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**“The United States is going to be left out in the cold as two gigantic trade blocs, Europe and Latin America, mesh together and begin calling the shots in world commerce.”**

—PLAIN TRUTH, MAY 1962

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# America Is Being Besieged Economically

Herbert W. Armstrong foretold the merger of two massive trade blocs—  
at America's expense. That prophecy is about to be fulfilled this year!

**T**HE EUROPEAN UNION IS ABOUT TO MAKE ITS LARGEST TRADE deal ever. The deal is with the MERCOSUR trade bloc, which includes Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay.

The EU has wanted to make this deal for years, but it has encountered various obstacles. Now it appears an EU-MERCOSUR trade bloc will finally become reality; officials believe it will happen this year. It would be the world's largest trade bloc.

We have been prophesying for over 60 years that this deal will happen. This forecast is based on biblical prophecy. And it will have repercussions we need to think about carefully. It is destined to lead to some very dark days for America, if we don't heed prophecy and realize what God has to say about it.



**GERALD FLURRY**

One obstacle that has been cleared out of the way is the leadership in Brazil.

Brazil's new president, Jair Bolsonaro, is Catholic and very sympathetic to Europe. He takes advice from Prince Luiz of Orléans-Braganza, a royal descendant of both Holy Roman Emperor Francis II and Brazilian Emperor Pedro II. Both of these men are concerned about China's growing influence in Latin America; they want to reorient Brazil toward Europe. So Bolsonaro is enthusiastic about making this deal with the EU. (For more information, read our sidebar on page 14, and our online article "Will Brazil's New President Open the Door to the Holy Roman Empire?" at [theTrumpet.com/17853](http://theTrumpet.com/17853).)

In our online article "2019 May Bring Europe's Biggest Trade Deal Yet," we wrote: "In recent years, the EU has finalized trade pacts with Chile, Peru, Colombia, Mexico, Panama, Costa Rica, Honduras and Nicaragua. But since 2000, the potential enormous trade deal with MERCOSUR has remained elusive. Now after concluding a trade agreement with Japan, 'the EU intends to reach an agreement with the South American confederation of MERCOSUR as soon as possible,' *Handelsblatt* reported" (January 8).

"With more than 260 million people and a gross domestic product of approximately \$2.9 trillion, MERCOSUR is one of the world's largest economic blocs," we continued. "Europe urgently needs to conclude a deal with South America to make its trade policy work." (Read this article at [theTrumpet.com/18391](http://theTrumpet.com/18391).)

The MERCOSUR countries possess resources that Europe needs. In return, Europe is supplying some of Latin America's needs as well. The reality though is that by linking itself with Europe in this way, Latin America is contributing to the rise of a modern resurrection of the medieval Holy Roman Empire!

Few Americans are paying attention to the situation that is developing to our south. But I guarantee they won't be able to ignore it indefinitely. This trade agreement will impact the whole world! It is going to affect your life dramatically. The seeds are being sown for a trade war and an economic besiegement that will help destroy America. This trade deal is that important!

## Promises of Prosperity

To understand what Bible prophecy says about this Europe-Latin America deal, you need to know some crucial ancient history.

The story of America's exalted position in the world today traces all the way back to the biblical patriarch Abraham. God called Abraham and put him through a severe test of his faith. When Abraham passed it, God made an extraordinary promise to him: "By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for because thou has done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and THY SEED SHALL POSSESS THE GATE OF HIS ENEMIES" (Genesis 22:16-17).

God promised to bestow real power on nations that would descend from Abraham—nations that are still on the scene in modern times! You can read the full story of how God kept this promise in Herbert W. Armstrong's book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, which we will be glad to send you at no cost.

What does it mean to possess the "gates" of your enemies? In practical terms, it means CONTROLLING WORLDWIDE TRADE.

Which nations is this referring to? God promised that they would become the *greatest single nation* and *greatest company of nations* this world has ever seen (Genesis 35:11). *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* identifies them. The U.S. and Britain have the name "Israel" today (Genesis 48:16). They received this birthright promise. God gave them fantastic prosperity and power.

God blessed our peoples because of Abraham's obedience. Our wealth and power didn't come because of our impressive ingenuity. It came because our forefather Abraham obeyed God!

Those blessings included the strategic gates of our enemies. "Although all wealth comes from the ground, prosperity and affluence on a national scale always have come also by industry and COMMERCE. And commerce between nations has been transacted almost altogether by the SEA-LANES of the world—by SHIPS," Mr. Armstrong wrote (op cit). Before World War II,

# WHY BREXIT IS BREAKING BRITAIN

The vote that was supposed to restore British independence and strength has become a disaster—and Europe is loving it.

BY RICHARD PALMER

“ENGLAND IS THE mother of parliaments,” said 19th-century British statesman John Bright. He was right. More than 30 countries use the “Westminster system,” a legislative model named after the building that houses Britain’s parliament.

Britain’s system of government is far from perfect. But there’s no denying it has been successful. The nation’s last violent political upheaval occurred more than 350 years ago. Since then, Britain has survived and thrived while other governments suffer and fall because of one social problem after another.

Starting with the French Revolution in 1789, wave after wave of upheaval has swept across Europe. Monarchies fell in Austria, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Poland, Portugal, Romania and Russia. In the 20th century, Britain was almost the only European government to remain unshaken by the twin threats of fascist and Communist parties, which weakened or destroyed other governments.

No wonder many ex-colonies of the British Empire have kept a similar form of government even after receiving their



independence. No wonder other nations have adopted it. The British system of government seems to offer a stability unmatched by anything else.

And then came Brexit.

Few would extol the virtues of Britain’s political system now.

A nation that has stared down Napoleon and Hitler, that remained unstained by the bloodletting of events like the French Revolution, that led the greatest and best empire in world history, that still leads a commonwealth of nations, is now coming undone, trying to quit a glorified free trade agreement. Why?

## A Dog’s Brexit

The Brexit process has been a shambles from the start. Britain voted to leave the European Union on June 23, 2016.

As a result, pro-EU Prime Minister David Cameron resigned. The battle to succeed him looked like an episode from one of the nation’s many political comedy series. All the candidates self-destructed or stabbed each other in the back, except one. Theresa May became prime minister by default. She barely managed to fit in one campaign speech before her final rival resigned.

On March 29, 2017, Mrs. May triggered Article 50, which started the clock on a two-year countdown to leave the EU. Now the pressure was on to resolve a host of issues for which it had been relying on Europe for 40 years. If it wasn’t ready to stand on its own two feet when the two-year period was up, the nation would have to turn to the EU for help, and be vulnerable to European blackmail.



But Britain immediately got busy wasting time. In April 2017, Mrs. May called a general election. For the next two months, the nation fixated on the vote. Then, in a shocking result, Mrs. May and the Conservatives lost seats instead of gaining them. A radicalized Labour Party gained seats in Parliament, and the Conservatives stayed in power only with the help of the Democratic Unionist Party. Under this new configuration, if just a few members of Parliament were to withhold their votes, they could hold the entire government hostage.

Since this weak start, things have only worsened. While Brussels has remained strong, united and determined in its two years of negotiations over Brexit, Britain has been divided and indecisive. In November 2018, less than six months

before Britain was due to leave, the two sides finally negotiated a Brexit deal. It was a terrible deal for Britain.

“If M.P.s vote for this deal, we are bowing our neck to the yoke,” wrote Boris Johnson, who was May’s foreign minister until he quit over her approach to the Brexit deal. “We are preparing to take colonial rule by foreign powers and courts. ... In fact, we are surrendering control to the EU—and this 585-page fig leaf does nothing to cover the embarrassment of our total defeat” (*Telegraph*; Nov. 18, 2018).

Former Conservative Party Chairman Lord Norman Tebbit wrote that it was hard to see the agreement as “anything other than part of a punishment beating of our country for daring to claim the right to self-government lest other EU

states should follow our example” (*ibid*; Nov. 19, 2018).

Cambridge history professor Robert Tombs wrote, “It is practically unheard of in modern international relations for an independent state to place itself under foreign jurisdiction and foreign legislation. One would have to think of colonial status (for example of the American colonies before 1776) for an adequate analogy. For a modern democratic state to deny its own citizens even an indirect voice in deciding the laws governing them for an indefinite period would previously have been unimaginable: taxation without representation, to the tune of £39 billion” (*ibid*; Nov. 17, 2018).

“No nation would normally accept such terms unless very small, or bankrupt, or first defeated in war,” wrote the *Telegraph*’s Ambrose Evans-Pritchard on Nov. 14, 2018.

Meanwhile, the EU was delighted. European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker boasted that the EU got “almost everything” that it wanted in the Brexit proposal. The European Commission produced a presentation that said the deal committed Britain to EU rules in a way that was “without precedent.” It said that it had a lot of “leverage” over Britain in future negotiations.

But this Brexit mess was not just the prime minister’s fault. Parliament was heavily involved in the negotiations, to an almost unprecedented degree. It didn’t improve the results.

“The real problem, of course, is that our politicians have got themselves into such a hopelessly ill-informed muddle that there is no longer a Commons majority in support of any next move we might



SUBSERVIENT  
British Prime  
Minister May and EU  
Commission President  
Juncker leave a press  
briefing in Brussels.

make,” wrote the *Sunday Telegraph*’s Christopher Booker. “The various vociferous factions all know what they are against, but they cannot agree on any positive move that might dig us out of the gaping hole they have all unwittingly conspired to get us into. ... One cannot think of any time in history when the standing of British politicians, either with the public at large or in the eyes of the outside world, has ever—quite deservedly—been lower” (January 11).

Booker’s one-time coauthor Richard North agreed, tweeting: “Today, we are seeing parliament in its death throes. Never more has it been so obvious that parliament is a failing institution, buoyed by an equally lackluster media which represents another failing institution” (January 15).

On January 15, Mrs. May’s deal finally came before Parliament. She received the biggest defeat of modern times: 432 voted against the deal; only 202 in favor.

The reviews were scathing. “British politics is broken,” wrote *Politico*. “It may not be fixable in time to solve the Brexit mess” (January 16).

“That’s not a loss, it’s a nuclear event,” wrote the *Telegraph*, “the biggest slap across the chops to any government in British political history” (January 15).

“This is only the end of the beginning, in a Brexit civil war that will last a generation,” wrote the *Guardian*. “There is no end in sight, no healing in prospect, no solution to hand, whatever the outcome of myriad votes” (January 14).

And hence the situation Britain finds

itself in today, committed to leave the EU by March 29, but with no clear view on how to do so or what will happen next.

Why has Britain’s government failed so badly with Brexit? And what does the Brexit debacle reveal about Britain’s moral and spiritual health?

### An Accurate Description

From the very day Britain joined what would become the European Union, Herbert W. Armstrong forecast it would leave. He did so because of Bible prophecy. As he proved in his book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, Britain is descended from the ancient nation of Israel. God blessed Britain on account of its ancient ancestor, Abraham. But God promised that if Abraham’s descendants



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did not follow his example and refused to obey God, those blessings would be removed and replaced by curses. God prophesied that He would use Europe, as well as others, to punish Britain.

Europe would rise, and Britain would fall. The Bible describes in detail Britain’s spiritual health in the last days—and how the nation will fall.

In Hosea 5:12, God says He will be like a moth to Ephraim, the Israelite tribe that became modern Britain. “A

moth-eaten garment looks good in the closet, but take it off the hanger and it falls apart,” writes *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry in his booklet *Hosea—Reaping the Whirlwind*. “God says Britain is like a moth-eaten garment. ... Even though certain things may look good on the surface, [it is] ready to fall apart!”

Clearly Britain has fallen far from the height of its imperial power. But many observers fail to realize how bad conditions really are. When Britain voted to leave the EU, many forecast a sunny future. Freed from the shackles of Europe, Britain could be great again. Despite the chaotic handling of Brexit, this view persists. The Audit of Geopolitical Capability published January 4 by the Henry Jackson Society proclaimed Britain the second-most powerful nation in the world—even ahead of China.

Yet Brexit is putting that moth-eaten garment to the test. And the longer time goes on, the more it becomes obvious that it is falling apart.

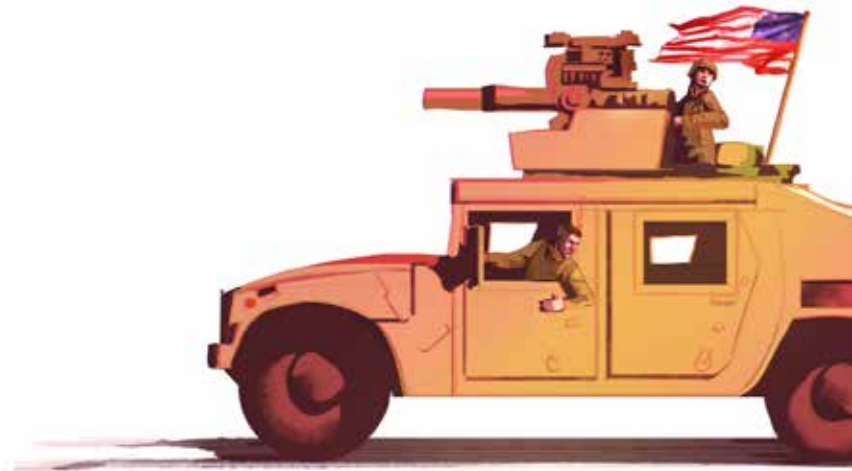
Other scriptures paint a similar picture. In Leviticus 26:19, God prophesies to the disobedient: “I will break the pride of your power.” Even as far as Britain has fallen since the height of its empire, it still has some power. But it has no will, no national sense of purpose to use it.

These same scriptures also point to a critical lack of leadership.

In Isaiah 3, God says that He is removing the leadership “from Jerusalem and from Judah.” Judah refers to the Jews.

Jerusalem, which was the capital city of all of the Israelite tribes during the reigns of David and Solomon, refers to all the modern nations of ancient Israel, including Britain.

God says that He will remove “the stay and the staff.” *Gesenius’ Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon of the Old Testament* defines this as “the chief persons of a nation, on whom [the people] lean.” God goes on to list the specifics: “The mighty



# America Is Back ... ing Out

The Trump administration condemned its predecessor’s weak Mideast policy—while withdrawing troops from Syria. Is this the beginning of the end for American power in the Middle East? **BY BRENT NAGTEGAAL**

JERUSALEM

**O**N JANUARY 10, UNITED STATES Secretary of State Mike Pompeo delivered a speech repudiating the Obama administration’s Middle Eastern foreign policy. Delivered in the same city as Obama’s infamous Cairo speech 10 years ago, Pompeo sought to reassure allies that America had learned from Obama-era mistakes, that the United States is reliable, that it will stand with its allies. America was there to stay.

He said, “Remember: It was here, here in this city, that another American stood before you. He told you that radical Islamist terrorism does not stem from an ideology. He told you that 9/11 led my country to abandon its ideals, particularly in the Middle East. He told you that the United States and the Muslim world needed, quote, ‘a new beginning,’ end of quote. *The results of these misjudgments have been dire*” (emphasis added).

Pompeo summarized the results of President Barack Obama’s policy this way: “So today, what did we learn from all of this? We learned that when America retreats, chaos often follows. When we neglect our friends, resentment builds. And when we partner with enemies, they advance. The good news—the good news is this: The age of

self-inflicted American shame is over, and so are the policies that produced so much needless suffering. Now comes the real new beginning.”

A speech announcing, in effect, “America is back” should have reassured



U.S. allies, with leaders in Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Bahrain and Israel nodding their heads in agreement.

But the speech fell flat.

Why? Because *a dramatic shift has taken place in the Middle East*—a shift specifically prophesied in the Bible.

### Withdrawal From Syria

As late as September 2018, National Security Adviser John Bolton said the U.S. would maintain a military presence in

Syria as long as Iran is there: “We’re not going to leave as long as Iranian troops are outside Iranian borders, and that includes Iranian proxies and militias.”

On December 11, Brett McGurk, special presidential envoy for the Global Coalition to Counter ISIS, announced the U.S. would stay in Syria after the Islamic State’s defeat. “I think it’s fair to say Americans will remain on the ground after the physical defeat of the caliphate until we have the pieces in place to ensure that that defeat is enduring.”

“Nobody is declaring a ‘mission accomplished.’ Defeating a physical caliphate is one phase of a much longer-term campaign,” he said. “[O]bviously, it would be reckless if we were just to say, *Well, the physical caliphate is defeated, so we can just leave now.* I think anyone who’s looked at a conflict like this would agree with that.”

Reassuring words for America’s Middle Eastern allies—except that *just eight days later*, President Donald Trump decided to pull all 2,200 American troops out. By all accounts, he made this decision alone and against the advice of his military and political advisers. The next day, it emerged that Secretary of State James Mattis was resigning over the issue.

Some believe criticisms of Mr. Trump's decision to withdraw American forces are overblown; after all, the U.S. had only 2,200 soldiers in Syria. However, the presence of American soldiers on the ground has an outsized impact, no matter the number. This is undoubtedly true in the complicated Syrian war, especially for the Kurds in north Iraq, which is why many are viewing the withdrawal as a betrayal of the Kurds.

Heightening this perception is the fact that President Trump made his decision after a phone call to Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, in which Erdoğan said Turkey could take care of the remnants of the Islamic State.

American forces in Syria have sought to train and equip Kurdish forces in the fight against the Islamic State. The Kurds have proved to be one of the most effective forces in the fight. However, America's support has long upset Turkey, which believes a stronger Kurdish presence in Syria could destabilize the Kurdish population inside Turkey. Turkey's mission in Syria has been to prevent the Kurds from growing too powerful. U.S. forces embedded with the Kurds have deterred Turkey, Iran and Russia from attacking them.

Bloomberg View's Eli Lake wrote that President Trump's decision could be seen as giving in to Turkey and abandoning a U.S. ally: "Capitulating now to Turkish demands would send a terrible message. Erdoğan would conclude that threatening U.S. interests pays off. Meanwhile, other groups that have joined the American side in the Middle East would conclude the U.S. is an unreliable ally" (Dec. 20, 2018).

As commander in chief, the president has the right to overrule his advisers and withdraw U.S. forces. However, its jarring break from his administration's public assurances that the U.S. would stay in Syria renders any future statements from his subordinates as hollow.

That includes these most recent statements by Secretary Pompeo. His words were accurate, but they packed no punch. They didn't come from the real decision maker in Washington. And even then, had it been President Trump himself in Cairo, the fact that American policy in the region can turn on the swiftness of a tweet has eroded the trust of America's allies.

Encapsulating this reality is the fact that while Pompeo states the United States will oppose Iran, U.S. troops are getting ready to board cargo planes outbound from Syria.

### **Ceding Syria to Iran?**

In addition to training the Kurds, the U.S. currently occupies a base in a crucially strategic location on the Syria-Iraq border. The Al-Tanf base launches missions against the Islamic State. More importantly, it constitutes a roadblock on the Baghdad-Damascus Highway. Without it, Iran would gain control of the highway for hauling illicit arms to the Syrian regime and Hezbollah through Iraq.



MOVING OUT  
U.S. Marines drive  
along a road in Syria.

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Iran desires to control the vast swath of land from Iran, across Iraq, Syria and into Lebanon. Dominating this "Shia Crescent" is one major reason for Iran's engagement in Syria's civil war.

Until the withdrawal announcement, disrupting Iran's command of this Shia Crescent seemed to be one of America's main objectives in Syria. The Al-Tanf base's stated purpose was for staging strikes against the Islamic State, but it also served as a valuable buffer between Iranian forces in Syria and Iraq.

Notice what Gen. Joseph Votel, commander of U.S. Central Command, said during a visit to the base on Oct. 22, 2018: "We don't have a counter Iranian mission here. We have a defeat [the Islamic State] mission. But I do

recognize that our presence, our developments of partners and relationships down here does have an indirect effect on some malign activities that Iran and their various proxies and surrogates would like to pursue down here."

By withdrawing forces from Al-Tanf, the U.S. will no longer be positioned to stop Iran from controlling the roadway from Iran to Lebanon. As Tony Badran wrote, "Already, Iranian-led Shiite militias are operating at the edges of the U.S. zone and could move in swiftly and connect the Iraqi and Syrian terrains. This would provide Iran with overland routes to deliver advanced weapons to Hezbollah in Lebanon, while building up offensive capabilities in Syria, including in the south, along the country's border with Israel" (*USA Today*, December 19).

In his Cairo speech, Secretary Pompeo assured America's allies that the U.S. still seeks to eradicate Iran from Syria. "In Syria, the United States will use diplomacy and work with our partners to expel every last Iranian boot," he said, "and work through the UN-led process to bring peace and stability to the long-suffering Syrian people." Yet how will the U.S. accomplish this after withdrawing its troops? Words are nice, but nothing can replace the physical presence of troops wearing American flags on their shoulders. And America's allies in the region know it. So do its enemies.

### **The International Fight Against Iran**

No one doubts that President Trump wants to counteract Iran's march across the Middle East and block off the western part of the Shia Crescent. His withdrawal from the nuclear agreement with Iran and the renewal of the financial sanctions are strong proof. He understands that financial inducements alone will not stop Iran.

However, President Trump does not understand why it must be United States forces manning the battle stations. He wants to bring U.S. forces back from Middle Eastern battlefields and force allies to pay their fair share in mutual defense.

Now Secretary Pompeo is busy trying to form an Arab NATO force to block Iran. As he stated in his speech, "President Trump has made the decision to bring our troops home from Syria. ... But as President Trump has said, we're looking to our



partners to do more, and in this effort we will do so going forward together.”

The idea of sharing the burden in countering Iran is reasonable. However, given that the president’s stated desire is to withdraw forces from the region, America’s allies now know that U.S. support is unlikely to include U.S. troops.

According to Bahrain’s minister of foreign affairs, an Arab NATO would include Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Qatar, Egypt and Jordan. No doubt Israel would be loosely affiliated, given it is the one strong power that has been willing to directly attack Iranian targets in Syria. However, America’s absence would make the coalition less effective tactically and more vulnerable to attack strategically.

An American ground presence in a battle zone, no matter the size of the contingent, has a stabilizing effect. It acts as a deterrent against potential attackers: Enemies who want to attack U.S. allies and troops know that doing so invites the wrath and retaliation of the world’s most powerful military.

If U.S. troops cannot be guaranteed, it is unlikely this multinational force will hold together in the face of Iranian aggression. That is—*unless* another power can replace the United States as the bedrock to such an alliance.

The Bible indicates this is precisely what will happen. And it tells us who that new power will be.

### Where to Now?

President Trump’s withdrawal from Syria has damaged America’s credibility in the region. In the tumultuous Middle East, reliability and predictability are essential attributes in an ally.

Arab nations and Israel will gladly accept all the weapons and financial support America is willing to give. But given that the region is a powder keg, they simply cannot risk depending on the U.S. to come to their defense in the face of Iranian aggression, regardless of speeches by a U.S. secretary of state. The search for new allies is underway.

While some may rejoice over America’s withdrawal from the Middle East, the Bible reveals that its absence portends the most destructive period this war-weary region has ever seen. It is worth considering where these events

are leading, especially as they will affect you and your family, whether you live in the region or not.

Every important biblical prophecy that takes place in the Middle East occurs in a power vacuum created by America’s exit. In fact, Bible prophecy indicates that the U.S. will have vacated so entirely from the Middle East that it will not impact it at all.

One of the Bible’s most critical end-time Middle East prophecies is recorded in Daniel 11:40, which states: “And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.”

Here, in prophetic terminology, is described a war in the Middle East involving two powers leading two alliances.

For more than 20 years, the *Trumpet* has identified the “king of the south” as radical Islam, led by Iran. This power bloc has a violent, pushy foreign policy that will eventually provoke a violent response. Every night of news, including Pompeo’s speech, clearly shows that Iran is this king.

But notice that this prophecy does not state that the king of the south pushes against the United States. (The U.S. is one of the modern nations descended

from the ancient Israelites; Bible prophecy identifies it as *Israel*, specifically the tribe of Manasseh.) The U.S. won’t even be part of the equation. The power bloc that this Iranian-led alliance pushes at is “the king of the north.” For more than 70 years, we have identified this power as a European empire led by Germany. Europe will respond forcefully and powerfully to put down Iran’s aggression.

Based on another prophecy found in Psalm 83, we anticipate Europe’s entrance into the Middle Eastern arena—a move that may be precipitated by the scramble for allies by Middle Eastern states following the U.S. withdrawal now underway.

Secretary Pompeo is trying to create an Arab alliance to counter Iran. The Bible indicates that such an alliance will form, but the United States will not be part of it. The Psalm 83 prophecy states that several moderate Middle Eastern states, including some in the proposed Arab NATO, will ally not with the U.S. but with the “king of the north,” which is Europe.

The prophecies of Psalm 83 and Daniel 11:40 are for the end time, which is the time we are living in right now. They are crucial events on the prophetic time line that ends in one final Middle East battle at the return of Jesus Christ. An American withdrawal from the Middle East is necessary for these prophecies to take place. ■

**Faraway lands ...**

Does what happens in Syria, Turkey or Iran really matter to the rest of the world? What happens in certain nations will absolutely affect the world—and your life. Find out what the Bible prophesies for the Middle East with Gerald Flurry’s free booklet **The King of the South**.

**THE KING OF THE SOUTH**

# One Piece of a Frightful Economic Puzzle

A positive jobs report is only one part of the picture. **BY TYREL SCHLOTE**

**O**N JANUARY 4, THE UNITED STATES Bureau of Labor Statistics released its December employment figures, causing much rejoicing in America. A total of 312,000 new jobs were created, far surpassing the estimated 176,000 jobs. Wages were found to have grown 3.2 percent over the same time last year, again beating the 3 percent increase economists predicted. That year-over-year jump tied with October for the best month since April 2009.

This was positive news for the U.S. economy, coming amid growing concerns of a global recession setting in. After a week of terrible losses, new life surged into the stock markets. Many declared that the U.S. could push aside fears of a recession.

But while the job numbers were very favorable, they are only one part of the economic picture. Add a few more pieces to the puzzle, and the real picture of America's economy appears.

## A Few More Puzzle Pieces

Here is the first piece: One underreported fact from the December job report was *who* is being hired. The majority were workers 55 years and older. In contrast, the number of people in the prime age group (ages 25-54) decreased by 11,000. This says a lot about America's financial situation. More and more Americans of retirement age are returning to the workforce, most likely because they can't afford to retire. This also explains why wages increased more than expected.

Those of retirement age lack sufficient savings for retirement, and younger Americans are not saving for retirement. Data released last year by the Federal Reserve found that 4 in 10 adults couldn't cover an unexpected expense of \$400, and would have to go into debt or sell something to cover the cost. While this is an improvement from 2013, when 50 percent of adults couldn't spare \$400, it still shows how unprepared people are

for even a small financial hardship. The most recent study on the issue found that 78 percent of Americans live paycheck to paycheck, up from 75 percent the previous year.

Here is the next puzzle piece: Not only are Americans without savings, they are maxed out on debts they cannot pay. The same Federal Reserve report found that more than one fifth of adults are unable to fully pay all their current month's bills, which means they are stuck in an ever worsening debt trap. Consumer debt in the U.S. continues to smash records. Credit card debt, along with student and auto loans, are at all-time highs.

This is a problem from the personal level all the way to the federal level. In 2018 the U.S. government added an additional \$1 trillion to the national debt, bringing the total to nearly \$22 trillion.

This has some people worried, like Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell, who said the government will soon have "no choice" but to face this issue. But most, including President Donald Trump, seem unconcerned. On January 8, he tweeted that he longed for interest rates to return to zero percent so he could have something to "play with," like the last administration had, implying that he would add even more to the debt.

House Democrats also appear unconcerned with reining in spending. Now that they control the House, one of the first things they did was vote to revive the "Gephardt Rule." This rule makes debt-ceiling increases automatic each time Congress passes a budget that would blow through the debt limit. But they have made the rule even worse. As

*Conservative Review* explained, "Obviously, Republicans control the Senate and are unlikely to cooperate with a Democrat-passed budget resolution from the House, so any Democrat budget will not become law under a concurrent resolution. To that end, for the first time in congressional history, Democrats are deeming just the House-passed resolution (without the Senate) as if the debt ceiling law was suspended for that chamber, thereby shielding their members from taking a separate vote" (January 3).

Thus, whatever budget the House approves can exceed the debt limit. It doesn't need the Senate's approval. With the new rules, the government need not worry about a balanced budget or having to fight to raise the debt ceiling to cover ballooning expenditures. There's nothing to hold the government accountable for its spending. It can run up the debt as much as it wants.

## Snapshots From Around the Globe

When you put these pieces together, a clearer picture emerges. Yes, jobs are being created, but that in itself doesn't prove the nation's financial soundness. What gets reported in the news is just a veneer of prosperity covering up a panoply of financial problems. The majority of Americans are unprepared for even a small economic crisis. The federal government isn't ready either. The reality is that America's economic dominance is waning, and quickly.

Consider these stories, all of which broke in the second week of January:

■ A study by the Standard Chartered Bank said that China is likely to become the world's biggest economy some time next year, surpassing the U.S. China is already the largest economy by some measures, but now it is ready to surpass the U.S. in all parameters. By 2030, it expects America to fall to third, with India hurdling into second place.

■ The Bank of England's governor, Mark Carney, shook the financial world

16-19 YEARS

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## WHO IS GETTING HIRED?

Breaking up December hirings by age group reveals lopsided statistics.

4 in 10 adults couldn't cover an unexpected expense of \$400.

by stating that the U.S. dollar's status as the world's reserve currency was about to change. He stated, "[U]ltimately we will have reserve currencies other than the U.S. dollar." He pointed to the Chinese yuan as an alternative. While nations that could be considered enemies of the U.S. have worked to discredit the dollar, it is surprising for a U.S. ally to question its hegemony.

■ Russia, which discloses financial data with a six-month lag, announced that in the second quarter of 2018 it had dumped \$101 billion in U.S. holdings, exchanging it for euros and yuan. Fifteen percent of Russia's total holdings are now in Chinese yuan, up from 5 percent at the end of the first quarter. This puts Russia's yuan share at about 10 times the average for global central banks. Its total holdings of the currency account for about a quarter of the world's reserves in yuan, according to International Monetary Fund data.

■ At the end of December, China increased its gold holdings for the first time in two years, adding 1,853 metric tons. China is just the latest nation to begin hoarding gold. Last year, Hungary increased its gold reserves by 1,000 percent, while Poland made its biggest gold purchase in over 20 years, raising its holdings to a 35-year high.

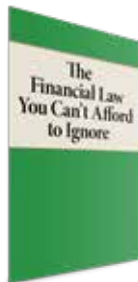
Add these pieces to the puzzle, and a more serious picture emerges. The strength of the dollar is being questioned by America's allies, while hostile nations are pivoting to the yuan. Meanwhile, nations are hedging their central banks with gold, a tangible asset. The U.S. dollar isn't backed by gold. So why would these nations increase their holdings unless they see a need to return to the gold standard? The only reason for that would be if the dollar collapsed.

### Look at the Cause

While the markets celebrated the December jobs report, a much bigger

**25-54 YEARS**

**Workers of prime working age actually decreased in December.**



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picture needs to be examined. America's economy is not flourishing. In fact, it is in decline and under assault.

What is the cause of all this economic trouble? Is it just poor fiscal policies in Washington? Or are there deeper issues?

For more than 80 years, the *Trumpet* magazine, and its predecessor the *Plain Truth*, have forecast the economic ruin of the United States. Those forecasts are based on what is revealed in your Bible. Does it seem far-fetched that the Bible would have something to say about the major powers of this world? We have been proving for decades that God's Word is inspired and accurate and is being fulfilled every day.

To understand what is soon to befall America, first read our free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. This landmark book by Herbert W. Armstrong will prove from your Bible how

America will fall, and more importantly the *reason* for its fall.

In this book, Mr. Armstrong pointedly asked, "Do you think so great a fall could not come to so great powers as Britain and America? Do you say, 'It *can't* happen HERE?' ... You need to OPEN YOUR EYES to the *fact* that Britain's sun *already has SET!* You need to WAKE UP to the *fact* that the United States ... is fast riding to the GREATEST FALL that ever befell any nation!"

Why? Because America has rejected God and squandered the blessings that He gave to America. While Americans say, "In God we trust" and "God bless America," they fail to obey His law, which would continue to bring blessings. As a result, God will correct the nation by stripping away the colossal, unprecedented blessings it has received.

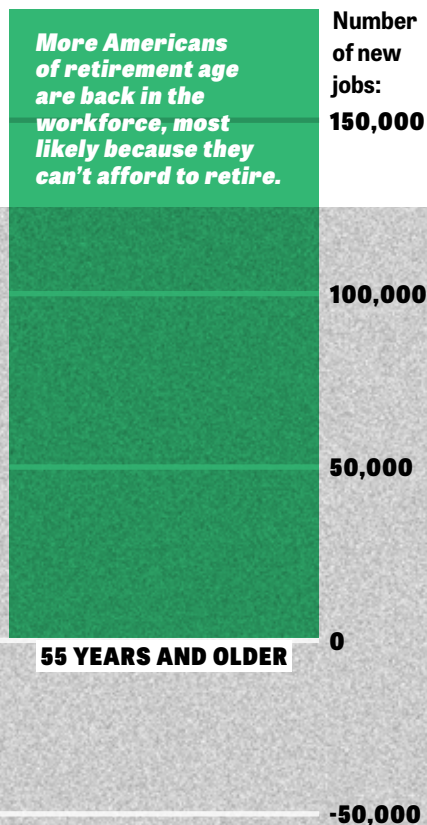
God will halt these curses and offer escape to any nation or individual that turns to Him in repentance. This requires us to *act* on what He reveals. God wants us to turn from sin—from breaking His law—and live and do as He commands.

Mr. Armstrong concluded *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* by writing: "MOST people, we know only too well, will take this SERIOUS WARNING lightly—put it out of mind—turn to other immediate interests of *no* importance by comparison! That is why a loving, just, all-wise, all-POWERFUL GOD is going to *take away from them* these unimportant counter-interests, and apply such intensified CORRECTION that they *shall*, finally, come to their senses, and turn to Him and His WAY which will bring them eternal happiness and abundant blessings!

"But YOU *need not* have to suffer this intensified correction, greater than any trouble ever suffered by humans.

"By God's direction and authority, I have laid the TRUTH before you! To neglect it will be tragic beyond imagination! To heed it will bring blessings, happiness and GLORY beyond description!

"The decision is now YOURS!"



# One Man Vs. a Dead River

Human beings killed the Kali Bein—then one tried to bring it back.

BY JEREMIAH JACQUES

“IT HAD BECOME A DEAD RIVER,” SAID Sant Balbir Singh Seechewal in a January 13 interview with the *Trumpet*. He was describing the Kali Bein River in India’s Punjab region. Historically, this 99-mile-long tributary of the Beas River had been beautiful, full of life, and coursing with clear water. It had long been considered the lifeline of central Punjab’s Doaba region, where Mr. Seechewal grew up.

But beginning around 1960, the combination of population growth and industrialization in Doaba took a heavy toll on the river. Six towns and some 40 villages discharged their sewage and industrial waste into it, and long stretches were reduced to a sludge of thick and toxic filth. Some parts were dried up all together.

The people living near the river were suffering as a result. “A foul smell came out of it,” Seechewal said, adding that “nobody wanted to pass by the river.” Neighboring farms were enduring severe water shortages. Upstream regions experienced debilitating water logging since the river was no longer draining those lands. And the infected effluents, including poisonous chemical waste, were seeping into groundwater reservoirs and causing lethal diseases such as cancer among the Punjab people.

That was the situation in the year 2000 when Seechewal set his sights on the fetid mess that had once been the abundant Kali Bein.

Seechewal envisioned the river in its former glory, sparkling and bountiful. He longed to see it restored to that state.

After failing to convince government and municipal bodies to take action, 38-year-old Seechewal decided he would devote his time to rejuvenating the river—personally.

## Spreading the Vision

Seechewal began traveling up and down the Kali Bein, visiting the towns and villages that were suffering from the polluted river—and were polluting it. He spoke with any who would listen about the need to revive it and sharing his vision of a clean Kali Bein. His basic message was: *If we work on this together, our river can be beautiful, abundant and vibrant once again.*

Some individuals responded to the message right away. People from several villages volunteered to help Seechewal and started raising money to buy sickles, shovels, spades and other tools and cleaning equipment. In a short time, he and these volunteers were down in the mud and muck, hard at work.

The team was small and the scale of the project was colossal. But Seechewal was not discouraged. “Undeterred by the mammoth task ahead, with his bare hands he started pulling out the weeds and clearing the garbage from the slushy riverbed,” journalist Narendra Kaushik wrote in the *Weekend Leader* (Aug. 1, 2016).

As the work progressed, more people began taking notice. The locals could see that Seechewal and his team were starting to accomplish something remarkable. “As word spread,” Kaushik wrote, “many children from the villages joined his efforts,” and “locals who were indifferent initially began supporting the efforts soon.”



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More and more people started offering their labor to the project. After some farmers brought their tractors to the cleaning sites, progress shifted into a higher gear. And Seechewal was always on the front lines. “Seechewal himself was on the field either driving the tractor, supervising or getting down [in] the dirty waters,” Kaushik wrote.

### 99 Miles

As the years went by, more and more individuals saw the progress and volunteered to help Seechewal. Eventually, thousands of people from more than two dozen villages were assisting in the great cleanup. As they cleared a given section of riverbed, natural springs revived. The water rose, filling the riverbanks.

And their work didn’t stop with cleaning the riverbed. Seechewal’s teams also built embankments and brick sidewalks beside long stretches of the Kali Bein. They built numerous ghats—stairways for access to the river—and planted fruit trees and flowering plants along the banks.

Seechewal’s teams transformed all 99 miles of this sludgy trickle of filth and trash into a healthy river. “The cleaning and revival of the Kali Bein has led to multifaceted improvements in the area,” wrote Manpreet Nigah in *An Assessment of Seechewal Initiative in the State of Punjab, India*. “[T]he groundwater table has improved, and the ground water contamination and water logging problems have also been solved,” he wrote. “Agriculture, being the backbone of the economy in the area, has benefited greatly.”

“Today, the Kali Bein is thriving,” *Time* wrote in 2008, as it conferred the “Hero of the Environment” award on Seechewal.

But the challenge was not over. Some of the locals living along the Kali Bein continued dumping waste and trash into the cleaned river. Knowing that all of their hard work would be undone if the pollution continued, Seechewal again petitioned the government, asking leaders to take action against the practice. But again his requests were ignored.

So once again, Mr. Seechewal decided to take action himself. He mobilized his team to build an underground sewerage system. The system, Kaushik wrote, “included the laying of underground sewer pipes in the villages, and putting in place a natural treatment system through a layer of trenches.”

Seechewal’s low-cost, natural system treats sewage water in a way that makes the recycled water usable for irrigation and agriculture, so farmers also benefited from the process. After his team formulated this plan, the Punjab government finally got behind the initiative and helped make it a region-wide reality.

In 2017, in recognition of Mr. Seechewal’s remarkable accomplishments, the Indian government conferred upon him the prestigious Padma Shri civilian award. The government has also asked Seechewal to apply his proven model of community-based river restoration to the mighty River Ganges.

“We have proved that it is possible to restore our rivers to a pristine condition if we all come together,” Seechewal told *Time*, adding, “It is time to do that on a bigger scale” (Sept. 24, 2008).

### A ‘Bigger Scale’

In *Mystery of the Ages*, the late educator Herbert W. Armstrong lamented mankind’s reckless pollution of the world. “[W]hat has man done on the Earth where



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God placed him?” he asked. “Man has made ugly, polluted, defiled, profaned everything his hands have touched. He has polluted the air, befouled the water in the rivers, lakes and seas.”

Mr. Armstrong also wrote about a future cleansing of this pollution that will happen on a far “bigger scale” than what Seechewal envisioned and achieved. In his booklet *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like*, Mr. Armstrong made clear that the problem will be solved GLOBALLY, and the entire world will be a pristine utopia. But, he explained, it will only happen after human nature—short-sighted, self-serving and law-despising—is fundamentally changed.

“[H]uman nature is the villain cause of all this world’s evils,” he wrote. “We shall never have utopia on Earth until human nature is changed.”

### Harmonizing Humanity

Mr. Armstrong made clear that the Creator God did not “create within humanity this thing we call human nature.” Instead, the kind of self-serving nature that results in environmental devastation and all other evils is something that people acquire as a result of rebelling against God, and yielding to the corrosive influence of Satan the devil.

He wrote: “The human mind is not born with Satan’s hostile, self-centered attitudes. Neither is a human born with the divine nature which the thoroughly converted Christian may acquire. Yet as soon as an infant or little child begins to exercise his brain in the thinking process, Satan’s broadcasts of the self-centered attitude begin reaching his brain through his human spirit. ... Since the

## Is a better world impossible?

We all want it, but we are all working against it. Is freedom, abundance and peace even possible? The Bible says yes. To learn what it says about the near future, request your free copy of Herbert W. Armstrong’s booklet *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like*.



normal child’s mind begins receiving these impulses to accept Satan’s attitudes very early in childhood, unless counteracted by parental teaching and influence, he will automatically begin accepting these carnal attitudes. They become habitual—by habit they are acquired as a nature.”

Mr. Armstrong explained that when Christ returns, He will bind and lock up the arch-deceiver. “No longer will Satan ... be able to inject into unsuspecting humans his satanic nature—which we have been misled into calling ‘human nature,’” he wrote.

Christ and His saints will then undertake a global “process of reeducation—of opening deceived minds—of undeceiving minds, and bringing them

to a voluntary repentance,” he wrote.

Jesus Christ WILL return to Earth and bring with Him true education, teaching all mankind to love God’s law. God’s power will change human nature!

Jesus Christ, he wrote, is “coming in all the power and glory of Almighty God, as ‘King of kings and Lord of lords’ (Revelation 19:11-21), to ... establish God’s world-ruling government over all nations,” he wrote. He then cited numerous Bible passages foretelling of this momentous event: Daniel 2:44; 7:9, 13-14, 18, 22, 27; Isaiah 9:7. Isaiah 11 and 35 describe the worldwide beauty and abundance that will result from this reeducation of mankind.

“He will enforce God’s law—God’s government on Earth,” Mr. Armstrong wrote. As a result of people abiding by that law and living and working under that divine government, “Air pollution, water pollution, soil pollution [will be] gone” and all people will have “[c]rystal-pure water to drink” and “clean, crisp, pure air to breathe,” he wrote.

Mr. Armstrong continued: “[It will be a] world filled with happy radiating humans, guided, helped, protected and ruled by former mortals made immortal—and all the humans realizing that they, too, may inherit everlasting life in supreme happiness and thrilling joy. What a fabulous picture!”

Seeing Mr. Seechewal’s success with the Kali Bein can help us to envision that “fabulous picture” of the entire future world, when people will live joyous lives on an Earth that is clean, beautiful and abundant. It can help us picture the time after human nature is changed into God’s nature, and radiant utopia will cover the Earth. ■

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Here is how we do it: We give—then God gives back.

God’s approach is the way of give—of cooperation, sacrifice and service. He promises to reward those who practice this principle. In Matthew 10:8, Jesus said, “Freely you have received, freely give.” In Acts 20:35, Paul quotes Jesus as saying, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” These scriptures mean that God will back financially—generously—any individual or institution that relies solely on Him.

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Britain and America controlled every major sea gate in the world: Gibraltar, the Suez Canal, Singapore, the Panama Canal, the Cape of Good Hope, Malta, Cyprus, the Falklands and many others. This was a significant part of the birthright promise from God. “So we MUST be modern Israel,” Mr. Armstrong wrote.

This is simply a matter of history. But what is the situation today? The fact is, a great deal of America’s and Britain’s power and prestige has come and gone!

### Warnings of Curses

Read Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28. There God instructs us and tells us how we can be blessed: by obeying His laws. But He also warns that if we disobey, we will be cursed. He desires that we choose blessings instead of curses. But we must choose.

America is making some wrong choices, and we are suffering the penalties. For example, America today has a \$22 trillion national debt, and that figure keeps soaring higher. God promised that if we obey Him, we would lend to many nations, but never have to borrow (Deuteronomy 28:12). There was a time when this was fulfilled in Britain and America. But now, we borrow far more than we lend. Something is not right! We are not being blessed anymore. We are not prospering in our ways (verse 29). Because of our sins, our nations are *losing* our prosperity and international prestige.

Notice this specific warning of a curse for disobedience: “AND HE SHALL BESIEGE THEE IN ALL THY GATES, until *thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst*, throughout all thy land: and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, WHICH THE LORD THY GOD HATH GIVEN THEE” (verse 52).

We trust in our walls today. We trust in our own power. We don’t look to the God who gave us that power. And God is taking that *personally!* God gave America and Britain those sea gates. He made Britain the greatest empire this world has ever seen, and America the greatest nation on Earth. We ought to acknowledge where our prosperity has come from. We ought to ask for forgiveness for using these blessings in a sinful way.

These “gates” in verse 52 are the SAME gates that God earlier promised to *give* these nations. And now we see that most of the world’s strategic maritime passageways that America and Britain once controlled have been taken away! (You can read more about this in our free booklet *He Was Right*, in the chapter “Changing of the Guard,” at [theTrumpet.com/go/hwr](http://theTrumpet.com/go/hwr).)

THIS IS A PROPHECY THAT AMERICA IS GOING TO BE *BESIEGED* IN ALL OUR GATES! The national economy will be battered by foreign competition.

Look at these prophecies in light of Latin America’s strategic position. AMERICA CANNOT TRULY BE BESIEGED UNLESS LATIN AMERICA IS PART OF IT.

Moses warned ancient Israel about something that applies to us “in the latter days”: “For I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and EVIL WILL BEFALL YOU IN THE LATTER DAYS; because ye will do evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands” (Deuteronomy 31:29).

We see this evil growing in the alliance between Latin America and Europe today. We need to watch the relationship



between these two because it is certain to have a dramatic impact on the lives of every person in the United States!

### Dependence on Europe

Our booklet *He Was Right* documents the accurate forecasting of late educator Herbert W. Armstrong, which he based on the Bible’s prophecies. This booklet also includes a chapter about the European-Latin American relationship. In it we write: “The *Plain Truth* [predecessor to the *Trumpet*] recognized the deep importance of the religious roots Europeans and Latin Americans share. In October 1957, it said, ‘Latin American nations will join in with the European revival of the old Roman Empire.’” (Request a free copy of *He Was Right*. It will give you in-depth insight into what is happening in this relationship today.)

That prophecy was written over 60 years ago! It is prophecy that could only come from God.

We continue, “Between 2002 and 2011, over 49 percent of weapons imported by South American nations came from the EU, according to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute’s Arms Transfers Database. ... It is also noteworthy that more arms from the EU came from Germany than any other nation.”

Latin American countries cannot manufacture their own advanced weapons, but they have avoided relying on the U.S. or Russia for them. *Instead, they have chosen to side with Europe.* “South America is *WELDED* to Europe’s military system,” we write. “The alliance is secure. South America’s military is *HUGELY* dependent on Europe” (emphasis mine). It is looking

to Europe, and particularly Germany, to bolster its military armaments. This has been going on for years.

Latin America possesses tremendous resources. Germany knows this very well. This country is leading Europe. And prophecy shows that IT WILL SOON ALSO BE LEADING LATIN AMERICA, as head of a reconstituted Holy Roman Empire!

This relationship will probably take another step forward this year—a frightening development for the United States.

**Europe is going to become the world's number one superpower. It is already equipped with nuclear bombs. So you can be sure that once it gains that kind of economic clout, it will be a power that will terrorize the world.**

If this massive trade deal is finalized this year, then I believe we will see the current 28-nation European Union pared down to the prophesied 10-nation superpower this year as well. Before Europe can be closely tied to Latin America, something will have to change. The current politically and religiously disunified EU will have to become a politically, militarily and religiously unified Holy Roman Empire. Latin America is already quite united in its religion; the Holy Roman Empire will have to become united in *its* religion as well. And the only way to remove the division is by reducing that union to 10 nations. It is prophesied to happen (Revelation 17).

A strongman is coming on the scene to aid in the development of that union (Daniel 8:23). Only he can shape the Holy

Roman Empire and take control. I believe we could see this strongman appear in 2019.

This European power is destined to become the number one superpower in the world!

### **'Two Gigantic Trade Blocs'**

Europe will draw a lot of power from its relationship with Latin America. Mr. Armstrong foretold that this combined power bloc would overtake the U.S. His *Plain Truth* magazine stated in May 1962 that “*the United States is going to be left out in the cold as two GIGANTIC TRADE BLOCS, EUROPE and LATIN AMERICA, mesh together and begin calling the shots in world commerce.*”

Mr. Armstrong prophesied precisely what we see happening today! This is a union that will be stronger than Russia and China. It will be stronger than the United States.

IT WILL INSTIGATE A MASSIVE TRADE WAR—AND AMERICA WILL BE FROZEN OUT!

As we wrote in our January 8 online article, “Europe is already turning its back on the U.S. and seeks to pull Latin America to its side.” What a monumental change!

Bible prophecy shows that Europe is about to become an economic powerhouse. It is going to be part of an enormous “mart of nations” (Isaiah 23:3). (For more information on the meaning of this verse, read our article “The Great ‘Mart of Nations’” at [theTrumpet.com/13881](http://theTrumpet.com/13881).)

Europe is going to become the world's number one superpower. It is already equipped with nuclear bombs. So you can be sure that once it gains that kind of economic clout, it will be a power that will terrorize the world.

We can avert that terrible crisis if we just look to the great God who inspired Bible prophecy!

## **Germany Eyes Brazil**

A new government means a field ripe for harvest. **BY JOSUÉ MICHELS**

**G**ERMANY'S MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC Affairs and Energy has big plans for Brazil in 2019. The new Brazilian government of Jair Messias Bolsonaro has created a lot of enthusiasm among European investors. Germany expects the partnership to flourish and has outlined a market development program to seize its opportunity.

Brazil is the world's eighth-largest economy and the overall largest economy in Latin America. It is rich in natural resources, such as rare earth elements, iron ore, precious metals, uranium, natural gas, oil and timber.

The European Union is Brazil's second-largest trading partner, accounting for 18.3 percent of its total trade. Germany is Europe's leading economy and Brazil's most important European trading

partner. Together they are working to unite two massive trade blocs, which will cause a major realignment in world trade.

But Brazil also faces major challenges, such as a security deficit, a lack of infrastructure, and other developmental difficulties. About 75 percent of Brazilians perceive the security situation as bad or very bad. Their fears are valid: Brazil has one of the highest murder rates in the world. This trend has motivated President Bolsonaro to center his policies on security and investment. Only days into office, he set course to massively strengthen and empower Brazil's police and security forces.

Considering his country's rich and largely unexploited resources, he said he wants to trade with the “whole world.” He has especially indicated his desire to

turn Brazil away from Chinese influence and back to the West.

Many fear that Brazil is drifting into a military dictatorship. But Germany sees a plum opportunity to invest and exploit Brazil's resources.

With Bolsonaro at its head, Brazil's large economy has potential to vastly increase. But to do this successfully, the new president needs trustworthy allies.

In “Civil Security Technologies and Services in Brazil,” the Economics Ministry pointed to the various positive developments Brazil's new government will provide: better investment and trading conditions for foreign companies; reforms for market liberalization; more government spending on public safety; and an estimated economic growth of 2.5 percent this year.

Brazil's new government is a perfect fit for Germany. Germany's and Europe's



## God's Wrath—and Then Hope

Latin America and Europe have forgotten about all the foreign aid America has given them. They are turning to one another—and are already beginning to leave America, as Mr. Armstrong's *Plain Truth* said, out in the cold.

We must remember: AMERICA CANNOT BE BESIEGED ECONOMICALLY AND IN A TRADE WAR UNLESS LATIN AMERICA IS A PART OF THAT SIEGE. With Latin America joining in, America is surrounded. Please read our article "Preparing to Storm America's Castle" on page 16, and study our infographic on page 18, to better grasp this reality.

Yet the United States has deferred to these powers as our "lovers" (Hosea 8:9). We trust other nations rather than God. But God warns that we had better beware. Our spiritual Father is angry because we are trusting in men! Now He is putting it in these foreign powers' minds to undermine and attack the U.S.

This will be difficult for many people to believe. But there are many prophecies in your Bible that tell you exactly what is going to happen. The trouble is, most people do not read their Bible, and those who read it don't believe what it says!

"Therefore thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I, EVEN I, AM AGAINST THEE, and will execute judgments in the midst of thee in the sight of the nations" (Ezekiel 5:8). This warning should wake people up! God Himself is telling the nations of Israel that He is against them! Not only are our enemies against us, but *God is* as well. This should strike terror in our minds!

There is no hope for us to avoid the Great Tribulation—the worst period of suffering in human history (Matthew 24:21)—if we fail to heed God's warning. Responding in repentance will save our physical lives. We should seek that with all our being.

need for natural resources can be filled by Brazil's increased exports. And Brazil's increased security demand is an open door for expert German security companies and investment firms to market their services.

Thus Brazil is a field ready to be harvested, and Germany is preparing the threshing tools to reap the fruits.

Herbert W. Armstrong pointed to two factors that would bring the European and Latin American trading blocs together: religion and language.

Brazil's national language is Portuguese, and its religion is largely Catholic. Brazil has more Roman Catholics than any other nation. Europe is using these similarities to closely ally the two continents, just as it did during the time of the Holy Roman Empire. The October 1957 *Plain Truth* stated, "Latin American nations will join in

with the European revival of the old Roman Empire ..."

Today, we see the emerging partnership that destines Europe to take advantage of Latin America's resources. This coming alliance and its implications for America are prophesied in the Bible. Europe is no longer seeking a trade agreement with the U.S. but rather seeks to center the world's trade around its own markets. This was prophesied in Isaiah 23 and Ezekiel 27.

In Deuteronomy 28, the Bible outlines some of the devastating consequences this will have for America. Verse 53 is a glimpse of the terrible conditions that will result from "THE SIEGE ... wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee." This refers to an *economic siege*, which is being set up by Europe.

Europe has a specific strategy in its trade policies. It is forging an alliance

"Wherefore, as I live, saith the Lord God; Surely, because thou hast defiled my sanctuary with all thy detestable things, and with all thine abominations, therefore will I also diminish thee; neither shall mine eye spare, neither will I have any pity" (Ezekiel 5:11). God is upset with how we are living.

But we need not suffer. In Ezekiel 6, God tells His people to "prophesy against" Israel (verse 2). God wants to save His birth-right nations! God says there is a small number of people that He will protect (symbolized by His telling Ezekiel, "bind them in thy skirts"—Ezekiel 5:3). God says that if you obey Him and do His work, He will protect you from these looming troubles. He will try and test us—but in the end He will protect those who turn to Him, be it individuals or nations.

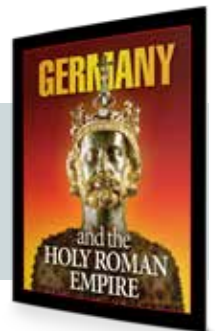
Through all this suffering, we are going to come to know God (Ezekiel 6:10). God wants to know each individual person. He doesn't want us to be killed by evil men. But sadly, it will take a lot of suffering for God to get through to stubborn mankind.

Even if you don't repent today, after the worst suffering this world has ever experienced—the Great Tribulation—God is still going to lead this world into the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. You won't see any more Holy Roman Empires. You won't see any more wars. The Earth will be filled with happiness, joy and peace. What a wonderful time that is going to be!

That time is very close. You are surely going to see it come!

## Will Europe really attack America?

A group of democracies will transform into an empire and attack its former ally. This sounds far-fetched, but history and prophecy show the threat is real. To understand, request your free copy of ***Germany and the Holy Roman Empire***, by Gerald Flurry.



with Latin America, Africa, Russia, China, Japan and other economic power blocs for a single purpose: to bring down America.

This economic siege will not be successful *unless* Europe draws Latin America fully into its camp. Located to its south, Latin America can be viewed as the United States' emergency breadbasket. But these ties are about to be cut, and the Bible prophesies that the consequences will be devastating.

Bible prophecy shows where today's world events are heading. But every prophecy also culminates in great hope. Deuteronomy, Ezekiel and Isaiah all prophesy of a wonderful future beyond this economic siege. There is hope for every person caught in the coming suffering. The Bible reveals that there is great hope and *protection* for those who heed this warning today.



## Preparing to Storm America's Castle

A foreign power that controls the Caribbean Sea could cripple the U.S. economy. **BY ANDREW MILLER AND JEREMIAH JACQUES**

**T**HE UNITED STATES IS BEING threatened by hostile nations taking over the Caribbean Sea. Major news sources pay little attention to this region, but the Caribbean is vital to U.S. security. This sea not only connects the East Coast with the Pacific Ocean via the Panama Canal, *it guards the mouth of the Gulf of Mexico*. Half of America's seaborne trade passes through the Gulf. So a foreign power that controls the Caribbean could cripple the U.S. economy by restricting its access to oceanic shipping.

This geographic reality is why Russia and China want to challenge U.S. dominance in the Caribbean. These aspiring superpowers are forging alliances with socialist governments in Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela. If these Latin dictatorships become staging grounds for Russia and China, a coalition of nations could potentially cut off U.S. access to the Panama Canal and seal off the Straits of Florida and the Yucatan Channel.

As shocking as this scenario sounds, the Bible reveals that enemies will seize control of the world's most strategic

maritime choke points and lay siege to the United States. America is going to lose access to the Panama Canal, the Straits of Florida, the Windward Passage, the Yucatan Channel and many other shipping lanes that its people rely on for food, electronic components, oil, raw materials and other goods.

The results will be devastating.

### 'Troika of Tyranny'

U.S. National Security Adviser John Bolton addressed a group of Cuban and Venezuelan refugees at the Freedom Tower in Miami on Nov. 1, 2018. He pledged to push back against dictators in Latin America.

"In Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua, we see the perils of poisonous ideologies left unchecked, and the dangers of domination and suppression," he said. "This troika of tyranny, this triangle of terror stretching from Havana to Caracas to Managua, is the cause of immense human suffering, the impetus of enormous regional instability, and the genesis of a sordid cradle of communism in the Western Hemisphere."

Bolton didn't announce specific actions against Nicaragua, but the Trump administration has already levied sanctions against Cuba and Venezuela. These economic sanctions have weakened the corrupt governments of these nations. They have not, however, prevented them from seeking help from Russia and China. During the Cold War, the Soviets established relations with Cuba and Nicaragua in an effort to threaten U.S. access to the Panama Canal. Now the Russians and Chinese are resuscitating this plan to undermine America.

Russia offered Cuba a \$43 million loan in November to buy Russian military equipment, and it vowed to expand "strategic" ties with the island. On Oct. 10, 2018, *Newsweek* reported a senior Russian official as saying that Russia is considering building a military base in Cuba. This would be the first Russian base in Cuba since the Kremlin closed a Soviet-era electronic spying outpost near Havana in 2001.

Meanwhile, two Russian nuclear-capable bombers flew a patrol over the Caribbean on Dec. 12, 2018, from a base in Venezuela. After this alarming incident, one Russian daily, *Nezavisimaya Gazeta*, suggested that Russia establish a permanent military presence on the island of La Orchila, northeast of Venezuela's capital city. The Russian government-owned TASS news agency said this presence would "represent one of the largest semipermanent deployments of Russian military equipment in the region since the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis, which marked the height of the Cold War."

Russia is also helping to modernize the Nicaraguan military. At the same time, China is signing economic agreements with Cuba, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Barbados, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Panama and other nations. These are steps toward establishing a strong economic and military presence in America's backyard.

At present, neither Russia nor China has the naval power to challenge the U.S. in this region. But what happens when a financial crunch forces the U.S. to drastically cut military spending? There are strong signs this will happen, and soon—at which point the alliances Russia and China are forging in the Caribbean Sea will give them great power over America.

## Geographic Challenge

The late Herbert W. Armstrong explained in his landmark book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* that the Anglo-Saxon peoples who settled the U.S. and Britain are descended from the ancient Israelites. This astonishing truth means that the Bible's end-time prophecies concerning Israel are primarily directed at the United States and Britain, as well as the Jewish State of Israel.

One specific prophecy likens end-time Israel to a hedged vineyard, protected on all sides, until God removes the hedge. "... I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be eaten up; and break down the wall thereof, and it shall be trodden down: And I will lay it waste: it shall not be pruned, nor digged; but there shall come up briars and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel ..." (Isaiah 5:5-7).

This description of a hedged vineyard fits no nation better than it does the United States.

The U.S. is protected on the west by the world's largest ocean and the Rocky Mountains. It is protected on the north by the Arctic tundra and the friendly nation of Canada. It is protected on the east by the world's second-largest ocean and the Appalachian Mountains. It is protected on the south by the Chihuahuan Desert. Lying within these natural fortifications is the Mississippi Basin, the world's largest contiguous expanse of arable land. This basin is the key to U.S. dominance over North America.

About 57 percent of U.S. seaborne exports flow out of the Mississippi Basin to international markets via the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea. Cuba lies between Florida and the Yucatan Peninsula, an enormous gatehouse between the U.S. heartland and the outside world (see map, page 18).

The threat of a naval blockade against the Mississippi Basin is why the U.S. supported Cuba's independence from Spain and took over the island as a protectorate upon winning the Spanish-American War in 1898. It is why the Soviets tried to use Cuba against the U.S., and why the U.S. tried to oust the Soviet Union from Cuba in 1962.

Now the U.S. is allowing Russia and China to forge alliances with Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela. This is setting the stage for a time when an alliance of hostile nations will finally lay siege to America and refuse to let shipments pass the gatehouse in either direction.

## 'Mart of Nations'

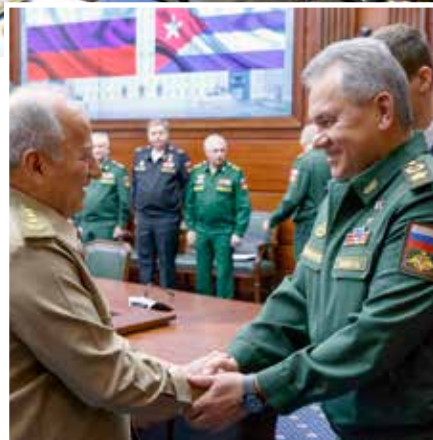
Some 2,700 years ago, God inspired the Prophet Isaiah to write about a vast trade bloc—"a mart of nations"—that would form in the end time (Isaiah 23:3).

Russia (Tubal and Meshech), showing that it too will join this "mart."

"With a German-led Europe (the king of the north) possessing great maritime power, North America will be surrounded on the east by Europe and the south by Latin America," Mr. Flurry writes. "The Bible contains many prophecies of that European power attacking America—and many other prophecies of America being *besieged*" (*Isaiah's End-Time Vision*). He then explains that this dramatic siege will be accomplished with the help of the other



SOUTHERN COURTSHIP  
(Top) Russia delivers two supersonic bombers to Venezuela; (Below) Cuba's defense minister meets with Russian counterpart in Moscow.



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Verse 1 shows that a lead nation in this trade bloc would be "Chittim." *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry explains in his booklet *Isaiah's End-Time Vision* that Chittim, or Kittim, is an ancient name for modern China. Another leading entity in the trade bloc is "Tyre." Mr. Flurry explains that this represents "the *commercial center*" of modern Europe. A related passage in Ezekiel 27 mentions ancient names for modern

countries associated with the "mart of nations" of Isaiah 23 and Ezekiel 27, including Russia and China. "All of them are going to besiege America, Britain and the Jewish nation," he writes.

"[T]he giants of Asia" will form a "brief alliance" with the European bloc, he writes. "Should Europe, the resurrected Holy Roman Empire, find a way to take advantage—even for a moment—of key



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YUCATÁN CHANNEL

Russia is  
considering  
opening a  
military base  
in Cuba.

Russia is aiding  
in modernizing  
the Nicaraguan  
military.

# Choking Off America

Naval strategists have compared the Caribbean to the Mediterranean Sea and the South China Sea. It is as vital to U.S. security as the Mediterranean is to European security and the South China Sea is to Chinese security. This is why Russia and China want to dominate the Caribbean. An aspiring superpower that dominates the Caribbean could cut the U.S. Navy in two and restrict America's access to vital shipping routes.

The Bible predicts that this will happen. God promised to give Abraham's descendants control over the "gates" of their enemies (Genesis 22:17). A gate is a narrow passage of entrance or exit, and speaking nationally, a "sea gate" is a narrow choke point like the Straits of Florida or the Yucatán Channel. The fact that the English-speaking peoples once controlled every maritime choke point on the planet is proof that they are descended from ancient Israel. But God also warned that if end-time Israel did not obey Him, then not only would those sea gates be taken away, but they would be used *against* it (Deuteronomy 28:52).

EL SALVADOR  
LA UNION

NICARAGUA

COSTA  
RICA

PANAMA

- MAJOR U.S. PORT
- AMERICAN MILITARY BASE
- PROPOSED RUSSIAN BASE
- PROPOSED CHINESE BASE
- SIGNIFICANT CHINESE-RUSSIAN INFLUENCE

## YUCATÁN CHANNEL

This channel connects the Gulf Coast with the Caribbean Sea and the Panama Canal. Half of all U.S. seaborne trade passes either through this channel or the nearby Straits of Florida.

## STRAITS OF FLORIDA

This strait connects the East Coast with the Gulf Coast. Over 300 million tons of oil are shipped through it every day, making it America's most important energy choke point.

## WINDWARD PASSAGE

This passage connects the Atlantic Coast with the Panama Canal and Pacific Ocean. It is vital to military security. The U.S. Navy would effectively be cut in half if it lost its ability to move assets between coasts.

## MONA PASSAGE

This passage connects Europe and the Atlantic Ocean to the Panama Canal. It is also vital to military security, as any foreign offensive against the Panama Canal is likely to come from this direction.



China has signed an economic agreement with Cuba.

Two Russian nuclear-capable bombers originating at La Orchilla flew patrol over the Caribbean Sea on Dec. 12, 2018, sparking talks of a new Russian base on the island.

China has signed an economic agreement with Venezuela.

# Are You Observing the Right Day of Worship?



**Most Christians have never studied why Sunday is their day of worship. If you are one of them, you are denying yourself special blessings from God!**

**BY GERALD FLURRY**

**M**OST PROFESSING CHRISTIANS observe Sunday as their weekly day of worship. Do you know why? Have you ever looked into it? Most people have not.

If they did, they might be surprised by what they find.

Sunday has been considered the *first* day of the week throughout human history. Yet the Bible commands a *seventh-day* Sabbath. Jesus Christ, after whom Christianity is named, observed a *seventh-day* Sabbath.

Should you keep Saturday? Should you keep Sunday? Can you keep any day you choose? What is the source of the Sabbath?

The Bible gives us the true and inspiring answers. Doing an honest and unbiased study of this subject could revolutionize your life. It can unlock special blessings from God!

## **Do You Follow Christ?**

Luke 4:16 tells us that Jesus observed the Sabbath day “as his custom was.” The word *custom* means “your regular practice or habit; your regular routine.” It was His regular habit to keep the seventh-day Sabbath; it was part of His routine.

A Christian is one who follows Christ. Jesus Christ set the perfect example in all things, including His Sabbath observance. So isn't it amazing that most people who call themselves “Christian”

observe a different day of worship than Christ Himself did? Shouldn't a true Christian seek to follow the example Christ set in this matter?

Jews observe the seventh day, and many people believe the seventh-day Sabbath is a *Jewish* observance. Yet Jesus said the Sabbath was made *for man* (Mark 2:27)—for ALL human beings. The Sabbath wasn't made only for Jews or for the ancient Israelites. God created this day of worship for ALL MANKIND. Then Jesus said, “Therefore the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath” (verse 28). Jesus Christ rules over the Sabbath.

Christ taught that we must live by *every word of God* (Matthew 4:4). Is it really possible that so many Christians could be wrong in their Sunday observance—even deceived about it?

## **The Ten Commandments**

The Sabbath is one of the Ten Commandments. You can read these yourself in Exodus 20. Verses 8-11 say, “Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work: But the SEVENTH DAY is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work ... For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested THE SEVENTH DAY: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.”

God clearly observed the seventh day.

And the Ten Commandments plainly tell us to follow His example.

Who is the source of the Ten Commandments? Most people believe it is Moses. That is a big mistake. We all must recognize the *true source* of the Ten Commandments!

Though Exodus 20 is where the Commandments are listed, the preceding chapter gives us the *setting*.

There God instructed Moses to gather the people of Israel at the base of Mt. Sinai. Once they assembled, “there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of the trumpet exceeding loud; so that all the people that was in the camp trembled” (Exodus 19:16). What a magnificent, terrifying, awe-inspiring, supernatural display! Verse 18 says the whole mountain “was altogether on a smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly.”

“Imagine that vast sea of people—millions of them—stretching as far as eye could see!” Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in his booklet *Which Day Is the Christian Sabbath?* “Then terrifying flashes of blinding lightning, and crashes of thunder that would almost break eardrums! And the great God Himself in the midst of this eye-blinding, ear-splitting display, preparing to THUNDER HIS GREAT LAW in the hearing of that vast assemblage! ...

“Think of it! A whole nation of millions gathered together in one vast, tremendous, history-making assemblage! And the very God HIMSELF speaking through fire, and flashing lightning, and deafening peals of thunder, and a great supernatural voice that needed no microphones or loudspeakers or public-address systems to be heard by millions.” (We will gladly send you a free copy of Mr. Armstrong's booklet at your request.)

God spoke with Israel face to face (Deuteronomy 5:4). God was reaching millions of people! Think of the Super Bowl, to which an average of about 100,000 people gather. That is *nothing* compared to what took place at Mt. Sinai! God was speaking to 3 to 4 million people.

That was not Moses's voice. It was GOD's VOICE out of a fiery, quaking mountain!

What Israel experienced that day was no ordinary occasion. God spoke in a

way these people had never experienced before to convey that this was special and important—something they should never forget. God was dramatically and passionately emphasizing the importance of His law! And the Sabbath day is a central aspect of that holy law.

Today, most Christians are taught that Moses gave Israel the law. Moses did no such thing. This was too important, too extraordinary, for any man to carry out!

The Ten Commandments are the basis of the Old Covenant. But did you know they are also the basis of the New Covenant? God doesn't say that the New Covenant *does away* with the law—He says, “For this is the [new] covenant that I will make ... saith the Lord; I WILL PUT MY LAWS INTO THEIR MIND, AND WRITE THEM IN THEIR HEARTS: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people” (Hebrews 8:10). God is doing this today! He is writing His wonderful law in the hearts of His people! And that very law includes the Sabbath command!

Failure to observe God's Sabbath is *breaking God's law*. That is how God defines SIN (1 John 3:4). And the Apostle Paul wrote that “the wages of sin is DEATH” (Romans 6:23). Eternal salvation is at stake! So surely we ought to know about the Sabbath and which day God says we should “remember,” and on which we should “not do any work.”

If there were no God, no supreme, all-loving Creator, then it wouldn't matter on which day or whether or not to obey the Sabbath command. BUT THERE IS A GOD, and He cares about His Sabbath. Proper Sabbath observance matters—for all eternity!

### Who Can Make Time Holy?

In his 1876 book *The Faith of Our Fathers*, James Gibbons, a Catholic cardinal, wrote something that may shock you. But you need to deeply consider it because your eternal salvation is at stake. He wrote: “Now the Scriptures alone do not contain all the truths which a Christian is bound to believe, nor do they explicitly enjoin all the duties which he is obliged to practice. Not to mention other examples, is not every Christian obliged to sanctify Sunday and to abstain on that day from unnecessary servile work? Is it not the observance of this law among the most prominent of our sacred duties? But you

*may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation and you will not find a single line authorizing the sanctification of Sunday. The Scriptures enforce the religious observance of Saturday, a day which we never sanctify”* (emphasis mine throughout).

Cardinal Gibbons admitted that Catholics keep Sunday, yet the Bible commands seventh-day observance. But he didn't believe that this proved they are *disobeying God*—he said it proved that THE BIBLE IS INSUFFICIENT! “We must,

## Is any man or church authorized to change God's law? Can a man sanctify or set apart a day? Can a man make a day holy?

therefore, conclude that the Scriptures *alone* cannot be a sufficient guide and rule of faith,” he wrote.

DOES THAT MAKE ANY SENSE TO YOU?

This Catholic cardinal admitted that not a *single line* in God's Bible authorizes the sanctification of Sunday. Some people may disagree with that—but what does God say? God agrees with the man: Nowhere in the Bible does it say that we should worship on Sunday! What day does God authorize for holy observance? If the Sabbath is part of the law of God, and our eternal salvation is at stake, then we must know the answer!

Is any man or church authorized to change God's law? Can a man sanctify or set apart a day? Can a man make a day holy?

How can a *day* be made holy? The first book of the Bible tells us! It says that on the sixth day of creation God made man. But the creation didn't stop there. “And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And GOD BLESSED THE SEVENTH DAY, AND SANCTIFIED IT ...” (Genesis 2:2-3).

There was a *double miracle* here. God “sanctified” the seventh day, which means He set it apart for holy use—for all time, forever. But this also says “God BLESSED the seventh day.” God pours all kinds of blessings into that day! The seventh day is truly a *blessed* day!

The seventh day points us back to the creation. It reminds us that God is our Creator. He created physically, and He is working out a spiritual creation in His

Family today. No other day is a memorial of creation.

Sunday is the first day of the week. That is not the day God blessed and sanctified. God's divine, holy presence is in the *seventh* day. That is not true of any other day of the week—not Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. No other day is holy.

When Moses saw God in a burning bush, God told him to remove his shoes, “for the place whereon thou standest

is HOLY GROUND” (Exodus 3:5). The ground wasn't holy a mile away. It was holy *where God's presence was*. GOD'S PRESENCE makes the Sabbath holy, and we need to symbolically “remove our shoes” in reverence. We had better tread carefully in the presence of God.

God commands us to “REMEMBER” the Sabbath day. When God says to remember something, too often carnal-minded man forgets. For example, Jesus Christ said we must keep the law: “Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: *I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil*. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, *one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled*. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 5:17-19). Christians today believe and teach that Christ did away with the law. But that is the OPPOSITE of what Christ Himself said!

We are to *keep* the Sabbath day holy. God made the seventh day holy, and we must KEEP it that way through proper observance. We can't keep a day holy that was not already MADE HOLY by the Creator! You can't keep ice water hot; it must already be hot to be *kept* hot. Only *one day* was set apart and bears God's presence. You may disagree with that, but you had better prove this to yourself because so much is at stake.

## A Sabbath Covenant

Some time *after* God gave the Ten Commandments, He *emphasized* the Sabbath command by creating a SPECIAL SABBATH COVENANT.

Read it in Exodus 31:12-13: “And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the Lord that doth sanctify you.” This special covenant shows us WHY the Sabbath: IT IS A SIGN BETWEEN GOD AND HIS PEOPLE.

A sign outside a business premise identifies the business. God says proper Sabbath observance identifies where God is and who His people are.

Notice, God says “I am the Lord that doth sanctify YOU.” As He does with the seventh day, God SETS APART FOR HOLY USE HIS PEOPLE WHO KEEP THE SABBATH!

It might seem strange to you that God made a sign to identify His people. Isn't it true that *all* Christians are God's people and know God?

Well, is that what God teaches in His Bible?

God tells us that Satan the devil *deceives the whole world* (Revelation 12:9). The Apostle Paul calls him “the god of this world”—and then warns that “Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if *his ministers* also be transformed as the *ministers of righteousness* ...” (2 Corinthians 4:4; 11:14-15).

Do you believe that some who look like ministers of righteousness are actually *Satan's* ministers? That is a hard

truth for most people to accept. But the fact is, Satan is a great counterfeiter.

Whether or not they realize it, people who say they are Christian—followers of Christ—yet keep a different day of worship than Christ Himself did, are practicing a *counterfeit* form of Christianity! We must be honest about this.

We must get to know the *true* God. The God of the Bible gave the Sabbath to man for the purpose of keeping us in the TRUE WORSHIP OF GOD.

Christ referred to His body of believers—those who stay loyal to Him and what He teaches—as a “little flock” (Luke 12:32). And Scripture says you could know those people because of a *sign*: God's Sabbath day.

Notice the rest of that Sabbath covenant: “Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Six days may work be done; but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the Lord: whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death” (Exodus 31:14-15). When God initially delivered that commandment to ancient Israel, it was physical. He wasn't working with them spiritually. But today, if we break the Sabbath, we must repent or we will experience eternal death! It is that serious!

## A Day to Grow Spiritually

“Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between me

and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed” (Exodus 31:16-17). This commandment wasn't just a sign until Jesus Christ's first coming. It is perpetual! It is forever.

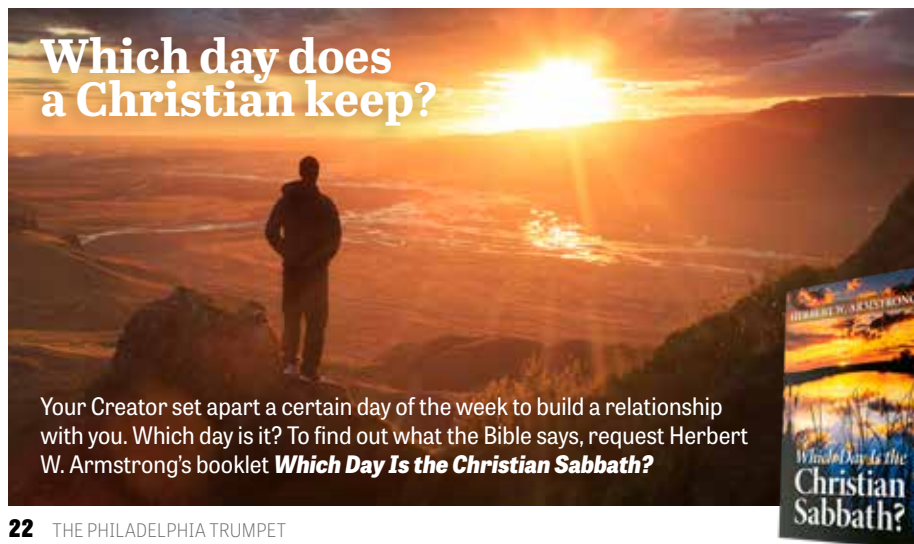
The Sabbath is a day that refreshes God. It refreshes *all* those who observe it! It lifts your spirits. It is filled with blessings. Why don't people keep it as God commands? It comes with awesome, stupendous blessings that we don't receive any other way!

God created that day for a wonderful, inspiring purpose. It is to help man build righteous spiritual character. The Sabbath is holy time set apart that we might grow spiritually and build the very holiness of God! Of course, we should build God's character on other days as well. But the Sabbath is vastly different from every other day because God's presence is in it. We can fellowship with God the Father and Jesus Christ in a special way on the Sabbath through God's Spirit (1 John 1:3).

“If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words” (Isaiah 58:13). The Sabbath is not for doing our own deeds, seeking our own pleasures or even speaking our own words. It is a special day—God's holy day! We are to honor Him in our observance. If we do, we can expect blessings.


“Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it” (verse 14). That is truly an amazing promise to all people who will keep God's Sabbath day!

We need to completely give ourselves to God on the Sabbath. If we do, He says we will ride on the high places of the Earth! The greatest blessings will be poured out to us. The “heritage of Jacob” is prosperity without limit! That is the promise God gives to us. That is the truth contained in His Word. That is the great abundance that comes from proper observance of God's true Sabbath day! ■



**Which day does a Christian keep?**

Your Creator set apart a certain day of the week to build a relationship with you. Which day is it? To find out what the Bible says, request Herbert W. Armstrong's booklet **Which Day Is the Christian Sabbath?**







# Posture Up: Prevent Back Pain

What you can do to fight this debilitating condition **BY JORG MARDIAN**

**I**F YOU HAVE EVER SUFFERED FROM low back pain, you probably know how debilitating it can be. This injury has prevented 80 percent of American adults from being able to work or enjoy other activities.

Ongoing back pain is daunting—but it is not unavoidable. Its causes are found in our everyday actions. To get past suffering and lead a pain-free life, you need to address the real causes.

## How Not to Solve Back Pain

Back pain causes more disability than any other condition. It is the number two reason for doctor visits and a leading reason for Americans missing work. The *Journal of Pain* reports the annual collective cost of chronic pain is as high as \$635 billion a year—more than the costs for cancer, heart disease and diabetes.

Our collective spinal weakness is not projected to improve in the future. Most people rely on drugs for recovery. Prescription drugs like opioids are handed out like candy for back pain, even though these powerful drugs are highly addictive and their side effects can include death.

Surgery as a solution also has a poor track record. Radiologists say we are doing too many inappropriate MRIs, with a broad range of interpretive errors; this suggests a problem of unnecessary treatments. Shockingly, research shows that more than half of patients whose MRIs showed abnormalities would undergo spine surgery, even if they were not experiencing any symptoms.

Forget leaning on a medical system heavy on profit but light on pain relief.

Start with this: The human body is designed to *move*. With this in mind, let's look for the *cause* of our back ailments, rather than reaching for pills or anesthesia.

## Get Moving

Many of us sit for most of the day. Sitting actually changes the position of your spine, because weight is transferred to the buttocks and thighs, instead of being borne by the legs, hips and torso. This bends the spine significantly, redistributing weight differently than when standing or lying down, and aggravating pre-existing spinal conditions. Sitting can also cause circulatory constriction, nerve compression and soft tissue problems.

None of this bodes well for the average office worker. More than half of those who experience back pain spend most of their day sitting at work. And most of us sit when we are away from work. The damaging effects of sitting on other parts of the body include obesity, muscle weakness and lack of mobility.

Discs do not herniate on their own. Joints do not degenerate without cause. Sciatica doesn't strike without reason. Unless you're involved in a high-risk occupation, participate in high-impact exercises, or had a traumatic accident that injured your back, the reason for your back pain is most likely inactivity, muscle weakness and postural dysfunctions. Even if you are fit and healthy, sit

long enough and you'll put twice as much pressure on discs of the spine as standing.

Inactivity and weakness can lead to a bad outcome, but you can help yourself recover. If you find yourself in pain, take frequent breaks from your sitting job. Move around! If you slouch, focus on maintaining the correct alignment: shoulders back, chest out and weight spread evenly on both feet.

Studies are generally lacking in conclusively proving that exercise is beneficial for back pain, but common sense says otherwise. Weak muscles, tendons and ligaments restrict the body's ability to move, rotate and bend properly. Atrophied stomach muscles increase the strain on the back and can cause an abnormal tilt of the pelvis. Weak back muscles increase the load on the spine and the risk for disc compression.

Focus on exercising the abdominals, glutes and hamstrings, the often neglected posterior chain. Great examples are "good morning" exercises (bending at the waist), reverse lunges, sumo deadlifts, sled pulls, wide box squats and hip thrusters. These are highly effective in strengthening your body and back until you are pain free.

If you don't recognize these exercises and your problem causes a disruption in your life, talk to a personal trainer to get the help you need. You'll be amazed how a little focus on primary muscles reduces back pain significantly.

## Pain-Free

An often overlooked factor in combating back pain is nutrition. Hydrate properly with lots of water and eat a balanced, wholesome diet in the right proportion to prevent inflammation and maintain a healthy body weight.

Nothing is ever simple, including chronic pain. But the good news is that your body remains remarkably resilient even after decades of neglect. No matter when you start, discipline can help reverse many effects of weakness. There will be discomfort on the way, but if you embrace the challenge, you will regain vitality and a more robust posture. Set good habits in how you "posture up," strengthen your body, watch what you consume, and you can be pain free. ■

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# ‘And the Sun Stood Still’

Was the miracle of Joshua’s long day just an eclipse?

BY CHRISTOPHER EAMES

**O**NE OF THE BIBLE’S MOST remarkable miracles made headlines in recent months: the time during Joshua’s day when “the sun stood still.”

Researchers from the University of Cambridge claim to have identified this event, down to the specific *day* it occurred. According to them, it was in fact an *eclipse* on Oct. 30, 1207 B.C.

This “revelation” may come as a surprise, particularly because the Hebrew text has no indication of an eclipse. Here is the passage in question: “Then spake Joshua to the Lord ... and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, *stand thou still* .... And *the sun stood still*, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies” (Joshua 10:12-13).

That doesn’t sound like an eclipse. But Cambridge researchers say the Hebrew word for “stood still” has the same root as a Babylonian term describing eclipses.

These researchers, assuming the scripture refers to an eclipse, developed

a new “eclipse code.” From their computations they were able to identify only one eclipse that occurred between 1500 and 1050 B.C.—on Oct. 30, 1207 B.C. Scientists then point to the Merneptah Stele—an Egyptian artifact dating to around 1208 B.C., which makes the as-yet earliest confirmed reference to “Israel”—as evidence of Israel being on the scene around this time period.

Is this really the case? Is the Bible just describing an eclipse?

## What the Bible Says

The full text of the Bible account is clear. “Then spake Joshua to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, *Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon*” (Joshua 10:12). Leaving aside the phrase “stand thou still,” it is clear that the sun was directly over Gibeon, and the moon was directly over Ajalon. These are two very different locations.

Notice the next verse: “And the sun *stood still*, and the moon *stayed*, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and *hasted not to go down about a whole day*. And there was *no day like that before it or after it ...*” (verses 13-14).

This is unequivocal language. This was not an eclipse that lasted a short time. The sun and moon literally *stopped moving* for about the length of an entire day. Whether or not one believes this miracle occurred, that is what the text says.

This was no “hiding” of the sun behind the moon. The sun remained visible for a prolonged period; it “hasted not to go down.” As the context shows, Joshua, recognizing the immensity of the task of chasing and overcoming Israel’s fleeing enemies, asked that God would allow the sun to “stand still”—to keep shining—so they could continue fighting. God answered, and the sun remained



MIRACULOUS  
Artist's rendering of  
"Joshua's long day."



MERNEPTAH STELE



AMARNA LETTER

1207 B.C. The stele, dating so close to that year, shows that Israel was an already well-established and recognized nation-state. This could not have been the case if, as the researchers claim, Joshua and the Israelites had only barely begun fighting their way through the Promised Land at that time.

The fact that the researchers accepted a date in the early 1200s B.C. for Joshua's conquests exposes their belief in biblical minimalism. Biblical chronology is clear that the Israelites had to enter the Promised Land just before 1400 B.C., around 200 years earlier. Scholars, however, argue that a great deal of destruction hasn't been uncovered for that time period. They point to other destruction layers, from the 1200s B.C., and say those mark the century of the conquests of Canaan.

This is a deeply flawed assumption, because it ignores the fact that the Bible *corroborates* the massive upheavals during the 1200s B.C. These occurred in the thick of the tumultuous and bloody

doesn't relate to Joshua's time period, is there anything that does? Is there any evidence for this miraculously long day?

### Accounts of a Long Day

If this kind of astronomical event happened, it must have been witnessed around the world. While difficult to corroborate, there *are* various ancient legends of an incredibly long "day" or "night" from numerous cultures. Harry Rimmer briefly summarized some of them: "In the ancient Chinese writings there is a legend of a long day. The Incas of Peru and the Aztecs of Mexico have a like record, and there is a Babylonian and a Persian legend of a day that was miraculously extended. Another section of China contributes an account of the day that was miraculously prolonged, in the reign of Emperor Yeo.

"Herodotus recounts that the priests of Egypt showed him their temple records, and that there he read a strange account of a day that was twice the natural length."

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period of the Judges. And it overlooks archaeological evidence—material and textual—that *does* exist for massive upheaval and conflict following the traditional conquest time of around 1400 B.C. onward.

There is *nothing* to suggest that the event of Joshua's day was an eclipse: wrong textual interpretation, wrong *century*. If this eclipse of 1207 B.C.

Surveying the numerous parallel records of an extended day is another study. They are, as yet, difficult to corroborate through archaeology. But there *is* evidence of a known massive upheaval in Canaan dating to the time of Joshua's conquests. The background for this battle has been well illustrated through a collection of tablets known as the Amarna Letters.

out until *after* Israel had wiped out the enemy. The whole *point* of Joshua's request was that the sun would continue to make Israel's enemies visible so they could not escape under cover of night. Thus, the text shows the *opposite* intent of the sun being "hidden" in an eclipse.

Other factors make clear that an eclipse would be impossible here, notably the fact that this event immensely elongated the day, and that "there was no day like that before it or after it."

The only "evidence" given for an eclipse is that the Hebrew word for "stood still" looks similar to a Babylonian word used to describe eclipses. This is the case of a single *word* being misinterpreted to extrapolate out a meaning contrary to the scripture. It is similar to other attempts to explain away biblical miracles. The biblical text, though, is clear. You either believe it, or you don't.

Even the Merneptah Stele (which the researchers pointed to) shows that Joshua's battle could not have taken place in

## The Amarna Letters

Again, it was not until just before 1400 B.C. that the Israelites began to enter Canaan. It took years for them to move through and gradually conquer the land.

We find some desperate correspondence from Canaanite rulers to the pharaoh of Egypt dating to the 14th century B.C. These documents are called the “Amarna Letters” because they were found stored within the Egyptian city of that name. Nearly 400 Amarna tablets have been found; most are from Canaan.

The letters describe a fierce group of “nomads” invading Canaan, by the name *Habiru* (sometimes called ‘*Apiru* or *Hapiru*). Terrified Canaanite rulers, subservient to Egypt, were watching as the entire land of Canaan fell to these invaders. The Canaanite ruler of Jerusalem, one of the last places to fall to the Israelites, wrote regarding the Habiru invasion: “Lost are the territories of the [pharaoh]. Do you not hear to me?

thieves. Yet their significance cannot be downplayed. The Amarna Letters are *eyewitness* accounts not merely of pesky raiders, but of Habiru invaders taking over entire *lands* and conquering Canaanite cities *en masse*. These people tore through the Promised Land to the point that the king of Jerusalem believed he was the *only one left*. And this occurred at *exactly* the same time period the Bible states the Hebrews were on the scene invading Canaan. The parallels are too stark to discount.

While these letters establish a good overall picture of Joshua’s conquests, does any specific evidence support this event where the sun stood still?

### Joshua vs. Amorites: Archaeology

First, the Amarna Letters and other archaeological discoveries reveal the presence of a number of places from this biblical battle. They show evidence of the cities belonging to the belligerent kings: Jerusalem, Lachish (Lakisha),

a conquered king is depicted and well attested to through archaeology.

A later Amarna letter states that the Habiru killed the king of Lachish and had control over his city. The Bible records that the king of Lachish was one of the kings killed on the day that the sun stood still. The Amarna Letters also confirm that the city of Gezer fell to the Habiru, just as the Bible says occurred directly after Joshua battled these Amorite kings.

So while we can’t point to a specific day or year when this battle took place, there is archaeological support for it. The cities and geographical locations have been found. The presence of a powerful force of Habiru invading throughout wider Canaan has been shown. There is an abundance of archaeological support for this story, and no archaeological discoveries that disprove it. The same is true for other stories of Joshua’s conquests, such as the miraculous fall of Jericho and Hazor.

If we can learn one thing from the University of Cambridge research, it is that the miracle of Joshua’s day *wasn’t* an eclipse. Their eclipse-computer model confirmed as much. For at least the past century, some scholars have believed that the day the “sun stood still” was merely a day of an eclipse. Unwittingly, the university researchers proved this false by showing that there was no eclipse occurring during the 15th to 14th century B.C., when Joshua would have been on the scene. In fact, there wouldn’t be one for another 200 years after his time.

Prof. Carl Ehrlick correctly noted that “the overwhelming consensus of modern scholarship is that the conquest tradition of Joshua is a pious fiction.” However, this “overwhelming consensus” is not supported by the evidence on the ground. The evidence underlines the accuracy and truth of the biblical account—not a faithless interpretation of it, but exactly as it reads. ■

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All the rulers are lost; the king, my lord, does not have a single ruler left.” This letter is just one of *dozens* referencing the onslaught from the Habiru.

The terms *Habiru*, *Hapiru* and ‘*Apiru* are similar to the term *Hebrew*. In fact, at this point in the Bible account, the term *Hebrew* is used far more than the term *Israelite*. History records the Habiru presence around Canaanite lands, in some form or other, as early as around 1800 B.C. This aligns with the Hebrew presence in the land before the sojourn in Egypt. At the start of the 14th century B.C., the pleas of the Canaanite kings fell on deaf Egyptian ears, and their territories were gradually overrun. A very different land appeared several hundred years later, one that archaeology (in particular, the Merneptah Stele) shows was populated with *Israelites*.

Many scholars attempt to discredit any Habiru connection with the Hebrews, stating that they were probably just bands of marauders and

Jarmuth (Yarimutta) and Hebron. They mention Ajalon (Ayyaluna)—the valley over which the moon “stood still.” The Bible lists the belligerents as being part of the “Amorite” kingdom; archaeology has confirmed this assessment, showing the wider “Amurru” kingdom as having reigned throughout these lands of Canaan. We also see a possible identification of the Caves of Makkedah, where the fleeing kings were trapped before being executed (Joshua 10:15-17). Archaeology even corroborates the account of the kings’ public humiliation. Joshua ordered his men to stand on the necks of the kings before killing them (verse 24). This ancient practice of humiliating

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# Germany, France sign friendship treaty

SOLIDARITY  
Macron and Merkel sign the Aachen Treaty to strengthen the EU.

**G**erman Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Emmanuel Macron signed a new treaty of friendship on January 22. The Aachen Treaty complements the 1963 Élysée Treaty, which began German-French reconciliation 18 years after World War II.

The Aachen Treaty lists more than 60 projects for strengthening Franco-German cooperation, including “a

cross-border employment agency, an investment program for the border regions, joint research programs, and a common investment fund for start-ups,” Germany’s n-tv.de reported (January 9; *Trumpet* translation throughout).

A *Times* headline declared, “Paris and Berlin Herald New Era of Integration.” The article called the treaty “an unprecedented ‘twinning’ pact regarded as a

## Austria focuses on the Middle East

**A**ustrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz hosted leaders of Christian churches in Iraq and Syria on Dec. 11, 2018, to discuss the persecution of Christians in the Middle East. Christian communities across the region have faced heavy, violent persecution and may be exterminated unless something is done to save them.

Due to violence by the Islamic State and other radical Islamists, the number of Christians in Iraq has declined dramatically—from about 1 million in 2003 to fewer than 300,000 today. The destruction of church buildings has resulted in worshipers scattering, fleeing the country, converting to Islam or being killed.

The Austrian government has committed to fight the persecution of religious, especially

Christian, minorities. It has specifically pledged to act against religious extremist ideologies such as political Islamism.

On Dec. 12, 2018, the Austrian Council of Ministers granted \$1.1 million to support persecuted Christians in the Middle East. The Austrian government is also restoring the historic Austrian Hospice in Jerusalem, which was established in 1855. In 2018, Kurz and Austrian Archbishop Christoph Schönborn joined forces to help the Austrian government and the Catholic Church to invest \$3 million in restoring the hostel.

Kurz said in March 2018: “For more than 150 years, the Jerusalem Hospice has been an important representation for

prototype for the future of the European Union” (January 10).

With Britain leaving the EU, Germany and France are by far the bloc’s strongest economies. American influence is a fraction of what it was when the 1963 treaty committed Germany to American institutions. Now, if Germany and France agree, no one in the EU will be able to stop them.

The treaty also states that a priority of the German-French diplomacy will be to seek a permanent seat for Germany in the United Nations Security Council. It also enables Europe to act more “independently” in foreign and defense policies and allows for joint training of soldiers, joint armaments projects and joint units deployed for stabilization missions.

Thus, the treaty calls for a merged military of both nations, independent of the U.S. To learn more, read Gerald Flurry’s article “France Rejects America—and Empowers Germany!” ([theTrumpet.com/18315](http://theTrumpet.com/18315)). ■



PARTNERS  
Japanese Prime Minister Abe and EU Commission President Juncker

## EU-Japan relations at ‘a whole new level’

**T**he world’s largest free trade area officially began on February 1, as the European Union and Japan opened a new trade zone.

The EU-Japan Economic Partnership Agreement covers 635 million people and about one third of the world’s gross domestic product. The partnership will remove nearly all duties on exports to Japan, saving the EU \$1.1 billion per year, and will eliminate several regulatory barriers. Japan’s consumers will receive increased access to EU agricultural products and many other key exports.

The EU currently exports about \$66 billion of goods and \$31.8 billion in services to Japan every year. This new economic agreement is likely to see trade between the EU and Japan grow.

The second accord that was signed, the EU-Japan Strategic Partnership Agreement, “will lead to further deepening of EU-Japan relations, strengthened foreign and security policy dialogue, and engagement across a wide range of global, regional and bilateral thematic issues,” according to the European Commission.

Isaiah 23:1-3 prophesy of an end-time “mart of nations,” or economic alliance, between Europe and Asia. This passage identifies those involved in this trade bloc by their ancient names: Tyre (German-led Europe), Chittim (China) and Tarshish (Japan). A specific fulfillment of this alliance between Europe and Japan is happening right now ■



PERSECUTION  
People survey the aftermath of a bomb attack on an Egyptian Coptic Church.

our country in the Middle East.” The hospice serves as “host and bridge builder at the same time,” as well as the “flagship of Christian Austria in the Holy Land,” he said. “We would like to further strengthen its important role and therefore support the work of the Austrian Catholic Church in Jerusalem.”

Austria’s and the Vatican’s determination to counter Islamist attacks on Christians points to biblical prophecies of a coming religious war between Europe and radicalized Muslims—one that Europe will win. ■

## China arms warship with railgun

**A** Chinese naval warship was spotted at sea in late December armed with what appears to be a hypersonic electromagnetic railgun, indicating that China has advanced to the next generation of warfare earlier than expected.

A photograph of a railgun mounted on the deck of the *Haiyang Shan* testbed warship was posted by a Chinese defense blogger on Sina Weibo, one of China's main social media networks. On January 3, China's government-controlled *Global Times* discussed the Weibo post and quoted a Beijing-based naval expert as saying China's railgun technology has "reached a mature stage after a series of tests."

The reports stunned analysts because United States intelligence had estimated that China

would not deploy railguns before 2025. If the weapon is already operational, it would mean the Chinese Navy has crossed a major technological milestone six years early—a milestone the U.S. is still years from reaching.

Rather than using gun powder to fire projectiles as cannons have done for some 500 years, railguns use electromagnetic pulses. Besides making them far cheaper to operate than cannons, this also means they fire at hypersonic speeds of Mach 5 or higher. This gives the weapons a range that could profoundly alter the nature of military altercations.

China's railgun technology could tighten the nation's control over the South China Sea, giving the

development biblically prophetic significance. *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote in July 2016 that China's increasing control over the South China Sea is fulfilling specific Bible prophecies. "China is being aggressive and provocative," and thereby challenging "seven decades of American naval dominance in the Pacific Rim." This aggressive behavior "should alarm the world!" he wrote.

To study the Bible prophecies that Mr. Flurry's analysis is based on, read his article "China Is Steering the World Toward War!" ([theTrumpet.com/16980](http://theTrumpet.com/16980)). ■



## China to militarize the 'belt and road'

**P**rojects in Pakistan that China has insisted for years were purely for peaceful purposes are becoming more overtly military in nature, confirming fears that China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) is intended partly to boost Chinese military power.

Since 2013, China has been building the BRI, a chain of infrastructure development projects in more than 60 countries. From the earliest days, Pakistan was a BRI darling, with China spending \$60 billion to build a deepwater port on the country's southern coast and linking it by road and rail up to the China-Pakistan border. Chinese officials have long claimed that in Pakistan and all other nations, the trillion-dollar BRI is for peaceful purposes.

But the *New York Times* reported on Dec. 19, 2018, that confidential documents regarding China's BRI-related activities in Pakistan reveal that "China is for the first time explicitly tying a Belt and Road proposal to its military ambitions."

The documents show that a special BRI economic zone will expand Pakistan's construction of Chinese fighter jets and that the two nations will jointly build navigation systems, weaponry and other military hardware in facilities in Pakistan. The plans also call for boosting China-Pakistan cooperation in space, a frontier China has been actively militarizing in recent years.

To understand more about the rise of China and where the Bible says it is leading, request your free copy of *Russia and China in Prophecy*. ■

## Russia considers constitutional change to keep Putin in power

**D**uring a meeting of the ruling United Russia Party on Dec. 25, 2018, Russian politicians discussed revising the nation's Constitution to allow President Vladimir Putin to remain in power after his current term ends. Vyacheslav Volodin, speaker of the State Duma, broached the issue, saying the Russian Constitution, which limits a president to two consecutive terms, "isn't dogma."

Volodin reminded party members that the current Russian Constitution was written 25 years ago at a time when the people of Russia had "lost faith in the authorities." The situation is different now, with most Russians supporting Putin, and Volodin said the quarter-century anniversary is a suitable time to reevaluate some aspects of the law. This shows Putin's government may be preparing the Russian people and the world for a constitutional change.

The *Trumpet* keeps a watchful eye on Putin and his grip on power because Bible prophecy shows that as head of Russia, he will play a central role in a soon-coming third world war.

In Revelation 9:16, the Apostle John described a future military



force, saying: "And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand." Revelation 16:12 associates this 200 million-man army with "the kings of the east," showing it to be a group of Asian countries. Ezekiel 38:2 says the force will be led by the "prince of Rosh," which is a variation of an ancient

name for Russia, once called *Rus* (*Young's Literal Translation*).

In the September 2014 *Trumpet*, editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote: "I strongly believe Vladimir Putin is going to lead the 200 million-man army. Just look at the power he already has. Can you think of any other Russian politician who could become so powerful and have the will to lead Russia into the crisis of crises? I see nobody else on the horizon who could do that."

So whether Putin alters Russia's Constitution to stay in power or the world descends into conflict before the question becomes pressing, the *Trumpet* believes he will be at the helm of Russia during the most tumultuous period in mankind's strife-filled history. To understand both the danger and the hope revealed in these prophecies, order your free copy of Mr. Flurry's booklet *The Prophesied 'Prince of Russia.'* ■



## Lebanese to Hezbollah: renounce Iran

**L**ebanon held its first parliamentary elections in nine years in May 2018. But since then, the nation has failed to form a government. Lebanese citizens are growing increasingly critical of the main malefactor in the crisis: Hezbollah.

*Hezbollah* means “Party of Allah.” The Islamist Shiite group openly admits it receives orders from Iran. Together with its allies, Hezbollah controls more than half the seats in Lebanon’s parliament. After the election, it demanded that key government positions

be granted to its preferred legislators. Other parties resisted the power grab, but Hezbollah refuses to back down.

Lebanese citizens are also incensed after news surfaced that Hezbollah built secret tunnels into Israeli territory for a planned large-scale invasion. The Lebanese are wary of provoking Israel into war.

On Dec. 24, 2018, the Middle East Media Research Institute published a series of comments from Lebanese lawmakers and media personalities expressing outrage against Hezbollah.

These developments indicate Lebanon could experience a political revolution that undermines Hezbollah’s influence

there. Bible prophecy shows that somehow, Iran will lose its domination over Lebanon. Psalm 83 describes an end-time alliance of nations that includes biblical Gebal, or Lebanon, and the “inhabitants of Tyre,” referring to southern Lebanon. Other nations in this alliance are Turkey, Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia. This coalition of moderate Middle Eastern nations is largely an anti-Iranian alliance, further indicating that Lebanon will become an Iranian adversary. This could not happen if Hezbollah maintains its power in Lebanon. This trend is explained in “Why the *Trumpet* Watches an Alliance Between Arab Nations and Europe” ([theTrumpet.com/16032](http://theTrumpet.com/16032)). ■

## Europe finally sanctions Iran

**“E**U just agreed to enact sanctions against an Iranian intelligence service for its assassination plots on European soil. Strong signal from the EU that we will not accept such behavior in Europe.” This statement was made on Twitter by Denmark’s Foreign Minister Anders Samuelsen on January 8, a day he described as an “important day for European foreign policy!”

The European Union is accusing Iran of assassinating two Dutch citizens of Iranian origin in the Netherlands in 2015 and 2017. It also says it foiled Iran’s attempts to assassinate Iranian dissidents in Albania in March 2018, bomb an annual conference for a Paris-based Iranian opposition group in June 2018, and assassinate the leader of an ethnic Arab separatist group in Denmark in October 2018.

These are the first EU sanctions against Iran since EU members Britain, France and Germany signed the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action with Iran in 2015 along with



China, Russia and the United States. The U.S. withdrew from the agreement in 2018, but the EU remains party to the deal. Now “the EU faces conflicting pressures over ties to Iran,” the *Wall Street Journal* reported on January 8, “with the bloc seeking to salvage the nuclear deal while confronting hostile Iranian behavior in its region and beyond.”

Bible prophecy reveals that Europe’s response to Iran’s terrorist activities will not be limited to economic sanctions. Daniel 11:40 reveals that Iran and its terrorist proxies and allies will “push” at Europe to the point that Europe will respond “like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.” *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry expounds on this prophecy in his free booklet *The King of the South*. ■

## South Africa faces race war

**A**t a political rally on Dec. 9, 2018, a South African leader demanded that his followers kill white people. “For each one [black] person that is being killed by the taxi industry, we will kill five white people,” Andile Mngxitama told a cheering crowd.

Mngxitama is the president of Black First Land First, a Communist political party that demands the seizure of white-owned land without compensation. He was expelled from Julius Malema’s Economic Freedom Fighters in 2015 for accusing Malema of being soft on land reform. (Malema was himself expelled from the ruling African National Congress for being too radical, and was tried by South Africa’s Equality Court for promoting a song that calls for the shooting of white farmers with machine guns.)

Malema has been only slightly less blatant than Mngxitama in inciting racially motivated murder. He said in an interview with TRT World, published June 9, 2018: “I’m saying to you, we’ve



not called for the killing of white people, at least for now. I can’t guarantee the future.”

The Bible prophesies of the political and racial violence which South Africa is currently facing. But thankfully, it also guarantees a significant improvement in race relations. It describes a future when there won’t be any talk of race wars or seizures of farmland. In fact, each family will receive its own God-given land, and produce will be so bountiful that the harvesting and planting seasons will overlap. Amos 9:13 prophesies, “Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine ....” ■



# Abortion by mail

**A** new online company is providing American women with *do-it-yourself* abortions kits. For a fee, Aid Access will mail medical abortion pills to women's doorsteps. Dutch doctor and abortion activist Rebecca Gomperts initiated this service in April 2018 to facilitate what

she sees as a growing demand among American women. According to an *Atlantic* article published on Oct. 18, 2018, Gomperts requires that applicants be less than 10 weeks pregnant, live within an hour's drive from a hospital, and be in general good health. Pay \$95, and the

## Witches outnumber Presbyterians in America

**I**n the United States, self-identified practitioners of witchcraft now outnumber Presbyterian Christians. According to data from the Pew Research Center, more than 1.5 million people in the U.S. practice some form of New Age spirituality, which includes neo-Paganism, Wicca, Native American religions and Eastern mysticism. Meanwhile there are only around 1.4 million members of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

"The explosion in the number of U.S. practitioners of witchcraft is due largely to mainstream acceptance of those practices and their aesthetics," the *Daily Caller* reported on Dec. 17, 2018. "So popular is New Age spirituality in the U.S. that chains like Urban Outfitters and the cosmetics store Sephora have

tried to profit from the trend, marketing Witch Starter Kits, smudge sticks, healing crystals and tarot cards. The tools of witchcraft have even found their way onto the shelves of more mainstream stores like Walmart."

A prophecy in Micah says God will remove witchcraft from end-time Israel (the U.S. and Britain primarily). "And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots: And I will cut off the cities of thy land, and throw down all thy strong holds: And I will cut off witchcrafts out of thine hand; and thou shalt have no more soothsayers" (Micah 5:10-12).

To learn more about how elements of paganism and witchcraft have become mixed into mainstream Christianity,

lethal concoction will arrive in the mail to be administered in the woman's own home. The drugs are processed in an Indian pharmacy and contain chemicals to rip the implanted embryo from the uterine lining.

A law in the book of Exodus illustrates the value God places on the life of an unborn infant. "If men fight, and hurt a woman with child, so that she gives birth prematurely, yet no harm follows, he shall surely be punished accordingly as the woman's husband imposes on him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. But if any harm follows, then you shall give life for life" (Exodus 21:22-23; New King James Version).

God considers the life of an unborn child equal to that of an adult. In His ancient law, if a person's actions caused an unborn child to die, God judged them the same as a person who had killed an adult. God considers abortion murder. ■



## APA: Traditional manhood 'harmful'

**T**he American Psychological Association recently published a report stating that "traditional masculinity" is "harmful" to men and boys.

A January 2 press release states, "The main thrust of the subsequent research is that traditional masculinity—marked by stoicism, competitiveness, dominance and aggression—is, on the whole, harmful."

"Guidelines for Psychological Practice With Boys and Men" is predicated on the idea that biological sex at birth does not automatically determine gender, and that there are more than two genders.

The report ignores the biological reality that men are more competitive, dominant and aggressive than women largely because their testosterone levels are around 20 times higher.

Biblical masculinity is a set of teachings that trains men to channel this dominance and aggression toward constructive ends like building societies, protecting people and leading families.

Society is waging a war against masculinity. If you want practical direction on how to fight back—and how to fulfill seven God-given roles for men—you can download a free copy of our electronic book *Biblical Manhood* at [theTrumpet.com/go/manhood](http://theTrumpet.com/go/manhood). ■



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man, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and the prudent, and the ancient, The captain of fifty, and the honourable man, and the counsellor, and the cunning artificer, and the eloquent orator” (verses 2-3). In the military and judiciary, and especially in politics, the great leaders are gone.

Isaiah 59 vividly describes the results of such a lack of leadership: “We look for light but find only darkness. We look for bright skies but walk in gloom. We grope like the blind along a wall, feeling our way like people without eyes. Even at brightest noontime, we stumble as though it were dark. Among the living, we are like the dead. We growl like hungry bears; we moan like mournful doves. We look for justice, but it never comes.

this lamentable state of affairs: “For our transgressions are multiplied before You” (verse 12; New King James Version). Isaiah 3 gives the same cause for our lack of leadership: “For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen: *because their tongue and their doings are against the Lord ...*” (verse 8).

In the eyes of many euroskeptics, EU membership was the source of all Britain’s ills. Leaving would solve everything. The last two years have proven this notion false.

That is not to say EU membership was a good thing. In many ways, it was a curse. Hosea 7:8 states, “Ephraim, he hath mixed himself among the people ...” TheTrumpet.com managing editor Brad Macdonald explained this passage shortly after the Brexit vote: “This is a

by reality. (It isn’t biblical justification of racism and bigotry either!)”

The EU has caused a lot of Britain’s problems. But it is not the root cause. It is only a symptom of a deeper sickness: the nation’s embrace of sin. Britain has voted to leave the EU, but it has done nothing to leave behind its indulgence in sin. Instead, the nation is breaking God’s law more than ever.

This is becoming clearer every day: Brexit did not solve Britain’s problems. Only repentance of breaking God’s laws can do that, and there has been none of that since Brexit.

Instead, the curses from God for broken law will only intensify. “Many people in the UK were optimistic about the future last year when voters chose to leave the European Union,” wrote *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry in the September 2017 cover article. “But things have gotten very messy. ... It has taken a few generations for the magnificent British Empire to fall from being the greatest empire in history. But 2017 has been unusually bad. Why?”

That article describes why God’s curses on the nation are coming faster than ever. (Read it at [theTrumpet.com/16067](http://theTrumpet.com/16067).)

God has great plans for Britain. He made it the greatest and best empire in world history, not merely to bless its people, the descendants of Abraham, but to serve as a model to other nations, lifting them out of poverty, disease, erroneous religion and ignorance. He wanted other nations to look at Britain and say, “And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?” (Deuteronomy 4:8). He wanted other nations to be inspired to copy Britain’s system of government and law.

But Britain’s parliamentary system is not what God wants the nations to emulate. He wants a nation that submits to Him. In blessing Britain, God gave the nation an opportunity to be that example to the world, but we did not take it.

And now God is correcting the modern nations of Israel, until they will turn to Him. Once that happens, Britain will have an opportunity to be far more than a mother of parliaments. It will help lead the whole world to God. ■



## God is correcting His modern nations of Israel, until they will turn to Him. Then Britain will have an opportunity to help lead the whole world to God.

We look for rescue, but it is far away from us” (verses 9-11; New Living Translation).


In the 1970s, conditions looked grim in Britain. The once great empire was quickly becoming the sick man of Europe. So the nation turned to the Continent in hope of a bright future. Decades later it was clear that, just as Mr. Armstrong said, there is no hope in Europe. Thus, the nation voted to leave. Yet that hasn’t brought the bright skies the nation searches for. Whichever way we turn, there is only darkness. Now we grope around, stumbling, unsure of what to do.

This chapter also reveals the cause of

prophecy that end-time Britain would intertwine itself with foreign people, foreign customs, foreign religions and foreign entities—like the European Union. Verse 9 shows that this leads to devastation: ‘Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth it not ...’ Britain today, as Hosea prophesied, has no ‘strength,’ which means ‘might, power, substance, wealth and force.’ Britain is sick—very, very sick—and a major part of the cause is its embrace of foreigners and foreign institutions, like the European Union. This isn’t a politically correct message, but it is a truth backed

## From island to empire to island

Britain’s rapid rise—and rapid fall—was prophesied in the Bible. To learn what the Bible says about this special nation’s future, join the more than 6 million readers who have requested Herbert W. Armstrong’s free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.



# Bring Sanity to Your Family Life

You need sound, time-tested instruction for raising your children, now more than ever.

ONE MORNING LAST NOVEMBER, PEOPLE WATCHING *Good Morning America* were served up an inspirational segment about an 11-year-old boy with an unusual hobby. “His bravery is inspiring so many,” the host gushed, introducing a biographical video segment about the boy’s “amazing story.” What was so brave, inspiring and amazing to so many about this boy? Why such glowing national television coverage?



JOEL HILLIKER

Because he likes to primp and prance like a sexy grown woman.

“I love to put on makeup, dresses and wigs and of course, jewelry,” the boy Desmond, whose “drag name” is “Desmond Is Amazing,” explained in the video with a weirdly effeminate affectation. “It just feels amazing to know that people love what I do. My one big message would be three words: Be yourself always.”

His mother said, “It really touches me deeply that there are other children out there that he’s reaching and they’re listening to him and he’s influencing them to be themselves.”

After the video, Desmond strutted into the studio, supermodel catwalk style, wearing a long strawberry blonde wig, a short dress and a fur coat. The audience cheered wildly at the sexualized display. They and the hosts enthused over the boy’s every word as though he were an icon of heroism. And they raved when he received surprise visits from three grown “drag queens” bearing gifts for him.

*Good Morning America* is as mainstream as it gets. It has been the most-watched morning show in the country for decades. And this was bold, blatant, carefully orchestrated propaganda with some incredibly disturbing messages for today’s parents and children.

What messages? That encouraging gender confusion in your children is brave and inspiring. That sexualizing children is fun and praiseworthy. That these subversive and countercultural notions are universally applauded in today’s America. (It was truly bizarre how unanimously exuberant the studio audience was.) That the real problem is bigotry, and that children raised without societal bias naturally “get it.”

Beyond gender-warping, this story teaches other damaging lessons. That we strengthen our children by celebrating “achievements” like just being themselves. That they should be applauded rather than guided. That they are inherently

wise enough to make radical, life-altering decisions. That self-expression, however bizarre, is innately virtuous. That self-absorption is admirable.

These are becoming the gospel truths of modern child rearing. They are rapidly reshaping our culture and society. They are leading to a disturbing future that embraces moral corruption, confusion and narcissism, that enforces compliance, and that rejects reality and absolute truth.

Responsible parenting has never been more difficult. A mother who lauds her son’s cross-dressing is celebrated as a paragon of positive parental tolerance and support. Meanwhile, parents are ignored or even criticized for instilling in their children *actual* virtues like moral sense, good manners, discipline, work ethic, responsibility, academic excellence, sound decision-making, modesty and humility.

If you want to block this insane trend from infecting your own family, you are going to have to fight. You are going to have to work. You need sound, time-tested instruction on how to bring up your children and teenagers to be successful adults.

You need to understand the *purpose* of a child—the purpose of human life itself. You need to understand which values are truly virtues, who defines them and how. You need to understand how to teach those virtues to your children.

You need practical specifics on what to teach your infant, toddler, child and teen. You need to know for certain that the parenting laws you are abiding by are right, so you can stick with them until they produce the fulfilling, purposeful, happy family every parent yearns for.

You need to know not only what obvious evils to protect your children from, but also the subtle evils, and the evils that actually appear to be good. You need to know about giving right discipline and also about giving right instruction. You need to know not only what your children should learn but how to equip them to be good learners. You need to know how to select good toys, how to have upbuilding family outings, the importance of tussling with your sons, taking your daughters on dates, and making family time fun time. You need to take the things you will wish you had known and learn them *now*.

You need to learn what Hannah, one of the greatest parents of the Bible learned. She prayed to her Creator and said if He would “give unto thine handmaid a man child, then I will give him to the Lord all the days of his life” (1 Samuel 1:11). She understood the vision of what a child could become, and God recorded her example, and others, so you can too.

The *Trumpet* staff has just published a new book that meets these needs of the loving parent: *Child Rearing With Vision*. This world is hopelessly confused about the purpose of children. This book will show you how the Bible illuminates the beautiful, spectacular *goal* of raising children, and it will give you the tools you need to achieve that goal.

You can download *Child Rearing With Vision* right now at theTrumpet.com. You can also request your own free copy. Read it along with your Bible, and it will become one of the most valuable, most used, most marked up, most treasured books in your home. ■



**I would like to salute the *Trumpet* and Mr. Flurry for releasing such a phenomenal magazine! The *Trumpet* is so eye-opening, and the articles and headlines from the *Trumpet* are just as accurate as the scriptures and quotes out of the great Book that you often reference or compare everyday life and its situations to! Please continue to encourage the world as you do. The message is clear to see, if only the readers will just open their eyes! I've opened mine and it's awesome! Thanks and may God bless the *Trumpet*!**

**Kevin Boyd** GEORGIA

So now Macron is paying the price for his arrogance. Look at the riots in France.

**Anonymous**

I regularly receive the *Trumpet* magazine, and I can see the positive evolution of its content and layout as well. I thank you for presenting a new aspect of political games. Although I do not share your point of view concerning Russia and your belief that Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg should become the new leader in Europe, I share a lot of points of view you present (such as, Germany building its new reich). Guttenberg is a dead political figure. But he may act in the background. He is rich.

**Olivier Renault** FRANCE

**Keep watching Guttenberg. -Ed.**

I had read *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* when Mr. Armstrong was still with us. My dad, when he was alive, and I were subscribers and viewers of *The World Tomorrow*. I have read most of his books and

am now 60 years of age. I listened to the radio broadcast back 50 years ago, when I was 10.

It was good to learn from Mr. Armstrong. He sure knew what was up.

**Alfred**

I love reading the *Philadelphia Trumpet*. It's the best magazine I have ever read.

**William Bright** JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

It's such a great pleasure to write you all. The work that God is doing through you all has most definitely made a huge impact on my life. I am being filled with a new purpose and new desires. For this, I am very grateful.

**Joseph Garner** TEXAS

I am not sure what this is worth, but I really appreciate the *Trumpet* magazine we get and certainly wish to have it keep coming. We are living in such perilous times, and you provide so much good info about these times and the prophecies that the Bible foretells. Thank you



for your explanations, and may God continue to bless your ministry.

**Ben Falk** ONTARIO, CANADA

Please know how thankful I am for all your articles—much love and thanks from Johannesburg, South Africa.

**Melisa Bleeker**

Thank you for all you do for God and His Kingdom. You have opened my eyes to truly see and truly hear the Word of God. I cannot count how many things have cleared up for me. You helped me to view God in the full scope of His awesomeness. I love the *Trumpet* and every book you write. They have a lot of meat in them.

**Zachary Cook** YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Thank you for all the news. It is so informative and educational. Please keep them coming.

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# A Glimpse Beyond the Known World

Your connection to the most-distant object ever explored

BY RICHARD PALMER

**I**N THE EARLY HOURS OF THE MORNING on January 1, NASA's New Horizons spacecraft performed a flyby of the most-distant object ever explored.

2014 MU69 is a chunk of ice or rock over 4 billion miles from Earth. NASA nicknamed the object "Ultima Thule," after the Latin term meaning beyond the borders of the known world.

It's an apt name. The New Horizons' previous big achievement was its flyby of the unimaginably distant dwarf planet Pluto in 2015. Now it is another billion miles further out, into the remote ring of ice and rocks known as the Kuiper Belt.

So much about this mission is astonishing. Before the probe's visit, humanity barely knew what Ultima Thule looked like. It's so faint and distant, we didn't discover it until 2014. Now New Horizons has revealed a brand new world.

But there is something even more impressive about Ultima Thule: its connection to you.

Over the last century, astronomers realized that our solar system is surrounded by massive clouds of debris. Ultima Thule is just one tiny piece.

The Kuiper Belt is the smallest and closest of these debris clouds. The Oort Cloud is much larger and *much* further away—stretching from around 100 billion miles from the sun to 10 trillion miles. That's 100,000 times further than the distance between the Earth and the sun.

Some scientists estimate that there could be 1 trillion objects in the Oort Cloud. Scientists' models of how the solar system formed don't predict anything close to that amount of debris. This is part of the reason scientists are so excited about the Ultima Thule flyby. They hope it shows how the solar system was formed, and where all the shattered rocks and shards of ice came from.

Herbert W. Armstrong, founder of our predecessor magazine the *Plain Truth*, was also thrilled about NASA missions. On July 20, 1976, he arrived at Ambassador Auditorium just before 5 a.m. to watch the first pictures arrive from the surface of Mars, sent by the Viking 1 probe. He wrote that these pictures "showed precisely what I had expected from what is revealed from the God of creation in the Bible. It was a dry, barren surface of decay and futility—total unproductiveness.



"Few indeed have any remote conception of the fact that GOD ALMIGHTY reveals facts about this universe—planets such as Mars, their origin, their present state, and the causes and reasons thereof. Sometimes it seems futile that many of the BEST MINDS of humans are devoted to a lifetime of vain speculation, based on erroneous hypotheses totally untrue.

"I had to realize that from this scientific laboratory, right here in Pasadena, great minds are, in fact, uncovering facts ACTUALLY REVEALED IN THE BOOK THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND AND PROBABLY DO NOT ACCEPT—the revealed FACTS and TRUTH of the ETERNAL LIVING GOD!"

Romans 8:21 tells us that "the creation"—the whole universe—is in "bondage to decay" (Revised Standard Version). Mr. Armstrong wrote, "[Y]ou can realize the thrill I experienced, seeing in our own House of God Auditorium, the first, real, close-up photographs from the very surface of Mars, CONFIRMING the state the Bible reveals such planets are in today."

The New Horizons mission confirms this on a grand scale. It is not just one or two planets subjected to this decay. Our entire solar system is surrounded by a vast, dead cloud of debris. Only the Bible tells us the origin of the universe and explains all the decay.

The same passage explains that the decay will end. Verse 21 states that "the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the

children of God" (RSV). This will happen when God's people are born as His sons. Romans 8 describes the whole universe yearning for this time. "No more amazing, awesome, eye-opening passage could be written!" Mr. Armstrong wrote in his book *The Incredible Human Potential*.

The Bible is full of scriptures describing that vision. Hebrews 2:8 tells us that "all things" will be put in subjection to man. In Hebrews 1, Moffatt translates "all things" as "the universe." All things—the Oort Cloud and *far* beyond—will be put in subjection to man. We will have the awesome responsibility of cleaning up the decay.

God says in Isaiah 51:16 that He intends to "plant the heavens." "Understand this deeply!" writes *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry in *Jerusalem's Temples*. "God is going to PLANT THE HEAVENS! ... GOD IS GOING TO UNDERTAKE A MASSIVE BUILDING PROJECT OUT IN THE COSMOS TO MAKE THE UNIVERSE EXQUISITE!"

"When we hear stories like Gene Cernan's [the last astronaut to walk on the moon] and view pictures of the universe, our future among the stars becomes more real to us," writes Mr. Flurry in *The New Throne of David*. "Right now the universe is in a state of decay. We will soon change that."

You can gain a greater vision of that future with our full-color booklet *Our Awesome Universe Potential*. It will show you why the universe is presently in a state of decay. It will take you through, in detail, what the Bible says about your future. It is full of pictures and facts to make that vision really come alive. Order your free copy at [theTrumpet.com/go/universe](http://theTrumpet.com/go/universe). ■

resources and strategic holdings of China, Russia and Japan, it would have more than enough power to besiege the Anglo-Saxon nations and enslave them. This is why Isaiah's prophecy of an end-time 'mart of nations' that includes both European and Asian powers is so intriguing."

Mr. Flurry draws particular attention to the Latin American region, due to its proximity to the United States. "Herbert Armstrong long prophesied, and we expect, the alliance between Europe and South America to grow extremely strong," he writes. Europe already wields considerable influence in Latin America. And once Russia and China enter into a brief alliance with Europe, the influence these powers exert in Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela will translate into greater foreign control over the region.

The book of Deuteronomy provides more details about the coming besiegement of the United States. "The Lord shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand .... And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land: and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which the Lord thy God hath given thee" (Deuteronomy 28:49, 52).

A gate is a narrow passage of entrance or exit. When speaking nationally, a sea gate is a narrow choke point like the Panama Canal, the Straits of Florida, the Windward Passage or the Yucatan Channel. God gave Britain and America these strategic gates and many others, ensuring that they would become economic and military superpowers. But God also warned that if America and Britain did not obey Him, then not only would these sea gates be taken away, but they would be used *against* them. This is about to happen.

These are chilling prophecies, pointing to some dark days ahead for America and some of its allies. But Bible prophecy shows that the "mart of nations" and the conflict associated with it is actually divine correction that will be immediately followed by the most hope-filled epoch in man's history.

"Two great trading blocs are positioning themselves to control the world," Mr. Flurry writes. "But that trading partnership won't last long. Soon they will clash, just before Jesus Christ returns and destroys both of them." Christ will bring with Him a time of peace and stability for the peoples of all nations. ■

## ARTERIES: BLOCKED!

America has been blessed with natural protective barriers, abundant natural resources and shipping lanes allowing goods to circulate in and out. What happens when that circulation is cut off? To learn what the Bible says, request your free copy of Gerald Flurry's free booklet **Isaiah's End-Time Vision**.



# THE KEY OF DAVID



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

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Montana, Billings KTQV-DT 8:30, Sun  
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Glendive KWZB 8:30, Sun  
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8:30, Sun  
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KREN-DT 9:30, Sun  
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New York, Albany WYPX 6:00, Fri  
Binghamton WBNG-DT 9:30, Sun  
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Elmira (Corning) WENY-DT 9:30, Sun  
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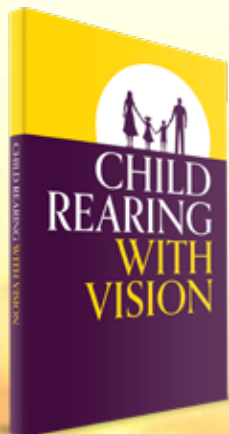
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