other.

MERCOSUR typically places very high tariffs on goods from outside countries. These tariffs will continue on goods from other advanced economies like the United States, but not those produced in Europe. Meanwhile, it allows MERCOSUR to sell cheap raw material and agricultural goods to Europe. These are huge new advantages for German industry.

But this is about much more than economics. The small print of the deal isn't out yet, but the outlines show that MERCOSUR is signing up to several of the EU's rules and regulations. The deal will also lock the biggest economies in the region, Brazil and Argentina, into an economic and political relationship with Europe. EU Trade Commissioner Cecilia Malmström said it brought "closer ... friends and allies with whom we have long historical ties and with whom we work very well in many other areas."

The two blocs already have close economic links. The EU is MERCOSUR's top source for investment and second-biggest trading partner in goods.

Europe's strong noneconomic links to the region will make it easier for it to continue drawing closer to Latin America. The region's strong cultural links with Europe date back to its conquest by Spain and Portugal. These powers used religion to cement their hold on the region. The populations of Argentina, Paraguay, Bolivia, Chile, Peru, Colombia and Venezuela are all at least 70 percent Catholic today. About 40 percent of the world's Catholics live in Latin America, and a man born in Argentina leads the Catholic Church in Rome.

The two also have a strong military relationship. Between 2002 and 2011, more than 49 percent of weapons imported by South American nations came from the EU. Between 2014 and 2018, France and Germany sold significantly more to the region than did the United States.



How did the *Plain Truth* forecast such a specific development so long ago?

Making Africa in Europe's Image

It didn't take long for the EU-MERCOSUR record as the world's largest free-trade zone to be broken. After nearly 20 years of negotiations and intermediate steps, 54 African nations signed up to activate the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) on July 7. This massive bloc with a population of 1.3 billion aims to improve trade among African countries, introduce visa-free travel, and integrate transport.

China dominates most of the trade news in Africa. It is true that China is becoming more active in Africa, usually by debt diplomacy. No one knows exactly how many billions it has lent to African countries, though it is clearly a lot. But Europe is still also a major player. According to the European Commission, China's foreign direct investment to Africa in 2017 was \$40 billion; the EU's investment was \$325 billion.

The EU is also Africa's largest trading partner. In 2017, Africa exported 38 percent of all its goods to EU nations and imported 37 percent from the EU, according to Eurostat. After the EU, the next biggest source of imports to Africa was China, at 19 percent. The U.S. accounted for 15 percent. The African Union members conduct four times more trade with the EU than they do with each other. In 2018, trade between the EU and Africa was worth €271 billion (US\$302.2 billion).

The EU is Africa's number one source of development aid, according to the International Monetary Fund. African nations received 54 percent of all their official development assistance from EU member states in 2017, whereas only 27 percent came from the U.S.

This gives the EU a lot of leverage. And it is pushing Africa to remake itself in Europe's image. The significance of Europe and Africa's relationship is often buried in official jargon, but at its most basic level, it is the story of the European Union financing the EU-style integration of the African Union, all while making Africa more dependent upon Europe in the process.

The AfCFTA is styled on the EU. Like the EU, it is led by a commission. It aims to create the same kind of single market, with free movement of people and

The continent is full of secondhand European warships and German tanks.

"South America has clearly avoided being dependent on America for critical weapons systems. But it is dependent on Europe," states our booklet *He Was Right*. "South America is welded to Europe's military system." (Request your free copy.)

Nicholas J. Spykman, one of America's great geopolitical thinkers, warned about the power a united Europe would have in Latin America. Brazil and Argentina are so far from the U.S., it is difficult for the U.S. to project power there, he explained. For all practical purposes, it's as easy to travel from Buenos Aires to Spain or Portugal as it is to travel to Washington, D.C.

He warned that one of America's top priorities should be to stop Europe's unification. With such close links to South America, a united Europe would be difficult for the U.S. to keep out of Latin America. And once a united European power is there, it can threaten the U.S. This is why Spykman was an early supporter for war with Hitler and the

Nazis. He warned against isolationism, arguing that "even if the U.S. could have avoided war with Germany over Europe, it could not have avoided a struggle with Germany for hegemony over South America."

Robert Kaplan, another top geopolitical thinker, discusses Spykman's ideas in his book *Revenge of Geography*. He warns that "already one can see that the more united Europe becomes, the greater its tensions with the United States. A true European superstate with armed forces and a single foreign policy at its command would be both a staunch competitor of the U.S. and possibly the dominant outside power in the equidistant zone of southern South America."

In 1962, Herbert W. Armstrong's *Plain Truth* magazine wrote, "[T]he United States is going to be left out in the cold as two gigantic trade blocs, Europe and Latin America, mesh together and begin calling the shots in world commerce."

On June 28, those two blocs meshed together.

capital. The African Union is working on a passport that would allow all citizens of member nations to avoid the web of fees and bureaucracy currently associated with travel in the region—just like the EU has with its Schengen Zone.

Europe has been pushing—sometimes forcefully—for the AfCFTA's creation, and has helped finance the project. "The EU has been supporting African economic integration politically, technically and financially since the very beginning," states the official Africa-EU website. "To prepare the AfCFTA, the EU has supported the African Union Commission (AUC) on negotiations, technical expertise and technical studies."

The push for this free-trade zone in Africa began in 2007 at the Lisbon Summit, where 54 African and 27 European leaders convened to create the Joint Africa-EU Strategy. Since then, this agreement has served as the basis for millions of euros in EU development aid for Africa. Currently, Europe has budgeted €62.5 million (\$69.7 million) for support of the AfCFTA.

Europe also instituted the Aid for Trade fund. Nations around the globe chip into a common fund that is spent on trade-related development. Europe contributes the largest share (32 percent). Through Aid for Trade, Europe has given €92 million (\$1 billion) to West Africa specifically to help prepare for the new free-trade area. This is just one handout of money. The EU has regularly invested tens of millions in the AfCFTA.

EU money has funded the negotiations. EU bureaucrats have advised African nations on how to draw up the rules for the trade bloc. And it appears it was a promise of EU investment that persuaded Africa's most populous country to sign up. It looked like Nigeria would sit the trade deal out—a major blow to African unity. But then the EU dangled a promise of \$45 billion worth of investments, a windfall Nigeria would miss out on. Days later, Nigeria announced it would join.

Europe is willing to pay if it is able to strengthen its presence in Africa. Though other countries like China invest in Africa, none has made as many major long-term contributions as Europe.

What happens when African nations refuse to conform to the EU's wishes? In 2014, Kenya declined to sign up to an

EU Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA), which the EU describes as a trade and development aid deal tailor-made for the needs of the developing country. However, the EU was in no mood to negotiate. It resorted to economic pressure tactics, imposing strict tariffs on certain imports from Kenya. This led to financial difficulties and layoffs at several major African firms. Unsurprisingly, Kenya signed up the next month.

"Developing countries have a gun pointed at their chest—either they sign or their market access to the EU is restricted," said one German politician. "The EPA is the opposite of development cooperation."

Though the language all makes it sound like the EU is trying to do Kenya and others a favor, launching a trade war is a strange way to respond to someone turning your favor down.

Europe's Economic Partnership Agreements are cause for concern. Researchers have pointed out the risk that African industries and agriculture are not ready for tariffs to fall, because European competition could drive them out of business. Africa is still underdeveloped, and industries that previously depended on government protection to survive may fail under the pressure of European competition.

Peace and security were also a priority at a summit in 2014. This makes Africa likely to continue receiving European military training and deployments, especially because the Sahel region continues to battle radical Islamic terrorism.

A Rising Empire

Free access to resources is one of the most underappreciated blessings of our lifetimes. In a developed world, food is always available and, by historic standards, incredibly cheap. We spend our whole lives never having to worry about where the fuel to run our cars or heat our homes will come from. Electronics that require thousands of tiny parts and lots of rare metals are cheap and plentiful.

The EU is forging links with its *sources* for these materials. It wants to make sure it controls these materials. Meanwhile in Britain and the U.S., we don't give it a second thought. In fact, we don't even give it a first thought.

This is a dangerous consequence



MASSIVE RESOURCE
Excavations at the biggest open copper mine in the world in Chile

of decades of easy access to anything we want.

The Bible gives the overview of God's plan for the world, including all the major nations in it. As part of that plan, He intended the descendants of ancient Israel to set an example of how to obey God. He poured out blessings on the modern descendants of ancient Israel, which include the United States and the United Kingdom. (For proof, request your free copy of *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.) This is why we can access whatever materials we want from anywhere in the world. We assume this easy access is the natural state of the world. But it is a blessing from God.

But instead of obeying God, our nations have set an example of lawlessness. Thus, God promises to punish. Deuteronomy 28 lists some of the blessings He gave and the curses that are coming because of our disobedience. Verse 52 states that America's enemies "shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst" God prophesies that America's enemies will launch a siege against it, cutting it off from global trade.

Other passages show that a rising European power will play a major role in this siege.



OIL RICH
Oil platforms in Maracaibo Lake, Venezuela; the country possesses 20 percent of the world's oil reserves.



STRONG IN IRON
Railcars loaded with iron ore await transportation in Brazil.



ELEMENTAL NEED
This Bolivian salt flat holds 50 to 70 percent of the world's lithium reserves.

This European empire is prophesied to take control of a large part of the raw materials of the world. And we can see it laying the groundwork for that now.

Revelation 17, written 2,000 years ago, gives an overview of history and prophecy. It describes a beast power ruled at times by “kings.” It is some form of political entity: an empire, state or kingdom. Verse 3 shows it is ridden by a woman. Other passages, such as Revelation 12 and Ephesians 5, show that a woman in biblical symbolism is a church.

So here is a political power closely allied with a church. Revelation 17 gives more details. Verse 10 says this political power continually rises and falls. At the time that this passage was revealed, this power had risen and fallen five times. Its sixth incarnation was about to fall, and it would be followed by a seventh.

Where do we see an empire, led by a church, that rises and falls repeatedly? This is a perfect description of Europe’s repeated attempts to re-create the so-called Holy Roman Empire and its close ties to the Catholic Church. There are more scriptures you can put together with Revelation 17 to confirm this explanation. Request your free copy of *The Holy Roman Empire in Prophecy* to prove this for yourself.

The sixth resurrection (led by Nazi Germany and the Vatican) was there when Herbert W. Armstrong taught the world what these verses meant. It fell, and after he died, the seventh began to rise.

This same empire and this same church has long links with Latin America. When the *Plain Truth* warned Europe would form a new trade alliance with Latin America, it did so in part because of Europe’s history. This is the most important area of the world to control if you want to besiege America. And the Holy Roman Empire has often had strong links to this part of the world.

The Habsburg Empire brought this region to Catholicism through a massive influx of missionaries and by importing the Spanish Inquisition. On the recommendation of the Inquisition, thousands of “heretics” on the continent were tortured until they died or confessed. In Lima, Peru, alone, 1,000 were executed.

But European powers also have a history of forging links with Latin America in order to get at the United States.

Even with modern technology, attacking the U.S. across the Atlantic Ocean would be difficult. So European powers have looked for bases in the New World.

Napoleon launched a major military operation to conquer Haiti so he could

create a French colonial empire there. During the American Civil War, France tried to move into Mexico while the U.S. was distracted. In the early 1900s, Germany tried to establish a naval base in Venezuela, at the same time as the German High Command was working on plans for a land invasion of the U.S. During World War I, Germany infamously tried to secretly persuade Mexico to go to war with the U.S.

After World War II, many Latin American nations welcomed ex-Nazi war criminals. During the Cold War, Soviet Russia established close links with Cuba, deployed nuclear missiles there, and brought the world to the brink of nuclear war.

This is why the U.S. government has historically upheld the Monroe Doctrine, which states that European powers must not interfere in the Western Hemisphere. But the Obama administration openly abandoned the doctrine.

The Bible says that this empire will once more use Latin America to strike at the U.S.

This is what the EU-MERCOSUR agreement is really about. “The reality though is that by linking itself with Europe in this way, Latin America is contributing to the rise of a modern resurrection of the medieval Holy Roman Empire!” Mr. Flurry wrote in that March article.

The majority of America’s ocean-borne trade travels through its ports on the Gulf of Mexico. It is simply not possible to besiege America without a presence in Latin America.

Now Europe is moving in, forging close trade links. This is why Mr. Flurry warned, “Few Americans are paying attention to the situation that is developing to our south. But I guarantee they won’t be able to ignore it indefinitely. This trade agreement will impact the whole world! It is going to affect your life dramatically. The seeds are being sown for a trade war and an economic siege that will help destroy America. This trade deal is that important!” (ibid).

Europe can’t launch this kind of siege on its own. Isaiah 23 describes a “mart of nations”—a trading alliance that excludes the U.S. Tyre—a biblical label for this common economic superpower—is a pillar of this alliance. But so

New power potential

"We are passing through an interim period of a profound change in international power relations. Everywhere there emerges the desire for a new order and an outspoken aversion against dollar diplomacy. In this expanded transitory period, it should prove possible for Germany to build up a new political bloc out of Europe, Africa and Latin America. The economic advantages and the political possibilities in such a new power combination would put the United States against the wall."

German Geopolitical Center in Madrid, Dr. M. v. T. (1950)

MERCOSUR

This free-trade zone unites Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay into a \$2.5 trillion economic bloc. After more than 20 years of negotiations, MERCOSUR and the EU reached a trade agreement on June 28. Together, these two trade zones link 770 million people into the world's second-largest free-trade zone.

Long-range thinking

"A federated Europe will become a Third Force in the world ... Germany has again become a factor with whom others will have to reckon in international affairs There is also a long-range economic goal: the colonization of Africa. ... If we Europeans colonize Africa, we create at the same time a supplier of raw materials for Europe which will be of the greatest importance."

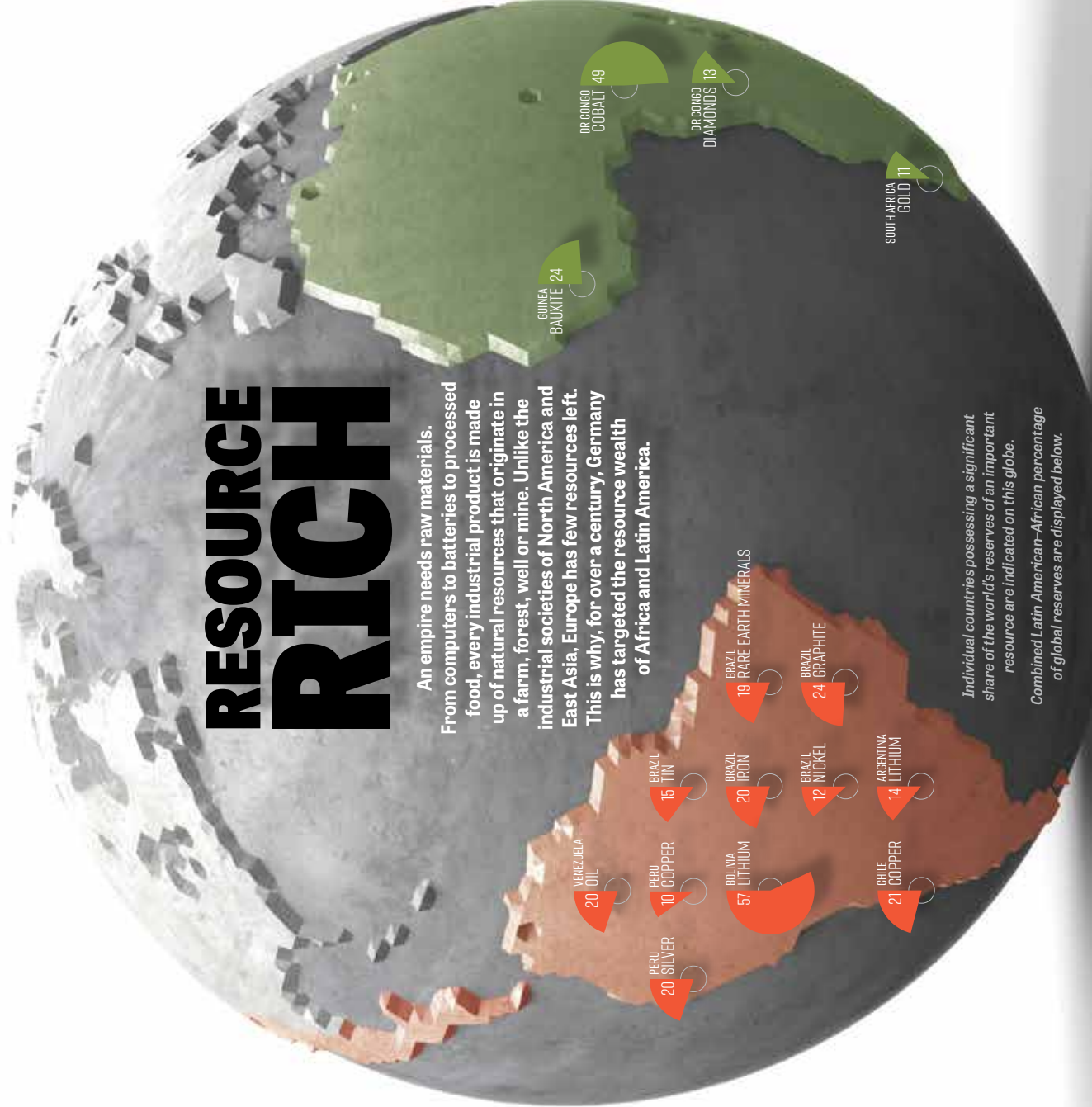
German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, (1950)

RESOURCE RICH

An empire needs raw materials. From computers to batteries to processed food, every industrial product is made up of natural resources that originate in a farm, forest, well or mine. Unlike the industrial societies of North America and East Asia, Europe has few resources left. This is why, for over a century, Germany has targeted the resource wealth of Africa and Latin America.

Individual countries possessing a significant share of the world's reserves of an important resource are indicated on this globe.

Combined Latin American-African percentage of global reserves are displayed below.

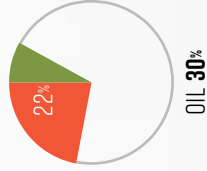


The African Continental Free Trade Area

This free-trade zone unites 54 African nations and 1.3 billion people into a \$3.4 trillion economic bloc. It became the world's largest free-trade zone in July, by which time every African nation except Eritrea had signed the agreement. This economic zone is patterned after the European Union.

Energy resources

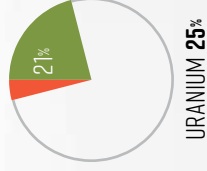
One of the primary reasons Germany lost World War II was a lack of oil and gas. Since Europe possesses less than 2 percent of the world's oil and gas reserves, it needs the oil and gas reserves of Africa and Latin America. Even Europe's nuclear power plants and nuclear-powered submarines need uranium ore, which is found primarily in Australia, Central Asia and sub-Saharan Africa.



OIL **30%**



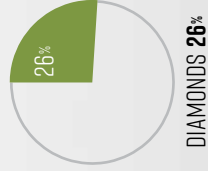
GAS **11%**



URANIUM **25%**

Precious substances

In addition to their raw financial value, gold, silver and diamonds have important industrial uses. Gold is used in the circuitry of satellites and space vehicles because it is a highly dependable conductor of electricity. Silver is also used in many high-tech industrial and electronic applications. Diamonds are used in industrial cutting, grinding and drilling procedures.



DIAMONDS **26%**



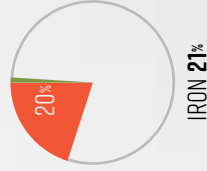
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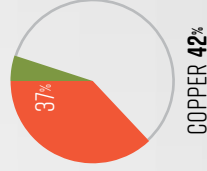
SILVER **35%**

Industrial materials

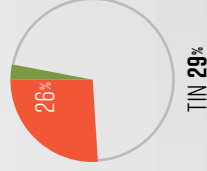
Industrial society is dependent on iron, copper, tin and bauxite. Steel is an alloy of iron and carbon. Bronze is an alloy of copper and tin. Aluminum is a processed form of bauxite. Centuries of mining have stripped Europe of these materials, leaving the Continent dependent on other nations to supply the raw materials needed to construct buildings and manufacture weapons.



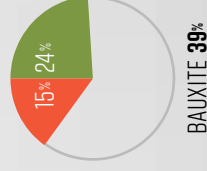
IRON **21%**



COPPER **42%**



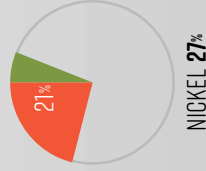
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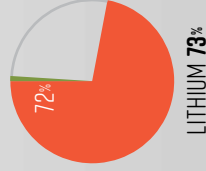
BAUXITE **39%**

Advanced electronic materials

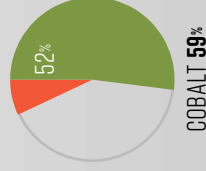
Lithium, cobalt, graphite, and nickel are collectively referred to as "battery minerals," because of their vital role in the manufacture of lithium-ion batteries. Together with 16 other strategically critical metals referred to as "rare earths" due to their scarcity, these elements are necessary for the construction of nearly all advanced electronics, from smart phones to ballistic missiles.



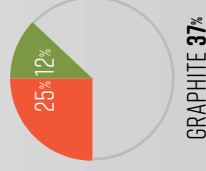
NICKEL **27%**



LITHIUM **73%**



COBALT **59%**



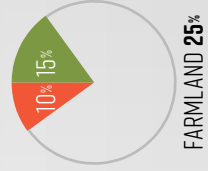
GRAPHITE **37%**



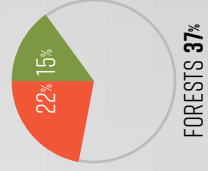
RARE EARTH MINERALS **19%**

Agricultural resources

Latin America is one of the world's major food exporting regions, making it a vital trade partner for any world power that consumes more food than it produces. Both Europe and the United States are especially dependent on Latin American fruit and vegetables. Additionally, both Africa and Latin America possess some of the world's largest rain forests, making them major lumber exporters.



FARMLAND **25%**



FORESTS **37%**

Hungry furnaces

"Flowing across the Atlantic to feed the hungry furnaces of the Ruhr and the other industrial complexes of Europe will come the rich mineral resources of Latin America."

Plain Truth magazine (1965)



A new superpower is coming.

Trade deals may seem complex and confusing, but Bible prophecy reveals they are crucial. These international agreements will help create a new world superpower. To learn how, request your free copy of **The Holy Roman Empire in Prophecy**.



Why America Needs to Beware

Just as it did anciently, Germany will soon shock America and the world. **BY BRAD MACDONALD**

SHORTLY AFTER DONALD Trump was inaugurated in January 2017, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote a watershed article showing how America's president fulfills a prophecy in Amos 7 and is a modern-day fulfillment of King Jeroboam II.

Jeroboam II ruled the kingdom of Israel in the eighth century B.C. Over his 41-year reign, the kingdom experienced an incredible resurgence, enlarging its territory, increasing its military strength, enhancing its political power, and expanding its material prosperity (2 Kings 14:25-28).

Today, the United States is experiencing a similar resurgence. Its economy is booming, its "deep state" is being exposed and confronted, and its friends and foes alike are showing more respect. America's economic expansion has continued unabated more than 120 months since June 2009, the longest in the nation's history.

Like King Jeroboam anciently, Donald Trump is taking all the credit for America's impressive resurgence. This is a big mistake. 2 Kings 14:27 says that GOD "saved them [Israel] by the hand of Jeroboam." It is the same today. "This resurgence was not because of any personal greatness or

leadership skill by Jeroboam," Mr. Flurry wrote in the May-June 2018 *Trumpet*. "It was because GOD took pity on Israel in its affliction. It was because GOD did not want the name of Israel blotted out. It was because GOD SAVED ISRAEL!"



As America (and even Britain and the Jewish state) enjoy a modern-day resurgence, it is important to note that ancient Israel's resurgence was only *temporary*. IT WAS FOLLOWED BY RAPID COLLAPSE AND HORRIBLE SUFFERING! When the resurgence ended, "Israel was conquered and its people dispersed in captivity to the Assyrians," wrote Mr. Flurry.

The prophets Amos, Hosea and Jonah delivered their warning messages during the reign of Jeroboam II. All three of their messages were miraculously preserved for more than 2,800 years, and they apply today to the descendants of Israel (America and Britain) and the kingdom of Judah (the Jewish state). But these prophets also have much to say about another major power. Their books all discuss the kingdom of *Assyria*, which existed at the time of Jeroboam II.

Modern Germans are descendants of the ancient Assyrians. (You can prove this by reading *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, by Herbert W. Armstrong. Request a copy and we'll send you one at no charge.) Clearly there are profound parallels between modern America under Donald Trump and ancient Israel under King Jeroboam II. Are there also parallels between ancient Assyria during the time of Jeroboam II and Germany today?

What was happening in Assyria when Israel was thriving under Jeroboam II?



Modern Assyria

Ancient Assyria

Assyria's history is well documented in both the Bible and secular sources. It begins with Asshur, Noah's grandson. The Assyrians inhabited the land in the upper delta of the Tigris River. Assyrian civilization blossomed from 911 to 609 B.C., during what is called the Neo-Assyrian Empire. The empire reached its apex between 744 and 727 B.C. under the reign of Tiglath-Pileser III.

The Neo-Assyrian period was a time of prolonged expansion, *except* for a few decades in the first half of the eighth century B.C., during the reign of Jeroboam II in Israel. This fascinating chapter in Assyria's history contains remarkable parallels with Germany today.

Assyria's temporary decline began in 797 B.C., just after King Adad-nirari III had conquered Damascus and the Aramaeans (modern Syria). Instead of launching further invasions into the Levant, the Assyrian king was forced to return to Nineveh to deal with domestic problems and political unrest. The Assyrian army abandoned Damascus, leaving the newly conquered city and its residents exposed and vulnerable.

Seeing the opportunity, Israel's king pounced. 2 Kings 14:25 and 28 say that Jeroboam II restored Israel's borders and "recovered Damascus, and Hamath." Israel's expansion was largely due to Assyria's retreat from the region and its

fall into political malaise and civil unrest.

The *ESV Bible Atlas* states, "During the first half of the eighth century B.C., Assyria was ruled by a series of weak monarchs." William Martin wrote in *These Were God's People—A Bible History* that Assyria in the early eighth century B.C. "had lost her northern provinces to Urartu and was in the throes of a serious civil war."

These events in ancient Assyria are particularly interesting when compared to the state of Germany today.

Ancient Parallels

Assyrian history books record that the kingdom's weakened central leadership in the eighth century B.C. provided opportunity for local leaders and the nobility to seize power and begin to agitate. Because Assyria was split between various competing regional powers, it was unable to act as a united powerful entity in the region. "Some Assyrian nobles became extremely powerful and behaved in some respects as warlords, ruling vast territories and conducting private campaigns as powers responsible only to themselves" (*Encyclopedia of Ancient Civilizations*).

Assyria in the early eighth century B.C. also struggled with the presence and influence of a huge number of foreigners. "Ethnically Assyria was undergoing a major change during this

period in that the Aramaic [Syrian] element in the population was increasing dramatically" (*ibid*). By the middle of the eighth century B.C., the number of foreigners in Assyria was so high, "the Aramaic language had virtually replaced Assyrian as the everyday tongue."

In short, Assyria's problems were caused largely by a dysfunctional federal government, which allowed the rise of upstart revolutionary forces, and by disruption and tension caused by a huge number of migrants, mostly from Syria.

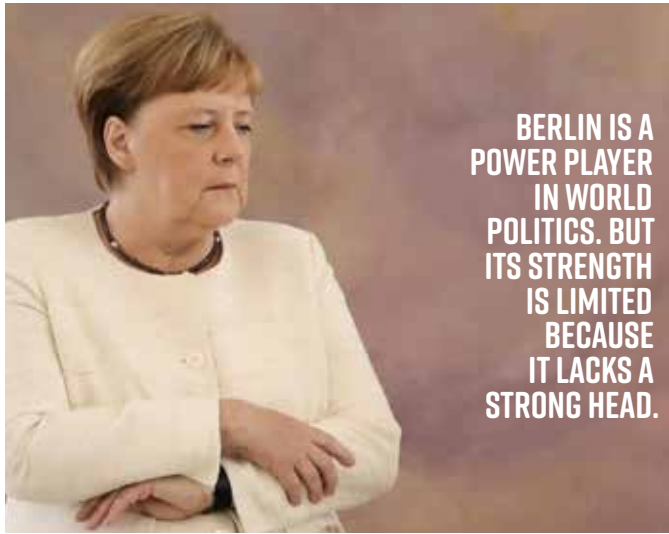
Doesn't this sound familiar?

Even though Assyria had serious issues politically, the kingdom remained powerful. Its control of important trade routes gave it enormous economic leverage. And its military remained potent.

"Assyrians, indeed, attracted attention," *Lange's Commentary* states, but due to their domestic issues, "there was no probability that they would endanger the kingdom [Israel]."

Assyria *was* a major regional power during the time of Jeroboam II, but it was a headless power. It was a tank without a driver.

Those who follow Germany today will easily see the parallels. The nation is an industrial and financial giant. Along with China and America, it dominates global trade. Inside Europe and the European Union, nothing significant happens without Germany's approval.



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Internationally, Berlin is a power player in world politics. But its strength is limited because it lacks a strong head.

Germany's federal government is weak. Angela Merkel is a lame-duck chancellor in every way. National and local elections in 2018 were a disaster for her; afterward it took Merkel four months to form a government, and now, that coalition is nearing collapse. The German tank has a driver, but she's a terrible driver who has lost control of the machine.

In June, the leader of the Social Democratic Party—a key partner in Merkel's coalition government—suddenly resigned. She hasn't yet been replaced because the Social Democrats can't decide on her successor. Support for the SPD, formerly one of Germany's top two political parties, is at a record low.

Germany's most popular party right now is the Green Party. But the Greens have traditionally been a minor party; it has little experience leading a coalition government and running the nation. It's not even certain who the Greens would put forward as chancellor, since the party has *two* leaders, one man and one woman.

Meanwhile, Germany's far-right parties are alarmingly popular. The Alternative für Deutschland (AfD), though it has experienced a small dip in support recently, still polls at over 13 percent. The Left Party is polling at 7 percent. Roughly one fifth of Germans now support a radical political party. In some parts of East Germany, the AfD is now the most popular party. In these states, around a third of voters prefer extreme parties, either the AfD or the Left. One

recent poll indicated the AfD is actually more popular than the Social Democrats.

Germany today is in a remarkably similar state to Assyria in the early eighth century B.C. Though clearly a major power, it has some serious problems, including the many issues that come with accepting

hundreds of thousands of foreign migrants. Politically, Germany's federal government and its mainstream political parties face tremendous pressure from populist figures and smaller yet influential parties and movements.

Angela Merkel right now is a 21st-century version of Ashur-dan III or Ashur-nirari V, two early-eighth-century B.C. Assyrian kings whose energies were consumed by dealing with internal disputes, quelling rebellions, and brokering political alliances to cling to power. The result? Germany today is an *inward* superpower, just as Assyria was during the time of Jeroboam II.

Meanwhile, to the west, Donald Trump and America bask in peace and prosperity—AT LEAST FOR NOW.

Considering these remarkable parallels, the question arises, did ancient Assyria solve these issues? If so, how?

A Fierce New King

Assyria's period of malaise changed with the arrival of King Pulu (his Babylonian name) in the mid-eighth century B.C. Pulu was governor of the northern Assyrian city of Calah and a general in the Assyrian army. He exploited the enfeebled central government and the chaos of the civil war and plotted a coup d'état. In 745 B.C., he slaughtered Assyria's royal family, installed himself as king, and changed his name to Tiglath-Pileser III.

His impact was dramatic and immediate. The new king had grand ambitions, and he pursued them with ruthless passion. Pileser eliminated any leader or party capable of competing with him

and installed loyal administrators who reported directly to him. The *Encyclopedia of Ancient Civilizations* describes Tiglath-Pileser III as a "vigorous campaigner in the true tradition of the Assyrian royal line [T]his king restored internal order and then proceeded to deal effectively with external enemies."

Pileser immediately focused on transforming Assyria's military, which, though formidable, had grown bureaucratic and inefficient. The new king did away with conscription and made the army a permanent force, giving him control of the world's first professional army. He quickly turned it into his most effective tool and the source of his power. He used war and military campaigns to unite and revive the floundering Assyria Empire. The *ESV Bible Atlas* says he "rebuilt Assyria with 19 years of successful warfare."

Under Tiglath-Pileser III, "the picture changed dramatically," wrote William Martin. He first united Assyria, then, "with the nation solidly behind him, HE INAUGURATED THE MOST AMAZING PROGRAM OF CONQUEST AND RULE THE WORLD HAD EVER SEEN" (emphasis added throughout).

Within two years of taking the throne, Pileser launched military campaigns against Syria, Babylon and Armenia. Nation after nation was conquered outright or forced to pay tribute. By the end of his roughly 20-year reign, he had conquered virtually the entire Middle East, and made the Assyrian Empire incredibly wealthy.

Tiglath-Pileser III and the Assyrian army conducted a series of invasions of the kingdom of Israel in the 730s B.C. "Then Pul king of Assyria invaded the land ..." (2 Kings 15:19; New International Version). Assyria's king killed thousands of Israelites and took thousands more as slaves back to Assyria (verse 29). Israel's capital, Samaria, remained intact, and its monarchy was allowed to continue in power—but only after the king agreed to pay a massive tribute. Israel spent the ensuing years at Nineveh's mercy, before its complete subjugation in 721 B.C.

The sudden arrival of Tiglath-Pileser III in 745 B.C. was a pivotal moment—not just for Assyria, but for the entire region, especially Israel. It marked a stunning and sudden reversal of roles. Virtually overnight, Assyria

became a dominant and terrifying superpower, while Israel collapsed into depression, ruin and slavery.

This history screams a powerful warning message.

The Warning of Prophecy

For almost 30 years, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry has explained the biblical prophecies warning that God will again use Assyria to punish the nations of Israel (America and Britain today). Before Mr. Flurry, the late Herbert W. Armstrong delivered the same warning.

For decades now, both men have explained prophecies like Isaiah 10:5-6, which says that God will use Assyria as a rod of correction. “O ASSYRIAN, THE ROD OF MINE ANGER, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation. I WILL SEND HIM AGAINST AN HYPOCRITICAL NATION, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.”

As He did anciently, God will use the Assyrians in the end time to correct modern-day Israel. This is why all this ancient history is so important: IT IS NOT JUST HISTORY, IT IS PROPHECY ABOUT AMERICA, BRITAIN AND GERMANY TODAY!

Mr. Flurry and Mr. Armstrong have pointed to scriptures in Daniel 8 and 11, Habakkuk 1 and Revelation 17 (among others) that prophesy about the emergence of an end-time German strongman. Daniel 8:23, for example, describes the character of this tyrant: “And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, A KING OF FIERCE COUNTEenance, and UNDERSTANDING DARK SENTENCES, shall stand up.”

Notice, God calls this leader a “king.” He is a 21st-century Tiglath-Pileser III! And he too will arrive on the scene suddenly and dramatically!

This man is also discussed in Daniel 11:21: “And in his estate shall stand up a vile person, to whom they shall not give the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in peaceably, and obtain the kingdom by flatteries.” Mr.

Flurry explained these verses in his January 2019 article “Germany—A New King Is Imminent,” writing: “Notice how this man is characterized. He has a ‘fierce countenance,’ meaning he’s mighty, powerful and cruel. He has an ‘understanding [of] dark sentences.’ *Clarke’s Commentary* says he’s ‘VERY LEARNED AND SKILLFUL IN ALL THINGS RELATING TO GOVERNMENT AND ITS INTRIGUES’—a cunning politician. He inherits the throne of Europe ‘peaceably,’ obtaining his kingdom by ‘flatteries.’ He is crafty and sly, with a brilliant mind and an engaging, attractive personality. The *Jamieson, Fausset and Brown Commentary* says ‘the nation shall not, BY A PUBLIC ACT, confer the kingdom on him, but he shall obtain it by artifice, “flattering.”’ In other words,



a deceived public, or a group of European leaders, likely invites this man into power” (emphasis his).

Who is this modern Tiglath-Pileser III? We can’t say for certain, but for more than 12 years now we have considered former German Defense Minister Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg a potential candidate. Guttenberg has all the ingredients; he is aristocratic, rich and powerful. He has charisma and communicates with conviction, candor and power. Guttenberg isn’t popular with Germany’s elites or the mainstream media, but many regular Germans adore him.

Watch Guttenberg: He could be Germany’s end-time Tiglath-Pileser III!

In his article, Mr. Flurry wrote: “Every reader should closely watch Germany. This nation is experiencing changes that

will reshape the country and the whole of Europe. YET, REMARKABLY, MOST OF THE WORLD IS ASLEEP TO THESE DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENTS.”

It was exactly the same during the time of Jeroboam II. Notice how the *King James Study Bible* describes the kingdom of Israel in the early eighth century B.C.: “Both kingdoms [Israel and Judah] were enjoying great prosperity and had reached new political and military heights. It was also a time of idolatry, extravagant indulgence in luxurious living, immorality, corruption of judicial procedures, and oppression of the poor. As a consequence, God would soon bring about the Assyrian captivity of the northern kingdom.”

Absorbed in sin, Jeroboam II and the people of Israel paid no attention to Assyria. And they gave little attention to Hosea and Amos, both of whom warned relentlessly that Assyria was about to invade. CAN YOU SEE THE PARALLELS WITH MODERN AMERICA AND GERMANY? Like Germany today, ancient Assyria was leaderless and inward-focused; and like America today, ancient Israel was wealthy, powerful and stable. A pall of arrogance spread over Israel, and neither Jeroboam nor the people saw the need to listen.

Though Israel’s king and most of his people rejected their warnings, the prophets Amos and Hosea continued to warn. The Bible records that some of Israel’s citizens listened to God’s prophets and actually relocated to the kingdom of Judah. Those who listened and acted on God’s warning through His prophets were saved.

We need to be more like Amos and Hosea. These men understood Assyria’s history. They saw that Assyria was a superpower in need of a leader, a tank in search of a driver. Most importantly, they *believed God* when He said that He would use Assyria to punish Israel. For years these men were mocked and scorned. People said their warnings were sensationalist and unsubstantiated. They were told to go prophesy elsewhere.

Then Tiglath-Pileser III arrived. ■

Your Most Important Relationship



Learn what the Bible reveals about who and what God is! **BY GERALD FLURRY**

THE GREATEST RELATIONSHIP MAN CAN HAVE IS WITH his supreme, all-loving Creator. Yet mankind in general is bewildered and confused by God. God is a mystery. For so many, their relationship with God truly is their WORST relationship.

In his book *Mystery of the Ages*, Herbert W. Armstrong called the mystery of who and what is God the greatest mystery of all. Mankind does not even come close to understanding this subject! And we see the ill effects: Our world faces the prospect of the worst human suffering in its history.

Do you truly know God? What kind of a relationship do you have with Him? He is real. He is alive. You can remove the mystery surrounding God! This is what Mr. Armstrong's book will do for you. Its first chapter is titled "Who and What Is God?" We will happily send you a free copy.

Lack of Knowledge

When visiting the Indian prime minister in New Delhi, Mr. Armstrong made a profound observation. Riding in a taxi, he noticed cattle wandering all over the city. Mr. Armstrong was perplexed by how their owners would find their livestock in the

evening. The driver told Mr. Armstrong that the owners don't have to search for the cattle; the cattle knew their way home.

This brought a scripture to Mr. Armstrong's mind: "[T]he Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib; but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider" (Isaiah 1:2-3). This is one of the most horrendous pictures in the Bible—a dual prophecy about outright rebellion against God in this end time: Spiritual and physical Israel—His Church and the nations of Israel—have turned their backs on God. They don't know God!

Israel is the only nation that anciently knew who and what God was. All other nations never knew God. Countless others throughout history have died never knowing who and what God is. But the Bible reveals that they are not lost forever. They will be brought up in a future resurrection and given the opportunity to know God.

But you don't have to live in ignorance about your Creator. Mr. Armstrong's book will make God real to you—as real as your own physical father.

Isaiah's prophecy reveals the reason we do not understand who and what God is: We are weighed down with sin and lawlessness! (verse 4). This is God's evaluation of us. He has spoken these words Himself. How important is that to you?

The Apostle Paul wrote that "the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and wickedness of men who by their wickedness suppress the truth" (Romans 1:18; Revised Standard Version). When we increase in wickedness, we suppress the truth. It's not that the truth doesn't exist or that it is invisible; it's that WE SUPPRESS IT.

Paul continues, "Ever since the creation of the world his invisible nature, namely, his eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse; for although they knew God they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking and their senseless minds were darkened" (verses 20-21; RSV). Mankind could see that God created all things, but they didn't honor or thank Him. They *suppressed* what they understood. Something is terribly wrong with human nature!

No wonder we don't know who and what God is! *Why do we not want the most important relationship we could ever have?*

Human Nature

Paul says mankind does not like "to retain God in their knowledge" (Romans 1:28). They prefer evolution or another theory that erases their Creator!

This is true of most of mankind. People's beliefs about God are very confused. Some half a billion people are self-proclaimed agnostics or atheists. They don't even believe in God, let alone know who and what He is.

When the Apostle Paul traveled to Athens, he stood before the intellectuals and scholars of his day and boldly taught about Jesus Christ and the resurrection (Acts 17:18). They called him a babler and said he was promoting "strange gods." The Romans had idols and monuments for many different deities. They even had an altar dedicated to what they called "the unknown God." That was the God Paul said he wanted to proclaim to them

(verse 23). This God was unknown to them—He was a mystery! Paul boldly told them that they did not know God.

Our educational institutions don't know who and what God is, nor do they *want* to know. They instill certain beliefs and concepts into our memory, but they don't teach us to think.

We need to learn how to think better than we do. If we use our minds and think, we can rather easily prove that God exists and is alive! We can know a lot about who and what He is. After all, we have a mind like God's! But that isn't taught in our schools.

"The modern scientific concept denies the invisible and the spiritual as having existence. Yet all our seemingly unsolvable problems and the evils in this world are spiritual in nature," Mr. Armstrong wrote in *Mystery of the Ages*.

The natural mind is hostile to God (Romans 8:7). Most people are not maliciously hostile, but passively hostile. But that hostility is still a serious issue! It is bringing untold curses and troubles on us. Our problems are caused by our human nature.

We must know who and what God is if we are ever going to solve our problems! That means we must remove our hostility toward God.

Are you willing to accept what the Bible teaches about God? If you apply yourself and study, this truth is not hard to understand.

The Very Beginning

Most people believe the earliest record of God's existence is in Genesis 1:1, but that is not true. The scripture in the earliest time order that describes who and what is God is in the Gospel of John.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men" (John 1:1-4). There are two Beings referred to here: God and the Word. This is the earliest point of God's existence that is referenced in the Bible. It's a time when nothing else was present—no angels, no universe, no mankind. These two Beings were in perfect peace and harmony. The Word was the Spokesman for the God Kingdom, and He submitted to the other Being because there always must be government. Two can't walk together unless they are agreed (Amos 3:3). With that, these two Beings had eternal joy—something very few people have or understand.

It's important to note that we are talking about two God Beings—not three or one, but two. Do you truly understand that? Or do you believe in the trinity? *Mystery of the Ages* has a section on the trinity, a word that is not even found in the Bible!

There was a time when Christ and God were not Father and Son. "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth" (verse 14). The Word became Jesus Christ. At that point in history, God became the Father and the Word became the Son. This was a big change!

If you are going to know God, you cannot just accept what this world, even this world's religions, teach about God. Jesus warned His disciples that many would come professing Him, but deceiving multitudes of people (Matthew 24:3-5). Why? Because they are declaring the person of Christ, but not *the message* Christ brought about the coming Kingdom, or Family, of God. Christ came to Earth and declared the Father (John 1:18). Why don't most "Christians" declare the Father as He did?

This world's "Christianity" fails to honor the Father. Ponder that! Even 95 percent of God's own people in this end time don't honor Him (Malachi 1:6). That is a terrible crisis!

Again, you cannot truly know God unless you *conquer* your human nature. Consider it: A God Being was begotten as a human person and lived on this Earth. And what did mankind do to Him? They crucified Him! **WHAT GREATER PROOF IS THERE THAT MAN DOES NOT KNOW WHO AND WHAT GOD IS?**

Jesus Christ taught all about His Father, and about the God Family. He personally delivered a message to mankind to help us know God! Yet God is still a mystery to this world.

It doesn't have to be this way. *Mystery of the Ages* will unlock this truth for you.

A Glorious Creation

Christ also opened up the God Family to everyone. His being made flesh pointed to a time when God will bring *billions* of sons into His Family (e.g. Romans 8:29). That is the purpose for which God created mankind!

When God created man, He said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness ..." (Genesis 1:26). God wanted man to have His character and mind, which is what "image" means. But He also wanted man to look as He looks—we have His very likeness! God has a face as you have a face. He has eyes, a nose, ears, hands, legs, toes, feet, hair. When Christ came as a human being, He said, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father" (John 14:9). That tells you volumes! Imagine that: God has created us to be like He is—and become like He is spiritually—so we can be born into His Family! He is re-creating Himself in man. What could possibly be more glorious to understand than that?

It is a wonderful, wonderful world if you have the very character of God. That character revolves around *giving*. It fills you with happiness, joy and understanding. It gives meaning to your life; *everything* is opened up to you. But you must be led by Christ and get rid of human nature and take on God's perfect nature, so you can be like God (Matthew 5:48).

Christ was the firstborn of many brethren. There are more sons to be born—brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ. If you come out of this world and do God's Work today then you can be the actual Bride of Jesus Christ! (e.g. 2 Corinthians 11:2; Revelation 19:7).

All of this truth becomes plain as you begin to understand WHO AND WHAT GOD IS. This is spectacular truth that you can prove straight from your Bible. Request a free copy of *Mystery of the Ages*, and read Chapter 1, "Who and What Is God?" along with your Bible. Deeply study what the Bible says on this supremely important subject. And use that truth to cultivate your most important relationship! ■

Get to know God!

Unlock the most important mystery in life and start your relationship with your Creator. Read your Bible alongside your free copy of Herbert W. Armstrong's most important book, *Mystery of the Ages*.



VOICE OF THE PEOPLE
Massive protests fill the streets of Hong Kong—including people holding British flags (inset) to symbolize separation from China.

Hong Kong—the End of Freedom Begins

China's tightening grip should concern 'anyone in any country.'

BY JEREMIAH JACQUES

“HONG KONG IS NOT CHINA.” THIS was the battle cry of many protesters in Hong Kong on July 21 as they entered their seventh week of demonstrations. But the activists were met that night with a new level of violence that shows how intolerable such words are to Beijing, and that indicates how these protests might end.

A 'Barren Island' Transformed

In the early 19th century, Hong Kong Island was a sparsely inhabited area of just a few small fishing villages—fewer than 7,500 people. Lord Palmerston famously called it “a barren island with hardly a house upon it.”

But in January 1841, the British Empire raised its flag on the territory and began developing it. It immediately became a hub for European entrepreneurs eager to trade with China under British protection. Chinese nationals also flocked there for jobs building a new town. As the mainland underwent violent upheavals, several waves of Chinese refugees fled to Hong Kong. By 1956, the population stood at 2.5 million.

The flourishing territory took on a unique identity. “British rule,” Steve Tsang wrote in *A Modern History of Hong Kong*, “led to the rise of a people that remains quintessentially Chinese and yet share a way of life, core values and an outlook that resemble at least as much, if not more, that of the average New Yorker or Londoner, rather than that of their compatriots in China.”

As the 20th century progressed, Hong Kong's population and wealth continued to mushroom. It became the world's third-highest-ranking center of global finance, and one of the most densely populated, richest places on Earth. Under the British, the “barren island” was dramatically transformed into a beacon of prosperity and modernity.

The Closure of an Empire

After World War II, the British Empire sharply declined. In 1997, despite opposition from a majority of Hong Kong's people, the British handed the territory over to Chinese rule.

Hong Kongers feared they would be swallowed up by the authoritarian

mainland, but Britain negotiated an agreement for the colony: China vowed to let Hong Kong retain its distinct identity under a rubric called “one country, two systems.” This formula guaranteed that for at least 50 years, China would allow the government and people of Hong Kong a high degree of economic, political and judicial autonomy.

Why would the nationalist leaders of China risk allowing part of their country to have far broader freedoms than the rest? Because despite the Chinese leadership's abhorrence of the West (and especially Britain's colonialism), they couldn't deny that the system the British had established there was extraordinarily successful. In 1997, Hong Kong's population—6.4 million—comprised half of 1 percent of China's total population. Yet Hong Kong's economy then accounted for a stunning 18 percent of China's gross domestic product. Its GDP per person was \$25,292, while the figure for mainland China was less than \$800.

The Chinese promised to preserve Hong Kong's freedoms so the territory could enrich Beijing. Also, with Hong Kong's deep integration into the international economic system, it could be an interface better connecting the world economy to China.

Cracks in the Compact

For a short time, the “two systems” model was vigilantly followed. But in the early 2000s, China began inserting itself into Hong Kong's affairs. Now 22 years after the handover, China's encroachment is ubiquitous. “As a local Hong Konger,” an analyst in the territory told the *Trumpet* on the condition of anonymity, “I can tell you that everything is under China's control, either directly or indirectly.”



The current protests were sparked on June 9 by a proposed law that would allow China's Communist government to easily transfer criminal suspects in Hong Kong—including foreigners—to the mainland to stand trial.

The possibility of suffering such a fate is horrifying to Hong Kongers because, unlike the rules-based judicial system they inherited from the British, China's court system is utterly corrupt. There is no check-and-balance configuration among the organs of law enforcement, such as police, lawyers and judges, and Communist Party leaders are above the law. They weaponize the judicial system to punish their enemies and tighten their grip on power. Authorities routinely arrest individuals who are critical of the party and use torture to extract confessions. The conviction rate for Chinese courts is an astounding 99.9 percent, and those who found guilty are often executed just 72 hours after conviction. China executes more prisoners than the rest of the world combined.

Fear of being subjected to this Chinese system has driven 2 million Hong Kongers—more than a quarter of the territory's total population—into the streets this summer. Protesters scored a victory on June 15 when Hong Kong's China-beholden government suspended the proposed extradition law. But a suspension is not a withdrawal. And protesters feared that the move was designed to sap their movement's momentum so the Communist Party can quietly push the law through later.

So they kept demonstrating, and broadened their purpose to challenge not just the proposed extradition bill, but China's general encroachment on Hong Kong's autonomy. They insist: "Hong Kong is not China." And in a clear sign of their resolve to keep the territory's colonial legacy alive, many of the protesters brandish the colonial-era Hong Kong flag and the Union Jack.

The End of Freedom Begins

On July 21, demonstrators defaced Beijing's Liaison Office in Hong Kong, marking the first time their ire was focused directly onto China itself. Later that night, Hong Kong police furtively left the Yuen Long district. In their absence, hundreds of well-organized pro-China

"triad" thugs arrived and began beating the protesters with sticks and metal rods. They injured 45 badly enough to require hospitalization, including one man who remains in critical condition and a pregnant woman.

"In the past," the Hong Kong analyst told the *Trumpet*, "we have never seen these triads beat up normal people." The evidence shows that "China backed this, or the Hong Kong government backed this to please China."

The crackdown was localized and far from the same scale as China's all-out slaughter of pro-democracy protesters in Tienanmen Square back in 1989. But it was joltingly violent, and shows that Beijing will not allow the battle cry "Hong Kong is not China," nor the separatist thinking it expresses, to continue indefinitely.

It shows that the Chinese Communist Party's is willing to use barbaric violence to quash dissent and prolong its power.

These developments show that the Chinese Communist Party is "scary as an enemy," the analyst said. "Any conspiracy you can think of, anything as cunning as you could imagine, they make it come true."

He added an impassioned plea to all people: "From the bottom of my heart, I would warn anyone, in any country, beware of the Chinese government."

In recent years, Chinese authorities have encouraged populations around the globe to welcome the rise of China. They have persuaded country after country to invite China into their borders with the Belt and Road Initiative and similar Chinese projects, promising to enrich host countries while still preserving their national freedom. These countries should look at Hong Kong.

A Bellwether for Troubled Times

For decades, American and British leadership stabilized much of the world and advanced civilization for numerous peoples and nations. This is perhaps more evident in Hong Kong than anywhere. But the temperate Anglo-American era is ending, and storm clouds are gathering for a dark new age.

During His ministry on Earth, Jesus Christ prophesied of this approaching global squall, calling it "the times of the Gentiles" (Luke 21:24).

Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry discussed it in our July 2014 issue, explaining that the term *Gentile* refers to non-Israelite peoples. The Israelite peoples make up "a lot more than the little nation in the Middle East," he wrote, adding that in end-time prophecy, *Israel* means mainly modern-day America and Britain. (For an enlightening explanation, order your free copy of Herbert W. Armstrong's *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.)

"Once you understand who Israel is," Mr. Flurry continued, "then you can understand how the Gentiles—the non-Israelite peoples—have started to take charge of the world *right now*."

He continued: "While there are many Gentile nations around today, when this prophecy is completely fulfilled there will be two *major* powers." He explained that one of these will be led by Germany, and the other by Russia and China.

"These 'times of the Gentiles' are yet to be fully realized," Mr. Flurry wrote. "However, we are in the outer edges of this catastrophic storm."

In Hong Kong, the effects of the transition from Israelite rule to Gentile rule are on display in microcosm. No one argues that British imperialism was perfect; it was administered by men, and all men rule deficiently. But when Hong Kongers anxiously brandish the Union Jack and insist that their colonial legacy means "Hong Kong is not China," they are giving the world an early signal of how dark the times of the Gentiles will be.

Hong Kong is a bellwether for what Mr. Flurry called the coming "catastrophic storm." And as Beijing tightens its grip on the territory, it reveals how violent the tempest will be.

In His forecast about the raging days ahead, Christ said "men's hearts" will be "failing them for fear" (Luke 21:26). But in the very next verse, He promises that the storm clouds will break up and give way to a spectacular radiance: "And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory" (verse 27). These times of the Gentiles, the overcast outer edges of which the world is already in, transition directly to Jesus Christ's return!

He will end the age of mankind's tempestuous rule and usher in a new era of peaceful governance and calm skies. ■

EUROPEAN ARMY
A military parade
celebrating Bastille
Day in Paris on July 14

Bastille Day showcases European military cooperation

France commemorated Bastille Day on July 14 with a major military parade, involving 4,300 armed forces personnel, 196 vehicles, 69 airplanes, 39 helicopters and 237 horses. Though it recalls a key event of the French Revolution and honors the French military,

this year's parade celebrated not just the French military but also the armed forces of Europe.

Also marching in the parade were personnel from 10 European nations: France, Germany, Spain, the United Kingdom, Belgium, Denmark, Estonia, the Netherlands, Portugal and Finland, and

EU weaponizing its Internet laws

The European Union promoted its data privacy rules to nations attending a G-20 meeting in Japan on June 8 and 9. EU delegates led the push for greater taxes on companies like Google, Amazon, Facebook and Apple, which profit greatly from the large EU market. The G-20 agreed to take action. The EU said it will also pursue stricter regulations on cryptocurrencies like bitcoin.

"Europe may not have an Apple or a Facebook, but it does have one killer export when it comes to technology: regulation," wrote *Politico* on June 7. "The EU's first line of attack is to push data protection rules in upcoming trade deals, as well as in bilateral and multilateral trade agreements across the globe."

The EU has become the world's leader in setting global rules for digital privacy. Now it intends to export those rules, pushing them upon more nations

by including them in trade deals. This has come to be known as the "Brussels effect."

"Europe wants to conquer the world all over again. Only this time, its killer app isn't steel or gunpowder. It's an EU legal juggernaut aimed at imposing ever tougher privacy rules on governments and companies from San Francisco to Seoul," *Politico* wrote.

Bermuda, Colombia and South Korea have been forced to reword their national data privacy laws to conform to the EU's stricter standards, so their businesses can keep interacting with European customers.

The EU's rules have "long tentacles," John Giles, an attorney in South Africa, told *Politico*. "Any country that's not working toward these standards is left out in the cold."

Meanwhile France is moving fast in the attack on American tech firms. France's lower house

was observed by leaders from seven of those nations, including French President Emmanuel Macron and German Chancellor Angela Merkel.

These nations are all members of the European Intervention Initiative, an exclusive European military alliance operating outside of European Union rules yet benefiting from shared EU military projects.

In "France Is Betraying America and Fulfilling Bible Prophecy!" (theTrumpet.com/17945), *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote, "We must see what is now rapidly building in Europe. This push for a united European army is nothing less than an effort to resurrect the old Holy Roman Empire! That empire has risen up within Europe repeatedly throughout history." ■



of Parliament approved the creation of a 3 percent tax on multinational technology companies on July 4. Any company making more than \$847 million in global revenue and more than \$28 million in French revenue will have to pay. It is expected to bring more than half a billion dollars a year for the French government.

Many take for granted their freedom to use the Internet without being censored. But this freedom is starting to disappear. *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry warned against Europe's effort to control the Internet in the July issue, in "Germany Is Taking Control of the Internet" (theTrumpet.com/20695). ■



German police, army becoming far right

German police officers are turning to the far-right Alternative für Deutschland (AfD) party, the head of Germany's largest police union told the *Rheinische Post* on June 24. Jörg Radek said that many police officers "have faced difficulties" after Chancellor Angela Merkel opened the door to migrants in 2015. This "has been expressed in sympathy with the right-wing nationalist political spectrum," he said. Merkel's decision to open the door to migrants "has developed sympathy for the AfD in the federal police. The political aftermath of this is that today federal police officers vote for the AfD."

Germany's mainstream parties are worried about the trend. One senior Christian Democratic Union leader warned: "We are clearly losing parts of the military to the AfD. We are losing parts of the federal police to the AfD."

One of the AfD's leaders has said that Germany should be "proud" of its "accomplishments" in both world wars and that Germany should stop being afraid of its history. The party also criticizes Germany for memorializing the Holocaust.

Many of those voting for the AfD may not share these extreme views. But the refusal of mainstream politicians to address the migrant crisis is pushing many to support this party. They may soon start to conclude that since the AfD is right about migrants, maybe it is right about the Nazis as well. ■



SELF-RELIANT
A new generation
French-German-
Spanish fighter model
is displayed in Paris.

Will Germany lead Europe's air defense?

Defense ministers of Germany, France and Spain signed up to participate in Europe's Future Combat Air System at the International Paris Air Show on June 17.

The program will design and construct Europe's sixth-generation stealth fighter jet and its weapons, which include new cruise missiles and drone swarms controlled from the cockpit of the aircraft.

German Defense Minister Ursula von der Leyen called it a "big day for the European

defense union."

Dassault and Airbus are currently developing the fighter, with more European companies expected to join. Leaders hope the project will unify Europe's military power.

One of the main reasons for its development is to give Europe greater military independence from the U.S. and to guard against emerging stealth technology in hostile nations like China.

The Bible forecasts exactly the rise of this kind of military union in Europe. ■

Russians in the Caribbean

A fleet of Russian warships traveled through the Caribbean Sea and docked in Cuba from June 24 to 26 in the latest example of Russia's increasing military activity near the United States.

The four-vessel fleet—led by one of Russia's most advanced and modern warships, the Admiral Gorshkov—sailed through the Panama Canal on June 17 and entered the port of Havana, just 90 miles from the Florida coast. If fired from that location, the ship's nuclear-capable Brahmos missiles could strike targets on the U.S. mainland in just six seconds.

Russia's port call in Havana is only the latest instance of the nation boosting its military power close to America's shores. Not only in Cuba, but also in Venezuela and Nicaragua, Russia is forging military relationships



MENACING PRESENCE
Russia's Admiral
Gorshkov docks
in Havana.

with unstable, anti-U.S. nations run by Communist or socialist governments.

Few realize it, but the region is becoming a staging ground for a future besiegement of America. About 2,700 years ago, God inspired the Prophet Isaiah to write about a trade alliance—"a mart of nations"—that would form in the end time (Isaiah 23:3). The Bible shows that this alliance will be led by European and Asian powers. The influence Russia, China and Europe are now building in Latin America will facilitate this prophesied besiegement. To learn more, request *Isaiah's End-Time Vision*. ■

Crimea 'bristling with missiles'

Satellite imagery published by Defense One on June 12 shows that during the preceding 18 months, Russia deployed additional aircraft, warships, troops and advanced missile systems to locations across the Crimean Peninsula.

The buildup continues a pattern that began back in 2014 when Russia illegally annexed Crimea from Ukraine. Since then, Russian President Vladimir Putin has doubled the number of soldiers there to about 32,000 and has deployed 680 armored vehicles and about 100 aircraft.

Jeffrey Lewis of the Middlebury Institute of International Studies told Defense One that the peninsula is now "bristling with missiles like a hedgehog."

The Middlebury Institute said this buildup communicates Russia's desire to hold Crimea and to project power well beyond its immediate environment. This puts NATO "under increasing pressure from allies in the region to show that it's able to push back against Russian attempts to gain greater control of the Black Sea."

Shortly after Putin annexed Crimea, *Trumpet* editor in



BUILDUP S-400 Triumf
missiles undergo tests
in the Caucasus.

chief Gerald Flurry wrote "The Crimean Crisis Is Reshaping Europe!" Based on prophecies in Daniel and Revelation, he forecast that Russian aggression would force Europe to unite. "The fear you see in Europe because of events in Crimea is going to cause 10 leaders in Europe to unite in a sudden and dramatic way—and in precise accordance with the Bible's description of that European empire!" he wrote.

In the five years since that article was written, Russia has become more aggressive, militaristic and provocative, including with its ongoing buildup on Europe's doorstep in Crimea.

Mr. Flurry makes plain that these developments will soon escalate into worldwide conflict. For insight into what the future holds for Russia and Europe, order your free copy of Mr. Flurry's booklet *The Prophecies of 'Prince of Russia.'* ■

Putin and the pope key meeting—why?

Russian President Vladimir Putin met with Pope Francis at the Vatican on July 4. This is his third meeting with the pope, a high number for a leader who is not only a dictator but also closely allied with the Orthodox Church, which split from the papacy almost 1,000 years ago.

Little is known of the agenda of the nearly hour-long meeting, but a Vatican statement said the two discussed Syria, Ukraine and Venezuela, and "the life of the

Catholic Church in Russia."

After the meeting, Putin met with Italy's president and prime minister. He asked Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte for help in improving relations between Russia and the European Union, especially to end EU and United States sanctions that have cost his country \$50 billion since 2014.

The *Trumpet* has long expected Russia and a German-led Europe to make some kind of a deal. The Vatican, which often plays a very public political role, could be a big part of making that happen. ■

GEARING FOR WAR
A military parade in
Tehran marks National
Army Day on April 18.



Iraq builds military with Iranian terrorists

On July 1, Iraqi Prime Minister Adel Abdul-Mahdi gave Shiite militias 30 days to close their bases, end their political associations, change their names and fully integrate with Iraqi Armed Forces. Otherwise, their 140,000 fighters will have to disarm and transform themselves into benign civil organizations or regular political parties.

These militias, called Popular

Mobilization Units, were established in 2014 to fight Islamic State terrorists. But they have since been blamed for terrorist acts and human rights violations of their own.

Most of these militias are backed by Iran. If this integration into the Iraqi military proceeds, Iran may lose some of its influence in Iraq—or it may be able to increase its influence over all of Iraq's armed forces. The

Washington Institute for Near East Policy wrote on July 3, "The plan has the potential to either reduce the risk from militias or dangerously consolidate their power, depending on how it is implemented."

"Although the new policy mandates that the [Popular Mobilization Units] integrate with the Iraqi state, it does not require their subordination," observed *Foreign Policy* on July 9. "If anything, the risk may be that the state is subordinating itself to the paramilitary groups, not the other way around."

Militias that integrate with the Iraqi military will also gain access to more advanced matériel, some of which is American-made.

Iran has influence in Iraq not only through these militias, but also through its connections to the Iraqi military itself. The two nations have discussed holding joint military, air defense and

missile defense exercises. One Iranian commander said in June, "[Iranian] forces are at the highest level of combat readiness and are ready to transfer experiences in the field to the Iraqi Army."

This is a trend the *Trumpet* has followed closely since the 1990s. In the December 1994 *Trumpet*, editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote, "Such a takeover [of Iraq] by Iran would shock the world." In June 2003, he wrote: "Now that Iraq has been taken out of the picture, Iran is even closer to becoming the reigning king of the Middle East. It may seem shocking, given the U.S. presence in the region right now, but prophecy indicates that, in pursuit of its goal, Iran will probably take over Iraq. At least, it will have a heavy influence over the Iraqi people."

The prophecy Mr. Flurry was referring to is Daniel 11:40-43. You can study it yourself. For a study guide, request Mr. Flurry's free booklet *The King of the South*. ■

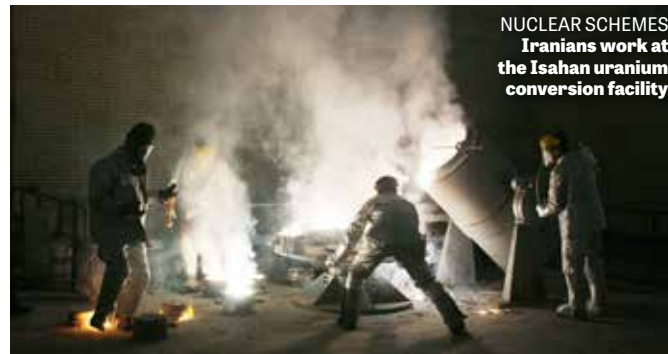
Iran breaks agreement, exceeds uranium limit

Iran officially broke the terms of the 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action on July 1 when its uranium stockpile exceeded the 660-pound limit outlined in the nuclear deal.

Signed by Britain, China, France, Germany, Iran, Russia and the United States in 2015 and implemented on Jan. 16, 2016, the agreement required Iran to reduce its stockpile of 22,046 pounds of 20 percent enriched uranium to a maximum of 660 pounds of 3.67 percent enriched uranium. The 3.67 percent enriched material can be used for civilian nuclear reactors but not for weapons. Uranium that is enriched 20 percent can quickly be enriched to 90 percent, which can be used in nuclear weapons.

United States President Donald Trump withdrew the

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NUCLEAR SCHEMES
Iranians work at
the Isahan uranium
conversion facility.

U.S. from the deal in May 2018 and reimposed sanctions against Iran's vital banking, oil and shipping sectors. Crude oil accounts for about 72 percent of Iran's total exports. After a year of sanctions, oil shipments have dropped from 2.5 million barrels per day to only 400,000.

Iran's increased uranium production is its latest retaliatory response against the U.S. In May, Iranian-backed Popular Mobilization Units in Iraq allegedly fired a rocket that landed near the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq. They

also allegedly used drones to fire at a Saudi Arabian oil pipeline. Sea mines believed to have been planted by Iran blasted four oil tankers from Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Norway, which were anchored in the Gulf of Oman.

In June, explosions set off by alleged Iranian sea mines in the Gulf of Oman damaged a Japanese-flagged vessel and a Norwegian-owned tanker. A few days later, Iran's Popular Mobilization Units purportedly fired rockets and mortar shells

at three Iraqi bases where American military personnel are stationed and at the edge of a compound housing employees of American oil company ExxonMobil. Iran also shot down an American military drone that it claimed had intruded into Iranian airspace. President Trump approved a U.S. military counterstrike, but then canceled it at the last moment.

When Iran announced its breach of the nuclear deal uranium limit, it also threatened to leave the Non-Proliferation Treaty, which would cast off any remaining restrictions on its nuclear weapons program.

Daniel 11:40 prophecies of an end-time "king of the south" that has a foreign policy with "push." For over 25 years, Gerald Flurry has pointed to Iran fulfilling this prophecy. In these latest provocations, Iran is showing its character in a way that underscores this truth. ■

Medieval diseases plague U.S.

From California to Kentucky, contagious diseases like typhus, Hepatitis A and Shigella are plaguing homeless populations. In particular, the Skid Row area of Los Angeles has been declared a “typhus zone,” since rats feeding on growing piles of garbage are now carrying a disease that has not been common for hundreds of years.

“We have not seen conditions for humans like this since

medieval times,” Dr. Drew Pinsky told KOMO in an interview published on June 18. “Tuberculosis is exploding. Non-tuberculosis acid-fast bacilli, exploding. And then the rat-borne illnesses: plague and typhus [A]nd then we had typhoid fever last week We’ve allowed millions and millions of rats to overpopulate. I predicted the typhus outbreak last summer. It’s going to be worse this summer, and it’s just

Gender stereotypes banned in UK ads

The government of the United Kingdom banned the use of “harmful gender stereotypes” in advertisements on June 14. The UK’s Committee of Advertising Practice issued this ban following a 2017 review that concluded that stereotypes “restrict the choices, aspirations and opportunities of children, young people and adults, and these stereotypes can be reinforced by some advertising, which plays a part in unequal gender outcomes.”

The ban applies to gender stereotyping in both broadcast and non-broadcast advertising. Commercials that have been banned include portrayals of men

relaxing while a woman cleans, a woman struggling to park a car, a man struggling to change a diaper, or anything that “depicts a man or woman failing to achieve a task specifically because of their gender.” It even extends to stereotyping children’s ambitions or career choices—boys becoming engineers or girls pursuing dance. The UK’s Advertising Standards Authority says that contrasting personality traits, such as adventurous boys and caring girls, must be “handled with care.”

This government censorship is a disturbing example of liberal idealism turning authoritarian. It enforces conformity to a subjective and quixotic standard.

It is also part of a larger attack against biblical sex roles. God

a matter of time before plague gets onto those fleas and into our population. It’s just inevitable!”

In 2018, 124 cases of typhus were reported in Los Angeles County, 20 percent of which were in downtown L.A. One city employee noted that the typhus outbreak was associated with unsanitary conditions in the homeless camps nearby, carried by the rats and fleas infesting their tents and improvised shelters.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, typhus is highly uncommon in the U.S., usually occurring in those who have contracted it while traveling to Third World countries. This disease has been rare in the Western world for hundreds of years, but is now returning to homeless camps and illegal immigrant detention centers across America.

Matthew 24:7 describes “pestilence” as one of the many curses that will come on society in the end time. The disease outbreaks ravaging the homeless populations right now are a prelude of the fulfillment of this prophecy. ■



created men and women to be different (Genesis 1:27; Matthew 19:4) and intends them to fulfill different roles within the family. He expects a man to provide (1 Timothy 5:8) and a woman to be a helpmeet (Titus 2:5). Trashing these God-ordained roles hurts families, leaves children to themselves, and ultimately destroys society. ■



California sexualizes public school curriculum

California children are being indoctrinated by state-sanctioned curriculum promoting homosexuality and transgenderism. On May 8, the California State Board of Education approved a new version of its sex education framework, with guidelines for students to attend lessons on gender identity, transsexual relations and same-sex “marriage.”

One book recommended for kindergartners through third grade is *Who Are You?: The Kid’s Guide to Gender Identity*. It states: “Some people say there are only two genders. But there are really many genders. And for some people, there are more than just two choices.”

Two other books recommended by the California Department of Education are *The ‘What’s Happening to My Body?’ Book for Boys* and *S.E.X.: The All-You-Need-to-Know Sexuality Guide to Get You Through Your Teens and Twenties*. These books are aimed at middle schoolers and high schoolers and list vulgar slang words for male and female genitals, teach that homosexuality is an ordinary way of life, and explain numerous perverted and dangerous sexual acts.

The Bible clearly states that sodomy and effeminacy are sins that will keep people out of the Kingdom of God unless repented of (1 Corinthians 6:9-10). Yet state lawmakers and public educators are mandating that these practices be presented as natural and healthy to California’s youngest schoolchildren. ■

these facts we must assume that God the Father and Jesus Christ have a close connection to the Jewish race—but only to further their spiritual plan” (ibid).

Satan hates anyone with a “close connection” with God the Father.

This promise is closely connected to another reason Satan hates the Jews. The Apostle Paul wrote that unto the Jews “were committed the oracles of God,” or God’s “divine utterances” (Romans 3:2). God has preserved the seventh-day Sabbath, His calendar and many writings and revelation through Jews. This does not make Jews more righteous; in fact, they are under the same spiritual deception that everyone else in “the whole world” is (Revelation 12:9). Still, God used Jews to preserve these oracles.

Satan hates these “divine utterances,” and has a special hatred for the people through whom they were preserved.

Thus when the Messiah was born, He entered a culture that, though disobedient to God in many ways, was familiar with the scriptures that prophesied of Him and still kept the holy days and Sabbath that point to God’s plan of salvation.

But Genesis 49 isn’t just a prophecy that the Messiah would be born a Jew. This prophecy also says that Jesus, under the authority of God the Father, would be King and Ruler over God’s Family. Isaiah 9 says Jesus will sit on a literal throne and rule His Kingdom. 2 Samuel 7 shows that this throne began with King David, who came from the tribe of Judah. Luke 1:31-33 say that Jesus Christ would be born into this kingly Jewish line and that God “shall give unto him the throne of his father David.”

Jesus Christ will rule from the throne of David, which was established with King David and continues all the way to the return of Jesus Christ. “Satan hates David’s throne more than any throne on this Earth because it is about to replace his throne forever!” writes Mr. Flurry in his book *The New Throne of David*. To understand the throne of David, and the Jews’ special connection to it, request our free books *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* and *The New Throne of David*.

Before we conclude, there is one more important dimension to the cause of anti-Semitism.

Spiritual Jews

God wants to save *all mankind* (e.g. 1 Timothy 2:3-4). Repeatedly in the Bible, salvation is expressed in *family* terms. Scripture says that when God begets us with His Holy Spirit, we become *His sons* (Romans 8:14; 1 John 3:1-2). We are considered *brothers* of Jesus Christ (Romans 8:29; Hebrews 2:11). The Church is to become Christ’s *wife* (Ephesians 5:31-32; 2 Corinthians 11:2; Revelation 19:7-9). The God *Family*, currently composed of Father and Son, is going to *expand dramatically* at Christ’s return when the saints are glorified (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; 1 Corinthians 15:49-53). And there are yet more phases to this plan that will enlarge the family yet further! (e.g. Ezekiel 37:11-14).

God’s plan is a *family* plan!

To be in this Family, we must take on the character and characteristics of God the Father and Jesus Christ, “the Lion of the tribe of Juda” (Revelation 5:5). And many scriptures express this in a specific, particular way. Salvation means joining the Family of “the Lion of the tribe of Juda,” which means all who will be saved must become “*spiritual Jews*.”

Romans 2:28-29 tell us this directly. Paul says that for spiritual salvation, your race doesn’t matter. But you must become “a Jew ... inwardly ... in the spirit and not in the letter.” How does one become a spiritual Jew? By becoming *spiritually* circumcised, which means repentance and conversion—cutting away the foreskin of your heart (Deuteronomy 10:16; Jeremiah 4:4). To receive the promises made to Abraham, one must become spiritually a son of Abraham (Romans 4:12-17)—specifically, a spiritual Jew. In Revelation 3:9, Christ condemns those “which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie.” This passage is not about physical Jews, but about God’s true Church, which is

comprised of spiritual Jews.

Some of God’s characteristics are reflected, in a physical way, in the Jews. Like them, we must hang

on to and preserve God’s truth. We must fight like a lion for it (Genesis 49:8-9). We must follow Christ, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, and live as He lived (1 Peter 2:21). We take on the characteristics of the God Family by letting God’s mind in us (Philippians 2:5). “Christ’s mind will be extended to the whole world after His return,” writes Mr. Flurry in *The Key of David*. “That is how the world will be united. All people who turn to God will become spiritual Jews. What fantastic unity!”

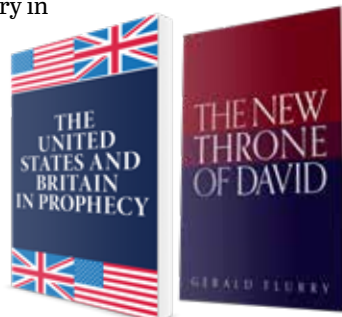
God’s plan involves inviting all humanity to become spiritual Jews, under Jesus Christ—a God Being born on Earth as a Jew and a descendant of David—and to keep the law preserved by the Jews.

“David, a Jewish king, used his throne to unite all of Israel,” writes Mr. Flurry. “Jesus Christ, the spiritual Jew, will take David’s throne and unite the whole world! Christ will accomplish this unity by grafting all of the Gentile nations into Israel. ... Christ’s Church is not just for natural-born Israelites, it is for all people whom God calls—no matter what nationality or race. All members of God’s Church are citizens of spiritual Israel. What is happening in the Church today is a type of what will happen globally in the World Tomorrow. ... THE JEWS ARE A TYPE OF WHAT ALL MEN ARE TO BECOME SPIRITUALLY” (ibid).

This gets to the heart of Satan’s hatred for physical Jews. Within that race is a vision of God working with all people and inviting all into His Family. Satan passionately hates that plan!

The rise in anti-Semitism is a disturbing and upsetting subject, especially when you understand that the Bible says it will grow *much* worse. But when you understand the cause, there is an inspiring truth.

Revelation 12:9 tells us that shortly before Christ’s return Satan is at his worst wrath ever. He is about to whip anti-Semitism up to its worst point ever. But that same verse tells us that Satan has only a short time left to do so. Growing Jew-hatred is a satanic backlash against the truth of God, and the efforts of a loving Father to bring all mankind into His Family. Thankfully, though, it will prove to be a violent, vicious but ultimately *vain* effort to thwart the inevitable plan of God. ■



Practice the Art of Grandparenting

It's a responsibility and a joy—
that has real impact on the future.



Grandparents, you bring a wealth of wonderful resources for your grandchildren to enjoy. There are many things you can pass on to them. The most important and most valuable asset is your experience.

IN AT LEAST THREE THINGS IN LIFE, WE PERSONALLY HAVE little say: when we are born, when we die, and when we become grandparents. Today, as people live longer, there are more grandparents than ever.

Yet the art of grandparenting, in the main, has been lost.

The role of a grandparent has changed, especially with the continuing breakdown of families. Millions of grandparents rarely see their grandchildren. Millions of others have grandchildren living with them, and are their primary caregivers.



ALEX HARRISON

Do you realize the weight of responsibility? Some of the *most* important people in the family are GRANDPARENTS. When once asked about training a child, Napoleon answered that it was done “with their grandparents.” The importance of grandparenting is perhaps captured best in

Proverbs 17:6: “Children’s children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.” There is great joy in seeing grandchildren grow up. I can speak as a grandfather myself.

Training for grandparenthood begins in childhood. We learn *as children* how to be grandparents from *our* grandparents! Grandparents are indeed role models for future grandparents!

The Apostle Paul admonished a young minister, “When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also” (2 Timothy 1:5). Timothy’s faith dwelt first in his grandmother. That woman’s example had a wonderful effect not only on Timothy’s mother, Eunice, but also on Timothy.

God instructs us to respect old age and its wisdom. Leviticus 19:32 commands, “Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the Lord.” We can see the importance of grandparents and grandchildren “connecting.” In this less-than-perfect society, this is seldom possible to the extent that God intended. Nevertheless, we should aim to make those connections, and to make the most of them whenever the opportunity arises. Parents, it’s not always easy, but make time for your kids to spend time with their grandparents. Teach your children to respect them. The connection is vital for future generations.

Young people need to be encouraged—even by their grandparents where suitable—to seek grandparents’ company,

experience and even advice. It is a wise young person who takes advantage of his grandparents’ knowledge.

Grandparents, you bring a wealth of wonderful resources for your grandchildren to enjoy. There are many things you can pass on to them. The most important and most valuable asset is your experience. Life is filled with so many lessons.

One of the privileges that comes with the role of a grandfather is being a wise and trusted counselor. In sharing yourself, you are giving your grandchildren your unique outlook on life, your ways, your memories, your skills and interests, and most of all, your love. As the child grows and develops wider knowledge, this can become more and more significant.

There’s a saying, “When an elderly person dies, a library burns down.” A grandparent is a bridge to another era. Family history can be relived in stories from Granddad and Grandma—stories from “the good ol’ days,” as we tend to say.

One cardinal rule of effective grandparenting is to treat all grandchildren equitably—no favorites. Our grandchildren need to know that we are there for them, that we love them. Grandparents can be a point of stability and comfort for their own children and their grandchildren. Often grandparents are in the best situation to provide the emotional and spiritual nurturing the children need. You can be a consistent long-term source of encouragement as your grandchildren grow through the various stages of their lives.

Adults who have had a good relationship with their grandparents show a heightened self-respect, a greater chance of success in life, and a strong sense of family values.

Children are natural observers, and they learn powerful, lasting lessons from watching and listening to a grandparent who goes through life with dignity and selflessness, and who provides a strong sense of family. This relationship with your children and grandchildren is with those who will be the leaders of the next generation. As we look forward to a world ahead where families will learn the true value of each other, when grandparents will fulfill their God-ordained role, think about your legacy as a grandparent today that will extend to future generations.

For many, as seniors, we represent grandparents they may not have due to other circumstances. Our examples within our physical and spiritual families will impact the minds of children who will be the grandparents of tomorrow. These children, these future grandparents, need to see and feel the faithfulness in you as you strive to be the best you can be. ■

The *Trumpet* always knows what it is talking about. I will think, Surely that won't happen, but then six months later, sure enough, it is right! Like with the EU and Latin America: I thought for sure the United States would always be Latin America's biggest trading partner, and then on the news a couple of days ago, we heard about that EU deal. Wow!

Doug BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

All your information is priceless. Been getting the magazine for years. I light up when I see the *Trumpet*. Sharing this with many!

TEXAS

I am a regular reader of the *Trumpet*. It contains the most important information the world needs in this end time. The efforts of your team to put these articles together are priceless! Your magazines have brought the shining light of God through His Holy Spirit of understanding into my life and everyone around the sphere of my contacts. No one feeds us with these biblical truths in my country! Your hard work is highly appreciated. Regards to all, as you keep leading us into the next godly civilization—the new world to come.

Ajibade O. NIGERIA

I have been reading the *Philadelphia Trumpet* for over four years. Your July 2019 article "What the University Scam Reveals About America" (theTrumpet.com/20697) literally brought me to tears. Everyone interested in the progress of this country should read your magazine and heed God's warnings.

Bernard Onyeukwu WISCONSIN

The July issue—wow! I mean every issue is incredible, but wow!

Marina CALIFORNIA

In the July 2019 *Trumpet* "The Scent of Danger" (theTrumpet.com/20700), Jorg Mardian very wisely warns of the health dangers of toxic fragrance ingredients. He suggests essential oils as a safe option. I must caution your readers that even essential oils can cause dangerous, and life threatening, allergic and respiratory reactions in humans and pets. This can even happen when used in a diffuser or applied elsewhere than the body. Always test first!

Dee Davis ARKANSAS

That one statement in the Declaration is perhaps the single founding principle of our nation ("The Noble Ideal in America's Declaration," theTrumpet.com/20927). It goes to the core of our founding and the eventual ending of slavery. It's more than sad that many today choose to forget or twist the principles America was founded on. Our suffering nation is its consequence. Thanks for penning this piece. Wish it was



on pages of the mainstream newspapers for all to ponder.

Charles Woelfel PHILIPPINES

Now you fully understand what the Communist Party is all about. Lies, lies and more lies ("Hong Kong Shows Dangers of 'Letting China In,'" theTrumpet.com/20826). Yes, China will take over Hong Kong and it will probably be messy. Never mind what the Chinese government "promised" to Hong Kong. And who will come to the aid of Hong Kong? America is weak and I doubt if Japan will help Hong Kong out. Looks like war.

Stuart Sjalund

I am very blessed with world news. It really clarifies and removes all my doubt and unbelief. It really strengthens and gives hope, meaning and comfort in this troubled world. May God be glorified through your works.

Duaro Upisa PAPUA NEW GUINEA

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Thy Kingdom Come

How else can one respond to this world's growing sin-sickness? **BY JOEL HILLIKER**

PORTLAND IS A BEAUTIFUL WEST COAST CITY I HAVE VISITED several times. Research by Priceonomics reveals that it has the biggest per capita legal commercial sex industry in America. Los Angeles has 1.3 strip clubs for every 100,000 residents; San Francisco has 1.4; Dallas has 2.1; yet within Portland's city limits, there are 8.9 strip clubs for every 100,000 residents.

Bad enough. But far more disgusting: A *Washington Times* article titled "Portland's Dark World of Child Sex Trafficking" reveals that many of these outfits are also "fronts for underage exploitation." A combination of ugly factors has turned this city into a mecca for perverts who want to use *children* for sex.

This type of thing makes me *sick* of this wretched world.

Many young teens—boys and girls alike—are *sold* by their own parents for a few thousand dollars to become personal sex slaves. The State Department's 2019 Trafficking in Persons Report says the majority of victims of child sex trafficking in the U.S. are exploited from the foster care system.

The FBI figures 300,000 minors in America are employed as prostitutes each year. Staggering. One for every thousand people. An advocacy group called Shared Hope International estimates their average age is 13.

Thirteen years old. *On average.*

Try to wrap your mind around this. The Department of Justice says there are pimps in America earning money off girls as young as 5 and 6.

Last year, the U.S., together with Mexico and the Philippines, ranked as one of the world's worst places for human trafficking. Worldwide, millions of children live in slavery. UNICEF says as many as 2 million more are trafficked each year, a great many for sex. The UN's International Labor Organization (ILO) estimates that at any given moment, at least 40.3 million people, including children, are in forced labor, bonded labor, and commercial sex servitude. Four out of five are female. Half are children.

The slave trade, the ILO believes, is a *\$150 billion* business, saturated in unchecked greed, sleaze and abuse. And shamefully, it is the *fastest growing industry in the world*.

Somewhere in here, the imagination of many of us reaches its limit. Unexposed to such grotesque realities, we can barely conceive of them.

Yet this is only one of literally *countless ways* that people put other people through indescribable torment. Cruelty. Tyranny.

Corruption. Thievery. Poor resource management that results in starvation, poverty and disease. Racism. Religious persecution. Violence of every stripe. Full-blown war.

The human mind can only take in so much. And in this information-saturated age, news of people mistreating their fellow human beings comes in such a torrent that we can easily grow numb to it. And—truth be told—we are helpless to do anything substantive to stop it. These blights are painfully endemic to the human condition, resilient against virtually all efforts to stop them.

There is one, however, who has seen it all, who has never succumbed to apathy—and who absolutely *will* put a stop to it.

When Jesus Christ walked the Earth, He witnessed untold human suffering, and did what He could to alleviate it. He was moved with compassion, seeing the people as sheep having no shepherd (Matthew 9:36).

He brought the good news of a kingdom that would *uproot* the corrupt kingdoms of this world—that would fulfill the prophecies of the Scriptures: "He shall judge the poor of the people, he shall save the children of the needy, and shall break in pieces the oppressor" (Psalm 72:4).

He continually directed His disciples to seek that Kingdom, to press toward it, to set their heart on preparing for it. When they asked Him how to pray, He responded, "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. *Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven*" (Matthew 6:9-10).

To this day, Christ's disciples keep these words on their lips. When we see oppression, suffering, immorality and unmentionable evils seizing our cities, minds and bodies of helpless children being abused with impunity—*Thy Kingdom come*. We are "[l]ooking for [or *earnestly waiting for*] and hasting unto the coming of the day of God" (2 Peter 3:12).

Thus, even as Christ says, "Surely I come quickly," we say, as the Apostle John did to close the words of sacred Scripture, "Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

In his masterful booklet *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be*

Like, Herbert W. Armstrong expounded on the many scriptures with inspiring descriptions of the utopian world God will create. It is utterly refreshing to read, a sweet song amid the din and clamor of this world. You owe it to yourself to read it—just ask and we'll send you a free copy.

"Feast your eyes for a while on the picture of the World Tomorrow which God's government will produce—as we shall now do," he wrote, "and when you take your eyes from this book, and look again on this drab, ugly, sin-sick world of corruption, violence and suffering—it will make you sick at heart.

"But doesn't it make you want to shout for joy, to realize what a civilization—what a world—is actually coming?

"Doesn't it make you want to really put your heart into your prayers, praying earnestly, '*Oh God! Thy Kingdom come! Thy will be done on Earth, as it is in heaven!*'"

That it does.



also is Chittim—a biblical name for China. Both powers will work together in trade and cut out the U.S.

The Bible describes this siege and its results. It is a grim forecast. As curses from God hit America, society will break down and many will die. Foreign powers will quickly take advantage of the weakness, and America will be conquered.

A New Superpower

In America's place, Europe will become a raw materials superpower. Revelation 18:3 states that "the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury" (New King James Version). European merchants will become "the great men of the earth" (verse 23).

This passage even tells us which resources this European power will control: gold, silver and precious stones (verse 12). The richest gold field ever discovered is in South Africa. The second-largest gold mine in the world is in Peru. Africa is a rich source of diamonds and other gems. The verse also lists ivory, a commodity not readily available in Europe. The inclusion of ivory tells us something important about the nature of this trade. This isn't about sustainable development, it's a smash-and-grab. Large-scale trade in ivory could lead to the extinction of elephants. But this empire doesn't care.

This scripture also singles out a couple of different types of wood, a key export of the Amazon region. Iron is also listed, which is an important export of Brazil. Verse 13 lists several different food commodities including wheat, flour and beasts, which probably includes cattle. Brazil and Argentina are both important wheat exporters. Brazil is the world's top beef exporter, and Argentina also plays an important role.

But the most chilling trade commodity in this passage is "slaves, and souls of men." In part through control of world trade, this empire is powerful enough to conquer nations and trade in human lives!

Europe is laying the groundwork for this empire right now. It is signing deals that would allow it to trade in many of these commodities already. Its intent is clear: It wants to dominate trade with Latin America and Africa!

But this dominance will not last. Revelation 18 emphasizes this. Three times it states this power's destruction comes in just "one hour." "For in one hour so great riches is come to nought" (verse 17). This power has its moment in the sun, but that's all it is: a moment.

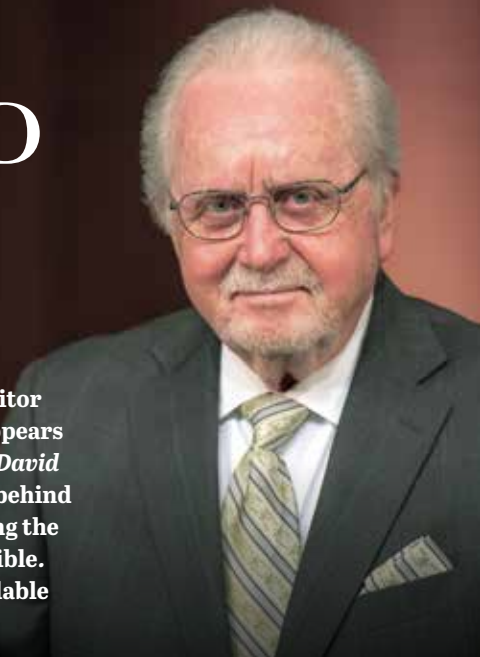
God allows this because He is teaching some crucial lessons. Real, lasting prosperity does not come from grabbing the world's raw materials. Nor does it come from America's current hedonistic lifestyle, using those resources to generate every fleeting pleasure imaginable.

Lasting prosperity comes only from God. He gave a taste of this to Britain and America, but both powers refused to live the way that leads to continued blessings.

After the siege and conquest of the Holy Roman Empire, however, the world will learn this lesson. Mankind will be forced to recognize that prosperity and happiness come only from God. And this will lead to an era of unprecedented prosperity for all mankind. ■

THE KEY OF DAVID

Philadelphia Trumpet editor in chief **Gerald Flurry** appears each week on *The Key of David* explaining the meaning behind world events and teaching the inspiring truths of the Bible. The program is also available at keyofdauid.com.



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