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# Why ‘the Britain Issue’

This is a critical crossroads for the British people. Everything is about to change for you—and you need to know why.

**W**HY WOULD THE *TRUMPET* DEVOTE AN ISSUE TO BRITAIN? Much of the world seems to have largely forgotten about this once great world power. But it shouldn't. Even many British people have lost sight of their own inspiring past. It was only a few generations ago that Britain ruled *the greatest empire in human history*—far greater than most people realize!

That history has everything to do with Britain's future, which is going to have a dramatic impact on many nations, especially America. The better you know that history, the better you can understand the position Britain is in today and what it means for the world.

The British people are at a crossroads. Relations with the European Union are terrible and getting worse. Anti-Europe political parties in Britain are enjoying their greatest-ever success—so much so that even mainstream politicians are having to shift in order to accommodate and appease the euroskeptical British public.

Some people believe that if Britain leaves the EU, its problems will be solved. But meanwhile, many people in Scotland believe that if they leave the United Kingdom, *their* problems will be solved! That alone proves the problems are bigger than most people will admit.

The reality is that Britain is very *sick* today. Believe it or not, Bible prophecy actually describes modern-day Britain as a *sick* people! It suffers from rampant immigration problems; an unsustainable welfare system that is destroying the character of its citizens; social problems that are swallowing the populace in drunkenness and immorality; and other ills.

The fact that it has largely forgotten its own history, and even despises what little it still remembers, is a big part of what is causing many of these disasters.

We have devoted a big part of this *Trumpet* issue to reminding all of our readers—especially our British readers—of the stirring, inspiring story of the British people—in hopes that it will awaken you! You need to know that past so you can understand what is about to happen and why it is of such consequence to the rest of the world.

## Britain in the Bible

Did you know that Britain's history traces right back to the biblical book of Genesis? It actually started with Abraham, the patriarch of Israel.

God gave marvelous promises to Abraham and his descendants. He made these promises unconditional when Abraham

proved his obedience in the most difficult test of his life (Genesis 22:15-18). Those promises were passed down through his son Isaac, then Isaac's son Jacob, and then Jacob's sons. Tremendous national, physical promises were aimed particularly at the *birthright nations*, which descended from Jacob's son Joseph, Abraham's great-grandson (1 Chronicles 5:2). These Josephite nations would receive great material wealth and would rule over other nations (Genesis 27:28-29).

God prophesied that Joseph's two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim, would become “a nation and a *company of nations*”—meaning a commonwealth, or empire (Genesis 35:11). They would become a “fruitful bough ... whose branches run over the wall”—prophetic language for overpassing their national boundaries and *colonizing* other nations (Genesis 49:22).

This prophecy was fulfilled in modern-day America and Britain. **THE MODERN PEOPLE DESCENDED FROM BIBLICAL EPHRAIM ARE THE BRITISH.** Herbert W. Armstrong gave detailed proof of this important point in his book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. We will be glad to send you a free copy of this book so you can prove this to yourself.

It is astounding to recognize the *detail* with which Britain's history fulfills the Bible's prophecies—especially its rise to become the greatest empire in human history in the 19th century! You can read more about this history in our article on page 4 of this issue.

**THE BETTER YOU UNDERSTAND THIS, THE MORE YOUR BIBLE WILL COME ALIVE!** It is a *living* book that is extremely relevant to our day!

The British people need to recognize that their great national blessings were not a result of chance or luck. They weren't a product of British ingenuity. **THEY WERE GIFTS FROM GOD BECAUSE OF THE SPECTACULAR OBEDIENCE OF ABRAHAM!** Wouldn't it be wonderful if Britons understood this and gave God credit?

And just as astounding as Britain's rise to power was **ITS LOSS OF THAT POWER** during the 20th century! *This too was prophesied!*

This fact has tremendous significance for the British people today. Why? Because the Bible contains many more prophecies of what is going to befall Britain in the time just ahead. God foretold exactly what would happen to this nation, and we are seeing those things begin to unfold before our eyes!

Knowing the *identity* of modern-day Britain in biblical prophecy is the *key* to understanding those prophecies. Notice what Mr. Armstrong said about this in *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*: “This very eye-opening, astounding identity is the strongest proof of the inspiration and authority of the Holy Bible! It is, at



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the same time, the strongest proof of the very active existence of the living God!”

What a powerful statement! Do you believe God inspired the prophecies of the Bible? If so, how well do you *understand* those prophecies? Can you see them being fulfilled, and recognize them as PROOF of the authority and divine inspiration of the Bible and of God’s active existence? YOU SHOULD!

## It is astounding to recognize the detail with which Britain’s history fulfills the Bible’s prophecies.

God put those prophecies in the Bible intending that they be *understood*. He wants them to serve as a *warning* to the British people in this end time! Think about that! God’s Word contains MANY details of what is going to happen to Britain—and He *wants you to know that!*

Yes, God has a STRONG MESSAGE for YOU! In the short term, it is actually a POWERFUL WARNING of terrible suffering that is about to befall the British. You cannot afford to ignore these warnings. Your life literally depends on paying attention and heeding!

### ‘I Have Made Known’

Prophecies for Britain are contained throughout the Bible. Perhaps the greatest concentration of them is in the biblical book of Hosea. This short prophetic book specifically mentions Ephraim 37 times! The name *Hosea* means *salvation*, so even though it contains a lot of bad news for Britain, ultimately it is very positive. It shows how God wants to *save* the British people.

You can clearly see God’s determination to publicize this message in Hosea 5:8-9. There He commands: “Blow ye the cornet in Gibeah, and the trumpet in Ramah: cry aloud at Bethaven .... *Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke*: among the tribes of Israel have I MADE KNOWN that which shall surely be.” *Blow the cornet and the trumpet—CRY ALOUD this warning*, God says.

And what is the warning? That the time is coming when Britain will be *desolate!* That is a *strong message!* But it is backed up and amplified by many other biblical passages.

Notice, God says, *I have made known what will happen*. In this end time, God is going to *make sure* people know this message! The expression *made known* is very strong in the original Hebrew. People will KNOW these prophecies—as if by personal experience! The *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament* says it refers to “the prophetic concept of ‘knowledge of God.’” Yes, people will come to know the knowledge of God!

That has yet to happen within the confines of Ephraim—certainly to the degree this passage describes. In other words, God has a much more significant work yet to do in Britain. He is going to ensure that His prophetic warning is MADE KNOWN! He commands that it be publicized powerfully, like a mighty trumpet blast!

One wonderful sign of God’s intent is that He has just given the Philadelphia Church of God, which

publishes this newsmagazine, a beautiful estate in England from which to do His work. You can read about this in our article “Introducing Edstone,” on page 14 of this issue. We believe this strongly indicates God’s desire to amplify His message in the British Isles.

### A Kingly Line

Not very long ago, many people in Britain were aware of their biblical roots. For example, a great many English, Scottish and Irish monarchs—including the present queen—have been crowned over a stone, called the stone of destiny. Why this unusual practice? A generation ago, that stone was labeled “Jacob’s pillar-stone.” The British knew that stone was actually the very same stone that their forefather Jacob set up as a memorial after God appeared to him in Genesis 28:10-22! (You can read about this in Chapter 6 of my booklet *The Key of David* by ordering a free copy, or by reading that chapter, called “A Stone of Destiny,” online at [theTrumpet.com/go/1283](http://theTrumpet.com/go/1283)).

For years, that stone sat under the coronation chair in Westminster Abbey. But in 1996, English officials removed it and sent it to Scotland. They no longer believe in the stone’s origins—and have lost the knowledge of their identity as Ephraim!

The English monarchy remains the world’s oldest, most prestigious throne—a throne that has been the envy of every other nation. That throne reminds the world that England was once a far more powerful country. Its roots also trace back to the Bible.

God promised Abraham in Genesis 22:18, “And in *thy seed* shall all the nations of the earth be blessed ....” That is a specific reference to Jesus Christ—who descended from Abraham—and how God will offer *salvation* to ALL NATIONS through Him! That is a beautiful message!

The Bible calls this the “scepter” promise, referring to a kingly office or line. Genesis 49:10 prophesies, “The sceptre shall not depart from Judah”—another of Abraham’s descendants, who fathered the Jewish people. That kingly line was realized in King David and the kings of Judah. It later included Jesus Christ, who was born of the house of David and the tribe of Judah.

God promised that this kingly line would *remain in existence until Jesus Christ’s Second Coming* (“until Shiloh come” in verse 10). If this promise is broken, you can’t believe in *any promise in the Bible!*

But God *has* kept that promise—and you can prove it! Do you know where that royal family is, and who is sitting on that throne today? Until fairly recent times, the British people did know.

God later confirmed and strengthened that promise by making this covenant with King David: “And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, and I WILL ESTABLISH THE THRONE OF HIS KINGDOM FOR EVER” (2 Samuel 7:12-13). God told David that his throne would be established FOREVER! You see this promise powerfully reinforced in Jeremiah 33:17-22.

THIS IS A UNIVERSE-SHAKING TRUTH! That is one of the most important promises God makes in the Bible.

THOSE SITTING ON THE BRITISH THRONE ARE DESCENDANTS OF THAT PROMISED KINGLY LINE! This astounding fact is proven in *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. Many British monarchs believed it. Queen Victoria, who ruled during some of the British

Empire's greatest years and sat on that throne until 1901, was convinced that the royal family descended from King David. To this day, many of Britain's coronation traditions stem from this truth—including the use of Jacob's pillar stone. Choirs perform Handel's coronation anthem "Zadok the Priest," which invokes Solomon's coronation using text from 1 Kings 1. (I describe more parallels with ancient Israel's coronations in Chapter 5 of *The Key of David*, called "Zadok and the British Throne.")

The illustrious lineage of Britain's royal family is something to be excited about and moved by! This isn't just an interesting historical fact. One of the Bible's most inspiring prophecies is that very soon, at the Second Coming, JESUS CHRIST HIMSELF IS GOING TO SIT ON THAT THRONE AS KING OF KINGS! (Luke 1:31-33).

*Jesus Christ is not going to return and sit on a nonexistent throne!* He is going to rule from David's throne—the same throne Queen Elizabeth sits on today. 1 Chronicles 29:23 actually calls it "THE THRONE OF THE LORD"!

The fact that this throne resides in England today should be a source of tremendous inspiration and hope to the British people. THE BRITISH THRONE IS ACTUALLY GOD'S THRONE! God originated it—and He will occupy it!

### A Message to a King

Considering how important that throne is to God, it makes sense that God is deeply concerned about what happens with the royal family.

It is amazing how much global attention the British royal family still attracts. The royal wedding in 2011 was watched by about 2 billion people—almost one third of humanity! It is difficult to explain that—except for the fact that this is actually David's throne. God has preserved it and continues to give it a certain amount of prominence and honor.

The Bible has a lot to say about the royal family. God even addresses specific end-time prophecies to that family!

For example, look at Hosea 5:1: "Hear ye this, O priests; and hearken, ye house of Israel; and give ye ear, *O house of the king*; for judgment is toward you, because ye have been a snare on Mizpah, and a net spread upon Tabor."

God says, "Hearken, ye house of Israel"! He wants them to know that the THRONE OF GOD exists in Israel today—in Ephraim, specifically!

Notice: God has a specific warning for the "house of the KING." This is not a message to a queen, but to a king. *I believe this means we are about to have a new coronation.* This prophecy is for the time just ahead of us, and I believe it specifically *dates* what God's work is doing today.

Here God pronounces a stern "judgment"—meaning the sentence of the judge—against this king. Other prophecies make similar warnings. Look, for example, at the message in Jeremiah 22 to the "king of Judah, that sittest upon the throne of David." Jeremiah is very descriptive of the royal family's sins and their punishment. When the person on that throne fails to execute judgment as he should, God takes that very seriously!

When you look at these prophecies that were recorded more than 2,500 years ago, you have to acknowledge that GOD IS ALIVE. He is reaching out to this world. God loves every single person on this Earth, and He's going to do everything He can to bring them to Him. Not many are interested in what He is saying now, but they will be!



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### Britain's Restoration

The prophecies for Britain's immediate future are not easy to take. God is going to correct Ephraim severely. However, that is far from being the end of the story. The British have lost a great deal of the blessings He gave them, and they will yet suffer still greater curses. But all that correction represents God trying to *turn them back to Himself* so He can bless them once again!

"Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up" (Hosea 6:1). This is just one of *many* prophecies of how, once the British people have been humbled, God will restore them to greatness. In fact, the Bible prophesies that Britain will be even *greater* in the future than it ever was in the past!

In Hosea 13:1-3, He describes Ephraim's sins and warns that as a result, its glory is going to fade just as surely as the morning dew evaporates. But then He promises, "Yet I am the Lord thy God ... and thou shalt know no god but me: for there is no savior beside me. ... O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me is thine help. I WILL BE THY KING ..." (verses 4, 9-10). Yes, God will be their king. He will rule them and bring peace and prosperity beyond what they have ever had!

Read the inspiring conclusion of Hosea's prophecy in verses 4-9 of chapter 14. Ultimately, Ephraim will come to its senses, forsake its false gods and turn to the one true God! Then it will truly become GREAT BRITAIN—a Britain far greater than it has ever been.

This is a picture of the Great Britain of the *near future!* What a wonderful hope!



The astonishing prophecy that explains the origins of the British Empire and defines world history

BY BRAD MACDONALD

**T**HERE IS NOTHING LIKE IT in human history. It is stunning and profound, and quite moving when you think on it. The way this island—a speck of land sitting more than 3,500 miles from the equator, tucked away on the Earth’s northern frontier—a country that for millennia was only sparsely populated, that has existed precariously less than a marathon’s distance from some of history’s most dangerous regimes—a nation smaller than New Zealand or Ecuador, with a climate so cold, dark and damp that many consider it downright inhospitable—suddenly, unexpectedly sprang forth into the greatest empire ever.

Germany is 1½ times larger than Britain. China and America are both over 40 times larger, and Russia is 74 times Britain’s size. Each of these countries has at some point possessed the ingredients necessary for empire: strong leadership and politics, strategic territorial assets, access to agricultural and mineral resources, and technology. Yet, despite these advantages, *not one* of these great single powers has ever come close to controlling as much of the Earth’s surface, possessing the wealth, or commanding the number of subjects as Britain’s Queen Victoria in the 19th century.

Google it. Check the history books. Corner your professor. Study the chronicles of Greece and Rome, or China, the Ottomans and other Arab dynasties, the Aztecs. You’ll soon see that in all of human history nothing parallels the stupendous prosperity, expanse and grandeur of the British Empire at its peak. Great Britain is a truly historical anomaly.

What are we to make of this? Was the emergence of the British Empire a freak occurrence of international relations? Was it the result of a brilliant scheme



## GREAT BRITAIN: LUCK

concocted by some mystery statesman? Was it blind luck?

Or was it actually an act of God?

Here is what the Bible says.

### Thank Abraham

Genesis 12 contains one of the most important passages of Scripture for understanding world history. In it God makes an all-important, two-part promise to Abraham.

Read verse 2. First, God says, “I will make of thee a GREAT NATION.” Here, God promises tremendous national, material prosperity and power to Abraham’s descendants. In *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*—a book in which the Abrahamic promise is the key theme—Herbert W. Armstrong termed the first part of God’s promise a promise of “race.”

Second, God promises Abraham that “in thee shall *all families of the earth* be blessed” (verse 3). Think about that. Doesn’t this prove God is not racist, nor a respecter of persons or races? HE CLEARLY SAYS THAT EVERY HUMAN ON EARTH WOULD BENEFIT FROM HIS SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH ABRAHAM! Mr. Armstrong termed this part of the promise the “promise of *grace*.” This is the promise of salvation through Jesus Christ, a descendant of Abraham.

We will here concentrate on the first part of God’s promise to Abraham, the “promise of race.” This promise is the key to unlocking world history and Bible prophecy. YET IT IS A MYSTERY TO HISTORIANS TODAY. World history—not just the history of Abraham’s descendants, but the entire history of mankind since the

I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a NATION and a COMPANY OF NATIONS shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins” (Genesis 35:11).

Notice how *specific* this promise is: When the time came to fulfill His promise of race, God would do it by facilitating the advent of a SINGLE GREAT NATION and a GREAT “COMPANY OF NATIONS.”

1Chronicles 5:1-2 show the Abrahamic promise being conferred on Joseph, one of Jacob’s 12 sons. Discussing the Abrahamic, or birthright, promise, verse 2 plainly says, “*but the birthright was Joseph’s.*” Again, it is amazing how *specific* the Bible is here.

In Genesis 48 we read of the birthright promise being passed on to Joseph’s two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh. Once again the promise is specific. Verse 19 says that “[Manasseh] shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but truly his younger brother [Ephraim] shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become *a multitude of nations.*” This is further plain proof that the promise of race—of material and national wealth and power—would be manifested in the emergence of a single great people (Manasseh) and a great company, or commonwealth, of nations (Ephraim).

The Bible is clear about this. Roughly 4,000 years ago, God promised Abraham that as a result of his faith and obedience, God would give his descendants unparalleled material and spiritual blessings. More specifically, when the time came to fulfill this promise, He would make the descendants of Ephraim and Manasseh—two of Abraham’s great-great-grandsons—into a single dominant nation, and a great commonwealth of nations.

### **Blessings Not Given to Ancient Israel**

Has God kept His promise to Abraham? If so, *when* exactly did God fulfill it?

Secular history reveals the answer. Consider the spectrum of world history, and identify those times when two peoples—two distinct yet related peoples, one a great single nation, the other a great company of nations—emerged as wealthy, powerful and dominant.

And what about the Bible? Does God indicate *when* He would fulfill His promise to Abraham? To answer, \_\_\_\_\_ let’s turn briefly to Old Testament history.



## CK OR PROVIDENCE?

time of Abraham—HAS BEEN SHAPED AND DEFINED BY GOD’S PROMISE TO ABRAHAM!

Here is how Mr. Armstrong put it: “Right here is where those who profess to be ‘Christians’—and their teachers—have fallen into error and scriptural blindness. *They have failed to notice the twofold promise God made to Abraham.* They recognize the messianic promise of spiritual salvation through the ‘one seed’—Christ [Genesis 22:18; Galatians 3:8, 16]. ... This is a pivotal point. This is the point where professing ‘Christians’ and their teachers jump the track of truth. This is the point where they switch off the track that would lead them to the missing master key to the prophecies. THEY MISS THE FACT THAT GOD GAVE ABRAHAM PROMISES OF PHYSICAL RACE AS WELL AS SPIRITUAL GRACE” (*The United States and Britain in Prophecy*).

God’s promise of *race* is the key that UNLOCKS BIBLE PROPHECY—and we need to understand that key!

### **The Birthright Promise Conferred**

In Genesis 17 God reaffirms His promise to Abraham. Here God not only gives more details, He says that His covenant with Abraham is an “everlasting covenant.” Abraham would die, as humans do, but God’s promise to him would not.

Genesis 26:3-5 clearly shows God’s promise of “physical race” (material blessings) as well as “spiritual grace” being conferred on Abraham’s son Isaac.

In both Genesis 27:26-29 and Genesis 35:10-12, we read of the Abrahamic promise being passed on to Jacob, Isaac’s son and Abraham’s grandson. Read it for yourself: “And God said unto him [Jacob],



God delivered the Israelites from Egypt in the mid-15th century B.C. By this time Israel was a full-fledged nation of 2 to 3 million people. It included people from the 12 tribes of Jacob. Chapters 19-23 of Exodus reveal the covenant mediated by Moses between God and Abraham's descendants.

Sometime around 1400 B.C., God led Israel into Canaan. It was here, in the Promised Land, that God intended to fulfill His promise to Abraham. It was here, in the Levant, with Jerusalem as the capital, that He wanted to make Israel, specifically Ephraim and Manasseh, into a great nation and a "company of nations."

HOWEVER, although God *desired* to fulfill His promise to Abraham at this time, immediate inheritance of the Abrahamic

promise was *conditional*. Ancient Israel would receive the promise in their time ONLY if they met certain obligations.

What were those obligations? The key Bible passage that shows us is Leviticus 26. This chapter is critical. Mr. Armstrong described it as the "VERY PIVOT OF OLD TESTAMENT PROPHECIES."

Notice how he explained it: "Leviticus 26 is the basic prophecy of the Old Testament. ... In this central prophecy, GOD REAFFIRMED THE BIRTHRIGHT PROMISE—BUT WITH CONDITIONS—for those of Moses's day! The birthright tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh were then *with* the other tribes—as one nation. Obedience to God's laws would bring the vast national wealth and blessings of the birthright, not

only to Ephraim and Manasseh, but the whole nation would automatically have shared them at that time."

He continued, "There was a *condition*—a great big 'if'—to their receiving actual fulfillment of this stupendous birthright promise *in their time!* God said: 'If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; *Then* I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase ...' (verses 3-4)."

Notice. God *wanted* to lavish ancient Israel with unparalleled wealth and power. He wanted to transform Ephraim and Manasseh, and all of Israel, into the largest, most powerful empire ever. But He would only do so IF they obeyed Him.

If Abraham's descendants rejected God and disobeyed, GOD SAID HE WOULD

## How the Empire Served the World

**E**mpire is a dirty word in the minds of most modern academics and pundits, even when it refers to Britain's colonial era.

"All empires, by definition, are bumbling, shambolic, bullying, bureaucratic affairs," said British writer Felix Dennis. *Times of Oman* editor Debasish Mitra said: "History does not tell lies, and it says ... the British colonial rule has been chillingly cruel—a blatant saga of human rights violation."

Was the British Empire "chillingly cruel" and "bullying"? Was it no different from the Babylonian, Persian, Greco-Macedonian, Roman or Mongol empires that came before it? Did it operate in the same spirit as the Nazi empire and Imperial Japan?

No one argues that British imperialism was perfect. It was

administered by men, and all men rule deficiently. But history indeed does not lie, and viewing the British Empire objectively reflects a dominion that contrasts starkly against other empires. On the whole, it was not cruel. It was a civilizing force that benefited mankind.

The most significant blessings the British Empire brought to the world were the rule of law, freedom, morality and education. With these, it lifted millions around the globe from squalor, darkness and oppression. However, there were other, additional benefits of a purely material nature, as each nation shared in the blessings given by God to Ephraim. This article examines three of these ways the British Empire served the world.

### Industrial Revolution and free trade

Throughout most of human history, the average person's income did not increase much. Economic historians say that around the year A.D. 1, it was the equivalent of \$1.30 per day in modern values. By A.D. 1000, the number had actually *fallen* to \$1.23. By 1750, it had risen to about \$1.75.

British economist Thomas Malthus was on the scene around that time. He made the dire prediction that world population would soon outstrip food production, making everyone much poorer even than they already were. Malthus was right about the population growth—it increased sharply shortly after his death. But he got the rest wrong.

From 1750 to 2009, the average daily income *increased 11-fold*—leaping from \$1.75 to \$20 per day.

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every physical indicator of human well-being also improves: life expectancy, hunger levels, infant mortality, literacy, education, economic freedom and rates of child labor. "Never before had the indicators of the success of the human species advanced as rapidly as in the past quarter millennium," wrote Cato Institute scholar Indur Goklany.

Is it a coincidence that these unprecedented gains for mankind came during the time of the British Empire? They are the result of the Industrial Revolution and associated advances of technology and science. They resulted from greater free trade worldwide. And who spearheaded that revolution and disseminated its principles globally? Who opened up international free trade? Overwhelmingly, it was the British.

The massive empires that had risen before Britain made *zero* increase in the



average person's income. Rulers at the top waxed wealthy, but their subjects as a whole became poorer. Irrefutable data shows that the British Empire was the opposite.

Some of these massive gains for mankind took place after the sun essentially set on the British Empire. But they are still the result of economic reverberations emanating from that empire's glory days and from the initiatives the British spearheaded.



CURSE ISRAEL BY POSTPONING THE FULFILLMENT OF THE ABRAHAMIC PROMISE!

### Seven Prophetic 'Times'

For how long would He postpone it? God actually tells: "And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you SEVEN TIMES MORE FOR YOUR SINS" (Leviticus 26:18).

The meaning of this statement is dual. The expression "seven times" comes from the Hebrew *shibah*, which can also mean *sevenfold*. As Mr. Armstrong explained, "The 'seven times' implies duration or continuation of punishment. But the word also conveys the meaning of 'sevenfold,' or seven times greater intensity of punishment—as a punishment that is sevenfold more intense."

This "pivotal prophecy of the Old Testament" reveals that the punishment will be seven "times" more intense—AND ALSO SEVEN "TIMES" IN DURATION.

In the language of biblical prophecy, a "time" is a specific period—a prophetic 360-day year. (For proof on why a prophetic year in the Bible is 360 days and not 365, request *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.) And as is the case so often in prophecy, each of those prophetic "days" represented a year in the fulfillment of Israel's punishment.

You can see this day-for-a-year principle in effect when Israel was to inherit the Promised Land anciently (Numbers 13-14). After Israel's spies scouted Canaan and returned a faithless report, the fearful Israelites refused to enter the

land. God then *postponed* their promised inheritance and sentenced them to roam the wilderness for 40 years. Why 40 years? Numbers 14:34 explains: "After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, *each day for a year*, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, AND YE SHALL KNOW MY BREACH OF PROMISE." Following this day-for-a-year principle, the promised blessings of Abraham were withheld for 40 years, each year representing one day that the spies had scouted the land.

Remember, God said in Leviticus 26:18 that Israel would be denied the birthright promise for SEVEN prophetic "times"—that is, seven 360-day years, a total of 2,520 days. When you apply the day-for-a-year principle, that becomes a

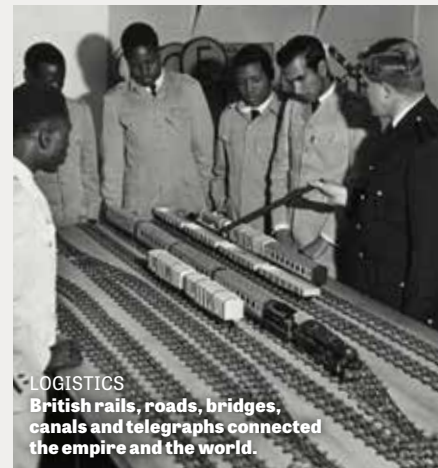
## Vital infrastructure and technologies

In every nation the British expanded the empire into, they constructed roads, railways, ports, buildings, power generation, irrigation systems, communication networks, sanitation systems and infrastructure that boosted agricultural output.

In India, the British spent liberally to expand and improve the country's ancient irrigation systems. Between 1891 and 1938, the amount of land under irrigation more than doubled. The British also built vast telegraph and postal systems, and 40,000 miles of railway. These created millions of jobs for Indians.

"British rule appears to have done far more than what its predecessor regimes and contemporary Indian regimes were able to do," wrote Tirthankar Roy in *The Economic History of India*. "[T]he railways, the ports, major irrigation systems, the telegraph, sanitation and medical care, the universities, the postal system, the courts of law, were assets India could not believably have acquired in such extent and quality had it not developed close political links with Britain."

The same was true of British colonies all over the planet.



LOGISTICS  
British rails, roads, bridges, canals and telegraphs connected the empire and the world.

## Parlez-vous anglais?

The British Empire also served the world by giving it a common language. English is the world's most commonly studied foreign tongue. It is the global media language, and the official language for maritime and aeronautical communications. More than 2 billion people—almost one in three human beings—speak it daily. It plays a crucial role in integrating the world's economies, allowing ideas to jump easily from country to country. Without this "global language," most developing nations would be largely unable to benefit from the industrialization and technological advancement in other parts of the world.

And the spread of English all began with the expansion of the British Empire.

Besides these vital contributions, the British Empire also gave the world representative government; defense from Nazi tyranny; the literature of Shakespeare, Milton and Dickens; abolition of slavery; crucial education; and *proof of God's existence*.

"[N]o organization in history," Niall Ferguson wrote in *Empire*, "has done more to promote the free movement of goods, capital and labor than the British Empire .... And no organization has done more to impose Western norms of law, order and governance around the world. ... [T]here seems a plausible case that empire enhanced global welfare—in others, was a good thing."

BY JEREMIAH JACQUES



LANGUAGE  
From Fiji to Hong Kong to Rhodesia to Guiana and beyond, the world learned to speak English.

punishment of 2,520 years. In this case—just like in Numbers 14—it involves the withholding of God’s promised blessing.

Yes, God specifically prophesied that He would postpone blessing Abraham’s descendants for 2,520 years.

Now, does the Bible tell us when God *enforced* this postponement?

## 2,520-Year Delay

Follow Israel’s history. After Moses’s successor Joshua led the nation into the Promised Land, it endured about 450 terrible years under the judges. God then

# Many historians recognize Britain’s unique, seemingly inexplicable arrival as a world power.

established the monarchy, but the Israelites continued to suffer under their first king, Saul. After Saul’s reign, “They began prospering under King David, and in Solomon’s reign they reached a considerable state of prosperity. However, they had not yet flowered into the full predominant-world-power status promised under the birthright,” Mr. Armstrong wrote.

When Solomon died, anarchy and instability set in. Within a short time, civil war had split Israel in two. The kingdom of Judah—comprised of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin, with Jerusalem as its capital—inhabited the south. The other 10 tribes, with Ephraim as the lead nation, split away and inhabited the north. They were known as Israel.

Over the ensuing decades and centuries, the 10-tribed kingdom of Israel continued to embrace the evil ways of its first king, Jeroboam, who was an Ephraimite. Israel became filthy and rebellious in God’s eyes, and the people were unrepentant. God sent prophet after prophet to warn them, but they rejected God’s every warning.

By the late eighth century, God was left with no other option. Israel simply would not repent, and the time had come for the nation to be punished—and, according to the prophecy of Leviticus 26:18, for the birthright promise to be postponed. You can read the history in 2 Kings 17. It describes how God used the Assyrian empire to destroy Israel and take it captive. Israel’s downfall was

conclusive. Virtually the entire kingdom was dragged out of the Promised Land!

Assyria’s invasion and destruction of Israel occurred between 721 and 718 B.C. History books document this; it is easy to substantiate. As Mr. Armstrong explained—and as logic implies—Israel’s banishment from the Promised Land marked the beginning of the postponement of the birthright promise!

“From that time,” wrote Herbert Armstrong, “God sent no prophets to them. He gave them no more chance to receive the greatest national blessing of all his-

tory—until the end of the 2,520 years! He hid, as it were, His face from them! He removed them out of His sight. He pleaded no longer with them. They had not qualified nor deserved His blessings!”

Having established that, the math is simple: Take 721-718 B.C. and *add 2,520 years*. You arrive at A.D. 1800-1803.

## The Great Promise Finally Fulfilled!

Around the year 1800, God began to fulfill the promise to Abraham that had been specifically conferred on the descendants of Ephraim and Manasseh. In the 19th century, He orchestrated the rise of a single great nation and a great “company of nations.”

You can clearly see it happen in the history of America and Britain.

A person could write a book on the rise of America and the British Empire in the 19th century. Actually there are *multiple* history books on this subject. More than a few historians have documented all the conditions that “mysteriously” converged, even starting in the 17th and 18th centuries, to facilitate the sudden emergence of the British Empire and the United States.

Consider all of the significant developments in Britain between 1500-1800, the three centuries leading up to the apex of the British Empire. The Protestant Reformation. England’s divorce from Catholicism under Henry VIII. The unification of England, Scotland and even Ireland, for a moment. The rise of England’s navy and its dominance over the water highways.

The Industrial Revolution and Britain’s emergence as the world’s economic, cultural, philosophical and technological hub. There is also the demise of Britain’s competitors during this time, such as the miraculous defeat of the Spanish Armada in 1588 that removed Catholic Spain as a threat, and the defeat of Napoleon in 1805.

Many historians recognize Britain’s unique, seemingly inexplicable arrival as a world power. “Some of the elements required for an economic transformation were present in other parts of the world,” wrote Paul Johnson. “*But only England possessed them all in combination*. The ‘MIRACLE’ had been brewing for 150 years; or, to vary the metaphor, a number of conventional factors of economic growth had been drawing together, and in the late 18th century the resultant mass became ‘critical,’ AND THE EXPLOSION TOOK PLACE” (*The Offshore Islanders*).

Each of these events was critical in laying the foundation for the British Empire. WITH EACH EVENT—and there are more beyond those listed above—GOD WAS PREPARING ENGLAND TO RECEIVE THE BLESSINGS OF ABRAHAM!

You can do the same exercise with America. Think about the Continental Congress and Declaration of Independence; the development of the Constitution, which gave the fledgling nation a foundation for political stability; the Louisiana Purchase; the expedition of Lewis and Clark; the California gold rush. America also witnessed the demise of regional competitors—especially Catholic European powers, namely France and Spain—along its southern border. Each of these events was critical to America’s ascendance. AGAIN, WITH EACH EVENT, GOD WAS PREPARING THE UNITED STATES TO RECEIVE THE BLESSINGS OF ABRAHAM!

## A History-Changing Event

I haven’t come close to documenting all the details that just seemed to fall into place around 1800 to facilitate Britain and America’s emergence as world powers. Even the weather in Britain during this time, as Paul Johnson has noted, was historically good. That is, it was conducive to agricultural success, which means full bellies and healthy humans, which means rapid population growth.

“The most remarkable fulfillment of biblical prophecy in modern times was the



A THRONE LIKE NO OTHER  
 Children wave Union Jack flags  
 to welcome Queen Elizabeth II  
 to Northern Ireland.

## To Be or Not to Be ...

# BRITISH

This world would do better with a bit more Britishness. **BY DENNIS LEAP**

**M**ANY BRITISH PEOPLE don't care to be British, recent articles in the *Telegraph* and the *Guardian* revealed. Honest Britons say they can't even define *Britishness*.

That doesn't sound good. Identity crises cripple nations. Yet Britain's identity crisis appears epidemic.

What is happening in Britain is important to me—it affects my soul and spirit. Though born in America, yet having English, Scottish and Northern Irish ancestry, I *want* to be more British! I have benefited tremendously in my life from Britishness.

When I was sick, my mother consoled me with tea and toast. My father taught me to take pride in being Scottish/Irish. At college, I completed an English Literature degree. My favorite poets are Donne and Keats. I raised my daughters on Austen and Shakespeare. My daughter, son-in-law and my grandchildren live 4 miles north of Stratford-upon-Avon.

I have visited England, Northern Ireland and Scotland. I've sauntered down London's streets in the rain. I soaked in a good supply of Scottishness inside Edinburgh Castle. I was inspired in Enniskillen, the home of my maternal third-great-grandfather. I became breathless touring Buckingham Palace. I was awed at wandering the stone corridors of Westminster Abbey and blown away by the history housed in the British Museum. I was enthralled at seeing the oldest surviving manuscript of *Beowulf* expertly preserved in the British Library. I could say more—much more.

Don't get me wrong: I love America too. Yet I am drawn to the British Isles because the roots of my ancestral *identity* are sunk there.

Many other people in this world feel the same way. What about you? It is hard for me to imagine a world without Britain or Britishness. Yet the loss of British identity makes this a true possibility.

History shows that Britain's identity crisis did not begin with the recent

Scottish independence referendum. However, that vote did bring the subject back into the light.

Let's put politics aside and discuss British identity in terms of *British character*—the true soul of Britishness.

### Drunk, Dirty and Deplorable

Many Britons were incensed when they learned that a Portuguese national living in Britain for 25 years, João Magueijo, castigated Britons, British identity and society in his book, *Bifes Mal Passados (Undercooked Beef)*, which is available only in Portugal.

The *Guardian* decried Magueijo's criticism of British lifestyle, calling it "a short book explaining why we Brits are a bunch of sex-mad, [drunken], overweight hooligans and snobs. According to Magueijo ... [o]ur diet is 'deplorable' and fish and chips is a dish that 'makes you want to wash it with detergent before eating.'" Ouch! Attacking fish and chips cuts any true Brit to the bone.

REASON TO CELEBRATE?  
British youths revel in alcohol  
in the "Tube" in London.



## Most Britons have forgotten the rich and triumphant history of their once-glorious empire.

The *Telegraph* also took umbrage, quoting Magueijo as writing, “When you visit English homes, or the toilets at schools or in student lodgings, they are all so disgusting that even my grandmother’s poultry cage is cleaner. ... I never met such a group of animals. ... The English are unrestrained wild beasts and totally out of control.”

Archie Bland of the *Guardian* asked Magueijo if he wanted to recant his observations. He replied, “A lot of those things are real. I’m not apologizing for it. It was a joke, but it’s a fair one. The whole travelogue culture, about the poor English person who has horrible things happening to him—everything is foul, the food is horrible, people are trying to steal from you—it’s your culture. You are such easy targets.”

Those are tough comments, not easily swallowed. Yet, as my mother used to say when she had a serving spoon and bottle of cod liver oil in her hands, “It’s time to take your medicine.”

### Collapse of British Character

No human being can easily accept criticism—that is our nature. It is even more difficult to accept criticism from those outside

our personal circle of family and friends. Yet some of Magueijo’s statements are worth considering by all self-respecting Britons. Magueijo is not alone in his observations.

There are deep-thinking Britons who have seen and experienced the same problems, written and warned about them—yet these warnings have gone unheeded.

One of these is Theodore Dalrymple. “In the past few decades, a peculiar and distinctive psychology has emerged in England,” he sadly states. “Gone are the civility, sturdy independence, and admirable stoicism that carried the English through the war years. It has been replaced by a constant whine of excuses, complaints and special pleading. The collapse of the British character has been as swift and complete as the collapse of British power” (*Life at the Bottom*).

Mr. Dalrymple is a British psychiatrist who treated the poor in a slum hospital and a prison in England for nearly two decades. *Life at the Bottom* is his Technicolor portrait of the disintegrated British character now available for viewing in the streets of cities and villages across the United Kingdom.

Unlike the liberal thinkers of our day, Dalrymple understands that a particular brand of poverty today is not caused by economics, but by a dysfunctional set of values constantly drilled into the minds of lower classes by a liberal elite.

It is *wrong education and thinking* that has led to the demise of Britishness.

### You Are Victims

For example, discussing the sociological determinist thinking that poverty causes crime, Dalrymple states, “If poverty is the cause of crime, burglars do not decide to break into houses .... Here the subliminal influence of Marxist philosophy surfaces: the notion that it is not the consciousness of men that determines their being but, on the contrary, their social being that determines their consciousness. If this were so, men would still live in caves; but it has just enough plausibility to shake the confidence of the middle classes ...” (ibid). This character-destroying thinking runs rampant in the British Isles, and in America too.

When the poor are taught they are victims, then there is no drive to improve one’s life. Human nature reasons that the victimizers are responsible to rectify the victim’s situation. This is the fuel that powers national welfare systems. Liberal thinkers believe the best way to help the unemployed is to encourage them to seek public assistance. Look at where such thinking leads: In Britain, poor families receive up to £26,000 (US\$40,500) per year in welfare benefits. In 2010, it was reported that several families in Britain received as much as £100,000 (\$157,000) a year in assistance.

To be fair, there are times of need when families and even individuals must rely on help from outside. Yet, let’s not be daft: There are many who have become experts at exploiting, milking and working the system.

This is a far cry from the mid-20th-century-style British (and American) character traits of working hard, practicing thrift to make ends meet, and accepting responsibility to take care of your own in the world—even if it meant working more than one job. While many UK government officials take pride in their welfare system, those working directly with the families and individuals it supports see degenerate, bad fruits.

“Poverty is one of the least fashionable



topics in Britain,” said Fraser Nelson, editor of the *Spectator*, when defending “Benefits Street,” a five-part UK reality TV show about British welfare recipients. “People don’t want to believe that the welfare state is now sponsoring the poverty it’s designed to eradicate. People think it’s a horrible caricature, but it’s not.”

Victim mentality is the same thinking that increases violent criminal activity among the British poor. Dalrymple discusses the gut-wrenching family and neighborhood violence he witnessed firsthand in the UK’s poorest neighborhoods. “Into this rich brew of uncertainty and equivocation, social historians are inclined to add their dash of seasoning, pointing out that the middle classes saw crime as a moral problem even in the 18th century, when for many malefactors it really was quite another thing, since sometimes the only way to obtain food was to steal it. To say this, of course, is to overlook the fundamental change in life chances that has occurred since then” (op. cit.).

Dalrymple shows that the poorest Briton today is far better off than the poor of Georgian England. His needs are met, and there is no need to live the life of a thief. Yet the elitist thinking gives the poor an excuse to live a life of crime. “People come to believe that, far from being extremely fortunate by the standards of all previously existing populations, we live in the worst of times and under the most unjust of dispensations. Every wrongful conviction, every instance of police malfeasance, is so publicized that even professional criminals, even those who have performed appalling deeds, feel on a priori grounds they too must have been unjustly, or at least hypocritically, dealt with,” Dalrymple states. Character degeneration is a vortex that few can escape from.

Any Briton who wants to understand the demise of British character should read this book.

### ‘We Don’t Need No History’

One of Mr. Dalrymple’s most important points in *Life at the Bottom* relates to the widespread dislike of education in Britain. The Brits have developed “a profound aversion to anything that smacks of intelligence, education or culture,” he writes. Anti-education culture is now so pervasive that British

youths interested in getting a good education are bullied and ostracized. Intelligence is considered shameful.

Mr. Dalrymple discovered that the average 16-year-old poor Briton, besides not being able to read, write or solve simple math problems, knows little to no British or world history. “Not a single one of my young patients has known the dates of the Second World War, let alone the First; some have never heard of these wars, though recently one young patient who had heard of the Second World War thought it took place in the 18th century. ... The name Stalin means nothing to these young people and does not even evoke the faint ringing of a bell, as the name Shakespeare (sometimes) does. To them, 1066 is more likely to mean a price than a date” (ibid).

Dalrymple does not oversimplify the problem with education. In his book he shows the *cause* for Britain’s weakened public education system; but that is the subject of a different article. However, he is adept at explaining the *damage* that historical illiteracy does to young Britons. This is a pivotal point all British citizens should not gloss over: “Thus are the young condemned to live in an eternal present, a present that merely exists, without connection to a past that might explain it or to a future that might develop from it” (ibid). These thoughts come from a deep thinker who recognizes the need for education in general, particularly history.

### Revitalize Your British Identity

Sadly, not only are British youth poor in history, British adults for the most part have forgotten the rich and triumphant history of their once-glorious empire. Imperialism is a dirty word among British elites. Shame has become chic.

The history of the British Empire is worth knowing. Learning more about it will give new life and robust vigor to your Britishness.

It was Winston Churchill, whose main fault many consider to have been his Britishness, who said: “The further backward you can look, the further forward you can see.” Churchill was a student of history. Largely because of that, during World War II he was able to save not only Britain, but also the entire Western world. That is a fact of history!

“Churchill’s reading of history

reinforced his early education to exalt the heroic virtues. [A]s he admired Roman accomplishments in law, government, empire, so he rejoiced in Roman virtues of order, justice, fortitude, resoluteness, magnanimity,” wrote Henry Steele Commager in an introduction to Churchill’s biography of Marlborough. Britain, America and the nations of northwest Europe exist today because our great leaders of the past were skilled at living by these heroic virtues. “These were British virtues too, and, because he was the very symbol of John Bull, Churchillian. He cherished as a law of history the principle that a people who flout these virtues is doomed to decay and dissolution, and that a people who respect them will prosper and survive” (ibid).

Current British historians choose to omit the British Empire’s virtues of order, justice, fortitude, resoluteness and magnanimity—its deeply ingrained Britishness. They despise it! Yet the history of other major powers that have desired to tyrannically rule the world—China, Germany, Russia—leaves no doubt that this world would never have enjoyed such benefits under their rule. Historically British ideas and traditions have built culture, education and social stability.

Churchill understood that the British Empire had a mission to show the world how to build a thriving, productive and successful civilization that benefited all those willing to follow in its footsteps. He knew God had given Britain a prominent place in the world (article, page 4).

This is crucial perspective for all British people. Events in this world are turning against Britain in a dangerous way. The weakened character of Britons is about to prove perilous, undermining the nation’s ability to respond admirably to adversity as it has done in the past. The days ahead for a Britain bereft of its identity are truly dark. Biblical prophecy makes this point plain.

However, though Great Britain and Britishness have sunk into the shadows for now, shortly they will burst again onto the world scene. The Bible’s prophecies show that, after a very difficult period of tribulation, the British will become a renewed nation ready to lead the world in hope and joyous productivity. This reality is just over the horizon. ■



# The Sceptered Isle's Secular Prophet

Britain would do well to remember these overlooked warnings from one of its most revered poets.

BY RICHARD PALMER

“MY OWN BELIEF IS THAT THERE WILL BE NO MORE wars among the six great powers.” That’s what prominent British commentator H.N. Brailsford wrote in March 1914. Less than six months later, he would be proven horribly, horribly wrong.

Multitudes of British leaders, writers and thinkers shared Brailsford’s complacency. But some foresaw the catastrophe to come. The most famous of these secular prophets was Sir Winston Churchill, who prepared the British Navy for the first Great War and later called the nation to arms ahead of the second.

But Britain had another prophet: Rudyard Kipling.

Today, Kipling is remembered for two accomplishments. Children remember his stories, particularly *The Jungle Book*, or a Disney cartoon version of it. Adults recall his poem “If,” a stirring call to manly virtue, voted Britain’s favorite poem in 1995.

But Kipling’s work went far beyond those two works. This man warned Britain of catastrophe to come. In his poems, he accurately forecast World War I, foretold the British Empire’s fall, and exposed the roots of disasters Britain suffers even today.

Kipling’s warnings were so accurate that in 1919, after the war, *Atlantic* magazine published an article titled “The Remarkable Rightness of Rudyard Kipling”: “[R]ight, because time has sustained him against scoffers; remarkable, because no one originally expected

that particular kind of rightness from him,” as its author, Katharine Fullerton Gerould, put it.

Kipling’s poems of warning were his least popular, and were often rejected, mocked and ridiculed. That was before the guns of August roared across Europe. Even after that, few paid them any attention. But particularly in light of current problems, these warnings reveal extraordinary insight. Britons—and all of us—would do well to remember them.

Kipling published a huge number of poems. Summarizing them all would be impossible. But perhaps a poor approximation of a summary can be approached by grouping his warnings under three main themes. The first is the one where he was most obviously right: military complacency.

## The First Warning

Throughout his career, Kipling spoke up for the British soldier. Alfred Lord Tennyson’s tale of death and glory in “The Charge of the Light Brigade” is perhaps the most famous poem of the Victorian era. But Kipling wrote another 40 years later called “The Last of the Light Brigade,” which said, in essence, *You’ve immortalized these men in verse, but now they are dying of starvation on the streets! Can you please give them something to eat?*

After the turn of the century, these rebukes became more urgent. As far ahead as 1902, Kipling saw that an all-out war with Germany was on its way. Building a large army of well-trained troops was no longer a matter of soldiers’ welfare—it was about national survival.

At the heart of this warning was an anthology of poems published in 1903 titled *The Five Nations*. Its dedication warns of the storms ahead:

*Ere rivers league against the land  
In piracy of flood,  
Ye know what waters steal and stand  
Where seldom water stood.  
Yet who will note,  
Till fields afloat,  
And washen carcass and the returning well,  
Trumpet what these poor heralds strove to tell?*

This anthology contains many poems of different styles, yet it returns again and again to this theme of complacency in the face of coming tragedy. “The Dykes”—a poem about the earthworks or levees that keep the sea from flooding low-lying areas—is dedicated entirely to this warning:

*Time and again were we warned of the dykes,  
time and again we delayed:  
Now, it may fall, we have slain our sons,  
as our fathers we have betrayed.*

At the center of *The Five Nations* is perhaps Kipling’s most prophetic poem, “The Islanders.” It begins:

*Fenced by your careful fathers, ringed by your leaden seas,  
Long did ye wake in quiet and long lie down at ease;  
Till ye said of Strife, “What is it?” of the Sword,  
“It is far from our ken”:  
Till ye made a sport of your shrunken hosts  
and a toy of your armed men.*

*Ye stopped your ears to the warning—  
ye would neither look nor heed—  
Ye set your leisure before their toil  
and your lusts above their need.*



A warning so direct is not easy reading. “How many thousands of people felt that, in writing ‘The Islanders,’ Kipling had destroyed his own reputation!” lamented the *Atlantic* in 1919. But by then Kipling’s warning had been proven all too true: “Do ye wait for the spattered shrapnel ere ye learn how a gun is laid? For the low, red glare to southward when the raided coast-towns burn?” Kipling lambasts the Islanders for the time and money they lavish on their sports and distractions, and how little they devote to the military that guaranteed safe sleep at night.

“Given to strong delusion, wholly believing a lie,” he wrote, “Ye saw that the land lay fenceless, and ye let the months go by.”

This dovetails with Kipling’s second warning—a rebuke against Britain’s narrow vision.

### The Second Warning

Kipling was a man of empire. He was born in India, lived for a while in America and traveled the world. He had a grand vision of what the British Empire could do for the world. Yet time and again he was confronted by people in England who thought only of a comfortable life at home. It was Kipling who coined the phrase “What should they know of England, who only England know?”

In “Pharaoh and the Sergeant”—also from *The Five Nations* anthology—Kipling laments that England “thinks her Empire still is the Strand and Holborn Hill,” both places in London.

To Kipling, the empire had tremendous power as a force for good. Some in the colonies worked vigorously to that end, while being completely ignored by London. Too many at home had no desire to do good in far-flung corners of the globe, and instead devoted their passions to ease and sport.

George Orwell, like Kipling, grew up in India, was educated in England and then went back out to the colonies. He grew to resent the empire, having witnessed many of its abuses in his formative years. To him, empire meant exploitation. Yet even he recognized a separate vision in Kipling’s writings. “The mass of the people, in the [1890s] as now, were anti-militarist, bored by the empire, and only unconsciously patriotic,” he wrote in a famous essay about Kipling in 1942. Kipling tried to reignite a grander vision of empire in that mass of the people—and failed. To Orwell, the empire was all about making money, but he clearly saw that for Kipling, it stood for something far grander.

Kipling’s third warning is deeper and more fundamental.

### The Final Warning

Queen Victoria’s Diamond Jubilee in 1897 was a moment of great celebration throughout the empire. Yet Kipling chose that moment to launch one of his earliest and most somber warnings. The poem, titled “Recessional,” and reprinted in *The Five Nations* anthology, begins:

*God of our fathers, known of old,  
Lord of our far-flung battle-line,  
Beneath whose awful Hand we hold  
Dominion over palm and pine  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!*

The poem seems to draw heavily on Psalm 127, that begins “Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.” It warns that despite all of the empire’s glories, without God,

it could crumble into nothing overnight:

*Far-called, our navies melt away;  
On dune and headland sinks the fire:  
Lo, all our pomp of yesterday  
Is one with Nineveh and Tyre!  
Judge of the Nations, spare us yet,  
Lest we forget—lest we forget!*

Despite all of Kipling’s calls for military preparedness and deterrence attacks, he clearly saw that Britain’s real hope lay not in weapons but in God. He concludes:

*For heathen heart that puts her trust  
In reeking tube and iron shard,  
All valiant dust that builds on dust,  
And guarding, calls not Thee to guard,  
For frantic boast and foolish word  
Thy Mercy on Thy People, Lord!  
Amen.*

He gives this same warning in “The Islanders.” Again drawing from the Bible, he asks sarcastically:

*No doubt but ye are the People; who shall make you afraid?  
Also your gods are many; no doubt but your gods shall aid.  
Idols of greasy altars built for the body’s ease;  
Proud little brazen Baals and talking fetishes;  
Teraphs of sept and party and wise wood-pavement gods—  
These shall come down to the battle and snatch you from  
under the rods?*

Toward the end of his life, as the Nazi Party rose to power in Germany, Kipling expressed his hatred for what it represented and opposed Germany’s reassertion of its power. He was accused of being a Germanophobe. He died in 1936. Three years later, he was again proven horribly *right* by the outbreak of World War II.

Today he is proved righter still. The British Empire is indeed “one with Nineveh and Tyre.” Britain’s naval might is gone. And Germany is again the preeminent power in Europe. Few would pay them heed, but Kipling’s warnings resound mightily.

### Who Will Hear the Warning?

The *Trumpet* gives a warning based on Bible prophecy. But throughout history, Britain and America have had their “secular prophets.” In a sense, knowledge of history and human nature can indicate what is coming even without the aid of the Bible.

Kipling was not a prophet of God, and he was not a perfect man. In today’s era of political correctness, critics focus more often on his failings than on his “extraordinary rightness.” Yet these are merely the three most prominent warnings, among many, that we would do well to heed.

*No doubt but ye are the People—your throne is above the King’s.  
Whoso speaks in your presence must say acceptable things:  
Bowing the head in worship, bending the knee in fear—  
Bringing the word well smoothen—such as a King should hear.*

That is the preface to “The Islanders,” and it holds true today. Britain lapped up Kipling’s smoother things, but the nation rejected his warnings. Today, however—more than ever—Britain needs to hear these “unacceptable things.” Once again, nothing less than world war is on the horizon. ■





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**How the Philadelphia  
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dramatically growing  
its work in Europe**

**BY PHILIP NICE  
AND GRANT TURGEON**

**Y**OU CAN SUM UP THE MISSION of the *Trumpet* and the work behind it in one phrase: “the largest audience possible.” That was the battle cry editor in chief Gerald Flurry gave to the Philadelphia Church of God nearly two decades ago, and it still rings throughout everything this work does.

Through the *Trumpet*, the *Key of David* program, the *Trumpet Daily* webcast, [pcog.org](http://pcog.org), Armstrong Auditorium, a concert series, a Jerusalem archaeological project, Herbert W. Armstrong College, Imperial Academy and other

initiatives, the PCG lives not just to study and enjoy the way of life revealed in the Bible, but to broadcast it to the largest audience possible.

The headquarters of this work is in Edmond, Oklahoma. But the message of the PCG and of the *Trumpet* is universal. It’s a dynamic, exciting, fulfilling, biblical way of life that shines brightly against the darkness that is swallowing this world. That is why the *Trumpet* has subscribers in 129 countries and the PCG has members in 51 countries, from Fiji to India to Zimbabwe to Chile to Austria to England.

But God always pushes His work to do more, to aim higher—to reach the





EDSTONE HALL  
The new home of the *Trumpet*  
and the PCG in the United Kingdom



largest audience possible.

So far, the work has not accomplished that mission in Britain. God devotes dozens of Bible prophecies to Britain. The British people's true identity literally proves God to be real, the Bible to be true, and prophecy to be alive today. It is a people descended from Abraham that God commissions His work to warn and to teach. But for decades, the work in these isles has been small.

Now, that is about to change. On November 12, the PCG officially acquired a new base of operations in England that will transform the PCG's work in the United Kingdom and Europe.

### Edstone

The new regional office is called Edstone, a property in the middle of the English countryside about 4 miles north of Stratford-upon-Avon, in Warwickshire.

Edstone Hall, a 24,000-square-foot mansion, contains more than 50 rooms. Built in 1939 in the art deco style, the building has an oak double-door entrance into a stained glass vestibule, stone mullion windows, stone fireplaces, balconies, a 5,500-square-foot Georgian cellar, a Cotswold stone roof and a detached garage.

The estate, which has existed since circa A.D. 730, has 22 acres of potential. It

includes meadows, pastures and woodland including mature oak and beech trees, walking paths, gardens and a cedar of Lebanon; it overlooks a large pond. The property also includes planning permissions for a 10,000-square-foot additional building, and an indoor swimming pool and a leisure complex.

"Edstone is ideal for the PCG—a perfect combination of majesty and functionality," *Trumpet* writer and European regional director Brad Macdonald said. "It's dignified and impressive, yet practical and sensible."

Our regional office staff has already relocated





**THE GROUNDS**

**Views of the east face of the manor house (above) and rooms which will serve as office, production, residential and educational space (below).**



all the Church’s operations for the United Kingdom and Europe from its 900-square-foot facility in the Northampton city center to approximately 5,000 square feet in Edstone Hall devoted to office space. Retrofitting and renovating has proceeded apace since November.

The Edstone manor house also opens the door to a second campus for Herbert W. Armstrong College students, starting with about a dozen students. In addition to taking classes (through online connections to the campus in Edmond, Oklahoma), they will serve part-time alongside our regional office staff.

This building and these grounds now serve as the regional base of operations for publishing and broadcasting a

message that reaches homes all over the isles and far beyond. Like little England transforming into Great Britain, this little work is on the cusp of multiplying in size and scope.

**A Message for Britain**

Britain has a glorious history. Traces of its legacy are imprinted on nations around the world. Yet the state of Britain today is far from glorious: drunken young people stumbling down London’s sidewalks; overwhelming immigration problems; a kingdom voting on whether to dismember itself; continual bickering between political parties; broken families, a failing educational system, and lack of leadership. It’s an objective fact that *Britain needs hope*.

But from where? Where is that hope? Is it in a new political party? Is it in a new public bill? Is it in an ideology? Where is the hope?

You can find a glimpse of that hope in Edstone.

This is a place where people can learn and live a way of life that *works*. It’s a place where people can put that way to the test by *living* it. And it’s a place where people can work together to *share* it with anyone who is willing to prove it for themselves.

As unlikely as it may seem, the hope for Britain starts here on this little campus filled with people who are proving God’s truth day in and day out, who are sharing the Bible’s prophecies, who are broadcasting a way of life that everyone can benefit from.

The place is Edstone. The guidebook is the Bible. And the mission is the largest audience possible.

**Get another look at Edstone** Watch *The Trumpet Daily*: “And Now God’s Work Expands—in England” [theTrumpet.com/go/12215](http://theTrumpet.com/go/12215)



# Do You Remember Herbert W. Armstrong?



EDUCATOR  
Millions of Britons and people around the world learned world events and proper living from Herbert Armstrong.

**H**ERBERT W. ARMSTRONG WAS THE WORLD'S LEADING TELEVANGELIST and one of the most prominent religious leaders of the 20th century. In 1953, his radio program *The World Tomorrow* began airing on Radio Luxembourg. It marked the beginning of a significant work in Britain and Europe.

In autumn 1954, Mr. Armstrong conducted his first public appearance campaign in Britain in order to speak directly to his radio listeners. About 3,000 traveled to hear him speak. In 1955 he opened the first Worldwide Church of God office outside of America in London. In 1956, after holding two weeks of public meetings, the WCG's first congregation inside the British Isles began in London.

Mr. Armstrong was unhappy with *The World Tomorrow's* broadcast schedule: The best time Radio Luxembourg offered was 11:30 p.m. Monday night, a poor time for attracting regular listeners. Radio Luxembourg's signal was also weak and patchy in much of Britain. The Church's growth was steady, but slow.

Then, in 1959, the Church purchased a building for a small college in Bricket Wood, near Watford, just north of London. Then the work surged. Mr. Armstrong advertised in *Reader's Digest*, and the work hired three extra staff members to cope with the response. Public campaigns added many new Church members. In autumn 1960, Ambassador College-Bricket Wood opened with 33 students. The following school year, 67 students were enrolled. The year after that, the student body exceeded 100.

Finally, in 1965, a door opened for the broadcast to go out daily, at a good time slot and on a radio channel easily accessible by most of the country. Mr. Armstrong called it "the BIGGEST news that ever happened in the history of this work." The broadcast went out on Radio London, a "pirate" radio station off the coast of southeast England. Soon, more of these "pirate" stations were added. Mr. Armstrong estimated that 7 to 8 million people were listening to the program via these stations.

The college helped the work expand to Europe. During the 1960s, offices opened in several countries including Germany, France and Switzerland, with staff largely made up of Bricket Wood graduates. Advertising campaigns were conducted across Europe.

But Mr. Armstrong's time on daily radio was short-lived, lasting only 2½ years. In 1967 the British Parliament outlawed these "pirate" radio stations, and the *World Tomorrow* broadcast stopped.

In July 1971, the WCG began the newsstand program. *Plain Truth* magazines were distributed on stands for people to pick up and read, first in England and then across the world. By the summer of 1972, 70,000 copies of the *Plain Truth* were going

out each month on newsstands. By 1973, more than 400,000 people in the UK were receiving the *Plain Truth*.

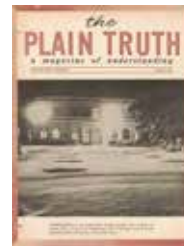
Due to costs and other considerations, however, the Bricket Wood college campus had to be closed. The

last-ever Bricket Wood class graduated in May 1974. The newsstand program across Britain and Europe was canceled. The sudden disappearance of the *Plain Truth* from newsstands across the country was so dramatic that the British press wrote about it.

Later, however, Mr. Armstrong revived the work in Britain. *Plain Truth* subscription hit a new peak in 1984.

Do you remember the work of Herbert W. Armstrong? The Philadelphia Church of God has picked up the mantle that was dropped after his death in 1986. The *Trumpet* reports on world news in light of biblical prophecy, using the *Plain Truth* as its model—but with greater urgency because of the shortness of the time. In the *Key of David* program, presenter Gerald Flurry follows in Mr. Armstrong's footsteps (visit [keyofdavid.com](http://keyofdavid.com)). Herbert W. Armstrong College has just opened a new campus in England to resume the labor that ceased with Ambassador College-Bricket Wood's closure. There is much work to be done in a short amount of time!

BY RICHARD PALMER



8 MILLION STRONG  
Readers across the globe read the *Plain Truth*, which not only went to Britain, but reported on British affairs extensively.



BRICKET WOOD  
In the 1960s and 1970s, hundreds of students were attracted to Ambassador College-England.

# The Reach of the British Empire

**“And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim’s head, who was the younger ... and said ... his seed shall become a multitude of nations.”**

—Genesis 48:14, 19

**N**UMEROUS BIBLE PROPHECIES SHOW that God promised to make Ephraim, the great-great-grandson of Abraham, grow into a mighty empire of many nations. He even specified that Ephraim’s descendants would

become a colonizing empire made of a “company of nations” that controlled the “gates of their enemies.”

Did these prophecies come to pass? Once you understand that Ephraim is the father of the British people, then it’s

## SEA GATES

Genesis 22:17 – “I will indeed bless you and make your offspring as numerous as the stars of the sky and the sand on the seashore. Your offspring will possess the gates of their enemies.”

(Holman Christian Standard Bible)

At its peak, the British Empire was four times larger than the Roman Empire at its height.

The British Isles became the scientific and industrial capital of the world. They were the world’s supplier of cottons, woolens, cutlery, pots, pans, stoves, grates, railway engines, and steamships.

## TELEGRAPH

By 1902, the British had built a network of 858,000 miles of aerial, buried and ocean telegraph cables, the world’s first global communication network.

## AMERICA

With the 1763 signing of the Treaty of Paris, the British added the massive area (shown in light red) to the 13 colonies they already controlled.

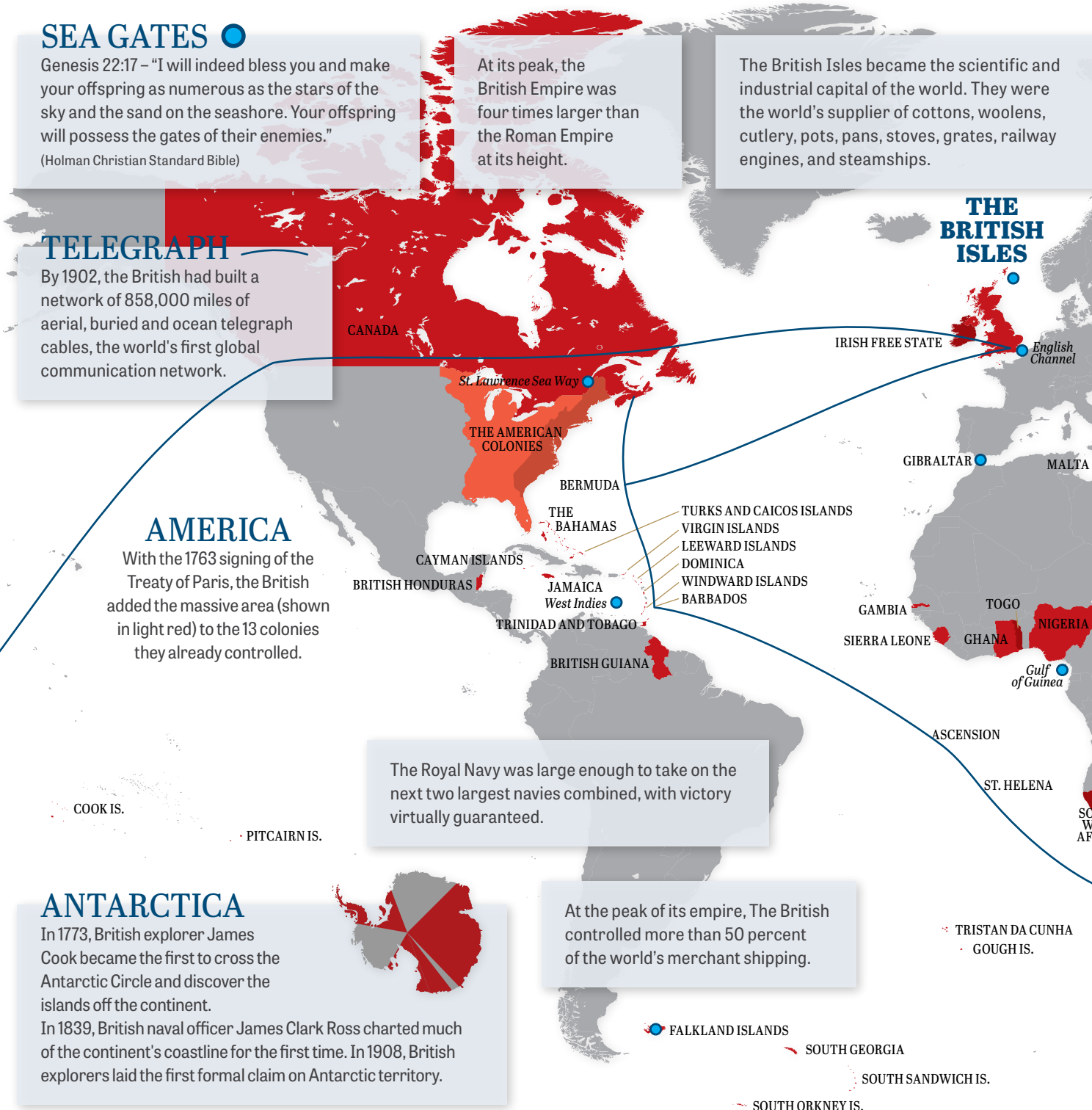
The Royal Navy was large enough to take on the next two largest navies combined, with victory virtually guaranteed.

At the peak of its empire, The British controlled more than 50 percent of the world’s merchant shipping.

## ANTARCTICA

In 1773, British explorer James Cook became the first to cross the Antarctic Circle and discover the islands off the continent.

In 1839, British naval officer James Clark Ross charted much of the continent’s coastline for the first time. In 1908, British explorers laid the first formal claim on Antarctic territory.





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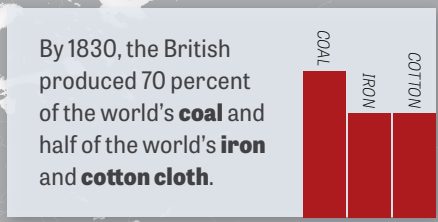
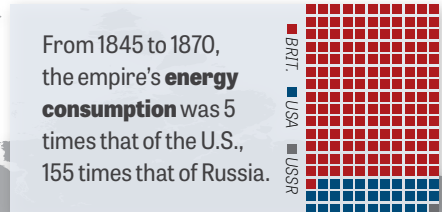
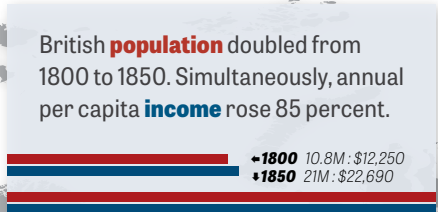
clear that the answer is yes. A survey of the immense expanse, exceptional wealth and unmatched power of the British Empire proves that God was true to His word.

The British Empire began in the late 1500s and grew to become the largest

empire in human history. After defeating Napoleon in 1815, the British Empire reigned unchallenged for almost a century. In 1922, the empire ruled more than half a billion people—a quarter of the world's total population. It covered more

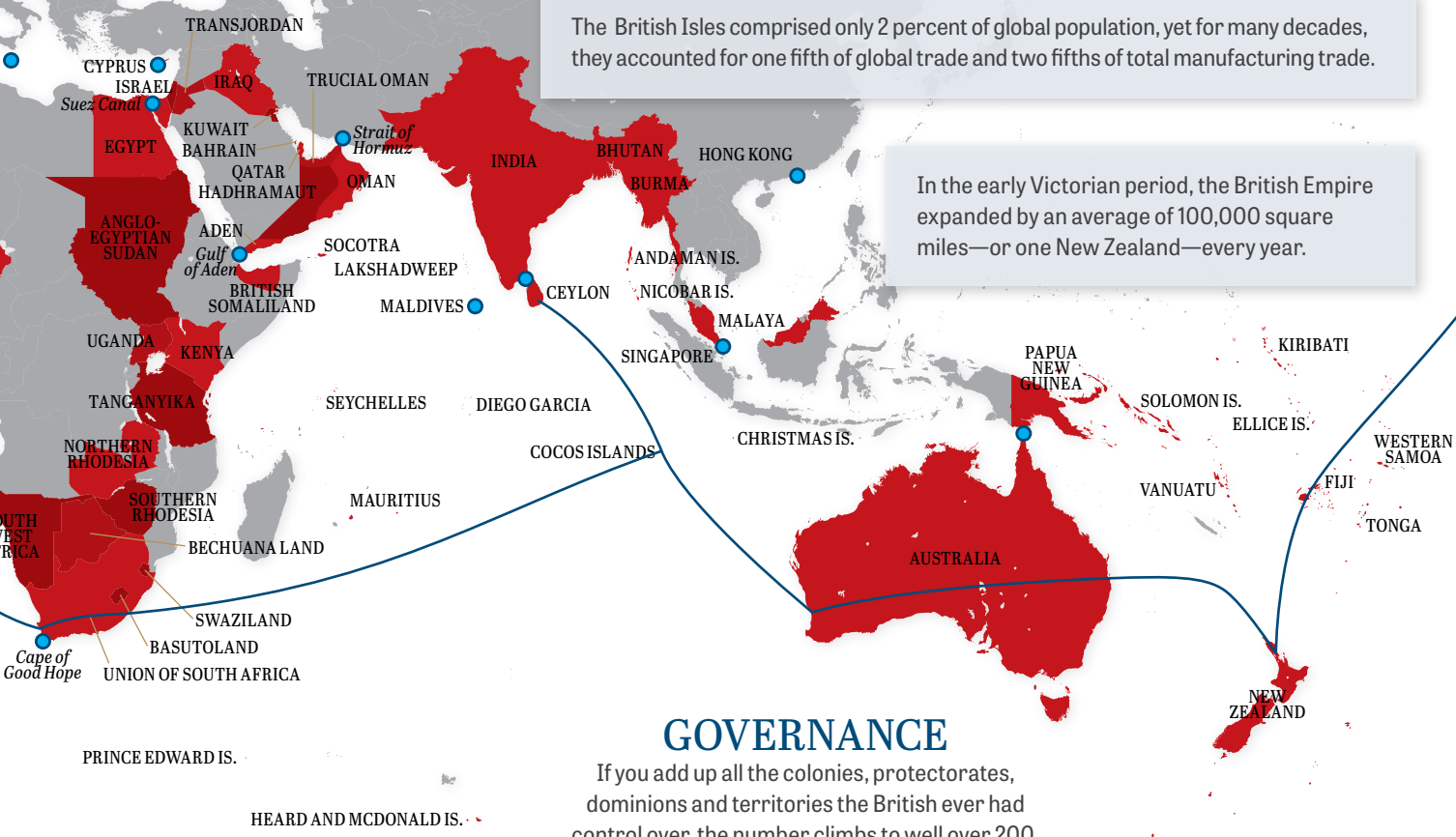
than 14 million square miles, roughly a quarter of Earth's total land.

At the height of its power, it was often stated that "the sun never sets on the British Empire." If it was sunset in Wellington, it was sunrise in London.



The British Isles comprised only 2 percent of global population, yet for many decades, they accounted for one fifth of global trade and two fifths of total manufacturing trade.

In the early Victorian period, the British Empire expanded by an average of 100,000 square miles—or one New Zealand—every year.



## GOVERNANCE

If you add up all the colonies, protectorates, dominions and territories the British ever had control over, the number climbs to well over 200. Many but not all of these locations are shown in red.

# What Happens When You Take the UK out of the EU?



Britain is closer than ever to cutting ties with the European Union. What will Europe look like once the British are gone?

BY RICHARD PALMER

**I**F THE EUROPEAN UNION WANTS to make British people angry, it's doing a stellar job. In October, after revising how they calculate gross domestic product, EU officials determined that Britain was wealthier than they thought. They abruptly handed Britain an unexpected bill for \$2.7 billion, including back payment, for the EU budget. Then other EU leaders publicly castigated London for noncompliance with the EU's liberal immigration policies. And in November, Jean-Claude Juncker—a man who openly spurns democratic norms, saying, for example, in 2011, “I am for secret, dark debates”—was appointed president of the European Commission.

Britain's simmering resentment of the EU boiled over.

Ever since Britain joined up with Europe in 1973, it has experienced rhetorical fights, political impasses and financial catastrophes. Rather than cohering and melding into Europe, its closeness with the Continent has only caused friction. Yet it has remained steadfastly part of the EU.

But signs are increasing that this relationship is at an impasse. These days, major problems with Europe seem to come every few months, each sparking a reaction more impassioned than the last. And in 2014, the British electorate sent a strong message that it is ready to end the status quo.

In late May, for the first time since 1910, neither the Labor Party nor the Conservative Party won in a nationwide election. The UK Independence Party (UKIP) won 26.8 percent of the vote in the European elections, followed by Labor and the Conservatives, which each won around 25 percent.

But UKIP always does relatively well in EU elections. Thus, many people dismissed this as a flash in the pan—the apex of UKIP's dramatic rise, which would see it coast back to obscurity in time for the national elections in 2015.

That notion was dispelled in the autumn. On October 9, for the first time ever, a UKIP member won an election for a seat in Britain's Parliament. Then on November 20, a second was voted in.



# The last 1,500 years of Europe's history can be summarized as repeated attempts to resurrect the empire of Rome.

“An Earthquake Called UKIP Hits Britain,” read the title of the *Wall Street Journal's* coverage. In both cases, these were high-profile politicians who had defected from the Conservative Party. Their victories put UKIP on the national map. UKIP also came close to winning seats previously held by Labor Party candidates. Many pundits predict that it will pick up several seats in the next election.

Britain is undergoing a huge political shift.

The shift is so dramatic that U.S. think tank Stratfor—an organization that rarely focuses on internal national politics—noted that UKIP leader Nigel Farage’s “rapid rise in British politics has moved the entire British political spectrum toward more euroskeptical positions, and no major party is impervious to UKIP’s influence. ... Britain’s traditional party system dominated by the Tories [Conservatives] and Labor will undergo a tough test in 2015” (Oct. 15, 2014).

As 2015 dawns on Britain’s relationship with the EU, one thing is clearer than ever. Britain has gone as far toward EU integration as it’s ever going to get. And the gap between the Isles and the Continent is widening fast.

Why is the UK always the fractious member, always wanting to do its own thing? Other EU member countries have issues with Brussels—but none is so keen on leaving as Britain.

What we are seeing is really a manifestation of a *fundamental and historical difference* between people of Britain and those on the European mainland. Understanding this difference can illuminate just how irreconcilable the differences that are visible between the two really are. And beyond that, it can help to show the direction we can expect Europe to take once—as we expect will happen—the UK is no longer in the picture.

The essential nature of this difference can be best understood by viewing today’s European unification project in its historical context.

## The Dream of Rome

“There was once a dream that was Rome,” said Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius

in the movie *Gladiator*. “You could only whisper it. Anything more than a whisper and it would vanish, it was so fragile. And I fear that it will not survive the winter.” But this fictional version of Marcus Aurelius was wrong. That dream was not fragile. Instead, it has been one of the most enduring dreams in all of history.

In the fifth century, Ataulf, king of the Visigoths—one of the Germanic tribes that brought an end to the Roman Empire in the West—is reported to have said: “At first, I ardently desired that the Roman name should be obliterated, and that all Roman soil should be converted into an empire of the Goths.” But the dream of Rome’s absolute monarchy and the vision of united Europe under one emperor, one law and one church was too strong. So Ataulf concluded: “I have therefore chosen the safer course of aspiring to the glory of restoring and increasing the Roman name by Gothic vigor.” So the king of the Visigoths and his Germanic brethren began a pattern that continues to this day: repeatedly claiming the mantle of a resurrected Rome.

The last 1,500 years of European history can be summarized as repeated attempts to resurrect the empire of Rome. Tyrants and kings from Charlemagne to Napoleon and the Habsburgs to Mussolini all claimed to be new Roman emperors. The title of the German king, *kaiser*, is merely a Germanized form of the word *caesar*. Rome’s law, custom and religion have become the standard for a continent.

The European Union is no exception. One of its founding fathers, Otto von Habsburg, said, “The [European] Community is living largely by the heritage of the Holy Roman Empire, though the great majority of the people who live by it don’t know by what heritage they live.” More and more, the popular press is likening the EU to the medieval Holy Roman Empire—so called because its rulers all shared the dream that was Rome.

But there was one small corner of the empire that never bought into that dream. Even after 350 years of Roman occupation, its inhabitants rejected the idea that they were Roman.

Britain was different from the rest

of Europe then, and it’s different today. That difference is key to understanding the future of the EU, as Britain drifts, once again, toward the exit.

## Not-So-Roman Britain

The Britons “might be within the Roman Empire. But they were outside the charmed circle of Romanness,” writes historian David Starkey in his history of Britain, *Crown and Country*. “They were subjects and natives. They were not Romans.”

The Roman Empire was full of Gauls, Spaniards and even Germans—whose homeland wasn’t even part of the empire—serving in high office, yet they considered themselves full-fledged Romans. But few if any Britons were among them.

“Whatever the reason ... the British then, remained semi-detached from the empire, just as the British now are semi-detached from the European Union,” Starkey concludes.

Norman Davies, a historian with very different political leanings and a different view of history to Starkey, draws the same conclusion. “[T]here can be little doubt that the Roman lifestyle was only adopted by a minority of the total population,” he writes in his book *The Isles: A History*.

As best as can be seen through the mists of time, the Britons kicked out the Roman invaders in A.D. 410, and then wrote to the emperor to obtain legal sanction for their act. They got it. “It was a unique event in the history of the Roman Empire; it was based on no precedent, and had no parallels elsewhere,” writes Paul Johnson in *The Offshore Islanders*. “For the first time a colony had regained its independence by law; and it was to remain the last occasion until, in the 20th century, the offshore islanders began the constitutional dismantlement of their own empire.”

After the sacking of Rome in A.D. 410, Britain and most of Western Europe were overrun by Germanic-speaking barbarians. Yet still the Britons remained different. In Europe, life after the fall of Rome was essentially the same as before. People lived in the same towns and cities, worshiped under the

# When Britain exits, it frees the Continent to accelerate its integration into a new Roman Empire.

same bishops, served the same lords and spoke the same language. All that changed was the remote figure at the top of the empire. The Germanic invaders “divided and localized” the Roman rule, “but they kept all of the wealth, pomp and authority they could,” writes Starkey.

“In Britannia it was a different story,” he continues. “Here the fall of Rome marked the end of Romanness.” When the barbarians came to Britain, they did not try to set up a new Rome.

“Everything that was Roman about Britain,” he says, was “annihilated.”

“Quite why the Anglo-Saxons should have behaved so differently from their fellow Germanic tribesmen across the Channel it is hard to say,” he writes.

“[I]n Britannia, uniquely in Western Europe, there was a fresh start. For along with their new language, the Anglo-Saxons brought a new society, new gods and a new, very different set of political values. And from these, in time, they would create a nation and an empire which would rival Rome. A version of their tongue would replace Latin as the lingua franca; English common law would challenge Roman law as the dominant legal system; and they would devise, in free-market economics, a new form of business that would transform human wealth and welfare.

“Most importantly, perhaps, they would invent a new politics which depended on participation and consent, rather than on the top-down autocracy of Rome. It is a story to be proud of and, at its heart, lies a single institution: the monarchy” (ibid).

## The Fate of Modern Rome

These two rival systems have significant bearing on Europe today. That history could repeat itself so directly after 2,000 years have gone by is astonishing. In the rough outline of the disagreements among English leaders on whether or not to expel the legions in the twilight years of ancient Rome, we can see a reflection of Britain’s current debates about its place in the EU.

But there are important differences. In the days

of Rome, Britain was an unimportant provincial island at the extremity of the empire. In the EU, however, Britain is a major and influential neighbor. It is not as influential as it would like and nowhere near as powerful as it once was, but it is certainly no mere European colony.

Membership in the EU has been bad for Britain in many ways, but it has come with one advantage. The firm presence of this opposing British system has slowed the EU’s development into a modern incarnation of the Holy Roman Empire. But now, as Britain shuffles toward the exit, its influence on Europe is leaving with it. This frees the Continent to accelerate its integration into a new Roman Empire.

Britain isn’t the only EU member that has remained free of this Roman tradition. Scandinavia, for example, has never been drawn into the orbit of Rome or the Holy Roman Empire. The Netherlands was a founding EU member, yet it has never really shared the dream of Rome. Along with Britain, these nations have helped prevent Europe from once again traveling the path toward the Holy Roman Empire. But with British influence waning, they lack the clout to do so any more.

Romano Prodi, one of the EU’s elder statesmen, describes the effect of Britain’s flirtations with exiting. “France is ever more disoriented, and Britain is losing power by the day in Brussels after its decision to hold a referendum on EU membership,” he wrote in an article for the Italian newspaper *Il Messaggero* (Nov. 23, 2014).

The result of this retreat is *a new power structure building around Germany*.

“Germany is exercising an almost solitary power,” Prodi continued. “The new presidents of the Commission and the Council are men who rotate around Germany’s orbit, and above all there is a very strong (German) presence among the directors, heads of cabinet and their deputies. The bureaucracy is adapting to the new correlation of forces.”

The *Telegraph’s* international business editor, Ambrose Evans-Pritchard, correctly identified what Prodi is describing: “a reconstituted Holy Roman Empire governed from Berlin.”

As Britain turns to exit, Europe is once again resurrecting that dream of Rome.

But Evans-Pritchard makes clear that he doesn’t think this new Holy Roman Empire is a viable future for Europe. “If Mr. Prodi is broadly correct—and I suspect he is—British withdrawal from the EU will accelerate an unstable chain reaction and ultimately cause the whole project to unravel,” he wrote. “It is simply unthinkable that the EU can survive as a reconstituted Holy Roman Empire governed from Berlin, yet without at least the charisma and sanctity bestowed on the medieval Hohenstaufen [a dynasty that ruled the Holy Roman Empire] by Rome” (Nov. 24, 2014).

In other words, Europe cannot exist as a German-led Holy Roman Empire without the moral and religious support of the Catholic Church that it had anciently. Evans-Pritchard does not believe it will get that support, and that therefore the whole thing will fall apart.

## The Missing Ingredient

His analysis only slightly misses the mark, and mirrors very closely what Herbert W. Armstrong, editor in chief of the *Trumpet’s* predecessor, the *Plain Truth*, wrote in his book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*: Europe’s “leaders talk continually of POLITICAL union—which means, also, military. So far they have been unable to bring about full political union. This will be made possible by the ‘good offices’ of the Vatican, who alone can be the symbol of unity to which they can look.”

That situation continues to this day. As has now been well documented, top European leaders launched the euro, Europe’s common currency, in order to force the nations that use it to come together in a political union. That has not happened yet. As bad as it was, the euro crisis was an insufficient catalyst. The missing ingredient in the formula is *the Vatican*. And there are signs it won’t be missing for much longer.

“A 2,000-year-old history links Europe and Christianity,” Pope Francis told the European Parliament on November 25,





# Mind Your Manners

Something you can do tonight to recapture etiquette and family time **BY JOEL HILLIKER**

**I** HAVE AN IMAGE IN MIND OF THE quintessential family dinner. It's a huge family—grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, parents, children—packed around a big table passing heaping dishes of steaming food. The room reverberates with chitchat, and laughter sweetens the air along with the culinary aromas.

This scene is becoming less and less a fact of life and more and more like a fairy tale. Not only are families increasingly scattered and tiny, but regular family meals are becoming a rarity.

In his book *Our Culture, What's Left of It*, Theodore Dalrymple describes a growing epidemic within Britain: family meals being replaced by uncivilized hunter-gatherer activity. He laments “the breakdown of the family structure—a breakdown so complete that mothers do not consider it a part of their duty to feed their own children once they have reached the age at which they can forage for themselves in a refrigerator—that promotes modern malnutrition in Britain.”

Children and adults forage and scrounge. They eat fast food on the go. They stealthily snack alone in the company of a television. Maybe you've found your own household oven going increasingly unused.

What a missed opportunity.

Even amid the busyness of your day-to-day, your evening meal should be a welcome coming together among family members. It's your chance to connect, to share, to listen, to laugh. It's your opportunity to strengthen bonds of unity and love. It's an occasion for your spouse and children to each see that he or she is a part of something bigger and greater.

It's also a chance to teach your children, by example, how to eat properly.

The need is certainly great. Just watch schoolchildren eat among themselves—or even with adults present. They tend to engage in some pretty unrefined behavior.

Manners at the table are a small but significant part of politeness, respectability and civility. Children—and adults—need the reinforcement of good table manners that can occur only when a family eats together regularly.

Moved by these thoughts, I recently pulled off my shelf a book that had accumulated quite a bit of dust. Leafing through its pages, I quickly realized it had been sitting unused far too long.

It is called *Amy Vanderbilt's New Complete Book of Etiquette*. It was published in 1952; my copy was last updated in 1963. It is only 50 years old—and yet, the rules of social graces it details seem to represent some exotic historical epoch. It helped

me realize just how casual and low-minded our culture has become—and how quickly. In America in particular, it seems we *pride ourselves* on our uncouthness; we *exalt* the rude and the base.

I found one bit in this book extremely helpful: a list of rules for dinner table conduct that parents should teach children. Here, summarized from Amy Vanderbilt in 1963, are some things we *should not do* at the table:

- Sit down to a meal unwashed and uncombed or improperly dressed.
- Tilt our chairs or push them back from the table with all our body weight on them.
- Tuck in a napkin, nor suck our fingers instead of wiping them on a napkin.
- Lounge on the dinner table, including putting our elbows on it or sitting back on our spines. (Apparently it is OK to put elbows—preferably one—on the table between courses.)
- Put more than a manageable mouthful in our mouths at one time.
- Chew with our mouths open or with obvious noise or lip-smacking.
- Speak unnecessarily loudly, or chatter incessantly.
- Behave noisily and conspicuously.
- Burp, belch, sneeze or cough without attempting to turn away from others, and then only behind the cupped hand or a clean handkerchief.
- Scratch, pick the teeth, spit, comb the hair, or tend the nails.
- Pull our finger joints, drum our fingers, or indulge in any similar irritating little habits that set people's teeth on edge.
- Leave a spoon in a cup, or eat with a knife.
- Interrupt a conversation—except for an important reason and then only after asking permission to speak.

There you have it: 13 ways to build tiny bits of civility back into your manner of dining. Soon after reviewing these rules with my children, one of them corrected my wife on the placement of an errant elbow during a meal. I told my daughter it is *far more* rude for a child to correct an adult than for an elbow to be misplaced.

But that does bring up an obvious but crucial point: The best way to teach these rules is *by our example*.

And the only way to do that is by *eating together*, regularly, as a family. ■

# Winged Cupids? Why?

Do you know where Valentine's Day came from? Before you buy that heart-shaped candy box, you might want to check it out. **BY WIK HEERMA**

**V**ALENTINE'S DAY IS BIG BUSINESS. Sales on this day account for about 4 percent of total yearly candy revenue—and 40 percent of annual revenue in fresh flower sales. In the United States, this one day of sales added \$18.6 billion to the 2013 gross domestic product.

Millions of people observe the holiday by pampering loved ones, buying gifts and making romantic proposals. People exchange mass-produced greeting cards and love notes called valentines. Dating is common—a custom that originated with the belief that birds choose their partners on February 14. Of all couples that get engaged in a given year, half do so on this day.

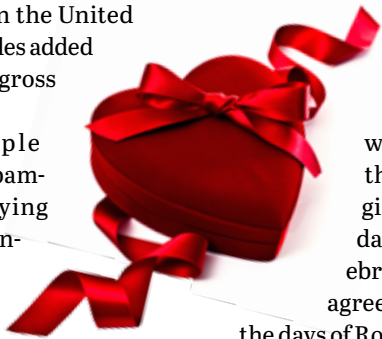
Some lament the materialism and commercialization that dominate this observance today, believing St. Valentine's is a Christian festival. But is it? Where did it come from? What is the significance of the date of February 14? What are the true roots of this day? Few people ask these questions. But the answers will tell you whether you want to join in.

## A Christian Custom?

"Christian" observance of Valentine's Day is rooted in a much older tradition. Valentine's Day stems from the ancient Roman festival of Lupercalia, which was kept centuries before the dawn of Christianity. The pagan population of Rome observed festivities beginning on the eve of February 14. Using a lottery system, they paired young men and women, who would fall in love and marry. It was celebrated in honor of the god Lupercus, meaning "he who wards off the wolf."

When Emperor Constantine converted to Christianity, he was encouraged to break with his pagan past. But the Roman populace would have none of it. The Christian-professing church decided it would permit the great masses of the

empire (who were now considered members of the church) to continue to keep it, but under another name and for another purpose. "[T]he vestiges of superstition were not so absolutely obliterated," English historian Edward Gibbon wrote, "and the festival of the Lupercalia, whose origin had preceded the foundation of Rome, was still celebrated ...." Yes—authorities agree that the festival *predates* the days of Rome. "[T]he Christians still continued, in the month of February, the annual celebration of the Lupercalia; to which they ascribed a secret and mysterious influence of the genial powers of the animal and vegetable world. The bishops



## The horned one

**L**upercus was the Roman god of shepherds. He was also known as Faunus, the horned god of the forest, plains and fields who made cattle fertile. The Romans, like the Greeks before them, were well known for sexual immorality. The Roman festival of Lupercalia celebrated perverted lust and free sex.

The Greek equivalent to Lupercus was the god Pan. Depicted with the hindquarters, legs and horns of a goat, Pan was famous for his sexual prowess and supposedly taught perverted sexual practices to shepherds. Semites called Pan "Baal," a name often mentioned in the Bible as an object of pagan worship.

Several elements of this deity can be traced back to ancient civilizations, including his having *horns*. The first deified king of Babylon was Kronos, meaning the *horned one*, or *mighty one*. Ancient coins depicted him as a centaur archer, memorializing his fame as a huntsman.

Ancient Assyrian carvings often show a horned and winged bull. The symbol frequently occurred in the sculptures of ancient Nineveh, the Assyrian capital; the giant horned man-bull depicted the greatest of Assyrian divinities. Today, this image of the horned one has become embedded in our society's popular depictions of the devil.

These symbols further reach back to the originator of Babylonian society, Nimrod, who founded Nineveh and the Assyrian kingdom (Genesis 10:11). He was a "mighty one in the earth" and a "mighty hunter" (verses 8-9). Like Lupercus, "he who wards off the wolf," Nimrod defended people from wild animals by organizing them in cities—a measure that also brought them under his subjection. He was an ungodly ruler; his name in Hebrew means "rebellion."

Baal, Bel, Kronos, Pan, Lupercus and Nimrod are all different iterations of the same being. And Valentine's Day was a day pagans originally set aside in his honor.





## February 14

The rites of Lupercalia were administered by priests called Luperi. The Luperi began the festival by sacrificing goats and a dog, after which two of the priests approached the altar. Their foreheads were touched with the bloody knife used in the sacrifice and then wiped with wool dipped in milk. *Encyclopedia Britannica* states, “The smearing of the forehead with blood probably refers to *human sacrifice* originally practiced at the festival” (emphasis added).

The priests also cut thongs from the skins of the sacrificial animals and struck people who came near. A strike from one of these thongs, called *februa*, supposedly prevented sterility in women. Women gladly received the slap, as they believed that a touch of the goatskin would render them fruitful and bring easy childbirth.

The name February comes from the Latin *februare*, meaning to purify. The festival was meant to secure the fruitfulness of the land, the increase of the flocks, and the prosperity of the people.

Anciently, mothers of male children customarily presented themselves for purification 40 days after giving birth. The winter solstice was celebrated for millennia as the rebirth of the sun, and the birth of the sun god of the ancient pagans, Baal. We have already seen that Baal, Nimrod and Luperus are all one and the same.

Prior to calendar changes, the winter solstice took place on January 6, instead of on December 25. Counting 40 days from that solstice brings us to February 15. Days in ancient times began at sunset the evening before, and thus celebrations began on the evening of February 14—Lupercalia—St. Valentine’s Day.

Nimrod’s mother, Semiramis, is said to have *desired* and lusted after her newborn son, Tammuz, when she saw him. Tradition says she *married her own son*.



## Hearts and cupids

The heart had been a symbol of Nimrod among the ancient Babylonians. The word for *heart* in the Babylonian language was *bel*, or *bal*. It was a symbol of Baal, lord of the Babylonians. Knowing that Nimrod was considered the mighty hunter, it is little wonder that the heart features in the festival commemorating him.

In Roman mythology, the goddess of sex, beauty, seduction and female charm, Venus, had a son, called Cupid. *Encyclopedia Britannica* says this name means “desire.” Cupid, who attended his mother at Lupercalia, and was believed to cause love by shooting arrows at the hearts of the victims. He was generally represented as a winged boy with bow and arrow.

Alexander Hislop explores the origin of Cupid (and the Greek equivalent, Eros): “[T]his infant divinity was frequently represented with a heart, or the heart-shaped fruit of the Persea, in one of his hands. ... Thus the boy-god came to be regarded as the ‘god of the heart’ .... To identify this infant divinity with his father ‘the mighty hunter,’ he was equipped with ‘bow and arrows’ ... taking aim with his gold-tipped shafts at the hearts of mankind” (*The Two Babylons*).

Venus and her son Cupid are simply another iteration of the Babylonian mystery religion’s Semiramis and Tammuz.

One widely held St. Valentine’s Day tradition involved pairing up. Boys and girls who otherwise lived separate lives in ancient Rome were paired on the eve of Lupercalia. Every young marriageable girl would place her name in a big urn. Each young man would draw out a name of a girl and became paired with her for the duration of Lupercalia. This often led to fornication.

Many today seek a girlfriend or boyfriend with the request “be my valentine.” The note may be delivered via text message instead of on a note in an urn, but the intent and outcome are often the same as they have been for millennia.

## Be Not Snared

When God separated ancient Israel as a nation, He warned the people against paganism (e.g. Deuteronomy 12:29-31). Hundreds of years later, God reiterated this warning through the Prophet Jeremiah: “Learn not the way of the heathen .... For the customs of the people are vain” (Jeremiah 10:2-3). God forbade the keeping of these pre-Christian festivals. He viewed them as abominations.

Often people justify participating in such things, considering them innocent and harmless. They casually shrug off their pagan origins and say, “That’s not how I am observing it.” But Scripture forbids this carelessness. These customs, even those with a false Christian veneer, are actually *idolatry*. Don’t be ensnared by them.

God has given His people meaningful festivals that *reveal His plan* (Leviticus 23). He *commands* us to keep these genuine days that picture His plan to save all of mankind from the blind confusion with which Satan has kept all of mankind ignorant.

God *does* want us to keep annual celebrations and observe certain days. And He *does* forbid us to keep alternative days of mankind’s own invention. It matters which days you keep. But if you choose to keep God’s holy days, not only will you be free of the stains of paganism and sin, you’ll begin to understand the truth about God and His plan that will bring you more excitement and thrills than millennia of pagan holidays ever could. ■

## Valentines’ is pagan—so what?

Most people know the traditions of our day were the celebrations of the past. But they don’t know the Bible has much to say about this seemingly harmless tradition.

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Visit [pcog.org/valentines](http://pcog.org/valentines) for the full-length article.

# Are You Deceiving Yourself?

Here is a simple test to find out—and a straightforward solution. **BY GERALD FLURRY**

**D** ID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN HEAR the Word of God—and at the same time, *deceive yourself*? Out of everyone on Earth, very few ever even hear the true Word of God. And a great majority who do actually *deceive themselves*.

Self-deceit destroys your happiness and deprives you of blessings. It makes your Bible muddled and confusing in many ways—in fact, God says He will actually *hide* His revelation from you!

However, if you *overcome* self-deceit, you will have a strong spiritual house that can weather any storm. Your life will overflow with joy and happiness, and God will pour out blessings on you. You will understand your Bible better. These are all promises from God!

So, are you deceiving yourself? How can you know? And how can you break away from self-deceit?

Here is the plain, direct answer from your Bible: “[B]e ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves” (James 1:22).

You deceive yourself *by hearing and not doing*. And you break free of that deceit by **DOING** God’s Word.

## How to Be Happy

God has revealed the way of life that gives us wonderful blessings. When we violate that way, we bring misery and unhappiness into our lives.

Jesus Christ led an exemplary life so we can have a picture of the way we ought to live. “For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you,” He said (John 13:15). “If ye know these things, *happy* are ye **IF YE DO THEM**” (verse 17). *Hearing* God’s Word does not make us happy. What makes us happy is the *doing*.

That is a promise from God!

How many truly happy people do you know? Many



reject Christ’s example and successfully gain temporary pleasures. But those pleasures do not bring real happiness, and they do not last. God created us to be continuously filled with hope, joy and vision! How much of those qualities do you see in the world today? A big reason for the prevalence of unhappiness is *self-deception*.

Jesus also said, “[B]lessed are they that *hear* the word of God, **AND KEEP IT**” (Luke 11:28). We must go beyond simply *hearing* God’s Word. We must *guard* it, *protect* it, *live* by it. When we do that, Christ promises we will be blessed.

## ‘They Will Not Do Them’

This truth that Christ emphasized also appears in Ezekiel 33. This prophecy has a powerful warning about the hazards of being a *hearer only*.

In this passage, a mortal threat is approaching the nation. This prophecy actually describes the serious dangers facing our modern nations—problems that are becoming visible in world events today! God prophesies that He will commission a watchman to warn the people. He commands: “So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt *hear* the word at my mouth, and *warn them from me*” (verse 7). This man must *hear* God’s

word—and then **DO** something: *Warn* the people from God. If that man fails to warn, God will hold him bloodguilty (verse 8).

Verses 10-11 show that the people who need warning are *steeped in sin*. God cries out: “As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked *turn from his way and live*: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?” God is trying to get sinning people to **TURN**—to *change*—to **DO** something about the wickedness that is leading them to death! These people don’t think they are wrong. They believe they are right! But they have the same problem the Apostle James discussed—and it is a *fatal* problem!

Verse 30 adds a striking detail: These people actually *endorse* God’s message! While most people in the world *reject* God’s message, these individuals are talking about it, speaking to others about it, and saying, “Come, I pray you, and *hear* what is the word that cometh forth from the Lord” (verse 30). They realize that this is God’s own Word, and actually encourage others to come *hear* it! They probably feel righteous for doing so.

But something is still lacking. They are flagrantly deceiving themselves!

You can see this in what follows: “And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and *they hear thy words* [from the watchman], but **THEY WILL NOT DO THEM**: for with their *mouth* they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness” (verse 31). As Christ said, these people will *hear*, but they will not *do*. They *talk* about God’s Word, but their hearts, their attitudes and their deeds remain wicked. They go after their own lusts. They hear where God’s Word teaches against a sin—but they still *commit* that sin, and won’t even slow it down! That is a terrible problem!



God emphasizes this in the next verse: “And, lo, thou [the watchman] art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for *they hear thy words*, but **THEY DO THEM NOT**” (verse 32). These people love to hear God’s messenger; they admire him the way they would a skilled musician. But they have deceived themselves into thinking that if they *hear* the Word, and talk about it, and encourage others to hear it, that this alone will make them righteous, and they will not have to do anything more. They think of themselves as spiritual people. But the truth is, they are not *doing* the Word!

That is serious self-deception! If you don’t *apply* what you learn in God’s Word, it is of no value!

Every one of us needs to examine ourselves, because we have all made this mistake. We must keep and *do* all the words of God. Nothing else counts!

“And when this cometh to pass, (lo, IT WILL COME,) *then* shall they know that a prophet hath been among them” (verse 33). The terrible prophecies discussed in Ezekiel 33 ARE COMING TO PASS! Once they are fulfilled, people will realize just how important the watchman’s warning was—they will *know* God sent a messenger with His message. *Finally* they will begin to repent and turn to God. But by then it will be too late to be protected physically.

Is it possible *you* will be one who only takes action when it is too late?

### Like a Little Child

Here is an important biblical teaching that few people realize. In order to understand God’s truth, God must OPEN YOUR MIND to it. He must *reveal* it to you.

Christ made this clear: “At that time Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because *thou hast hid these things* from the wise and prudent, and hast REVEALED THEM UNTO BABES” (Matthew 11:25). How many people believe that? God *hides* His truth! He *hides* it from the powerful and scholarly of this world—and as a result, His Word has no value to them. They are not humble enough to listen to what He says and obey like obedient little children. They will *hear*, but they won’t *do*! So the truth remains hidden to them. They can hear it and read it from start to finish, but it only confuses them, and even after such a close brush with such incredible truth, they remain self-deceived.

God only reveals His truth to “babes”—those who approach God with a childlike attitude.

“[N]o man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will *reveal him*” (verse 27). These are Christ’s own words! He said you cannot know the Son or the Father unless God is *revealed* to you. And that only happens if you listen to Christ and obey.

Some people were following Jesus and even calling him “Lord,” or *master*. That surely seemed right and good. But here is what Christ said to them: “[W]hy call ye me, Lord, Lord, and DO NOT THE THINGS WHICH I SAY?” (Luke 6:46).

## These people followed Jesus. They saw themselves as His followers. But they were self-deceived.

This is *shockingly* serious! These people felt very righteous! They followed Jesus around. They wanted to hear His words. They regarded themselves as His followers. But they would not *do* what He said! They were self-deceived! Christ boldly told them, *I’m not your master if you don’t do what I say! There’s no point in calling me Lord unless you obey what I’m telling you to do!*

How do you explain those people’s behavior? Well, it is simply *human nature*. It is what we all naturally tend to do! We must overcome that carnal tendency, or we won’t receive the blessings—the happiness, joy and biblical understanding—that God promises. He will not reveal His truth to you!

### Built on a Rock

Christ went on to emphasize the importance of *what we do* with what God teaches us. “Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, AND DOETH THEM, I will shew you to whom he is like: He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock” (Luke 6:47-48).

What a marvelous picture! When you DO as God commands, your life becomes stable and grounded—because you are building your life on the *Rock!* Hearing

and then *doing* the Word of God gives you great spiritual strength. Violent storms, difficulties and trials can arise, yet they will not shake you. No problem can cause you to leave Jesus Christ!

What happens if you *don’t* do as God commands? “But he that *heareth*, AND DOETH NOT, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great” (verse 49).

This man didn’t build on the Rock—Jesus Christ. He may have heard Him. He may have agreed with Him. But he did not do what He said. Matthew 7:26-27 say

this man built his house on *sand*. When the flood came, this house’s foundation washed away in an instant. *Many* people who hear what God says fail to concentrate on *applying* it. Because they are not *doing* these words, they have no strength. Once a trial comes, their house quickly falls in, and they leave Christ.

God promises that if you take action and build your house on Jesus Christ’s words, *nothing* will dislodge you! Nothing will take you away from God! That is a WONDERFUL group of verses to encourage us! *Nothing* can stop us from *doing* and *obeying* God.

Don’t deceive yourself into thinking that finding the truth, hearing the words and talking about them is all God requires of you. *Hear*—and then *DO!* As you do, God will pour out blessings on you and bring tremendous happiness into your life, even amid trials and storms. He will reveal more and more truth to you; He will supply you with greater biblical understanding. And He will give you an abundant, joyful life! This is a promise from God: If you know these things, *happy* are you IF YE DO THEM. ■

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Chancellor Merkel (left) welcomes Polish Prime Minister Ewa Kopacz.

## Germany, Poland: Let's cooperate

**G**ERMANY AND POLAND signed an agreement in Berlin on October 29 to increase cooperation between their armies. A Polish battalion will now serve under a German brigade, and vice versa. The two armies will conduct training and exercises together, exchange officers, and develop common rules and standards.

German Defense Minister Ursula von der Leyen called the agreement “a milestone in our joint cooperation.” She praised the “deep ... trust between our two countries in the security and defense policy.”

Polish Deputy Prime Minister and Defense Minister Tomasz Siemoniak said, “Poland wants a strong, active German Army, which does not avoid responsibility for defending its allies.”

“Around Europe we are experiencing instability and crises,” von der Leyen said. “A rapid return to normality I do not see. The claims on the German security policy will continue to rise— and thus the demands on the armed forces.”

Over the past year, von der Leyen, German President Joachim Gauck and other German leaders have pushed for more German intervention

### Iran nuclear deal postponed ... again

**T**HE DEADLINE FOR A DEAL to curb Iran's nuclear activities came and went November 24, and nothing was signed. The P5+1 nations (the United States, the United Kingdom, Russia, China, France and Germany) opted to extend talks until June 2015. In essence, this grants Iran yet more time to develop its nuclear capacity and its intercontinental ballistic missiles. Its nuclear ambitions require a missile program to deliver nuclear warheads. Iran already has developed missiles capable of striking Israel and Europe.

Iran will also use this seven-month extension to rebuild its economy. In July 2014, P5+1 nations awarded Iran about \$700 million per month in sanctions relief. That relief now continues for seven more months, giving

abroad. The German military is now undertaking 16 different missions around the world and is getting overstretched.

An affordable quick fix for this situation for Germany is to cooperate with other European nations. Germany has already subordinated the Dutch Airborne Brigade into the German Army, soon to be followed by one of the Netherlands' mechanized brigades.

In 2013, Poland signed an agreement with Germany to increase naval cooperation with 28 joint projects. Poland has also purchased a large number of German tanks (approximately 130 about a decade ago, plus 120 more in 2013), requiring the Polish Army to make itself more compatible with German equipment. And now, 75 years after German troops



overran Polish soldiers, the two will serve side by side.

German leaders have made clear what their end goal is for this military cooperation. Hans-Peter Bartels, the chairman of the German Parliament's defense committee, summed it up last year: “The hour has come, finally, for concrete steps towards a European Army.” To learn why this is significant, read “Under Construction” at [theTrumpet.com/go/10771](http://theTrumpet.com/go/10771).



German and Iranian foreign ministers meet before failed nuclear negotiations.

Iran access to overseas oil revenue. This allows Iran to grow stronger economically, making it increasingly invulnerable to future sanctions.

Iran also has seven more months to fight the Islamic State and consolidate its own power over the Middle East.

The longer negotiations continue, the less likely the U.S. will take a hard line. White House spokesman Josh Earnest said the administration now thinks imposing new sanctions could be counterproductive. Tacking on seven months to the negotiating process means the U.S. and its allies will be under even greater pressure to sign a deal and

more likely to bow to Iranian demands.

Once Iran finally completes a nuclear weapon, the international community will finally mount a strong response. Biblical prophecy reveals that this response will come not from the United States or Britain, but from Europe. Read about this in our free booklet *The King of the South* ([theTrumpet.com/go/iran](http://theTrumpet.com/go/iran)).





## 'The Falklands are Argentine'

ON NOVEMBER 20, THE Argentine government decreed that all public buses, trains, planes and ferries in Argentina must display its claim to the British-owned Falkland Islands: "The Falkland Islands are Argentine." The Argentine senator behind the initiative, Teresina Luna, said the signage will reflect "our undeniable sovereignty" over the islands and will be "directed not only at the foreigner who comes here as a tourist or visits our country, but also at the citizens in general and will serve to reinforce our history, our culture, and our identity."

The initiative shows the Argentine government's open contempt for Britain and for the inhabitants of the Falkland Islands, who almost unanimously voted to remain British in 2013.

The Falklands have been a British overseas territory since 1833, and most of the islands' inhabitants are of British descent. In 1982, Argentina invaded this South Atlantic sea gate, but British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher repelled the attack.

In October 2014, the British Royal Navy conducted maneuvers off the islands with the HMS Iron

Duke. A British Ministry of Defense spokesperson described them as "part of a routine training schedule planned long in advance." But Argentina's Foreign Ministry condemned them as "further provocation on the part of the United Kingdom government in an attempt to demonstrate the British warship's firepower."

The new law requiring "Falklands are Argentine" signs is the latest example of Argentina pressuring Britain to add the Falklands to the list of sea gates it has surrendered. Bible prophecy indicates that Britain will eventually lose the Falklands, and the message on Argentina's new signage will come true. Read how Herbert Armstrong foretold this eventuality in the "Changing of the Guard" chapter of our free booklet *He Was Right* ([theTrumpet.com/go/seagates](http://theTrumpet.com/go/seagates)).

## Europe to U.S.: We want our gold back

THE NETHERLANDS announced on November 28 that it brought \$5 billion of its gold home from New York. The 122-ton stockpile represents 20 percent of the Netherlands' gold supply. It also represents the world's dwindling confidence in the United States as a safe house for foreign gold.



Venezuela, Iran and Libya pulled their gold reserves following suit in 2012 when Germany launched an effort to repatriate 300 metric tons from the United States. Thus far, it has brought back only five tons.

In France, right-wing leader and likely presidential candidate Marine Le Pen has demanded that all gold be brought home and

that gold sales be discontinued immediately.

The U.S. holds the world's largest stockpile of gold, around 75 percent. It also has the largest national debt in human history, which exceeded \$18 trillion as of November 28.

Germany requested to audit its gold holdings in the U.S., but auditors were allowed to see only a fraction of Germany's gold in Fort Knox. The lack of transparency has caused speculation that the U.S. has already spent Germany's gold.

The concern has caused some German elites to form a "Repatriate Our Gold" initiative. Such campaigns are growing increasingly vocal throughout Europe, and are starting to gain the backing of their governments.

## Israel's Knesset collapses

ISRAEL'S LAWMAKERS OVER-whelmingly voted early December to dissolve its parliament, the Knesset, and pave the way for new elections in March.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called for

the dissolution of Israel's parliament after firing Justice Minister Tzipi Livni and Finance Minister Yair Lapid for insubordination and for allegedly plotting to topple him. Livni and Lapid have opposed Netanyahu's

policies on Iran's nuclear program, Jewish settlement construction and the "nation-state bill," which designates Israel as the nation-state of the Jewish people. Livni also made an unauthorized visit to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in May 2014.

The elections, scheduled for March 17, will occur two years ahead of schedule, concluding the second-shortest Knesset in Israel's history. Netanyahu came to power in early 2013.

As it faces increasing terrorist activity and international isolation, Israel must now also deal with domestic squabbling and election campaigns.



Netanyahu (right)



## Putin's push intensifies

**M**ILITARY ENCOUNTERS between Russia and the West increased significantly in 2014, according to a report released on November 10 by the European Leadership Network (ELN). The report documented 40 incidents instigated by Russia over the previous eight months and said that military tension between NATO and Russia has not been higher since the Cold War.

“These events add up to a highly disturbing picture of violations of national airspace, emergency scrambles, narrowly avoided midair collisions, close encounters at sea, simulated attack runs and other dangerous actions happening on a regular basis,” the report states.

During those eight months, NATO nations conducted three times more interceptions of Russian aircraft than in all of 2013. Most occurred in the Baltic Sea region, but some were oceans away from Russia. For example, in September Russian bombers practiced cruise missile strikes on the United States mainland from the Labrador Sea near Canada. Missiles launched from that location could strike New York, Washington and Chicago.

The world has fixated on the Ukrainian crisis, but this report shows

that Russian aggression extends far beyond Ukraine's borders.

Another sign of Russia's ambitions came on November 24 when President Vladimir Putin signed a treaty that places Abkhazian and Russian military forces under joint control.

Like Ukraine, Georgia was part of the Soviet Union before its collapse in 1991. Most people in

Georgia believe Russia's moves in Abkhazia parallel its expansionist moves in Ukraine. “Putin's treaty with Abkhazia is very similar to Crimea's scenario,” Dr. Irakli Bokuchava, a resident of Tbilisi, Georgia, told the *Trumpet*. Putin unilaterally annexed the Crimean Peninsula in March 2014. According to Bokuchava, his goal is the “creation of a renewed USSR.”

Abkhazia broke away from Georgian authority in a 1992-1993 war. In 2008, after Russia's five-day war with Georgia, Moscow recognized Abkhazia and South Ossetia (Georgia's other break-away region) as independent, then asserted control over them. Only a handful of other nations have recognized the two regions as independent.

Just after that 2008 war, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry forecast that it commenced “the beginning of a dangerous new era in history. This was the first military strike of a rising Asian superpower—and there will be more! ... Today, you have [Western leaders] trying to also bring Georgia and Ukraine into NATO. I don't believe Russia will ever allow that to happen. ... Will a crisis occur over Ukraine? That area is the breadbasket of Russia, and surely it is willing to wage war over that as well” (*Trumpet*, October 2008).

Time has proven that prediction right. To understand more about Russia's future aggression, read our free e-book *The Kings of the East* ([theTrumpet.com/go/east](http://theTrumpet.com/go/east)).

## U.S.-China carbon emissions deal: The media got it wrong

**I**N NOVEMBER, WESTERN media rejoiced over the “historic” agreement between the United States and China to decrease carbon emissions. Made directly after the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit held from November 5 to 11, the deal was called a “game changer” and a “breakthrough.”

Together, America and China produce 45 percent of the world's greenhouse gas emissions. America said it will reduce emission levels by 26 to 28 percent by 2025. China said its emission levels will peak by 2030 and then begin to decline.

“[I]n many ways, it simply locks in the status quo,” wrote Kenneth P. Green, senior director of the Center for Natural Resources at the Fraser Institute. “China gets to emit as much as it wants

for the next 15 years, while the U.S. continues its regulatory crusade to cut U.S. carbon emissions. There's no stipulated ceiling for Chinese emissions—the sky is the limit until 2030.”



China won't reduce greenhouse gas emissions until 2030.

In fact, China agreed to hit an emissions peak that it already expected to hit anyway. In 2012, China predicted its greenhouse gas emissions would peak in 2030.

What's more, this deal pales in comparison to another international

agreement that China forged—which attracted a fraction of the media's focus. Chinese President Xi Jinping and Russian President Vladimir Putin struck a deal on November 9 that actually was historic: a second gas pipeline from Russia to China.

Six months earlier, Putin and Xi had inked a \$400 billion gas supply agreement. These are the two largest business transactions in human history. Once the pipelines are in place, China will become the largest purchaser of Russian gas.

The Western media fails to see the significance of these deals between Russia and China and how they undermine the U.S. Expect China and Russia to continue to turn their backs on the West, drawing closer to each other.





## Fewer and fewer Americans being born

**A**MERICA'S BIRTHRATE HAS reached its lowest point in more than a century according to a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention report. 2013 marked the sixth year in a row America's birthrate has declined. Only 3.9 million babies were born in 2013, compared to 4.3 million in 2007.

Demographer William Frey told the *New York Times* that a country's fertility rates are tied to its economic climate. "On just about every demographic indicator involving young adults, whether it's

marriage, buying a home or delaying childbearing, it's all been on hold since the beginning of the recession," Frey said.

In 2013, the birthrate among American women was 10 percent lower than 2007 and 50 percent lower than 1909, when records started.

Women under 30 accounted for most of the decline in birthrate. Women over 35 actually accounted for the biggest increase in over half a century, indicating that women are delaying family until later in life in order to pursue a career.

## Encouraging businesses to hire illegal immigrants

**D**UE TO A LOOPHOLE IN HIS Affordable Care Act, U.S. President Barack Obama's amnesty for illegal immigrants now gives firms an incentive of \$3,000 per employee not to hire U.S. citizens, according to a November 25 *Washington Times* report. The president's proclamation allows illegal immigrants to obtain work permits but not public benefits such as Obamacare. This makes them much more affordable to hire.

The president's executive actions don't reflect the

views of hundreds of millions of the Americans he represents: 80 percent of Americans believe new jobs



## Daddies don't provide

**T**RADITIONALLY, THE OVER-whelming majority of American men have been the primary income providers for their families. This trend is reversing. A June 5 Pew report shows women out-earning the man of the house more than ever.

In 1960, men accounted for 89.2 percent of the primary breadwinners in the home. Now, 4 in 10 homes are primarily provided for by the woman.

Additionally, there have never been more men staying at home to care for children. According to the Pew study, 2 million dads now stay at home compared with 1.1 million in 1989. In 1989, 5 percent stayed home primarily for childcare. By 2012, that number had risen to 21 percent, an increase of 320 percent.

Chris Tecala explained a common rationale for "daddy day care": "My salary equaled the cost of the yearly day care of two non-potty-trained infants, which was about \$40,000 a year. ... I would be

working just for someone else to watch my kids, and it just didn't make sense."

Today's families increasingly view the roles of breadwinning and homemaking as interchangeable, equally suitable for whomever in a family feels inclined to take them. It is important to recognize, however, that such thinking is a revolutionary change



from the predominant family structure for virtually all human history across nearly all cultures. It could accurately be considered a major social experiment.

What will the results be? It is difficult to gauge in isolation, particularly because this trend is occurring alongside several others that are fracturing long-held views on the composition of families and the roles that men and women play within them.

Society is casting aside those traditional views on the assumption that they are outdated and irrelevant. But evidence is mounting that all of these changes are having a devastating effect on the stability both of individual families and society as a whole. To learn more about the rise of women in the workplace and the retreat of men, and the ramifications of this trend on society, read "The Incredible Shrinking Man"

([theTrumpet.com/go/10305](http://theTrumpet.com/go/10305)).

Francis was the first pope to address that Parliament in 30 years, and his speech was accompanied by frequent outbreaks of applause. “This history, in large part, must still be written,” he said. “It is our present and our future. It is our identity. Europe urgently needs to recover its true features in order to grow, as its founders intended, in peace and harmony, since it is not yet free of conflicts.”

As men like Prodi and Evans-Pritchard see, an EU without Britain and that separate, anti-Roman tradition will lurch toward becoming a new German-led Holy Roman Empire. This would fall apart without the Catholic Church. However, the church will not let that happen. Once EU leaders are desperate enough to give the Vatican a greater role in the Union, the moral and religious force of the Vatican will come to bear. The EU may come close to collapse before that happens, but the dream of a united Europe—a new Rome—is too strong to fall that quickly.

### Why the Difference?

Again, we return to the question: Why does Britain not share that dream? Why is it necessary for the UK to get out of the way for this unity to happen? Why, after 2,000 years, does this stark difference remain between the British and Roman ways of life? That difference is not merely down to an accident of geography. It’s something deeper.

Herbert W. Armstrong found this deeper dimension in the Bible, as he explained in *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. It is the biblical and prophetic identity of the British people—as well as those of European peoples, especially the Germans. That same key unlocks the reason for the radical difference between Britain and the Europe that seeks to resurrect Rome. It also unlocks deeper meaning in Britain and Europe’s history.

In that book, Mr. Armstrong proves that Britain, America and several other modern European nations actually

descended from Abraham. (They are the modern nations of Israel.)

Because of His promises to Abraham—and not for any special talents or virtues of the British—God gave Britain a world-ruling empire. To do this, He had to preserve them and separate them from the continent of Europe. At the same time, the repeatedly resurrected Roman Empire played a separate role in His plans. Neither group of people is better than the other. Both Britain and Europe are sinning peoples who live in a world that has rejected God. In the coming, God-ruled world, the descendants of Israel and Germany (Assyria) are listed, side by side, among the leading nations of the world (Isaiah 19:24-25).

But for today, God is allowing a revival of the Holy Roman Empire to emerge to



punish modern Israel—mainly Britain, America and the Jews in the Middle East. These nations have a long history with God, as detailed in the Bible. They received a huge abundance of blessings from Him. Yet they have become deeply sinful nations—leading many other nations into a way of life that brings misery and hopelessness.

This is the ultimate reason why Britain and the EU cannot mix. Britain is descended from biblical Israel, God’s own nation, and the Holy Roman Empire is the system God will use to punish those descendants of Israel.

This is why, when Herbert Armstrong wrote of a “soon-coming resurrected ‘Holy Roman Empire’—a sort of soon-coming

‘United States of Europe’—a union of 10 nations to rise up out of or following the Common Market of today,” he said that “Britain will not be in that empire soon to come” (*Mystery of the Ages*; request your free copy). This explains why the forces in Britain that would take it out of the EU are gaining ground, and why UKIP will be a force to watch in next year’s UK general election. It also reveals why we should expect a further hardening of attitudes among Europeans toward Britain.

As far back as 1956, Mr. Armstrong wrote, “Germany is the economic and military heart of Europe. Probably Germany will lead and dominate the coming United States of Europe. BUT BRITAIN WILL BE NO PART OF IT!”

Herbert Armstrong understood this lost master key. The insight this gave him meant he could forecast Britain’s current existential angst about its EU membership—50 years in advance.

This understanding unlocks 2,000 years, and more, of European history. And, far more importantly, it unlocks the purpose God is working out here on Earth, the gospel that Christ brought, and the earthshaking events of the coming few years.

“There is a direct and most vital connection between this true gospel, which Christ taught, and the uniting of 10 nations in Europe,” wrote Mr.

Armstrong in the March 1973 *Plain Truth*. “Prophecy is directly connected with the true gospel.”

This understanding of this master key goes far beyond merely unlocking the history of a small island off the northeast coast of Europe and its place in the EU. “[A]n entire third of our Maker’s revelation to mankind [the Bible] is devoted to prophecy—writing the history of future events before they occur,” wrote Mr. Armstrong in *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. “These foretold future events reveal the great purpose being finally worked out—being brought to its completion.”

Understanding this master key unlocks the great purpose that is being worked out in world events. It is understanding that no one can afford to be without. ■



# A Potent Tool for Becoming a Better You



Gritting your teeth? Just think of it as a smile.

**L**ET'S ASSUME YOU DON'T CONSIDER YOURSELF A "FINISHED product." You want to become a better person: kinder, healthier, smarter—more productive, outgoing, successful. To do that, consider this bit of simple, extremely potent advice from a highly credible source, the Bible.

The Apostle Paul summed it up succinctly: "[E]ndure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" (2 Timothy 2:3). The old saying is true, physiologically and spiritually: No pain, no gain. There is hardness that benefits you. You need the challenges and afflictions life presents. They bring growth and build character.



JOEL HILLIKER

We naturally tend to snuggle up in our comfort zones. But in order to grow, we must endure difficulty—even embrace it!

God knows this. When He chose His people, ancient Israel, He didn't shower them with comfort and ease. He afflicted them! "And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart ..." (Deuteronomy 8:2). Challenges reveal your heart. They teach you about yourself, expose your weaknesses, show you where you need to be stronger.

The devil wants to entrap us in materialism and comforts. If we succumb and grow too comfortable, we tend to become afraid of discomfort—to the point where we'll do anything to avoid it. We shy away from things that might hurt—even good, noble things like hard work, sacrificing for your family, or standing firm against peer pressure. If your goal is to remain comfortable at all costs, you will never do those things.

Deuteronomy 8 goes on to describe the blessings of the Promised Land—and the danger they posed. God warned that once Israel began living the good life, "Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the Lord thy God ..." (verse 14). God wants to give us blessings, but He knows our human nature. We get fat and happy, contented and complacent.

Our industrial age has eliminated many of the challenges that were built into the human experience for millennia. And unsurprisingly, we also have epidemic obesity; bad health; people with no purpose in life who are gluttoned on entertainment; people unwilling to work. A recent poll revealed that 20 percent of U.S. households have nobody working. Welfare fuels laziness, causes people to stagnate, and destroys character.

*Everything that helps you grow is uncomfortable:* learning something new; meeting people; eating healthier; exercise; building a new habit; changing your routine to introduce

something good for you. These things are hard. Your mind and body want to resist. That's what makes it a fight—and why it works! These things break you out of complacency and lead to growth. They make you better and stronger. When you live at the edges of your comfort zone, that zone expands.

The great people of the Bible understood this. That is why Paul, for example, was willing to endure unspeakable adversity with a positive attitude. He said, "[W]e glory in tribulations ... knowing that tribulation worketh patience" (Romans 5:3). "Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake ..." (2 Corinthians 12:10). Paul didn't just endure hardness—he learned to embrace it! And he taught others to do the same (e.g. 2 Thessalonians 1:3-5). So did the Apostle Peter (e.g. 1 Peter 1:6-8). So did the Apostle James (e.g. James 1:2-3).

Recognizing the benefits you gain from challenges enables you to *smile through trial*. When that hard thing comes, you can do what comes naturally: whine, moan, complain, lose your cool, hit the snooze button. Or you can embrace hardness. Don't think negatively about how much that physical workout or that spiritual trial hurts. Think about the thrill of the challenge. Focus on the fact that you can now do more than you could last month or last year. Dwell on what following through means for your future. You would never grow if life were always easy. In order to keep growing, you must get comfortable with being uncomfortable. What do you fear? Don't turn from it. Tackle it.

As in exercise, so in life: There is a difference between good pain and bad pain. Bad pain results from mistakes and causes injury. Instead of avoiding all pain, learn the difference, and avoid only bad pain. Embrace good pain and the gains it brings.

Jesus Christ did exactly this. For the joy set before Him, He endured the cross (Hebrews 12:2). We tread the same path He did, one way or another. Look at what He went through; He warned we will have to endure the same way. "In the world ye shall have tribulation"—it is guaranteed—"but *be of good cheer*; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

At the end of his life, Paul wrote: "But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions .... I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" (2 Timothy 4:5-7). Paul described his Christian life as a fight! He did not say, "I have lived a good life." He said, "I have fought a good fight."

Physically, mentally, emotionally, spiritually, you are capable of far more than you think. Let God lead you in a life of growing, overcoming, conquering. And do it with a smile on your face.



**“The world has always hated my people. They say we killed Jesus. Well my Bible says we all killed Jesus. No one is innocent over that blood.”**

**Gary Barlotta** Alberta, Canada

Our January issue hit some big issues: Asian conglomeration, American infirmity, German strength, Iranian aggression, the Jewish nation (above), even the identity of God. For 25 years, the *Trumpet* has pinpointed this set of concerns as top-level, based on Bible prophecy. The past quarter century has vindicated that focus and that prophecy.

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**Israel against all odds**

From what I do know about Tzipi Livni and Yair Lapid, the recently fired ministers, they favor giving up bits of Israeli land for little bits of peace, which is totally contradictory to Mr. Netanyahu’s foreign policy (“Israel vs. the World,” [theTrumpet.com/go/12248](http://theTrumpet.com/go/12248)). Any actions Israel will do next would be from utter desperation, such as asking help from a nation that once sent them to the ovens. I think Netanyahu is a good leader, but of course a better leader and much needed is the one who trusts and obeys God. Who in the Knesset knows that?

**Cecille Aberilla**  
Philippines

**Historic axis of the East**

The implications of the Russia and Chinese axis are huge (“The Russia-China Axis Is Here,” [theTrumpet.com/go/12244](http://theTrumpet.com/go/12244)). China has now surpassed America as the number one economy in the world. We are now officially in the “times of the Gentiles.”

**Majella Tesoriero**  
Australia

**Attack from within**

What a wonderfully strong message! (“America: The Attack From Within Continues,” [theTrumpet.com/go/12243](http://theTrumpet.com/go/12243)). What insightful, accurate, and truthful political and religious commentary. With this level of warning, it won’t be long until “the land is not able to bear all his words.”

**Daniel Koenig**  
Montana

This is an absolutely PHENOMENAL article worth repeated study. Every American needs to read it.

**Timothy Oostendarp**  
Canada

**When money runs dry**

There are those who believe that we have not done enough damage yet (“Taking Away the Punch Bowl,” [theTrumpet.com/go/12247](http://theTrumpet.com/go/12247)). I certainly disagree, but I watched a bunch of liberals on tv discussing our president’s economic error in not borrowing an additional \$3 trillion in order to better stimulate the economy. We have successfully assured our dollar’s weakening, the downgrading of our debt, and a position in which trillions of dollars will be due just as our financial crisis is at its peak. The economic reality is that America, once the richest nation that ever existed, is now broke!

**Harris Allen**  
North Carolina

**Graveyard of empires**

What an excellent article (“Buried in Afghanistan,” [theTrumpet.com/go/12250](http://theTrumpet.com/go/12250)). The background and history of Afghanistan should have been a good learning experience for the U.S. and Britain, but as usual man fails to learn from his past. One feels for the troops fighting on the ground as there is no clear direction in this no-win war.

**Lynda Macdonald**  
Australia

**This too will pass**

Thank you for this timely article (“This Too Shall Pass,” [theTrumpet.com/go/12249](http://theTrumpet.com/go/12249)). Our God is one of detail and precision and as we learn to trust Him in the valleys as we do at the peaks, we develop that sterling character our loving Father wants us to have. I am one of those who have lost the use of one leg, but He has given me His Holy Spirit that helps me to walk a more defined path!

**Kenneth Holmes**  
Georgia



# Britain and the U.S. Will Lead the World Again

It's going to get worse before it gets better, but these former superpowers have another day in the sun coming. **BY JOEL HILLIKER**

**D**ARKNESS IS DESCENDING ON THE LONG, HISTORICALLY extraordinary Anglo-American age. Britain, once a globe-girdling empire, is now being bullied by a growing European superstate. America, once the greatest superpower on Earth, is economically battered and is losing its global influence.

History teaches that world orders don't last. They come and they go. This present one is giving way to something very different—and it truly will be the world's loss.

However, Britain and America's brightest days are *not* history. Glowing within their remarkable past is the promise of a far more luminous *future*.

The British and the Americans have long believed they were duty-bound, even destined, to lead the world. "The glory of the British Empire was its service to a cause that transcended Britain, that transcended history, that transcended time itself," wrote Kirk Emmert in *Winston S. Churchill on Empire*. That cause was "to lift human life away from barbarism and savagery towards civilization and human excellence." Churchill passionately devoted himself to promoting that empire and considered "the fostering of civilization" as its highest purpose. "Empire civilizes both the ruled and their rulers," he wrote.

The United States' founders sought to establish a lasting beacon of liberty and democracy to the nations. Lyman Beecher said the nation was "destined to lead the way in the moral and political emancipation of the world." Abraham Lincoln said America must ensure "that government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the Earth." Since its entry into World War II, the United States has essentially served as the guarantor of peace in the world.

All such human efforts are imperfect. But until recently, the fruits of the Anglo-American effort to benefit mankind have been more sweet than bitter. Bible prophecy reveals that there is an awesome reason for this—one that points back to ancient history, and yet illuminates an inspiring future. You can read about it in Herbert W. Armstrong's book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* (request a free copy). The reason is that these nations are the modern descendants of ancient Israel.

The Bible shows that Israel was given a great responsibility. God chose this nation to *represent Him*, and to set an example for the world! Biblical history and prophecy show that God *still* intends for Israel's descendants to fulfill this glorious purpose.

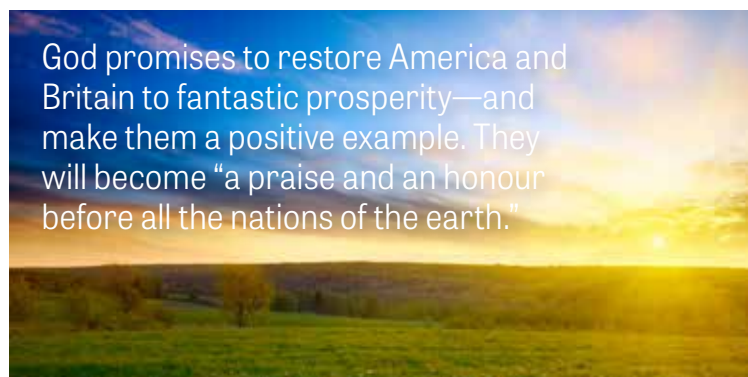
There is an outstanding example of this in Jeremiah, which was written for the "end time." Chapter 13, verse 11, describes God *wearing* the nation of Israel like a man wearing a waistcloth

or belt as a handsome ornament. "Here is the big overview. God created the tribes (later nations) of Israel for an incredible purpose," *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry writes. "They were created to be 'a praise, and a glory' to God. THE NATIONS OF ISRAEL WERE TO CAUSE THE WHOLE WORLD TO PRAISE AND GLORIFY GOD!" (*Jeremiah and the Greatest Vision in the Bible*; request a free copy). This waistband was *linen*, just like the garments of Israel's priests, which were made "for glory and for beauty" (Exodus 28:2). The nation had a *priestly* calling (Exodus 19:5-6), which means a responsibility to serve other nations and point them to God. Israel was like a **PRIESTLY GARMENT** worn by **GOD HIMSELF!**

Yet look at what God was illustrating here. God told Jeremiah *not to wash* the waistbelt (verse 1), and to even stick it into a rock beside the river for a time until it was ruined and unusable. God was vividly depicting how Israel *failed* in its beautiful calling.

Yet notice: Verses 9-10 also apply to Israel's *modern* descendants, nations God condemns for arrogance, evil, disobedience, self-will and idolatry. They became *worthless* to God, and God says He will dispose of these rebellious nations like a rotten girdle.

When John Winthrop spoke of America as a "city on a hill"



in 1630, he issued a warning based on prophecies such as this: "We must consider that we will be as a city upon a hill. The eyes of all people are upon us, so that if we deal falsely with our God in this work we have undertaken and so cause Him to withdraw His present help from us, we shall be made a story and a byword throughout the world."

This is where Britain and America find themselves today—and it is going to get worse. The sun is setting on Anglo-American dominance. And when these nations fall, the world will plunge back into the blackness of barbarism and savagery.

However, the Bible that prophesied this fall also prophesies that Britain and America's brightest days are *yet to come*. Jeremiah 33 depicts a time yet future, after America and Britain have endured tribulation intended to correct them for their sins. It contains God's promises to *restore* prosperity to them—and make them a positive example. They will become "a praise and an honour before all the nations of the earth" (verse 9).

God intends to *help these nations become the positive example they have always struggled and failed to be*. But it won't be Pax Americana or the British Empire they will be promoting—but the peace of God, and the Kingdom of God. The King of kings will lift *all* human life toward civilization and excellence, and Britain and America, *finally*, will submit to Him—and become the beautiful, godly ornaments they were always intended to be.

sudden sprouting forth of the two mightiest world powers—one, a commonwealth of nations forming the greatest world empire of all time; the other, the wealthiest, most powerful nation on Earth today,” Mr. Armstrong wrote. “These birthright peoples came, with incredible suddenness, into possession of more than two thirds—nearly three fourths—of the cultivated wealth and resources of the whole world! This sensational spurt from virtual obscurity in so short a time gives incontrovertible PROOF of divine inspiration. NEVER, IN ALL HISTORY, DID ANYTHING LIKE IT OCCUR” (op. cit.).

Stop and think about the implications of this prophecy—not just for America and Britain, but also on world history.

*History unfolded in the vacuum created by Israel's downfall.* Ancient Persia, Greece and Rome all emerged because God had postponed giving the birthright promise to Ephraim and Manasseh. Yet the rise of Persia, Greece and Rome were not accidental or arbitrary. Another towering prophecy in Daniel 2 shows that God orchestrated their rise too!

Imagine how different world history would have been if Israel had obeyed God and inherited the Abrahamic promise at the time of Solomon. There would be no Greek or Roman history—at least not the way it is

written today. History would be entirely different!

Broadly speaking, it is safe to say that world history as we know it is largely the product of the Abrahamic promise—especially the *delay* of that promise because of the Israelites' rebellion! Other powers were able to rise because the Israelites disappeared as a power for 2,520 years!

Now think about the last 200 years. For more than two centuries the world has been dominated by two powers: one a single great nation, the other a great company of nations. Together, America and Britain are the primary architects of the world we live in, especially the Western world. The world has been transformed in virtually every way—for better and worse—as a result of the material wealth, and intellectual, political, cultural and moral advancement and dominance of these two nations.

Finally, think too about the history of Britain, the British Empire, and Britain's phenomenal transformation in the 19th century from a fledgling island into the richest, most expansive and impressive empire in human history.

Britain's story truly is remarkable—its wealth, the grandeur, the vastness of its territory, its accomplishments, its power. But it is remarkable most of all for the way it provides living, *tangible*, QUANTIFIABLE proof of God's existence!

## The Bible foretold Britain's past, so what about its future?

Learn what will happen to the British people in the near future.

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# 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 [keyofdavid.com](http://keyofdavid.com)

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Sun

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

**Lafayette** KADN 7:30, Sun; KATC-DT

8:30, Sun





**Lake Charles** KVHP-DT 8:30, Sun  
**New Orleans** WPXL 5:00, Fri  
**Maine, Bangor** WABI-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Presque Isle** WBPQ 9:30, Sun  
**Maryland, Salisbury** WMDT-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Massachusetts, Holyoke** WBQT 9:30, Sun  
**Springfield** WBQT 9:30, Sun  
**Michigan, Alpena** WBAE 9:30, Sun  
**Cadillac** WBVC 9:30, Sun  
**Detroit** WPXD 6:00, Fri; WADL 10:00, Sun  
**Grand Rapids** WZPX 5:00, Fri  
**Lansing** WLAJ-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Marquette** WBKP-DT/WBUP-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Traverse City** WBVC 9:30, Sun  
**Minnesota, Duluth** KDLH-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Mankato** KWYE 8:30, Sun  
**Minneapolis** KPXM 5:00, Fri  
**Rochester-Austin** KTTC-DC 8:30, Sun  
**Sioux Fall (Mitchell)** KWSW/KSWD-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Mississippi, Biloxi** WBGD 8:30, Sun  
**Columbus** WCBI-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Greenville** WBWD 8:30, Sun  
**Greenwood** WBWD 8:30, Sun  
**Gulfport** WBGD 8:30, Sun  
**Hattiesburg** WHPM-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Laurel** WHPM-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Meridian** WTOK-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Tupelo** WCBI-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Missouri, Columbia** KOMU-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Hannibal** WGEM-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Jefferson City** KOMU-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Joplin** KSXF 8:30, Sun  
**Kansas City** KPXE 5:00, Fri  
**Kirksville** KWOT 8:30, Sun  
**St. Joseph** KBJO/KNPN-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Montana, Billings** KTVQ-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Bozeman-Butte** KBZK-DT/KXLF-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Glendive** KWZB 8:30, Sun  
**Great Falls** KRTV-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Helena** KMTF-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Missoula** KPAX-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Nebraska, Lincoln-Hastings** KWBL 8:30, Sun  
**Kearney** KWBL 8:30, Sun  
**North Platte** KNOP 10:30, Sun; KWPL 8:30, Sun  
**Scottsbluff** KGWN-DT/KCHW 8:30, Sun  
**Nevada, Reno** KRNS-CA/KREN-DT 9:30, Sun  
**New York, Albany** WYPX 6:00, Fri  
**Binghamton** WBNG-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Buffalo** WPXJ 6:00, Fri; WUTV 10:00, Sun  
**Elmira (Corning)** WENY-DT 9:30, Sun  
**New York City** TVCLT-Bilingual, 10:30 Sun; WPXN 6:00, Fri; WZME-TV 7:00, Sun; WZME-TV 8:00, Tue-Fri

**Plattsburgh** WPTZ-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Rochester** WUHF 8:30, Sun  
**Syracuse** WSPX 6:00, Fri  
**Utica** WKTV-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Watertown** WWTI-DT 9:30, Sun  
**North Carolina, Durham** WRPX 6:00, Fri; 9:00 am, Sun  
**Fayetteville** WFPX 6:00, Fri  
**Greensboro** WGPX 6:00, Fri  
**Greenville** WEPX 6:00, Fri; WNCT-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Lumber Bridge** WFPX 6:00, Fri  
**New Bern** WNCT-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Raleigh** WRPX 6:00, Fri; 9:00 am, Sun  
**Washington** WNCT-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Wilmington** WWAY-DT 9:30, Sun  
**North Dakota, Bismarck** KWMK 8:30, Sun  
**Dickinson** KWMK 8:30, Sun  
**Fargo** WDAY-DT/WDAZ-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Minot** KWMK 8:30, Sun  
**Valley City** WDAY-DT/WDAZ-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Ohio, Cleveland** WVPX 6:00, Fri  
**Cincinnati** WSTR 8:30, Sun  
**Lima** WBOH 9:30, Sun  
**Steubenville** WBWO 9:30, Sun  
**Zanesville** WBZV 9:30, Sun  
**Oklahoma, Ada** KTen-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Lawton** KAuz-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Oklahoma City** KOPX 5:00, Fri  
**Tulsa** KTPX 5:00, Fri  
**Oregon, Bend** KTVZ-DT 9:30, Sun  
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**Medford-Klamath Falls** KTVL-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Portland** KPXG 6:00, Fri  
**Pennsylvania, Erie** WSEE-DT/WICU-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Philadelphia** WPPX 6:00, Fri  
**Wilkes Barre** WQPX 6:00, Fri  
**Rhode Island, Providence** WPXQ 6:00, Fri  
**South Carolina, Charleston** WCBT-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Florence** WWMB-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Myrtle Beach** WWMB-DT 9:30, Sun  
**South Dakota, Rapid City** KWBH/KNBN-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Sioux Falls (Mitchell)** KSFY-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Tennessee, Jackson** WBJK 8:30, Sun  
**Knoxville** WPXK 6:00, Fri  
**Memphis** WPXX 5:00, Fri  
**Nashville** WNPX 5:00, Fri  
**Texas, Abilene** KTWS-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Amarillo** KVII-DT/KVIH-DT 8:30, Sun  
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**Brownsville** KCWT/KNVO-DT 8:30, Sun  
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**Midland** KWES-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Odessa** KWES-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Port Arthur** KFDM 8:30, Sun  
**San Angelo** KWSA 8:30, Sun  
**San Antonio** KPXL 5:00, Fri  
**Sherman** KTen-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Tyler** KYTX-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Victoria** KWVB 8:30, Sun  
**Weslaco** KCWT/KNVO-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Wichita Falls** KAuz-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Utah, Salt Lake City** KUPX 5:00, Fri  
**Vermont, Burlington** WVVY 10:00, Sun; WPTZ-DT 9:30  
**Virginia, Charlottesville** WVIR-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Harrisonburg** WVIR-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Norfolk** WPXV 6:00, Fri  
**Roanoke** WPXR 6:00, Fri  
**Washington D.C.** WPXW 6:00, Fri  
**Washington, Pasco** KIMA-DT/KEPR-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Richland** KIMA-DT/KEPR-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Seattle-Tacoma** KWPX 6:00, Fri

**Seattle** KCPQ 7:00, Sun  
**Spokane** KGPX 6:00, Fri; KAYU 7:30, Sun  
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**Wheeling** WBWO 9:30, Sun  
**Wisconsin, Eau Claire** WXOW-DT 8:30, Sun  
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**Milwaukee** WPXE 5:00, Fri  
**Rhineland** WAOW/WYOW 8:30, Sun  
**Superior** KDLH-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Wausau** WAOW-DT/WYOW-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Wyoming, Casper** KWYF/KFNB-DT 8:30, Sun  
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**Britain, Europe, the Middle East and Africa** CBS Reality 8:00 B.S.T., Sun

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**Nationwide cable** WGN 8:00 ET, Sun  
**Discovery** 6:30 ET/PT, Sun  
**Vision TV** 4:30 pm ET, Sun  
**CHCH** 11:30 ET, Sun  
**Grace Television Network** 11:00 ET, Sun  
**Alberta, Red Deer** KAYU 8:30, Sun  
**Calgary** KAYU 8:30, Sun  
**Edmonton** KAYU 8:30, Sun  
**Medicine Hat** KAYU 8:30, Sun  
**Lethbridge** KAYU 8:30, Sun  
**British Columbia, Vancouver** CHEK 9:00, Sun; CHNU 5:30 pm, Sun; KCPQ 7:00, Sun  
**Victoria** CHNU 5:30 pm, Sun  
**Manitoba, Winnipeg** WUHF 8:30, Sun; CIIT Joy TV 11:00, Sun  
**Nova Scotia, Halifax** WUHF 8:30, Sun  
**Sydney** WUHF 8:30, Sun  
**Ontario, Ottawa** CJOH 5:30, Sun  
**Toronto** WADL 10:00 Sun; WUTV 10:00, Sun; CHNU 8:30 pm, Sun  
**P.E.I., Charlottetown** WUHF 8:30, Sun  
**Quebec, Montreal** WVVY 10:00, Sun  
**Saskatchewan, Saskatoon** WUHF 8:30, Sun

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**Galaxy 3 Trans.** 21 11:30 ET, Tue/Thu  
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**FOX W Chan.** 216, 10:30, Sun  
**Belize** WGN 7:00, Sun  
**Cuba** WGN 8:00, Sun  
**Dominican Republic** WGN 8:00, Sun  
**Haiti** WGN 7:00, Sun  
**Jamaica** WGN 9:00, Sun  
**Puerto Rico** WGN 8:00, Sun  
**Trinidad and Tobago** WGN 8:00, Sun

**LATIN AMERICA**  
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**Galaxy 3 Trans.** 21 11:30 ET, Tue/Thu  
**El Salvador** WGN 6:00, Sun  
**Guatemala** WGN 6:00, Sun  
**Honduras** WGN 6:00, Sun  
**Mexico** TVCLT-Bilingual, 7:30 Sun; WGN 7:00, Sun  
**Panama** WGN 7:00, Sun

**AUSTRALASIA**  
**Australia** Adelaide TV44 11:30, Sun; 10:00, Sat  
**Perth** WTV, 11:30, Sun/Wed  
**New Zealand** TVNZ, 5:30, Sun  
**Philippines** TV49 9:30 PHT, Sun

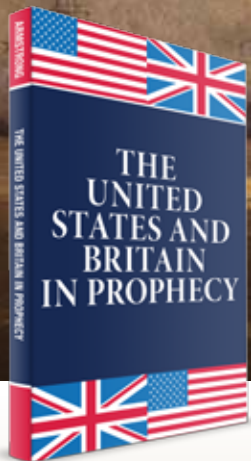
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