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Britain's and Judah's Governments Fall—America Next?

BRITAIN'S GOVERNMENT FELL ON JULY 7. FOR MONTHS PRIME Minister Boris Johnson's administration was dogged by scandal. In the latest revelation, a senior member of Parliament was accused of inappropriate behavior after getting drunk. It turned out that he had had similar problems before, yet Prime Minister Johnson gave him a job anyway—then lied about it to the country.

This time, a large number of government ministers drew the line and began resigning en masse. About a week after the scandal broke, Mr. Johnson was forced to announce that he would step down as Britain's prime minister.

The timing was remarkable. Just a few weeks before, Israel's government also collapsed. Prime Minister Naftali Bennett failed to get the support of his coalition on a key piece of legislation. Mr. Bennett resigned, and his coalition colleague Yair Lapid took over the government. So now, on November 1, the country is scheduled to hold its fifth election in the past four years.

This has all happened as America's politics are also in turmoil, as they have been for the last two years. The truth has been exposed that the last presidential election was stolen. Now an illegitimate president is careening from one crisis to another.

The fact that these three countries are falling apart at the same time—and in very similar ways—is deeply significant. The link between these nations points directly to a PROFOUND SECRET in Bible prophecy.

The Profound Secret

A critical Bible passage for understanding what is happening in these nations can be found in Hosea 5.

The book of Hosea is one of many Bible prophecies directed to "Israel." Intriguingly, ancient Israel had gone into captivity hundreds of years before, but as we shall see, many details of the ancient captivity do not match the description in Hosea.

Why? Because Hosea, like many other biblical books, actually prophesies of a soon-coming, *end-time* captivity of Israel. God preserved these writings for thousands of years for the modern descendants of ancient Israel.

Hundreds of pages of your Bible are filled with these

prophecies, yet few people talk about them. They don't understand them. The key that unlocks the meaning of so much biblical prophecy is widely unknown.

That all-important key is the identity of the *descendants* of Israel today. That is to whom those prophecies about "Israel" are directed.

The Bible is a book about God's chosen nation Israel and how God established it—despite the fact that its people were no better than other peoples—to serve as a blessing to all other nations. The Jews in the Middle East are descended from one tribe of Israel: Judah. But the Bible has a lot to say about other tribes—the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh in particular. Where are they? If the Bible is the inspired Word of God, they must be somewhere—and God intends for us to know.

As Herbert W. Armstrong proved in his book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, the modern descendants of the biblical Israelites are in fact the American and British peoples!

America's blessings are indeed birthright blessings that God promised the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Israel—specifically those of Joseph's sons Ephraim and Manasseh (modern-day Britain and America; e.g. 1 Chronicles 5:2). End-time prophecy about Israel actually reveals the fate of the United States and Britain! (I urge you to request from us a free copy of *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.)

The fact that these three nations are all descended from Israel ties them together in a special way. Hosea 5 gives us even more detail.

Note verses 8-9, where God says, "Blow ye the cornet in Gibeah, and the trumpet in Ramah: cry aloud at Bethaven, after thee, O Benjamin. Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke: among the tribes of Israel have I MADE KNOWN THAT WHICH SHALL SURELY BE." God says, *I have made known what shall surely be!* He prophesied in advance events for our day.

Notice: These verses talk about a message going out to the "tribes of Israel." That is not just talking about the modern Jewish nation in the Middle East called "Israel." There were 12 tribes of Israel anciently, and three of them are mentioned in particular in these prophecies. The identity of these nations

in biblical prophecy is a profound secret that we ALL should know and understand! Still, no one is talking about this. That is because GOD HAS TO REVEAL THIS SECRET. He reveals it only to people who earnestly seek Him.

Now—closely note what verse 5 says about these nations: “And the *pride of Israel* [America] doth testify to his face: therefore shall Israel and *Ephraim* [Britain] FALL IN THEIR INIQUITY; *Judah* [Jewish Israel today] also shall fall with them.”

Three nations of Israel are singled out. Ephraim refers to modern-day Britain. Judah refers to the Jewish state of Israel in the Middle East. *Israel* in this case is specifically talking about Manasseh, which is the United States, the strongest, more prominent of the nations of Israel in this end time. God put the name “Israel” on Ephraim and Manasseh in particular (Genesis 48:14-16), and the prophecies about end-time Israel apply most specifically to the modern descendants of these two. God lists Ephraim separately here, so *Israel* overall refers to the United States. I believe God refers to America as *Israel* in Hosea 5, and “the PRIDE of Israel,” because the U.S. is the superpower of the modern nations of Israel, though it is now failing to fulfill that role.

God says that all three of these nations will fall together.

That fall is painful to watch. But when you prove the biblical identity of these three nations and realize that Hosea is giving you a detailed end-time picture—and describing exactly what we see happening to them right before our eyes—it provides a spiritual perspective that is actually quite inspiring!

God also says these three countries are afflicted with similar problems.

“Therefore will I be unto Ephraim as a moth, and to the house of Judah as rottenness” (verse 12). The word *rottenness* means like a worm or like maggots infesting open wounds. Spiritually, there is something very rotten about these three nations that they need to see, and it goes right to the bones—it’s that deep. Americans, Britons and Jews have rejected God and His law and lived contrary to Him. Our nations are sick!

All three are deeply divided along ideological lines. This chasm is at the heart of the political upheaval in these three countries.

America is split between two warring halves. The radical left will stop at nothing to ensure they prevail in this war. Across the Atlantic, the British have struggled to empower any leader who can last for more than a couple of years. And Israel has rocked from one inconclusive election to the next.

Instead of loving their constituents above self, most politicians lust for power. We have seen examples in our day where politicians will do virtually anything, even commit egregious crimes, to get elected and cling to power.

Consequently, people in America, Britain and Israel have less confidence in their governments than ever.

What Next for America

The Bible goes further than telling us that these three countries will fall together. It also says that God will give at least two of them a temporary reprieve together so He can warn them.

The book of Amos, like Hosea, is full of prophecy for this end time. Amos describes a final warning going out to these nations of Israel during the reign of King Jeroboam II. For this book of prophecy to describe this man shows that the ancient Israelite

Jeroboam II is a type of a modern leader. We must then turn to the book of Kings to learn more about him.

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

King Jeroboam II was not a righteous man. He did evil and committed the same sins that the first Jeroboam had. Nevertheless, the Bible records something remarkable: God actually used this unrighteous king to save the nation.

Israel was in bitter affliction—on the verge of being blotted out of existence! God granted mercy when Israel really didn’t deserve



From left: Naftali Bennett, Joe Biden and Boris Johnson

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it. Rather than sending Israel into captivity at that time, God used this king to save Israel and give the nation one last period of prosperity before facing a reckoning for the sins it never repented of.

We have taught for several years that Donald Trump fulfills the role of this end-time Jeroboam. God used him to save America from being destroyed by the radical left.

The next verse brings Judah into the picture: “Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damascus, and Hamath, which belonged to Judah, for Israel, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?” (verse 28).

This verse shows that the end-time Jeroboam has to wage war to recover something. After using the word *saved* in verse 27, it uses another, even stronger word: *warred*. Jeroboam has to war to recover something. As I write in my new book *America Under Attack*, putting this together with other prophecies reveals that it is a *stolen presidency* that he will recover.

The fact that the verse about warring comes after the verse about saving indicates that the end-time Jeroboam wages “war” after he has already saved Israel once. There are several different ways in which God could use Jeroboam to war today.

Verse 28 strongly indicates that Mr. Trump recovers his

presidency by some kind of warring—which strongly indicates a method other than a vote! It seems certain to me that this will happen *before* the next presidential election in 2024—unless there would be some kind of warring and voting combined. But this verse does not even hint of an election.

2 Kings 14:28 states that Jeroboam recovered Damascus and Hamath. The *Soncino* commentary states that Damascus was once ruled by King David, and that the king of Hamath paid tribute to David and became part of his son Solomon's kingdom (2 Samuel 8:9-10; 1 Kings 8:65). So the indication is that Jeroboam reclaimed something to help Judah, the Jewish nation.

This verse ties the politics of the U.S. and Judah together.

When Barack Obama was president, he was terribly unmerciful to the Jewish nation of Israel. But in President Trump's first term, he saved the Jewish nation of Israel (biblical Judah) from much of Obama's tyranny. He supported Israel in many ways, including scrapping the Iran deal, moving the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem, and helping Israel sign the "Abraham Accords" with Arab nations in the region. Joe Biden has taken America back to the terrorist-supporting policies of Barack Obama.

From the time of Joe Biden's inauguration, I predicted that we would have more Palestinian terrorist attacks in Israel because of the change in leadership. That is exactly what began to happen. Anybody should be able to recognize why!

There is also a connection here to God's work. Isaiah 40:9 shows that God's Church in this end time has a message that must be delivered to "the cities of Judah": "Behold your God!" As Hosea 5 confirms, we have a message that must go out in America, Judah and the United Kingdom. A worsening security situation in Judah could severely hamper our ability to deliver that message.

IT APPEARS MR. TRUMP MAY HAVE TO RECOVER SOME OF JUDAH'S FREEDOM FOR GOD'S WORK TO EVEN BE ABLE TO DELIVER GOD'S MESSAGE TO THE CITIES OF JUDAH.

Once this message goes out during the time of the end-time Jeroboam, God says, "... I will not again pass by them any more" (Amos 7:8). God passes by the last time to show three end-time nations of Israel—the United States, Britain and the Jewish nation—how to solve their problems and to warn them of the consequences of their failure to do so. 2 Kings 14:28 tells us that Donald Trump comes back and it affects the politics of both America and Judah to enable that message to go out. Things get better in both these nations for a time.

Could the same thing happen in the UK? 2 Kings 14:28 does not specifically mention Ephraim. But it is still part of Israel. And God still has a powerful message to get to them.

These three countries all fall together. But this verse also

indicates that God gives all three countries a reprieve from that fall, allowing His message to go out one more time. The change in politics in Britain and Israel could show that we are close to this prophecy being fulfilled.

Conclusions

Unless the people of these three countries heed the message, though, the fall will continue. They are still living the same way of life that causes all their problems. But the message that God gets out in this time will have an effect—even if the nations do not respond right away.

Why is God allowing and even bringing about such terrible suffering for America, Britain and Israel? Because it is the one and only way we can be cured of our spiritual sickness! After we are crushed and see what our sin produces, we will finally—FINALLY—seek God!

It is going to be painful. The destruction and death will be unimaginable. But for those who survive, it will cause them to finally seek God and know Him! And those who do not survive, God will resurrect and teach, and they too will come to know Him!

Look where Hosea's prophecy leads: "I will go and return to my place," God says, "till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: IN THEIR AFFLICTION THEY WILL SEEK ME EARLY" (Hosea 5:15). These nations have committed an offense against God. He doesn't want to see people suffer—He wants the opposite! But they won't listen to Him today. God says, however, that when He starts correcting them, then in that intense affliction and suffering, the Jews and the people of the U.S. and Britain are going to seek Him—and they are going to find Him.

Here is a powerful lesson from God: If we will seek Him, we WILL FIND HIM, and everything will be fine. If we don't repent and turn to God, we cannot escape the affliction coming on these nations. It may be too late for these nations to repent, but YOU CAN INDIVIDUALLY. Throughout these troubling times we are entering into more deeply every week, you can have God's protection.

Hosea goes on to give us prophecy of these three nations SEEKING GOD! What a beautiful, repentant attitude! That is good news that we have never seen in our nations, but it is about to come to pass. All these events are leading directly to that point. This is better than a Hollywood ending!

Just as God's prophecies have already happened, are happening and will happen, you can take infinite hope in where these dark days are leading. Our nations are going to suffer, but then they will repent! Along with the whole world, they will know the great God. And their loving Father is about to bring them and this whole world peace for all eternity! ■



Three for free

You need to prove the modern identity of Israel to know what is in store for the U.S., UK and the Jewish nation of Israel. To understand who these nations are and their future, request your free copies of ***The United States and Britain in Prophecy***, ***America Under Attack*** and ***Great Again***.



Sri Lanka: How to Ruin a Nation

Simple steps to destroy an economy, starve a people, and bring a nation to its knees **BY RICHARD PALMER**



OVER 6 MILLION OF THE 20 MILLION living in Sri Lanka don't know where their next meal is coming from. Inflation is running at almost 60 percent, turning basic necessities into unaffordable luxuries. Nearly 80 percent of the country has cut down the number of meals they eat per day or has switched to less nutritious food.

Many are fleeing the country. They have been joined by the now ex-president Gotabaya Rajapaksa, deposed when protesters stormed his palace in the capital.

What was once an up-and-coming Second World nation in the middle of the list of global prosperity has been thrown into poverty. The effects could prove more permanent than if it had been hit by a natural disaster. But this catastrophe was caused by men—by their own government, in fact.

Sri Lanka is a powerful example of the destructive potential of a corrupt or inept administration.

Sadly, many other nations are following the Sri Lanka formula. It's easy to do. It simply means following some easy steps.

Borrow Big

Before 2009, Sri Lanka was engaged in a lengthy civil war. Once it ended, the country seemed poised for explosive growth. Over the next three years, its economy grew by over 8 percent per year. In 2015 the World Bank called it “a development success story.” Economists believed Sri



FOREIGN DEBT
~\$50 billion

Lanka was destined for success, so banks were willing to lend it a lot of money.

In 2010, Sri Lanka's foreign debt was 36 percent of its annual economic output. By 2015, that figure was at 94 percent. *One third* of government revenue went to paying off Chinese debt. In 2021 the debt hit 119 percent of the nation's gross domestic product.

Now the country owes over \$50 billion to foreigners. It defaulted on its debt for the first time in history on May 20.

Potential investors have seen the writing on the wall, and they don't want

to be holding currency from an economy going under. Combine that with money printing, and it has caused the value of the Sri Lankan rupee to plummet, leading to hyperinflation.

With no one willing to invest in Sri Lanka and with little to sell, the country has all but run out of foreign cash reserves. It cannot get dollars to pay for oil or anything else. And once oil is unaffordable, everything shuts down.

Run Out of Oil

In April, Sri Lanka passed a new law: Armed guards had to protect each petrol pump. Thousands lined up daily for their ration of 4 gallons of fuel. For some, waiting eight hours in line in the heat was too much—they died.

In June, even this ration was cut: Fuel was reserved for essential services. Even then, doctors were left in lines over a mile long trying to get fuel.

Fuel shortages led to rolling blackouts. Many Sri Lankans have generators, but this only makes the fuel lines longer.

The state-run Ceylon Electricity Board asked to increase its prices 835 percent to cope with the crisis. The government is looking at capping prices at half that level, which still means Sri Lankans will be paying four times more for their electricity.

With energy so expensive, even the wealthy have no money left for luxuries. With no one going out to eat or taking holidays, restaurants and the tourism industry shut down.

And the price of everything went up. In some cases, food rotted in farms while people starved in cities. The fuel to drive that food to market wasn't available.

Get in Bed With Other Nations

Sri Lanka relied heavily on China to get in this much debt. Infrastructure projects were handed to Chinese businesses with no competitive bidding.

Chinese money also flooded into what *Forbes* called “the world's emptiest airport,” the Mattala Rajapaksa International Airport. Chinese money also helped build Mahinda Rajapaksa International Cricket Stadium in Hambantota, which holds more seats than the town center's population. By 2015, nearly 70 percent of the country's infrastructure projects were funded by China.

Sri Lanka has become the poster child for China's “debt-trap diplomacy.” China lent Sri Lanka around \$1 billion to build a new port in Hambantota. When the port proved unprofitable and Sri Lanka couldn't repay the loan, China took it over on a 99-year lease. “The acquisition provided Beijing with a deepwater port in the region in which it can dock its navy, off the coast of its key regional competitor,

**ELECTRICITY
PRICE INCREASE**
835%



India,” *Foreign Policy* wrote (Oct. 29, 2018).

Embrace Corrupt Leaders

How could any leader who loves his country get it into this situation?

He couldn't. Sri Lanka is in this abysmal state because its leaders were intent on enriching themselves or hanging on to power rather than seeing to their people's welfare.

Sri Lankan politics was dominated by one family: the Rajapaksas. Mahinda Rajapaksa first came to power as president in 2005. Until recently he was prime minister, while his brother Gotabaya Rajapaksa held the presidency. It looks a lot like nepotism, but the family insists they're simply choosing the best men for the jobs. It so happens that around 40 family members are “best qualified” for various government jobs.

In 2015, the Rajapaksas temporarily lost office. They were accused of fraud and money laundering, stealing government money, and stashing it abroad. The Seychelles and Indian governments promised to help track the funds.

But on Easter Sunday 2019, the country took a very different turn. Islamist bombings killed 270 people. Suddenly, allegations of corruption didn't seem as important. Mahinda Rajapaksa had a reputation as a strongman who ended the civil war. That autumn he was voted back into office. Unsurprisingly, the investigations have gone nowhere.

Sri Lanka is a “democratic socialist” republic, with many industries under government ownership, such as the main electricity company, SriLankan Airlines

and free universal health care. This gives anyone in government access to a lot of lucrative jobs, and a lot of cash.

The Rajapaksas quickly funneled that cash to China. The massive and largely useless infrastructure projects were all in the Rajapaksas' home town of Hambantota. But not all this money flowed to Beijing. In 2018, the *New York Times* reported that millions of dollars flowed directly from Chinese port construction funds to the 2015 Rajapaksa reelection campaign. The Chinese ambassador lobbied voters to support the family's allies. For years prior to the vote, the Rajapaksas were dogged by accusations



**INFRASTRUCTURE
FUNDED BY CHINA**
~70%

that they had taken bribes from Chinese government-controlled companies.

Embrace Weird Environmental Rules

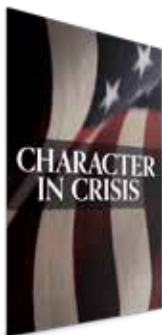
Another key part of Sri Lanka's fall was a government decision last year to abruptly ban the import of pesticides and force the country to switch to organic farming.

There is a lot to condemn about modern, intensive, pesticide-heavy agriculture. But moving away from this system cannot be done overnight simply by not using pesticides. It requires changes across the whole system of agriculture.

When Sri Lanka made these moves, rice production plummeted 20 percent in the first six months. Crops that were crucial for export and generating foreign cash, like tea, were hit even harder. By November, the government was forced to roll back much of its program, but it was too late: The damage to the nation's farming industry was done.

Could It Happen to You?

There were other critical factors. A



Does character matter for leadership?

The polls and statistics show people don't think so—but are they right? Request your free copy of Gerald Flurry's *Character in Crisis* to understand the biblical answer to a question more people should be asking.

2019 terrorist attack and the COVID-19 pandemic dealt two critical blows to the nation's tourism industry. Russia's invasion of Ukraine sent food prices soaring. Drought has also played a role. Forty percent of Sri Lanka's electricity typically comes from hydropower. But now the lakes are running low.

But these are shorter-term issues, largely beyond Sri Lanka's control. The leadership put the country in a position where it could not survive these hits.

Sri Lanka is a sobering demonstration of how thoroughly bad leadership can destroy a nation. Perhaps the most shocking part is that many other leaders in other nations are following the same blueprint for disaster.

The United States is also borrowing like there's no tomorrow. Compared to the size of its economy, America's debt is even larger than Sri Lanka's. At over \$30 trillion, U.S. debt is 125 percent the size of its annual economic output, compared to Sri Lanka's 119 percent. Generally, over 90 percent is considered the "danger zone" where the economy risks collapse.

Just like Sri Lanka, America imports dramatically more than it exports, having to sell much of its currency to cover the shortfall. And America is also rapidly printing money. Roughly 30 percent of all dollars in circulation were created since COVID hit.

The big difference is, the U.S. dollar is the world's reserve currency. Despite many horrible decisions, people are still willing to buy it. They need it to engage in international trade. Even so, inflation, now at 9.1 percent, is starting to bite.

The Biden administration is rapidly shutting down America's oil production, making the country dependent on other countries. The economic effects of this decision are already hurting. The same administration is also toying with declaring a "climate change emergency" in an attempt to gain more powers to shut down parts of the U.S. economy.

Hunter Biden's dealings with Chinese businesses are reminiscent of some of

the Rajapaksas' dealings. And of course, these include a cut for "the big guy."

No one thinks that corruption, inflation or debt are good things. But it's easy to lose sight of how destructive they can be. Sri Lanka is a wake-up call. *These problems destroy nations.*

"True education is founded on cause and effect," wrote *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry. America is making the same mistakes that are causing catastrophe in Sri Lanka—and they will have the same effects.

In January 1920, with the U.S. economy in full boom, statistician Roger Babson forecast "the worst business depression that our generation has ever experienced." He could accurately forecast it because his models revolved around cause and effect.

"When you want to know the temperature in the room, now, you look at the thermometer on the wall," said Babson. "But if you want to know what the temperature will be, an hour or two from now, the thermometer can't tell you. You go down to the boiler room, or consult the U.S. weather prophet."

**DEBT % OF ANNUAL
ECONOMIC OUTPUT**
119%



Babson said that "there are laws that govern economic conditions. These laws are the factors which determine what conditions will be, a few months or a year from now. They are the causes."

To forecast the economy, Babson said, "I looked at the way people as a whole were dealing with one another. I looked to the source which determines future conditions. I have found that that source may be defined in terms of 'righteousness.'" More righteous behavior leads to prosperity; corruption, to ruin.

These are profound observations from a statistician. Herbert W. Armstrong related what Babson said in his autobiography and lauded him for his wisdom.

It is clear that rampant immorality has caused Sri Lanka's collapse. America is guilty of similar immorality, and it will have similar effects. ■



Land of the Rising Military Might

Its military may be called the Japan Self-Defense Force, but it rivals the size and power of the army of Great Britain—and may soon be far mightier. BY JEREMIAH JACQUES

“THE JAPANESE PEOPLE FOREVER renounce war.” This statement is the foundation of the famous Article 9 in the Constitution Japan adopted in 1947.

During World War II, the Empire of Japan conquered much of Southeast Asia and the Western Pacific. As it did so, the nation descended into an appalling state of fanaticism and cruelty, and it authored some of the worst brutality in mankind’s history. The war crimes were so extreme that even Nazi soldiers stationed in Asia are on record expressing their shock.

In the aftermath of that demonic bloodshed, the United States occupied Japan, writing and imposing a constitution that renounced warfare in an effort to prevent unhinged bellicosity from overtaking the Japanese people again. Article 9 states that “to accomplish the aim, land, sea and air forces, as well as other war potential, will never be maintained” and the “right of belligerency of the state will not be recognized.”

The Americans disarmed Japan, forced it into pacifism, and compelled it to sign the Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security. This codified Japan’s dependence on the U.S. for its defense and obliged America to protect Japan by stationing troops in and around the nation.

Officially, the treaty and the Constitution have since governed Japan’s military potential. But during these 75 years after implementation, the Japanese have made several significant moves away from pacifism. The first occurred in the early 1950s, with the establishment of the National Police Reserve. In 1954, Tokyo expanded this into the Japan Self-Defense Force, which evolved over the decades into an ultra-modern assemblage of land, sea and air forces. As the Self-Defense Force grew more powerful, it also gained more legal latitude to use that power.

These measures violated the aim of Article 9. But the Constitution still withheld the legal backing for Japan to use anything but strictly defensive force, and its spirit continued to place major caps on military spending. Now, however, conditions are taking shape that could push Japan to become a full-fledged, legally authorized and entirely normalized military power that is among the most lethal on the planet.

The 'New Axis of Evil'

The threat that keeps the most Japanese awake at night is China. As that totalitarian nation grows richer and mightier, it grows more eager to change Asia's international order, and even the global order. A 2021 *Nikkei Business Daily* survey found that 86 percent of Japanese respondents see China as a serious threat, exceeding even the 82 percent who view North Korea as a danger. Provocations from both of these countries have recently increased, and now Japan's other regional neighbor, Russia, is waging an unprovoked and illegal war of aggression on Ukraine.

Many Japanese have come to see these three nations as the "new axis of evil," according to *Japan Forward*, with Chinese General Secretary Xi Jinping as the "kingpin."

At the same time that their neighbors are growing more belligerent, the Japanese also increasingly believe that America's promise to protect them is not what it once was. The promise feels particularly hollow after President Donald Trump scorned the U.S.-Japan alliance during his tenure and sought to use it as a bargaining chip to extract economic concessions from Tokyo.

All these factors combine to make the Japanese urgent about becoming better armed. They see a real need to be ready for another war.

Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said on May 27 that the nation will "substantially increase" its defense spending. He did not specify how much. But others in the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) that Kishida leads have called for doubling the current budget to 2 percent of Japan's gross domestic product.

This would represent a quantum leap. It would bring total spending to around \$100 billion, launching Japan's military spending ahead of France, Germany, Saudi Arabia, the United Kingdom and even India and Russia. Japan would have the world's third-best funded military machine, behind only the U.S. and China.

Since the primary fear of the Japanese is China and its push to dominate the South and East China seas, Japan's military strategy is centered on naval strength. Japan currently possesses a world-class navy of 114 warships, including 26 destroyers, 22 submarines,

10 frigates, 6 destroyer escorts, 3 tank-landing ships and 2 so-called "helicopter carriers." These ships are actually capable of launching certain models of the advanced American F-35 warplane, and Japan has purchased dozens of these exact models.

If it begins spending an additional \$50 billion annually, Japan will likely buy more American kit, including dozens of additional F-35s, V-22 tilt-rotor aircraft and submarines. It will also produce more of its own weapons systems, including amphibious landing craft, warships, stealth fighters, submarines and aircraft carriers.

Built on the technical and manufacturing diligence of the Japanese people, this will be a staggeringly capable and lethal naval power.

The wind of change is blowing, but the Japanese have long resisted spending increases as drastic as this, much less officially scrapping Article 9. For most Japanese citizens who are more concerned about economic policies that will directly help them, "constitutional revision is a kind of luxury good," Tobias Harris, an Asia specialist at the Center for American Progress, told the *New York Times*.

But on July 8, a barbaric event took place that could finally shift public opinion far enough to make a difference.

A Martyr Is Made?

"It is a JFK moment for Japan, maybe even bigger." That is how political scientist Ian Bremmer described the July 8 assassination of Shinzō Abe.

Abe is in the books as the longest-ruling prime minister in Japan's history, having held office from 2006 to 2007 and again from 2012 until his resignation in late 2020 due to health problems. After stepping down, he remained a towering figure in politics and continued regular appearances in support of the LDP. He was making just such an appearance when a Japanese man with obscure grievances pulled out a homemade gun and assassinated him.

Abe had recognized that America's security guarantees had become less

reliable over the years, as threats from the "new axis of evil" were multiplying. "[H]e was convinced," Bremmer said, "that China wanted supremacy in the region and the world, eventually" (GZERO, July 8).

As a result, the main goal of Abe's long political career was to return Japan to a mature military power. He scored some landmark achievements toward that end. In 2015, he finalized legislation that reinterpreted the military's role, effectively authorizing it to fight with allies overseas. Months later, Japan deployed troops abroad and gave them orders none of their countrymen had received for some 70 years: They were armed and authorized to use force.

These were milestone victories in Abe's quest to fully normalize Japan's military. But they fell short of his ultimate goal to officially amend the pacifist Constitution. "It is gut-wrenching," he said upon retiring, "to have to leave my job before accomplishing my goals."

The assassination was a profound shock to the people of Japan, partly because it marked the first killing of a sitting or former Japanese leader since 1936, and partly because Abe was sumo-size in the political arena. Two days after the murder, the LDP won a rare supermajority in parliamentary elections, indicating that Japan had become more unified than it has been for years.

If the slain prime minister comes to be seen as a martyr in the LDP's battle to revise the pacifist Constitution, then current Prime Minister Kishida may be able to accomplish what Abe never could: turn Abe's most cherished wish for a militarily normalized Japan into reality.

A Democracy Most Fragile

Because Japan has been a democracy since World War II's end, it might appear that the nation reveres liberal values and would not revert to military aggression. But the truth is, democracy does not have native roots in Japan and is planted there only shallowly.

There was a brief cultivation of "liberal values" during Japan's Taishō era,

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| 1. UNITED STATES | \$750B |
| 2. CHINA | \$237B |
| 3. JAPAN (PROJECTED) | \$100B |
| 4. SAUDI ARABIA | \$67.6B |
| 5. INDIA | \$61B |
| 6. UNITED KINGDOM | \$55B |
| 7. GERMANY | \$50B |
| 8. RUSSIA | \$48B |
| 9. FRANCE | \$41.5B |

ending in 1926, but that was mainly the byproduct of an ineffectual emperor, and it withered into economic depression. That rot created fertile ground for the military junta rule that led Japan into the fanaticism and catastrophe of World War II. It wasn't until the U.S. ended that war by dropping atomic bombs in 1945 and then occupied and imposed democracy on the nation that a liberal system really took root.

Democracy in Japan is an American import, and it is more than a little defective. Since 1955, the LDP has ruled the nation for all but a handful of years. This means that even though Japan holds elections, they are basically meaningless. It is a de facto one-party state.

And the LDP is not an ordinary center-right party in the vein of Britain's Conservative Party or the American Republican Party. "It's linked to the survivors and the successors of Imperial Japan," geopolitical strategist Peter Zeihan said in a July 8 dispatch. "Their roots are firmly fascist."

In the LDP-dominated political arena, true change is not effected by voters but is hashed out in backroom maneuvers and deals between the leaders of informal factions. Rule over Japan's electoral districts is often passed down from fathers to sons, and the same is true for leadership of these informal factions. Both Abe and Kishida are evidence of this.

The general population has some appreciation for democracy, even though it is an import from a conquering power. But among the elite who actually steer Japan, concern for "liberal values" is mainly superficial. Democracy in Japan is far more fragile than it may appear. And trends of recent years are coalescing in a way that could quickly uproot it.

'The Place Changes Radically'

"Japan does not, as a rule, embrace change," Zeihan said. "The Japanese ... tend to ignore small changes until those changes build up into something overwhelming, and then it all breaks apart at once. The place changes radically ... almost overnight" (ibid).

This is what happened after years of Taishō era stagnation and inertia exploded into the white-hot fanaticism of Imperial Japan. Somewhat similar patterns played out in the 19th century,

culminating in the Meiji Restoration, and centuries earlier with the shogunate.

Zeihan said that in Japan today, the confluence of factors means the country is perfectly primed for "one of those ... cultural shakeouts." And the implications can't be overstated. "When [Japan] changes, it changes everything," he said. "It does it wholesale, and it does it violently. And it remakes its region, and this time Japan is already the second-strongest naval power, with the world's third-largest economy. So the implications of this sort of shift are going to be massive."

He Was Right

Zeihan is one of several well-regarded analysts today who see that Japan is on the threshold of seismic changes. In light of America's decline and the rise of "the new axis of evil," many modern observers now recognize it. But all the way back in 1971, when Japan was far more pacifist and still firmly positioned beneath America's security umbrella, the late educator Herbert W. Armstrong predicted that the nation would return to full militarism.

"Japan today has no military establishment," he wrote. "But we should not lose sight of the fact that Japan has become so POWERFUL ECONOMICALLY that it COULD build a military force of very great power very rapidly" (*Plain Truth*, March 1971).

For decades, Mr. Armstrong's forecast may have seemed alarmist to students of geopolitics. But now—as America wanes, threats intensify, and LDP leaders increasingly dismantle Japan's pacifist architecture—it no longer appears



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far-fetched. It is clear Mr. Armstrong's forecast was right.

How could Mr. Armstrong have known? Because his view was founded on specific Bible prophecies. Scripture shows that a final world war is fast approaching. One of the main players will be a colossal alliance of Asian nations. Revelation 16:12 calls this bloc "the kings of the east." Revelation 9:16 says it will deploy a jaw-dropping 200 million troops.

Ezekiel 38:1-2 show that this bloc will be led by Russia, while verse 6 lists ancient names indicating that the peoples who make up modern-day Japan—"Gomer" and "Togarmah"—will be part of the alliance.

The Japanese today are fearful of the bellicosity of Russia and its partners, and they are remilitarizing, largely due to those fears. But these passages show that Japan will eventually join this Russian-led "kings of the east" alliance.

Japan's march toward militarization today is vital to watch because it is creating the conditions for that prophesied Asian bloc to become a military force of unfathomably destructive power. Each Japanese move toward remilitarization represents a step closer to that gargantuan army and unprecedented world war.

But there is cause for hope.

Jesus Christ said that World War III will be so cataclysmic that, unlike all previous wars, it could end all human life (Matthew 24:21-22). But then He adds a vital detail at the end of verse 22: "[T]hose days shall be shortened."

The last world war will be cut short! Before man totally annihilates himself, Christ will interrupt the conflict. He will begin to work with the survivors, reeducating them to remove belligerence, avarice and other evil from their thinking. "There will still exist those who haven't submitted to God's law," we write in our free booklet *Russia and China in Prophecy*. But the Creator will persist, and such will come to see that "God's system is the only one that will yield such blessings in life!" Christ will build a perfect government that will usher in a new age of peace and prosperity—for the peoples of Japan, Russia, the U.S., China and all other countries. At that time, God's transcendent plan will enter a new phase that opens eternal salvation to every human being who has ever lived. ■



A 'Woke' Military Endangers Us All

What would America look like if its military split into hostile factions? **BY ANDREW MILLER**

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA outpaces all other nations in military expenditures. In fact, it spends more on its military than China, France, Germany, India, Japan, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Korea and the United Kingdom combined. Yet despite America's immense power, there is still one nation on Earth with the power and influence to completely destroy America and render it helpless.

"Shall we expect some trans-Atlantic military giant to step the ocean and crush us at a blow?" Abraham Lincoln asked the Young Men's Lyceum of Springfield, Illinois, on Jan. 27, 1838. "Never! All the armies of Europe, Asia and Africa combined, with all the treasure of the Earth (our own excepted) in their military chest, with a Bonaparte for a commander, could not by force take a drink from the Ohio or make a track on the Blue Ridge in a trial of a thousand years. At what point then is the approach of danger to be expected? I answer. If it ever reach us it must spring up amongst us; it cannot come from abroad. If destruction be our lot, we must ourselves be its author and finisher. As a nation of freemen, we must live through all time or die by suicide."

Abraham Lincoln understood that the only nation with the power to destroy the United States was the United States itself. America needed his warning then, and it needs his warning even more so today.

Critical Race Theory

New documents obtained by Judicial Watch show that West Point cadets are being taught critical race theory. This subversive doctrine was formulated in 1989 at a retreat organized by black feminist activist Kimberlé Crenshaw. It is a new kind of communism, where race conflict replaces class conflict in an effort to overthrow capitalism. And America's top brass are now pushing this ideology on soldiers.

"[O]ur military is being undermined from within," Judicial Watch president Tom Fitton told Tucker Carlson on June 21. "[T]his is the type of Marxist revolutionary language that our military was designed during the Cold War to try to protect this nation from. And now they're on the inside. [T]his is the Biden Defense Department."

Some of the documents obtained by Judicial Watch reveal that West Point cadets are being taught that "in order to understand racial inequality and slavery, it is first necessary to address whiteness," and also that whiteness is "a standpoint or place from which white people look at themselves and the rest of society."

These documents state that officers "need to be prepared to thoughtfully answer questions when soldiers ask about topics in the news, such as critical race theory." Yet rather than explaining the Marxist roots of this theory, West Point training material teaches that black Americans are "less likely than whites" to receive "recommended medical screening tests" or receive "a job promotion" because of structural racism.

This training is not designed to solve prejudice or bigotry. It is intended to weaken the military by dividing it into pro-capitalist and pro-socialist camps.

Lt. Col. Matthew Lohmeier was relieved of his command last year after self-publishing a book titled *Irresistible Revolution: Marxism's Goal of Conquest and the Unmaking of the American Military*. His dismissal was concerning as his book made a strong case that America's military is being destroyed by

a subversive ideology many sacrificed their lives to stop during the Cold War.

During his May 14, 2021, appearance on the *Information Operation* podcast with host L. Todd Wood, Colonel Lohmeier revealed that military diversity training programs are steeped in Marxism and critical race theory. "Our diversity, inclusion and equity industry and the trainings we're receiving in the military via that industry are rooted in critical race theory, which is rooted in Marxism," he said. He recounted being given a training manual that cited the January 6 Capitol Hill protests as an example of extremism while ignoring the Black Lives Matter riots that took place following the death of George Floyd at the hands of a police officer.

Wood joked with Colonel Lohmeier, "You'll probably be removed after this interview goes live." Wood was right. Soon after, Colonel Lohmeier was relieved of his command in the 11th Space Warning Squadron at Buckley Air Force Base.

Many people were surprised when Lt. Gen. Stephen Whiting fired Colonel Lohmeier. But Lohmeier may be only the beginning of a much larger military purge.

Defense Secretary Lloyd James Austin has hired critical race theorist Bishop Garrison as the Pentagon's new extremism czar, tasked with purging extremists from the military. His Countering Extremism Working Group is monitoring the Internet search histories and social media posts of military personnel, looking for evidence of "extremist behavior." And to circumvent First Amendment restrictions on government monitoring, Garrison's group is using a private surveillance firm to "continuously" trawl through the social media accounts of troops.

The Danger in Division

What would America look like if its military split into hostile factions? The last time that happened was when Abraham Lincoln was president. But there is a real chance American soldiers will soon have to choose whether to uphold the U.S. Constitution or the Marxist values being forced on them.

In 2020, finance data from the Federal Election Commission revealed

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Is America Having a Conservative Awakening?

The left's radical agenda is being exposed, and in some cases blocked. How many more victories will conservatives win? **BY ANDREW MILLER**

AFTER HALF A CENTURY OF LEFT-wing victories in the culture wars, many conservatives believe America is on the cusp of a Third Great Awakening. Christians across the United States are ecstatic about the June 24 Supreme Court ruling overturning *Roe v. Wade*. Those who believe in the sanctity of human life won what seemed like an impossible battle against the Goliath of the abortion industry, so now they are inspired to fight harder.

The Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* returned the issue of abortion to state jurisdiction, and at least nine states have already banned it. Meanwhile, 26 states have introduced bills to expand parental rights in public schools and limit the sexual indoctrination of children. And 42 states have introduced bills to restrict the teaching of neo-Marxist critical race theory in public schools.

The U.S. Supreme Court also recently struck down unconstitutional gun restrictions, allowed public school employees to pray on the job, made it harder for states to exclude religious schools from public funding programs, and limited the Environmental Protection Agency's power to regulate carbon

emissions. And Justice Clarence Thomas feels like the court may just be getting started. He recently wrote that he expects the Supreme Court to overturn faux-constitutional rights to sodomy, same-sex "marriage," and contraception (not that all forms of contraception are wrong, but your employer is not constitutionally obligated to pay for it).



Conservative justices are finally pushing back against the radical left's cultural, political and legal tsunami, and everyday conservatives are taking heart. Many still do not accept that Joe Biden won the 2020 election and demand a reckoning. The documentary *2000 Mules*, one of the clearest exposés of the election coup, drew millions of viewers. Biden's economic decisions have resulted in some of the worst economic news in decades, so analysts are predicting huge losses for the radical Democrats in this autumn's midterm elections.

"For Democrats this year, the only real question is whether the elections will be

only moderately bad or completely terrible," senior staff writer Alan Greenblatt wrote for *Governing: The Future of States and Localities*. "If you think like a weather forecaster, all kinds of data point to a major storm. By basically every metric you can think of—fundraising, candidate recruitment, voter enthusiasm, demographic shifts—a big wave is forming that will sweep hundreds of Democrats out of office, up and down the ticket" (May 27).

With all this good news, is America really on the cusp of a Third Great Awakening, where the Christian right makes a comeback, turns back radical secularism, and restores constitutional government and the spirit of America's founders? Will the Make America Great Again movement make America great again?

A New Generation

It is undeniable that the U.S. is currently in the midst of *intergenerational warfare*. The most biblically hostile president in American history was elected by youth. Exit polls showed that 66 percent of voters under age 30 voted for Barack Obama in 2008, a man who writes in one of his several autobiographies that there is "no such thing" as "*absolute truth*." This was the largest-ever showing for a presidential candidate in this age range and a key indicator that the millennial and zoomer generations are more liberal than any previous generations.

Obama's rebellion against absolute truth transformed American politics, governance, diplomacy, policing, morality, race, sex, tradition and culture in such a way that shocked complacent voters into action. In the 2016 presidential election, roughly 70 million Americans over the age of 50 voted, and most of them voted for Donald Trump. These statistics aren't necessarily a shocking



departure from normal voting trends, but many political analysts have still referred to President Trump's victory as the baby boomers' last hurrah.

Those old enough to remember America before the radical cultural insurrection of the 1960s mourned the

loss of their country and wanted a conservative Republican who acknowledged that America had been great, was great no longer, and needed saving, and who promised to appoint constitutional originalist justices.

President Trump kept his promise and appointed Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh and Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court, despite violent opposition from the radical left. These justices joined Justice Clarence Thomas and Justice Samuel Alito to overturn several import-



ant unconstitutional laws and court precedents. These developments are undeniably positive—but are they really strong enough to begin turning the tide?

Sadly, the answer to this pressing question is that even a great surge in constitutional Supreme Court rulings, congressional laws and new elections can't turn things around. Virtuous laws are a great blessing to a nation, but they actually do little to make a nation great unless they are obeyed by virtuous people. That is why saving America from radical liberalism and outright physical destruction requires a spiritual resurgence. And the fact that elderly people elected a president who appointed some conservative justices does not mean that the American people as a whole are repenting of their sins and becoming more virtuous. In fact, the statistics indicate just the opposite. Despite the court rulings, Americans are more lascivious than ever.

A May 2022 Gallup poll shows that 76 percent of Americans think fornication is morally acceptable, 71 percent believe homosexual relations are proper, and 52 percent think abortion is permissible. That is the first time in Gallup's 22-year trendline that more than half the country view abortion as a positive good. The overturn of *Roe v. Wade* determined that abortion is a states' rights issue, like most other laws. But as a whole, voters in the U.S. view abortion more positively than they have at any time in American history.

Baby boomers (those born between 1946 and 1965) are much more likely to understand abortion as destroying a human life. Yet they have failed to instill conservative principles in their now-grown children. Historically, American parents guided their children more directly. But after World War I, many parents began delegating teaching responsibilities to public school teachers, who became more and more steeped in Darwinian science, Marxist economics and Freudian morality. The American mind began to change.

"The 'New Morality' world was spawned after the turn of the century," the late Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in his book *The Missing Dimension in Sex*, published over 40 years before America's current moral condition. "It developed from the embryo stage during World War I. It surged, mostly among teens unnoticed by their parents, on past World War II. The emergence of television after that war gave the trend great impetus."

God told America's Israelite ancestors to teach His laws to their children (Deuteronomy 4:1-10). Yet this all-important command has not been kept. Today's condition, as Mr. Armstrong wrote, "ought to shock every individual out of complacency into desperate action



to reverse the ominous tide!" Unless Americans repent of breaking God's laws and tearing apart their families, no court, president or other leader can make America great again.

America Swings Hard Left

In 2014, a Pew Research Religious Landscape Survey found that only 51 percent of millennials are sure God exists, compared to about 70 percent of baby boomers who believe there is a Creator. And the statistics are even worse regarding belief in the Bible. Only 20 percent of millennials believe the Bible is the literal Word of God, compared to 35 percent of baby boomers who believe "All scripture is given by inspiration of God."

If current trends continue, those born after 1997 may become America's first

post-Christian generation. Is it any wonder America is turning toward socialism and even communism? Those who lack faith in God and the Bible are far more likely to put their trust in human governments to solve their problems. This is what we see today. The same generation that says God doesn't exist and



the Bible is not inspired also says that America needs an even more powerful central government to protect, educate and provide for them.

The views of today's "conservatives" would have been considered radically liberal not long ago. Look at where the Republican Party has finally drawn the line in the sand: You cannot kill your unborn child, you cannot give your 9-year-old puberty-blocking hormones, you cannot groom other people's children with deviant sexual influences until fourth grade. Meanwhile, most Republicans now support same-sex marriage, and many are warming up to transgenderism. They too are racing into immorality, in blatant violation of the laws in the Bible, just at a slower speed.

"You can't have conservative government in a liberal culture, and that's the position the Republican Party is in," explained Mark Steyn in "Why the Real Battle for America Is Over Culture, not Elections." "Liberals expend tremendous effort changing the culture. Conservatives expend tremendous effort changing elected officials every other November—and then are surprised that it doesn't make much difference. Culture trumps politics—which is why, once the question has been settled culturally, conservatives are reduced to playing catch-up, twisting themselves into pretzels to explain why gay marriage is really conservative after all, or why 30 million unskilled immigrants with a majority of births out of wedlock are 'natural allies' of the Republican Party" (*New York Post*, Oct. 19, 2014)

In other words, the schools are liberal, the business elites are liberal, the media moguls are liberal, the Hollywood producers are liberal, the songwriters

are liberal, the Republicans are liberal, and even the churches are liberal. So electing a Republican president has made and will make little difference unless America's *culture* changes. And America's culture will not change for the better without the Bible.

America's founders were raised by a generation that had left behind the decadent societies of Europe and attempted to build a new society based on principles taught in the newly translated King James Bible. They understood that high

 MILLENNIALS BELIEVE BIBLE IS LITERAL WORD OF GOD **20%**

morals and sincere religion were the fundamental building blocks of a virtuous society. President George Washington said during his famous Farewell Address in 1796: "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, *religion* and *morality* are indispensable supports" (emphasis added).

A conservative president or a conservative Supreme Court or even a Great Awakening cannot save America unless that awakening takes Americans back not only to the Constitution or the founders or even Protestantism but to the laws of the Bible! Nothing less than nationwide repentance can make a difference.

Only God can save America.

Making America Great

Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry has explained repeatedly that President Donald Trump is an end-time type of King Jeroboam II and is prophesied to lead a movement that will cause a temporary resurgence in American strength, might and power (2 Kings 14:26-28). Yet he specifies that this brief resurgence will happen not because the American people have repented of their sins—instead, it will come as a result of God's mercy. It is one last chance for Americans to repent before they are morally, culturally and literally destroyed.

"The curses on America are plain to see," Mr. Flurry writes in his booklet *Great Again*. "Prophecy is being fulfilled in events all over the globe! You would think that as times get worse and worse, people would look to the Bible to see what God

has to say. Conditions are intensifying and getting so bad that *anybody* can recognize something is terribly wrong. *But virtually nobody is turning to God.* That is to our shame. AMERICA'S PROBLEMS ARE A DIRECT RESULT OF AMERICA'S SINS. No politician is going to 'make America great again,' no matter what people think! I would like to see it happen, but it isn't going to happen in this age. *Everyone* will come to recognize that truth before much longer! God will make America great again *in the World Tomorrow.*"


God is gracious and merciful and will not turn away from those who repent (2 Chronicles 30:9). But the Bible strongly indicates that most Americans will not repent until after they have suffered national collapse, foreign invasion, widespread slaughter, and brutal enslavement (see Jeremiah 30:3; Ezekiel 5:11-12; Amos 9:14). This is the tragic cycle of history. The famous Scottish historian Alexander Tytler wrote more than 200 years ago that spiritual faith inspires courage, courage brings liberty, liberty causes abundance, abundance lulls people into complacency, complacency corrodes character and brings apathy, apathy invites dependency, dependency grows into bondage, and finally, bondage drives people to seek God and obedience to Him.

In the four centuries since the first God-fearing colonist arrived in the New World, America has gone through nearly every step in this cycle and is approaching bondage. This is no time for complacency. We desperately need to turn to God and His Word in the Bible. But even if Americans refuse this last

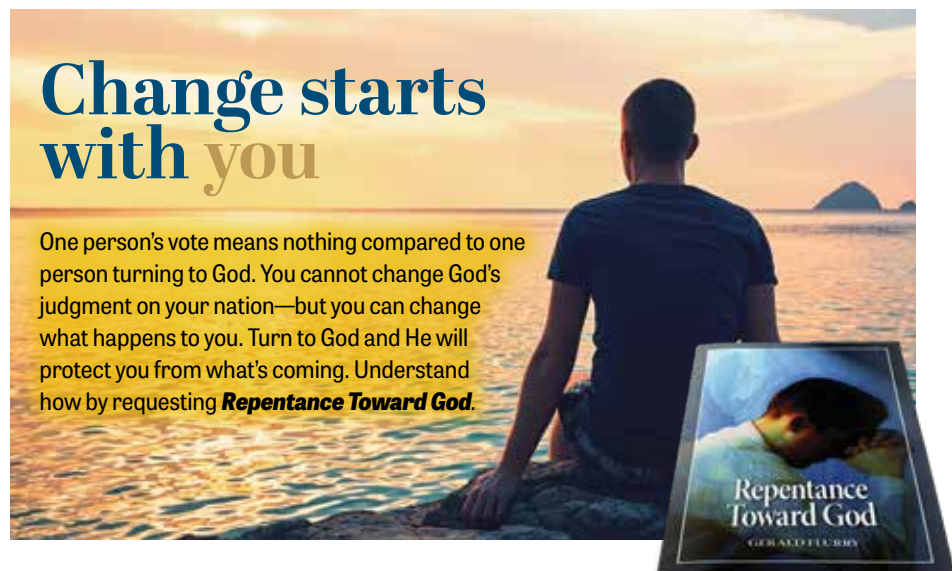
chance at repentance, there is hope. The Prophet Amos wrote that after a brief time of enslavement, God will bring the modern Israelites out of captivity to "build the waste cities, and inhabit them" (Amos 9:14). This salvation of the Americans, British and other modern descendants of ancient Israel will be permanent. This is why God promises He will plant Israel "upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them" (verse 15).

So there will soon be a Third Great Awakening in America, and all other nations, that surpasses all previous religious revivals in human history. But things will get much, much worse before they get better. This is sobering to think about, but you can comfort yourself with the knowledge that this coming religious revival will be permanent. And you can protect yourself and your family if you repent and seek God now.

God promises to shelter those few who are faithful to Him in a special place of protection (Song of Songs 2:14; Eze-

 BABY BOOMERS BELIEVE BIBLE IS LITERAL WORD OF GOD **35%**

kiel 5:3; Daniel 11:41; Revelation 12:14). You can read more about this special place of protection in our free booklet *Jordan and God's Church in Prophecy*, by Gerald Flurry. Religious revivals require teachers, so God will continue protecting His teachers until the students are ready to listen! ■



Change starts with you

One person's vote means nothing compared to one person turning to God. You cannot change God's judgment on your nation—but you can change what happens to you. Turn to God and He will protect you from what's coming. Understand how by requesting **Repentance Toward God.**

Repentance Toward God
GERALD FLURRY

ROE V. WADE CAME IN WITH A whimper, but it resulted in a roar. The landmark Supreme Court ruling barely made headlines on Jan. 22, 1973. It was overshadowed by the death of former President Lyndon B. Johnson and by a major withdrawal of United States troops from Vietnam. A total of 58,220 American troops died in that devastating war—one for every 1,081 unborn babies who would be killed over the next 50 years.

Servicemen coming back home returned to a country where killing the unborn was now a newly invented “constitutional right” that superseded all other laws. But that “right” was predicated on a big lie.

“Jane Roe,” the plaintiff in the case, was Norma McCorvey. Norma was a child of divorce, she began committing crimes at age 10, she became a ward of the state, she abused alcohol and took drugs, she had sexual relationships with men and women, and if her accounts are to be believed, even more horrible things occurred. Her life was wildly unstable.

But some of her accounts are not to be believed. In 1969, 21-year-old Norma

became pregnant for the third time and wanted to have the baby, a girl, killed. But Texas law prohibited abortions except in certain cases. So she lied and said she had been raped by a group of black men. This ploy failed due to lack of police evidence. An attempt to get an illegal abortion also failed. But someone introduced her to two lawyers who were looking for a woman in just her situation in order to launch a lawsuit. The rest is bloodstained history.

The Roe Lie

Norma McCorvey’s lawyers had her sign a one-page affidavit and filed suit in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas on her behalf and used her for their purposes. She reportedly never attended any of the trials herself and lost track of them. A few years later, after her daughter had already been born and given to an adoptive family, the Supreme Court made its ruling that would affect far, far more people, born and unborn: It ruled that that 2½-year-old girl should have been killed.

In perhaps its most famous decision in modern history, the court ruled that the due process clause of the

14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution guaranteed a fundamental “right to privacy” that protects a woman’s liberty to abort her unborn child, something that no state, no session of Congress and no Supreme Court had ever determined. It held that the decision to abort a child must be made between a woman and her doctor, and that no state or other entity may advocate for that child.

Roe’s trimester framework stated that killing “the potentiality of human life” (the baby) could be banned in the third trimester but not the first. A subsequent 1992 ruling in *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* overturned this, but upheld the “right to privacy” reasoning and thereby the constitutional “right” to abortion.

But a child does not become a child somewhere between conception and birth; a woman’s “right to privacy” does not supersede a child’s right to life, no law or deeply rooted tradition held that that was the case; and all powers not delegated to the federal government by the Constitution are reserved for the states by the 10th Amendment. Taken together, the court predicated its abortion agenda on a

THE BIG LIE THAT STARTED ROE V. WADE

Tens of millions of murders began with a rape that never was.

BY STEPHEN FLURRY



lie far bigger than any McCorvey told.

The court appropriated abortion as an issue within its jurisdiction and labeled it lawful and just.

That is a big lie.

At the end of June this year, the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*. The majority opinion reviewed the provisions of the Constitution, reminding Americans that an unspecified right (in this case, to abortion) must be “deeply rooted in this nation’s history and tradition” before it can be recognized as a component of the “liberty” protected in the due process clause. State laws *against* abortion have existed from the time the Constitution was ratified until the day *Roe v. Wade* was decided. No such deeply rooted unenumerated right exists.

The idea that the U.S. Constitution supersedes state laws to protect abortion is a *big lie*.

The entire premise for McCorvey’s “need” for an abortion, the tragic gang rape, was also a big lie. As late as 1983 McCorvey claimed that her now-teenage daughter, wherever she was, was the result of rape. Then in a 1987 televised ABC News interview, journalist Carl

Rowan asked whether or not she had been raped. “No, I wasn’t,” she said.

“So all those stories that are in the books and so forth are not true?” Rowan asked.

McCorvey shamefacedly admitted, “Yes.”

Roe v. Wade started with a rape that never happened and created a “constitutional right” that has never existed.

Since then, *63 million babies have been killed before they were born.*

The Guttmacher Institute of Planned Parenthood estimates that 1 percent of abortions involve a pregnancy through rape. It estimates that 0.5 percent involve incest, and virtually zero are medically necessary to save the life of the mother. So even this pro-abortion institute admits that more than 62 million babies have been killed simply because one or both of their parents did not want them.

This is 10 times as many people as died in the Holocaust. It is 60 times as many Americans as have been killed in *all wars combined.*

Attack on Family

Since the Supreme Court overturned

Roe v. Wade, leftists have been literally screaming in outrage. But they are not thinking about the 1 percent of abortions that involve rape. They are thinking of the 98-plus percent of cases in which abortion is used to facilitate promiscuous sex! As one pro-abortion singer put it, *Roe v. Wade* “allowed women to find their sexuality without fear, to be playful and spontaneous.” This is why many abortionist women have reacted, ironically, by going on a “sex strike.”

The idea that the former “constitutional right to abortion” is largely about dealing with babies conceived by rape is yet another *big lie!* *Roe v. Wade* is far less about rape than it is about protecting the lie that one can be promiscuous without consequences.

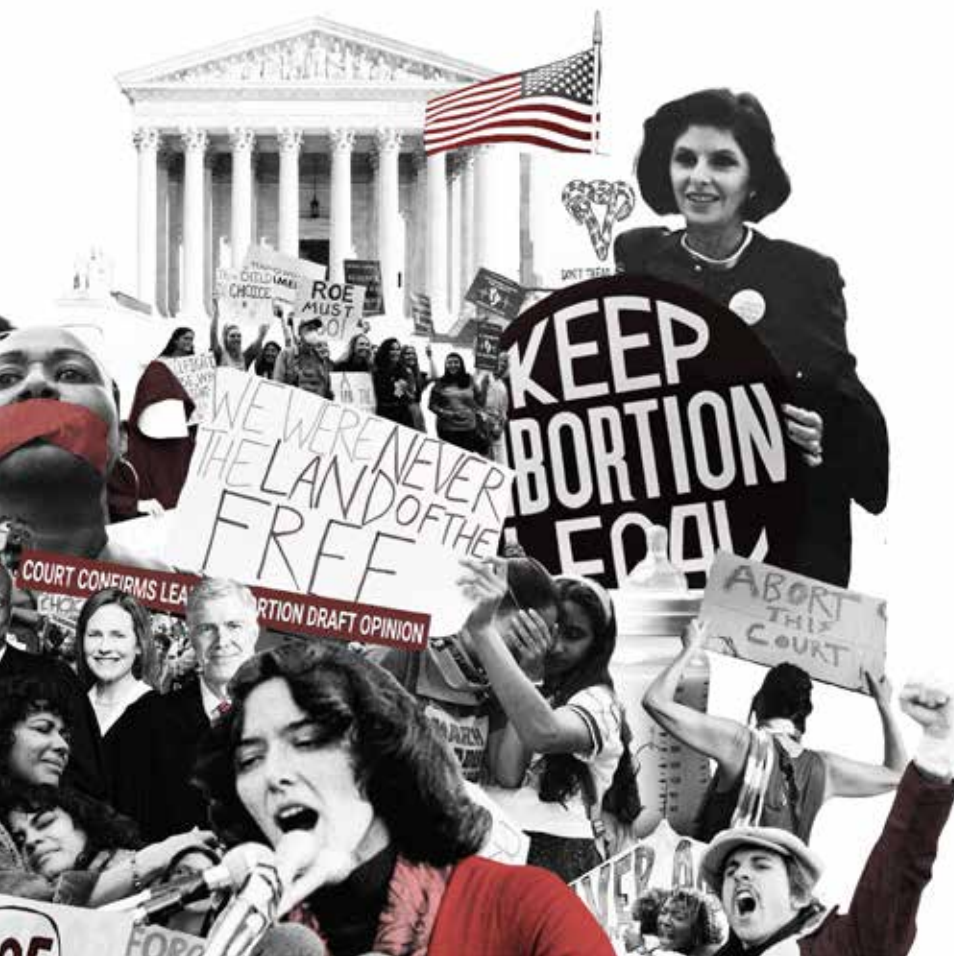
In fact, abortion on demand is a sacrosanct right to radical leftists for an even bigger reason than allowing “women to find their sexuality without fear.” Why are leftists so persistently, aggressively, violently opposed to saving sex for marriage, for raising children in families?

Because they want to destroy family!

For many prominent voices on the left, that is not hyperbole. Influential philosophers Margaret Sanger, Wilhelm Reich, Alfred Kinsey, Herbert Marcuse and others have unambiguously stated that the institution of family as we know it should be destroyed. They have also said that a major weapon for destroying family is sexual promiscuity, including homosexuality, and that abortion is needed to help women and men engage in “finding their sexuality without fear.” The influence of such thinker is no small part of why educated estimates put the 2021 abortion rate in America at almost *1 out of every 5 pregnancies!*

There is a direct line from *Roe v. Wade* to abortion to promiscuity to the widely held belief that *family* must be dismantled!

Many people support abortion just so they can have as much sex as they want with whomever they want whenever they want. But the radical Democratic elite, and others who want to reshape America and the world, support abortion to weaken the family and transfer more authority to the government. Dismantling the family



is a significant aim in Marxism, which enjoys astonishing popularity among America's educated elites.

Those who want to transform the U.S. toward socialism believe "the ends justify the means." That includes lies, misdirection and even mass murder of the unborn. This is the reason the radical left engineered hyperbolic slander of Brett Kavanaugh to keep him from being confirmed to the Supreme Court. Christine Blasey Ford and two other women publicly accused Kavanaugh of sexual assault during his confirmation hearings. None of them had any proof of their claims, and one has admitted she made up her lurid tale of a backseat rape as a "tactic" aimed at keeping Kavanaugh off the court. These were yet more falsehoods to protect, among other things, the false right to abortion on demand.

Heinous crimes like rape and incest should obviously be severely punished when they actually are proven (including in less than 1 out of every 50 abortion cases). But science and the Bible establish that life begins at conception. Destroying

any innocent human life is murder in 100 out of 100 cases! (article, page 16).

Radical leftists are willing to *murder millions*, not just so that they can be "playful and spontaneous" in fornicating, but so that they can destroy family. And if the Supreme Court stands in their way, some of them stand ready to take more extreme measures.

Civil War

In an attempt to derail the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* that overturned *Roe v. Wade*, an anonymous leaker actually supplied a draft majority opinion written by Justice Samuel Alito to *Politico* back in May. A draft majority opinion has never been leaked to the public before. America's shadow president, Barack Obama, undoubtedly had a hand in the timing of this leak. Not only did this leak distract people from a treasonous election (*Politico* published it minutes after the debut of Dinesh D'Souza's documentary *2000 Mules*), it also generated a firestorm of vitriol from

left-wing activists that many hoped would frighten a conservative justice into changing his or her vote before the court officially rendered its decision.

Threats were made against the personal safety of Supreme Court justices who were likely to overturn *Roe v. Wade*. Their home addresses were posted online, along with instructions for making pipe bombs. Obama slammed the court's decision as an attack on "the essential freedoms of millions of Americans," and many rioted. Windows were smashed; pro-life pregnancy centers were firebombed.

With the judicial activism of *Roe v. Wade* now undone, eight states have already banned abortion while six other states have heavily restricted it. Several more states are ready to pass similar laws. *Politico* stated that overturning *Roe v. Wade* "could fuel a clash between the states not seen since the run-up to the Civil War" (May 19). The radical left does not want to let states set their own abortion laws. The *violently* pro-abortion faction in America may not be large,

HOW THE SUPREME COURT ABORTION DECISION

Radical leftists are threatened by a Supreme Court that is pushing back against their coup. **BY STEPHEN FLURRY**

WITH ALL THE TURMOIL GOING ON RIGHT NOW, KEEP your eye on the Supreme Court. In a rapid sequence of rulings released in June, the court's Republican-appointed justices upheld constitutional provisions protecting firearm ownership, allowing individual public-school employees to pray on school grounds, restricting states from withholding certain funding from religious schools, limiting the Environmental Protection Agency's power to regulate carbon emissions without Congress, and allowing abortion to be decided by the states like most other laws.

The three justices appointed by President Donald Trump joined with Justice Clarence Thomas and Justice Samuel Alito to form a conservative majority that is occasionally supported by Chief Justice John Roberts. The court is still ideologically polarized, but justices appointed by conservatives definitely hold the balance of power.

In his concurring opinion to the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, Thomas wrote that the same rationale that allowed the court to overturn *Roe v. Wade* should allow it to correct unconstitutional rulings about same-sex "marriage" and access to contraception. Such rulings would intensify the cultural civil war now raging between the Communist left and

traditional Americans. That war is now regularly erupting into open violence.

Last year, New Hampshire Sen. Cynthia Shaheen gave her tacit endorsement to the violence currently gripping America when she said, "I think if you want to see a revolution, go ahead, outlaw *Roe v. Wade* and see what the response is from the public, particularly young people." Radical Democrats like Shaheen want Americans to quietly endure unconstitutional lockdowns and the stealing of an election without a fuss, but rise up in righteous indignation for a *revolution* against any attempt to kill fewer than 600,000 babies a year!

Comments like Shaheen's are reminiscent of radical Democrats encouraging violence prior to the deadly and destructive Black Lives Matter riots and other violence that have erupted and re-erupted across the country. They also bring to mind end-time prophecies. One is in Ezekiel 7:23, which states, "Make a chain: for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence." Another is Habakkuk 1:2-4: "O Lord, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear! even cry out unto thee of violence, and thou wilt not save! Why dost thou shew me iniquity, and cause me to behold grievance? for spoiling and violence are before me: and there are that raise up strife and contention. Therefore the law is slacked, and judgment doth never go forth: for the wicked doth compass about the righteous; therefore wrong judgment proceedeth."

This prophecy about the wicked compassing the righteous

but it is radical—and it is supported by Obama’s radical regime, including pretender to the presidency Joe Biden.

Robert Spencer at the David Horowitz Freedom Center said he wondered whether the Supreme Court’s decision might not be “the Fort Sumter moment that touches off a new civil war.” It remains to be seen just how far the leftists will take their reaction to the upholding of the Constitution, some states limiting the dismemberment of babies as birth control, and a brief delay in the destruction of what is left of the institution of American family.

A radical terrorist cell called Jane’s Revenge formed after Justice Alito’s draft opinion was leaked, and it claimed responsibility for about 50 attacks on pro-life centers where pregnant women can get help without an abortion. These terrorists have persecuted, vandalized and firebombed these pro-life centers and promised more violence as more states restrict abortion.

We have reached the point where political violence is becoming

mainstream. Obama and the acting president whom he controls have done nothing to stop this lawlessness because they support the “right” to abortion—and *they support the lawlessness!*

During Jesus Christ’s human lifetime, some said His ability to cast out demons was powered by the devil. Quickly perceiving this obvious contradiction, Jesus responded, “Every kingdom divided

Lies are so common and sometimes seemingly trivial, but look at what they can lead to. So much of the emotion Satan is stirring up in America today is the result of bald-faced lies.

In the lead-up to the American Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln famously stated that “a house divided against itself cannot stand.” The issue of abortion is already proving terribly divisive. The effects of McCorvey’s lie and the anti-constitutional lie that sprang from it have truly been catastrophic.

Father of Lies

Americans today do not know their Bibles as well as Americans in the past did, but President Lincoln’s “house divided” symbol was familiar to most Bible-reading Americans of his day.

against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand” (Matthew 12:25).

Lincoln was quoting a reliable source during his “House Divided” speech, but Christ told His disciples a whole lot more about the devil. He said that Satan is a liar and the *father* of the practice of lying (John 8:44). Lies are so common and sometimes seemingly trivial, but look at what they can lead to.

So much of the emotion Satan is stirring up in America today is the result of bald-faced lies. Norma

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could apply to the war over abortion, the election theft, the COVID-19 lockdowns, race riots and killings, and numerous other terrible divisions in this country.

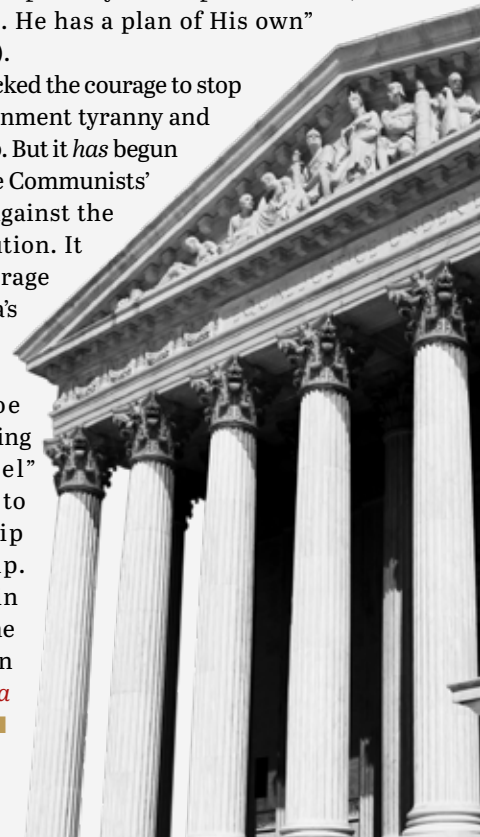
But God has revealed that He will save America from the radical left, temporarily. Why? So that the American people have one final chance to repent of their grievous sins! Yes, we are guilty of sin. And not just those who legalize abortions, those who commit abortions, and those who riot in support of abortions. God is warning us that *all Americans*, even religious Americans, are guilty of serious sins that will soon result in the literal destruction of this nation.

For five years, my father, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry, has taught that President Donald Trump is a modern fulfillment of the ancient Israelite King Jeroboam II. He has repeatedly stated that 2 Kings 14:26-28 show us that God used Mr. Trump to save America from the radical Marxists who seek to destroy it. He has also pointed to Amos 7:13 describing a *king’s chapel* and a *king’s court* that support this end-time Jeroboam.

My father explained in “Is America’s Supreme Court in Bible Prophecy?” that “the king’s chapel” is “a place of worship that belongs to the king,” and “the king’s court” (better translated “the kingdom’s court”) is a “non-religious entity ... referring to the United States Supreme Court.” He wrote, “I believe this prophetic account in Amos 7 implies that there is a conservative advantage in the Supreme Court, one that favors

Jeroboam. ... The fact that Kavanaugh was actually confirmed, despite all the protests, shows that to be true. Radicals want to control the courts, especially the Supreme Court, and God upset those plans. He has a plan of His own” (*Trumpet*, January 2019).

The Supreme Court lacked the courage to stop the election steal, government tyranny and other issues back in 2020. But it *has* begun pushing back against the Communists’ ongoing insurrection against the United States Constitution. It may even have the courage to take on Barack Obama’s fraudulent 2020 election and pretender to the presidency Joe Biden. And keep watching for the “king’s chapel” and “kingdom’s court” to develop a relationship with President Trump. The role it may play in restoring this man to the presidency is explained in my father’s book *America Under Attack*. ■





THE LIFE AND DEATH OF **ROE V. WADE**

The landmark *Roe v. Wade* case of Jan. 22, 1973, ruled that the due process clause of the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution guaranteed a woman the right to abort her unborn child. Despite the fact that both science and the Bible agree that life begins at conception, seven justices determined that a woman's "right to privacy" supersedes a child's right to life. This grossly unconstitutional decision was finally overturned on June 24, but not before more than 63 million human lives were snuffed out.

1,304,702
AMERICAN CASUALTIES IN ALL
U.S. WARS COMBINED

11,000,000
HOLOCAUST DEATH TOLL

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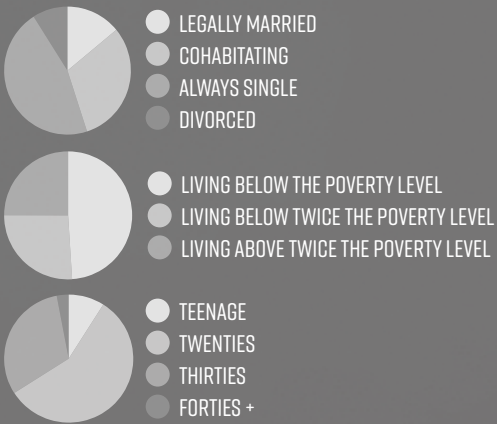
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ABORTIONS
INVOLVING RAPE*

*According to the Guttmacher Institute of Planned Parenthood, a pro-abortion organization

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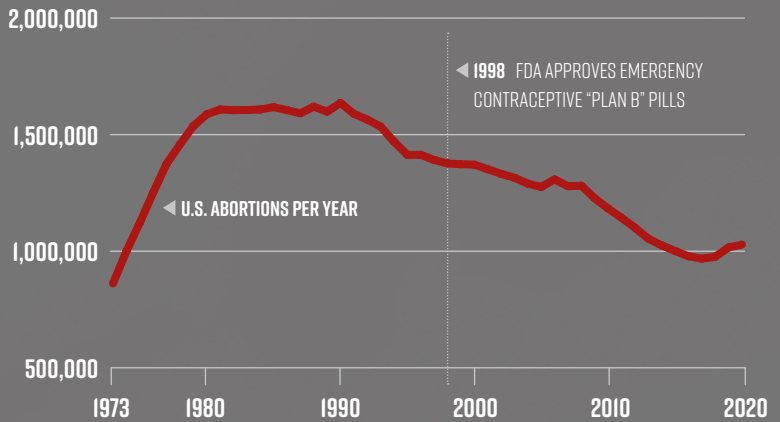


BAD MOTHERS



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data show that most abortions are requested by single women in their 20s who are sexually active despite being unready or unwilling to raise a child of their own.

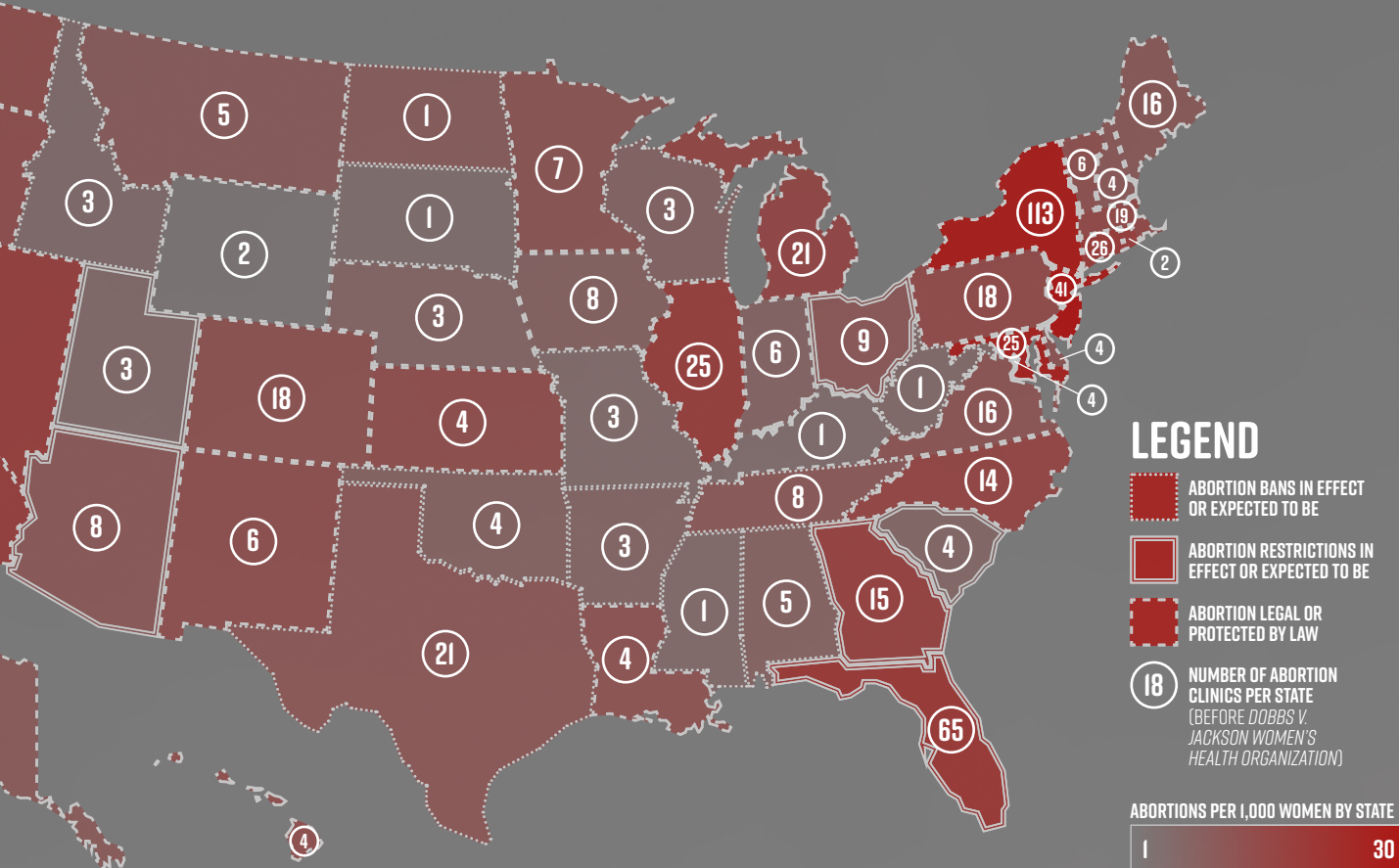
PLAN B PILL



On the surface, it looks like the number of abortions performed in America has been declining since 1990. Yet over-the-counter drugs like Plan B are allowing more and more women to abort a fertilized egg just days after conception, before it has time to adhere to the wall of its mother's uterus.

DOWN TO THE STATES

Now that the Supreme Court ruling on *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* has overturned *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, abortion laws will be decided by each individual state in the United States of America.



THE LANDMARK 1973 *ROE v. Wade* Supreme Court decision carved out a special federal right for women to kill their unborn babies. That unconstitutional “right” ended with new Supreme Court rulings in June.

We are living in the age of exposure. So many truths about our modern world are being revealed in phenomenal ways. This battle in the ongoing war over abortion is another striking and important example.

A lot of rage and a lot of hidden truth has now been exposed as leftists have reacted to *Roe v. Wade* being overturned by expressing their true, strong, radically godless feelings. They have mourned. They have grieved. They have screamed. Why? Because the Supreme Court said voters in each state should determine whether they can continue to kill unborn children.

They have reacted with absolute, unchecked rage. They have demanded the “right” to kill babies up until the moment of birth—and even immediately after. One leftist television host reacted by telling the viewer, “I don’t care that you’re a Christian. I don’t care what the Bible says. I feel like it’s a clown show sitting here trying to decipher what your little mythical book has to say about these very real political issues.” After using an expletive, she added, “I’m so tired of having nonstop conversations about what the Bible says. ... I don’t care. I don’t believe in it, and I have the right based on our Constitution to not believe in it.”

Now it’s being exposed. We see what leftists really think about God, about the Bible, about *human life itself*.

Yes or No?

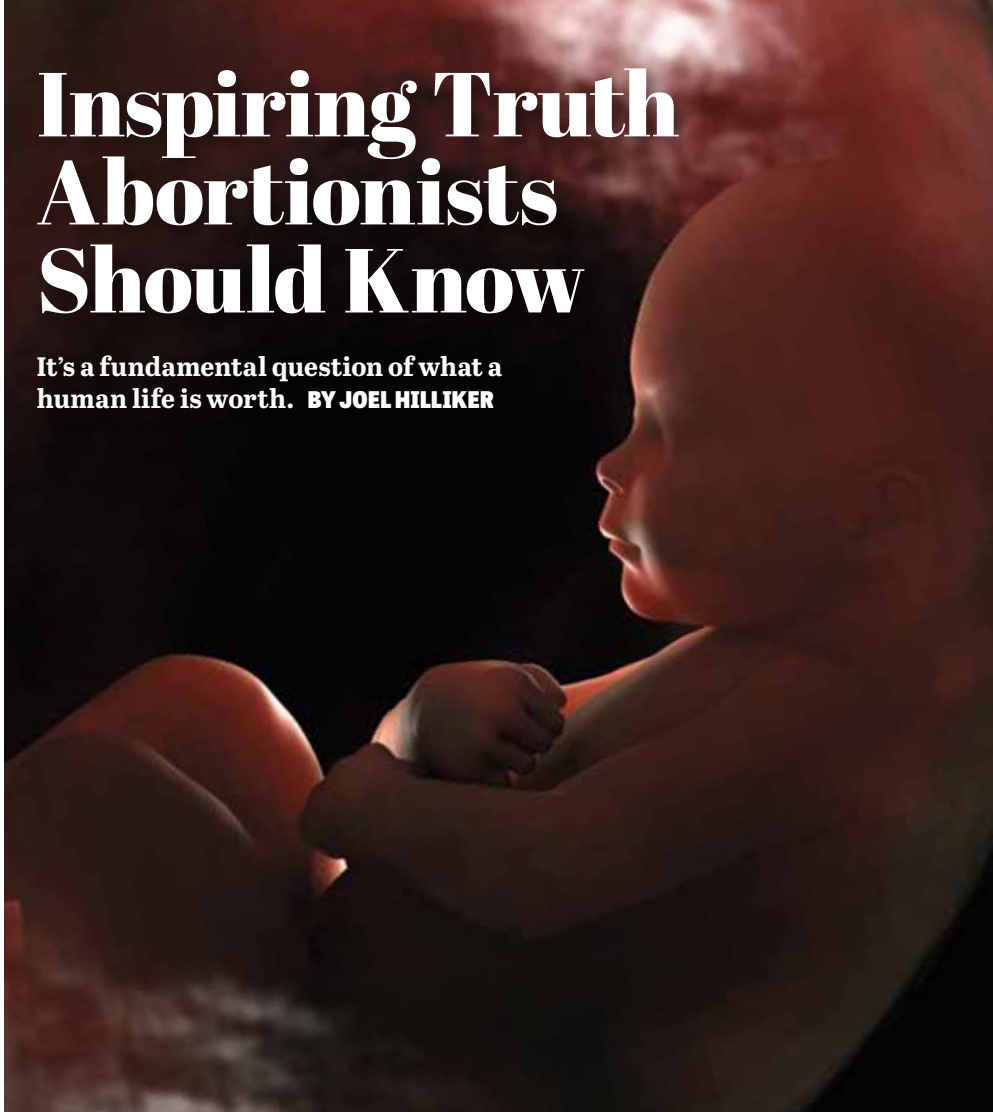
Every year in the United States, well over 1 million babies are killed in the womb, more than a quarter of all unborn children. And a large majority of these deaths occur because parents say they “couldn’t afford to take care of a baby,” they “weren’t ready for the responsibility,” or they “just didn’t want it.”

But abortion advocates say this is no problem, because abortion is just a medical procedure, perhaps no more serious than having a tooth pulled.

But what if abortion is murder? Are

Inspiring Truth Abortionists Should Know

It’s a fundamental question of what a human life is worth. **BY JOEL HILLIKER**



those people absolutely sure it isn’t?

One prominent champion of abortion, Hillary Clinton, famously said that abortion should be “safe, legal and rare—and by rare, I mean rare.” But if abortion is *not* murder, why should it be rare?

Any woman with the choice of whether to get an abortion is faced with an agonizing dilemma. It doesn’t do any good to discuss how “safe” the methods are, or to tell her that it’s an “individual matter.” She needs to know if it is *right* or if it is *wrong*!

This is not a matter of opinion. There is a definite, correct answer to her dilemma. A fetus is either a separate human being from its mother or it isn’t. There is no middle ground. If it is separate, abortion is an act of ending a person’s life, and is therefore murder. We surely all agree that murder is wrong—right?

The person who says murder is wrong, yet believes abortion is permissible, has some serious proving to do.

If a woman is uncertain whether her baby is a person yet or not, she should never simply “take a chance” on it. Yet most honest medical doctors, family-planning counselors, politicians and Supreme Court justices openly admit that they are uncertain of when a baby becomes a person. And they still urge women to fight for the right to abort their babies.

In the majority *Roe v. Wade* decision that led to tens of millions of abortions, the Supreme Court said, “We need not resolve the difficult question of when an unborn child actually becomes a human person with a legal right to live.” They were openly uncertain. They openly sidestepped this life-and-death issue and passed off responsibility for the monumental consequences of their decision with this statement: “When those trained in the respective disciplines of medicine, philosophy and theology are unable to arrive at any consensus, the

judiciary, at this point in the development of man's knowledge, is not in a position to speculate as to the answer."

In the nearly 50 years that *Roe* was considered law, by some estimates over 63 million babies were legally killed in the United States. That equates to about 19 percent of the current U.S. population.

That is the danger of uncertainty. That is the problem with being uneducated about this issue. By not "speculating as to the answer" of whether abortion is right or wrong, the court did, in fact, make a definite decision affecting millions of mothers, exterminating the lives of millions of unborn.

What They Really Think

The Supreme Court justices were uncertain whether they were authorizing the murder of babies. New York legislators did not know if or when a baby in the womb is a human being. Yet in 2019, they passed a law essentially decriminalizing abortions right up to the point of birth. Other states have similar laws. Some legislators have been directly asked whether the laws they support will permit a baby to be killed *when he or she is beginning to emerge*. Their answer? Yes!

When he was governor of Virginia, Ralph Northam said on radio that if an abortion failed and a baby was actually born alive, the mother and the health-care provider could "discuss" whether to let that baby live.

Explaining how late a baby could be aborted, Northam said, "[I]f a mother is in labor, I can tell you exactly what would happen: The infant would be delivered. The infant would be kept comfortable. The infant would be resuscitated—if that's what the mother and the family desired—and then a discussion would ensue between the physicians and the mother."

The language always sounds thoughtful, intelligent, calm. But you cannot mistake what he said! He was describing a child who has already been delivered, alive. He is saying that a discussion will take place to determine whether to let that baby live, or to *kill* him or her.

Lifetimes ago, the left abandoned the realm of absolute right and wrong when they committed to abortion. Ever since, they have reasoned and

campaign-promised their way through the logic. *Abortion should be done for a good reason*, they said. *It should occur early in pregnancy*, they said. *It should be rare*, they said just three presidential elections ago. But since there is no stage between conception and a baby's first breaths where he or she suddenly becomes a human being, they moved their demands. Not in the direction of making abortion earlier and rarer, but further and further toward the light at the end of the birth canal.

And now, *even after that*.

Governor Northam spoke with such humane terminology—keeping the infant comfortable and such ... before killing it.

This is infanticide. This is murder.

This is what happens when we come to view human life as nothing more than matter—atoms colliding with atoms. This is what happens when we say there is nothing sacred about human life.

Here is an unmistakable reality: *Many abortion advocates have a casual, even hostile perspective on human life*.

Opposing this trend are those who view human life as very special, uniquely worthy of preservation and protection.

These two perspectives could not be more different. Which is *your* view? And where does that view ultimately come from?

Sanctity of Human Life

Where does the view of the sanctity of human life come from in the first place? We may think the inherent, precious value of human life is self-evident. But as the example of the abortionists teaches us, that is not so.

Most people don't stop to think about it, and that leftist commentator won't like it—but our high assessment of human life does come from the Bible.

This Book reveals that human beings were created *by God*. Its first chapter describes God renewing the face of the Earth, creating a beautiful environment that would support life—first the atmospheric and geological conditions, then plant life in spectacular variety, then animal life in the skies and seas, then land creatures of every kind, "cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind" (Genesis 1:24). Why did God do all

this? For human life! As His crowning physical creation, "God said, Let us make man in OUR IMAGE, after OUR LIKENESS So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them" (verses 26-27).

The Bible's *first chapter* shows that human beings are unlike any other creation: We are made *in God's image and likeness*. It further reveals that God gave us *dominion* over all the other creatures.

Throw out the Bible, and perhaps *most or all of us* would view human life as a product of blind evolution and altogether insignificant, therefore disposable.

The rest of the Bible reveals WHY God made man and what His *purpose* for us is—and it is a most inspiring truth. God took pains to reveal it in order to give us hope, inspiration and motivation to live productive, moral and purposeful lives.

Most people do not understand the Bible. But flip it open to almost any page and you will see evidence of the specialness and purpose of human life.

King David wrote, "When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; *What is man, that thou art mindful of him?*" (Psalm 8:3-4). Out of all His vast creation, why does God care so much for human beings? "For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast *crowned him with glory and honour*. Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!" (verses 5-9). David was *awestruck* at God's creation and the fact that God crowned humans with such *honor* at the head of it all.

One New Testament author quoted David's psalm: "But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him?" (Hebrews 2:6). He quoted the verses about God putting creation under human dominion, then expanded on them. Herbert W. Armstrong explained in his book *Mystery of the Ages*: "But now the writer of the book of Hebrews is inspired to expand David's prophecy to add something radically *different*—something to happen in the world to come!

“This revealed knowledge of God’s purpose for mankind—of man’s incredible awesome potential—staggered the imagination. Science knows nothing of it—no religion reveals it, so far as I know—and certainly higher education is in utter ignorance of it.

“Nevertheless, it is what God says He has prepared for them that love Him (1 Corinthians 2:9-10).”

Mr. Armstrong showed that the passage in Hebrews 2 plainly reveals God’s purpose: God made human beings to actually help Him govern *not only Earth*, but the UNIVERSE! It describes God crowning Jesus Christ “with glory and honour”—and then intending to bring “MANY sons unto glory” the way He brought His Son Jesus Christ to glory!

The truth about God’s purpose for human beings is awesome and wonderful! Mr. Armstrong wrote an entire book about it, called *The Incredible Human Potential*, which shows that this inspiring purpose is in the Bible from beginning to end (request a complimentary copy). God wants us to *understand* this truth. It gives our lives meaning and direction.

And it gives us crucial perspective on why it is so important to PROTECT and PRESERVE LIFE.

When we reject this truth, as modern secular society has, then we cannot see anything particularly special about human life. Humanism and other ideologies and religions provide poor substitutes. Left empty-handed, we descend into the base thinking and death worship you see in America’s abortion culture.

God’s Law Protects Life

Having created us for a wonderful purpose, God is serious about protecting human life. He authored several laws for that purpose, most powerfully the Sixth Commandment, “*You shall not murder*” (Exodus 20:13; New King James Version).

Throughout history, societies that departed furthest away from godly thinking have come to view murder not as a sin or a crime, but as a *valuable tool for achieving what they want*. In the 20th century alone, governments helmed by Mao Zedong, Adolf Hitler, Joseph Stalin, Hirohito, Pol Pot and Ho Chi Minh took a very *cheap* view of life, and they killed millions upon millions of

people in pursuit of their political aims.

God considers human life so valuable that He commands, “He that smiteth a man, so that he die, *shall be surely put to death*” (Exodus 21:12). Did you know this is the *only law* that is repeated in all five books of the Pentateuch? (see also Genesis 9:6; Leviticus 24:17, 21; Numbers 35:16-18, 31; and Deuteronomy 19:11-13). Many people believe the death penalty is unjust and hypocritical—that it somehow degrades human life. God says it actually shows the *supremely*

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high value of human life! It forcibly demonstrates just how precious was the life of that innocent victim by demanding the severest of penalties for the one who took it.

(You cannot understand human life and God’s plan for it without understanding the Bible’s teaching on the afterlife. The Bible reveals that God will *resurrect* all sinners who have never known Him—including murderers who were executed. *Each person* will receive the opportunity to repent and live forever—e.g. Revelation 20:11-12. So that execution for a crime is not an eternal death sentence.)

God has no pleasure in the death of the wicked. But He demanded the death penalty, not only to put a murderer out of his misery (and then reserve him for resurrection) but also so that others would hear and fear, *to prevent more innocent life from being taken*. Such a serious command protecting life has a powerful deterrent effect: Fewer people commit murder, meaning fewer murder victims and fewer executed murderers.

In the law God gave ancient Israel, even the punishment for manslaughter, *accidental* killing, was severe: The killer had to uproot his life and flee to a city of refuge, remaining there until the high priest died (Numbers 35). This too engendered deep respect for the life of our fellow man.

God’s law even commands that an *animal* which kills a human being is

to be killed (Exodus 21:28-32). Many other ancient codes of law address the matter of an animal injuring or killing a human being—but only in God’s law was the *animal* subject to the death penalty and its flesh rendered unfit for human consumption. In Babylon, for example, the uppermost concern was to protect the property of the wealthy and powerful. In God’s law, the sanctity of a human life, formed in the image and likeness of God, was paramount.

Most relevant to recent events, God even gave a law to protect *the life of an unborn child in the womb*.

In verses 22-23, the New King James Version reads, “If men fight, and hurt a woman with child, so that she gives birth prematurely, yet no harm follows [meaning, no injury comes to the fetus], he shall surely be punished accordingly as the woman’s husband imposes on him; and he shall pay as the judges determine.” The perpetrator had only to pay damages for whatever inconvenience or hardship might have come on the parents. “But,” it continues, “if any harm follows, then you shall give *life for life*.” In other words, if his actions caused the unborn child to die, he was sentenced to death!

In the eyes of God’s law, *human life is sacred*. And the life of an *unborn child* is EQUAL to that of an adult.

This law gave the penalty for *accidentally* killing a fetus. How do you suppose the God who made that law views the doctors who perform abortions for profit, or counseling services that pressure pregnant women into killing their babies, or judges who decide it is “legal,” or politicians, lobbyists and activists who encourage such laws and debate the merits of intentionally leaving a newborn to die on a hospital table?

Life begins AT CONCEPTION. Not only is this true by biblical reckoning, it is also the only *scientifically viable* view. The question cannot be satisfactorily, definitively answered any other way. After conception, there is no stage of a child’s development, no moment of maturation, that suddenly makes him or her become a human being. He or she is a human being at conception. The *ONLY* reason there would be any disagreement over this point is that people want to carry on with their lives without an unwanted, unborn child—and thus want to justify killing it.

The Danger of Human Reasoning

This message about the supreme value of human life is consistent throughout the Bible. It is when we ignore that revelation from our Creator that we begin to rationalize acts of brutality toward other human beings, even *killing*.

Abortion advocates always use noble-sounding language like “freedom” and “choice” and “health care” and “equality” and “women’s rights” and “women’s health.” (They wouldn’t get very far proclaiming the virtues of “fornication,” “poisoning” and “dismemberment.”) However, the closer you look into the *actual reality* of abortion, the more shocking and grotesque it is. Once people remove God from the picture, once they discard absolutes and begin traveling down that road in their thinking, they end up justifying actions that are more and more horrific.

When human beings discard the truth that God is our Creator, and they hypothesize that His vast, spectacular, beautiful creation is a cosmic accident without meaning, purpose or inherent value—when we reject God’s revelation and begin reasoning our way through questions of life and death—then rationalization for all kinds of destructive behavior increases, even murder.

God says abortion is murder. Society vehemently disagrees. In the wake of *Roe v. Wade* being overturned, abortion advocates have expressed themselves with renewed passion. They use the language of “rights” and “freedom”—even, ironically, “health”—but they are aggressively promoting *murder*.

A 2006 documentary called *Lake of Fire* included footage of an abortionist, holding a tub containing the contents of his latest procedure. He is washing out a tub of intestines and bones and organs and tiny hands, ensuring he evacuated everything properly. He is measuring the length of a tiny severed foot on a ruler to assess how far the child’s development had advanced. And this is the language coming out of his mouth: “Well the media attention is always directed for the fetus and the gory parts, if you will, of providing the procedure—when the really important thing is that we’ve been able to help this young lady get on with her life. She’s planning to go to school and she doesn’t have to take on the responsibilities of

parenting. And here in just a few minutes we’re able to facilitate her decision to not be a parent at this time.”

How compassionate. How magnanimous and high-minded he is—as he holds a *tiny decapitated head* with his fingers. *Don’t focus on the gory parts*, he says. *Focus on the fact that we’re helping her live her life the way she wants to live it. And look—it takes mere minutes to turn that life into a tub of body parts.*

This is what the people passing these laws are really celebrating. Not

In the abortion issue, the contrast is clear between the view of that evil being and that of the beneficent Creator.

“reproductive rights.” Not “protecting a mother’s health.” They are celebrating a woman gaining the freedom to walk away from parenthood—to make the same terrible choice that an irresponsible man can—by murdering her child.

How can they have grown so callous? What is really behind such thinking? The Bible exposes its true origin: “the god of this world,” a malevolent spirit that *hates* human beings and wants to *destroy us*—and yet who rules this world (2 Corinthians 4:4). “He was a murderer from the beginning, and ... there is no truth in him. ... [F]or he is a liar, and the father of it” (John 8:44). Surcharging the air with hostility toward the Creator, he is “the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience” (Ephesians 2:2).

Yes, that murderous, lying spirit “now works” in a world increasingly filled with and governed by “children of disobedience.”

Look starkly at the abortion issue, and the contrast is stunningly clear between the view, and influence, of that evil being—and that of the beneficent Creator.

The Apostle Paul prophesied in 2 Timothy 3:1-4 that “in the last days *perilous* times shall come. For men shall be *lovers of their own selves* [selfish, self-centered] ... *disobedient to parents* ... *Without natural affection* ... *incontinent* [without self-control], *fierce* [brutal] ... *lovers of*

pleasures more than lovers of God.”

We are living in these prophesied “last days.” Our world is rife with the attitudes Paul forecast—attitudes that lead to illicit sex and to unwanted babies. And to brutal abortions on a mass scale. And to fighting fervidly to perpetuate this ghoulish reality.

God is already correcting us for these sins, and that correction is certain to get far more severe. One day soon, however—thanks to that correction—people will get reacquainted with the Creator they have turned their backs on. And they will learn to cherish the sanctity of the gift of life.

A God of Life!

God is a God of LIFE! He created life, He created human beings, and He *protects* human beings from other human beings. God *loves* human beings and wants the best for us. This is a beautiful truth that abortion advocates do not recognize. When we believe God’s truth and revelation, when we accept His guidance, when we follow His laws, we are blessed for it. Our lives become infused with purpose and hope. Our thinking becomes cleaner and brighter and more positive. A society that respects His creation and His laws also respects *life*, in all its forms.

If you are open to the biblical truth on this subject, read “[Is Abortion Really Murder?](#)” ([theTrumpet.com/65](#)). Besides physical proofs, it gives compelling and inspiring *spiritual* perspective on the preciousness of an unborn life! Realizing what the Creator of human beings is doing with physical *and spiritual* conception and birth will stun you and stir you.

God tells us, in Deuteronomy 30:19, “I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore CHOOSE LIFE, that *both thou and thy seed* may LIVE.” God wants us to LIVE! He gives us His truth and His law that we and our children may LIVE!

And He tells us plainly—He pleads with us: *Do not choose death. Don’t go your own way. Don’t reason your way through this. Follow me. Obey me. Learn to think as I think. Learn to view human life as I do. Learn my wonderful purpose—for you and for your children. And CHOOSE LIFE!*

Excavation Underway in Jerusalem

The new Armstrong Institute of Biblical Archaeology gets to work.

BY BRAD MACDONALD

Two AC student volunteers excavate on the Ophel in July 2022.

JERUSALEM IS WHERE ARCHAEOLOGY uncovers the empires of past centuries and millenniums and brings biblical history, and even prophecy, to life. The publisher of the *Trumpet* is again participating in scientific excavations in this spectacular and storied city.

In January, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry established the Armstrong Institute of Biblical Archaeology as a nonprofit academic and educational institution headquartered in Jerusalem. Its main goal is to share and promote

Israel's biblical archaeology and history.

The institute hosts an engaging new website, *ArmstrongInstitute.org*, offering articles, videos, visuals and podcasts of Israel's biblical archaeology. It also publishes *Let the Stones Speak*, a bimonthly print magazine focused on biblical archaeology and history.

In July, AIBA signed a three-year lease on a beautiful building: a three-story, Arab-style villa originally constructed in 1926. The institute's new home is in Rehavia, one of Jerusalem's preeminent neighborhoods, a short stroll from the

residences of both Israel's president and prime minister. Following seven weeks of renovations, the Armstrong Institute staff moved into the new building at the end of August. It provides residential and office space, an area for small archaeological exhibits, and room for the combined libraries of archaeologists Dr. Eilat Mazar and her grandfather, Prof. Benjamin Mazar. The institute acquired these libraries following Eilat's death in May 2021. The collection of approximately 4,000 books (plus another 4,000 archaeology- and history-related books we acquired from Hebrew University) represents a wealth of crucial historical and scientific knowledge revolving around the most historic and important city on Earth. The library will be opened to the public upon request.

The latest excavation commenced on July 12. AIBA staff and Herbert W. Armstrong College students excavated on the Ophel in Jerusalem, further exposing a Second Temple structure that was partially uncovered in 2018.

The Ophel is one of the most important places in Israel, both historically and archaeologically. This area lies north of and adjacent to the City of David, the capital of Israel's most famous king. It was on the Ophel that King Solomon constructed his impressive palace, a massive royal armory (see 1 Kings 7), a series of fortification walls and gatehouses, and most notably, the temple.

The Ophel was the seat of government and religion for the kingdom of Israel and then the kingdom of Judah for roughly 400 years, from the middle of the 10th century B.C. to the fall of Jerusalem in 585 B.C. The area remained crucial throughout the Second Temple period, from around 445 B.C. until Jerusalem again fell in A.D. 70.

Though this is AIBA's first official excavation, it is actually our eighth. Students from Herbert W. Armstrong College have conducted archaeological excavations with the late Jerusalem archaeologist Dr. Eilat Mazar through the Armstrong International Cultural Foundation since 2006, and most of these have occurred on the Ophel. Together we uncovered some incredible finds, including



An AC student volunteer lays sandbags on the Ophel.



The 2022 Ophel dig crew, with Prof. Uzi Leibner front and center



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large fortification walls built by King Solomon, the bullae of King Hezekiah and Isaiah the prophet, a large cache of A.D. 70 Jewish Rebellion coins and the stunning gold Menorah Medallion.

After a four-year break, we were excited to return to the Ophel. Though we miss Dr. Mazar greatly, we are now privileged to work under the direction of one of her good friends and colleagues, Prof. Uzi Leibner. Professor Leibner is the head of the Hebrew University Institute of Archaeology and specializes in Greek, Roman and Byzantine periods. He is also an outstanding teacher. On the dig, he routinely educates our diggers on what they are uncovering and readily shares his thoughts on new finds.

We are also digging alongside our good friend, archaeologist Amir Cohen-Klonymous, who served as area supervisor over the beautiful Second Temple Herodian steps. The other area supervisor is AIBA researcher and writer Christopher Eames, who is overseeing the excavation of the subterranean tunnel network. AIBA supplies all the funding, most of the labor and, with Professor Leibner, much of the organization and planning.

2022 has already been a busy year for AIBA, and there is much work still to do. Mr. Flurry and the AIBA team have more ambitious projects planned. If you are interested in uncovering the incredible, moving biblical history of Jerusalem, visit ArmstrongInstitute.org.



The entrance to Armstrong Institute's new building in Jerusalem

AIBA Objectives

- To promote the Bible as a credible and essential historical resource in the practice of archaeology in Israel
- To feature and continue the archaeological work of Dr. Eilat Mazar and her grandfather, Prof. Benjamin Mazar
- To analyze and explain archaeological excavations and discoveries past and present in the context of the Bible
- To challenge the unwarranted and unsupported criticisms leveled against the use of the Bible in archaeology in Israel
- To encourage archaeologists to consider and employ Bible history in the practice of archaeology

YOU MIGHT THINK THAT IT WOULDN'T happen here. But by now we need to expect the unexpected. Many Dutch farmers thought it wouldn't happen there. But it has.

As of this writing, those farmers are in the streets protesting a drastic government plan to shut down an incredible one third of all Dutch farming. Some unarmed protesters have even been fired upon by police.

Dutch fishermen have joined in, fearing that their livelihoods will be the next sacrifice to environmentalism. Fishermen and farmers have blockaded ports, closed distribution centers, and clogged roads with tractors.

Polls indicate many, if not most, sympathize with the protesters. It's easy to see why. It's hard to think of a more self-destructive policy than destroying a third of your own food production. If the government shut down a third of car factories, for example, people could make do. But people cannot go without food. They will be forced to pay more and import it from other countries that may or may not have the best interests of the Dutch in mind. But the government is completely committed, to the point of shots fired, to making its people dependent on supply chains from foreign countries for its essential food supply, even after two years of massive disruptions to global supply chains.

But perhaps the most surprising part of this story is that the Netherlands is not alone. Many countries are ready to harm their own food production, people

and security in the name of environmentalism. Canada is trying to cut its emissions from fertilizer use by 30 percent by 2030. The European Union is trying to twist Australia's arm to adopt similar policies. American farmers say the government is making it even harder to produce food.

Why are environmentalists attacking our food supply?

Going Dutch

The Netherlands is an agricultural exporting powerhouse. This comparatively tiny nation is the world's number two exporter of agricultural goods after the United States.

Confirming stereotypes, a good chunk of this agricultural output is tulips. But the Netherlands also exports large amounts of meat, dairy and vegetables. And according to the government, that's a problem.

Or rather, the EU has *made* it the Dutch government's problem. The story of farmers having their livelihoods shut down because they're too successful shows the power accumulated by unelected bureaucrats in Brussels.

It also shows how well-intentioned rules can be twisted into insane outcomes.

In 1992, the Netherlands signed the European Habitats Directive, a document that claimed to have the noble goal of helping Europe work together to protect endangered species and habitats. It mentioned nitrogen exactly zero times. The 146-page "interpretation

manual" said nothing about nitrogen pollution. The politicians who signed this, and the people voting for it, never believed this would one day be used to shut down farms.

But environmental activists and European judges thought differently. In 2019, the European Court of Justice ruled that the Dutch government was violating this directive by not doing enough to restrict nitrogen pollution. The Dutch government—which in the past fought hard against European rulings it didn't like—finally caved in and introduced new laws to shut down farms.

The nitrogen the environmentalists are so concerned about comes largely in the form of nitrogen oxides, burned by cars, or ammonia and nitrous oxide, found in manure and fertilizer.

Belgium has been the victim of a similar court ruling. Jan Willem Erisman, a professor of environmental sustainability at Leiden University, said, "[I]f German or French activists went to court, the situation would probably be the same there."

The EU is working to spread similar rules around the globe. It's working on a trade deal with Australia at the moment. The EU's summary of the negotiation's progress discusses the nitrogen emissions of Australia's agricultural industry at length and concludes that "negotiators are recommended to commit to stimulate further climate action in the context of the [free-trade agreement]."

Is Australia about to walk into the same trap as the Netherlands?

Forced Farm Shutdowns: Coming to Your Country?

A telling example of how the environmental movement is being used as a weapon

BY RICHARD PALMER



The EU's push is a reflection of a global environmental focus on agriculture. In February 2020, the *Guardian* described growing "coalitions of politicians, activists and conscience-stricken billionaires" working to change how we use land. "Their guiding philosophy—that we should leave the land alone—upends the long dominant view that land should be cleared, plowed and wrung ever more efficiently for food," it wrote. Long before that, in 2006, the *Ecologist* called agriculture "humanity's worst invention."

In the U.S., environmentalists regularly wage war on cattle ranchers. "Are we under assault? Very much so," said Shawn Martini of the Colorado Farm Bureau. Utah Farm Bureau president Ron Gibson warned about environmentalists with a "goal to destroy agriculture 100 percent."

Some of these activists are lawyers, politicians and protesters. Bill Gates is an activist and the largest private farmland owner in the U.S., with close to 1 percent of the nation's farmland. He once said that "all rich countries should move to 100 percent synthetic beef" and that governments could "use regulation to totally shift the demand."

Is This a Good Thing?

Many religious groups take the side of the environmentalists, so it may be a surprise to see a news outlet affiliated with a church take an opposite view. But it's important to see the wider picture.

First, this is not to defend man's current agricultural practices. There are serious, genuine problems with the way we farm, and some of these regulations would address them.

The Bible directly condemns exploitation of the land. Old Testament Israel observed laws that protected the soil, the environment and animal welfare. Some EU laws, like those limiting the use of antibiotics in farm animals, help promote healthier animals and better quality meat for consumers—without shutting down farms.

But the current assault on farming is an example of misguided environmental zealotry, which for many has actually morphed into neo-pagan religion. Efforts to protect the environment at all costs, often based on bad science and anti-biblical ideas, have become a weapon to attack the West, especially Britain and America.

Right now, the Biden administration is doing everything it can to make it harder for Americans to drill for oil. At the same time, it is begging countries like Saudi Arabia to increase oil production. This alone exposes the true purpose of the movement: It doesn't help the environment, but it does hurt America.

Germany, meanwhile, is shuttering its nuclear power stations, which produce no carbon dioxide, while opening up its coal power stations. This is at the same time that the Greens party is part of the governing coalition. It's also rolling back environmental rules to boost agriculture. And Germany claims to be a champion of environmental issues.

None of this makes sense until you realize that, for many, environmentalism is a political tool to harm America and others.

This is part of a larger effort—one of the most significant trends in the world today: the determined effort to bring down biblical Israel.

An Attack on Israel

The Bible has many prophecies about the nations (plural) of Israel in the modern day—prophecies that cannot possibly apply only to the Jewish state of Israel in the Middle East. The Jews are descended from just one tribe. If we believe what the Bible says, we must identify the other tribes.

In his book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, Herbert W. Armstrong showed that Britain and America, along with several other nations of Europe—including the Netherlands—are descended from ancient Israel.

2 Kings 14:27 describes an effort to "blot out the name of Israel" (read our free book *America Under Attack* to understand why this verse is prophecy for today). Much of the environmental movement is part of this effort—though they may well be ignorant of this fact.

God is working out a plan to serve the whole world through Israel. Bible prophecies about Israel point the whole world to God—the true, living God who is powerful and involved in world events and the lives of individuals.

The Bible also describes an evil spirit being that works to thwart and blot out that plan, and therefore Israel.

"Efforts to reverse climate change may look like they spring from good

intentions, but there is an evil spirit behind it," wrote *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry. "It is all tainted by deceit, intimidation, bullying and autocratic tendencies. This is exactly the way a great evil spirit thinks! He wants control and will use any means he can to get it. He is very active in the world today, and the climate change controversy is evidence of this fact" (*Trumpet*, August 2017).

This is why misinformation on this subject is so rife. It is why opponents of the environmental movement are silenced or even, in the Netherlands, shot at. The war on agriculture is an expression of an effort to bring down Israel.

God gave Israel abundant agricultural blessings. Micah 5:7 specifically promised that the whole world would benefit as a result of the agricultural wealth supplied to the descendants of these Israelite countries.

America was gifted with the largest piece of contiguous farmland in the world in the form of the Mississippi River basin. The rise of the British Empire was preceded by an agricultural revolution that made it possible.

Some of these blessings have already been removed. Our nations are suffering from the consequences of our own actions, including our refusal to use our agricultural resources as the Bible commands.

The Israelite nations still have enormous agricultural wealth, but this environmentalist attack on food production would leave them more dependent on other countries for their survival and vulnerable to being cut off from world trade. This is exactly what the Bible describes, warning of a siege and people starving in the cities if we fail to heed God's warnings (Ezekiel 5:1-4, 12).

God is allowing this attack on Israel as part of His plan to bring the whole world to the point where they will listen to Him.

Harmony with His laws will lead to a world that both produces ample food (including meat) to feed its population and protects the national environment far better than we are doing now.

To learn more about the climate change movement and how it is being used against America, read our article "What the Paris Climate Agreement Was Really About" (theTrumpet.com/15956). ■



Mourners gather at a makeshift memorial outside the Uvalde County Courthouse on May 26.

Why Does God Allow Suffering?

A 6,000-year experiment of epic proportions and a massive dose of aversion therapy **BY STEPHEN FLURRY**

THE HUMAN CONDITION IS DOMINATED by human suffering. We have seen intense instances of this in the aftermath of recent mass shootings, war in Europe, lockdowns, forced vaccinations and more. But human suffering is everywhere—throughout the world and throughout human history.

People see the bodies of children in pools of blood and they stop believing in God.

Is it not fair to ask how a loving, all-powerful God could allow such horrific suffering?

How could this be God's world?

Think of the billions whose lives have been tragically cut short by war, violence, disease epidemics, starvation and malnutrition. Think of the billions who have lived unfulfilled, unhappy lives. How could God allow such things to go on? Why doesn't He put a stop to it?

Of all fields of human knowledge, religion should best be able to answer such difficult questions. But when we examine the answers religion offers, we are left even more confused. Most religions teach that God rules this world, and they don't know why He allows such rampant suffering!

Christian churches teach that God is trying to convert the world today. That is

why they engage in evangelism, missions, youth movements, church drives and politics, not to mention crusades,quisitions and "holy" wars—past and future. They believe they are saving some from suffering, now and through eternity.

But think of the billions over the past 6,000 years who have lived and died never knowing Jesus Christ. If God is trying to save the world now, He must be failing miserably. How could a just God allow so many to suffer and suffer and then die forever, never having a chance for salvation? But this is exactly what the churches teach.

Note a few scriptures that challenge this view. In Galatians 1:4, the Apostle Paul refers to the age in which we live as "this present evil world." In 2 Corinthians 4:4, he refers to Satan the devil as "the god of this world." In Revelation 12:9, the Apostle John says that Satan "deceiveth the whole world."

If God is struggling against Satan to save this world now, these verses reveal God to be *losing the battle*. Is that what is happening today?

To get real answers to these questions, we must set aside preconceived ideas and prejudices and let God speak for Himself!

God has not left us without answers. He clearly reveals in the Bible why we suffer.

The Two Trees

God created man perfect physically (Genesis 1:31), yet unfinished spiritually. God offered man His Holy Spirit, which, when combined with man's human spirit, would have completed his spiritual creation (Romans 8:16; 1 Corinthians 2:9-11). But Adam rejected God's Spirit when he disobeyed God, followed his wife, and partook of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Most people are familiar with the story of Adam and Eve but have never understood its true significance. The foundation of human civilization was not about two fruit trees—it was about two ways of life.

The tree of life represented living God's way as led by His Holy Spirit. By obeying God's commands, Adam could have partaken of the tree of life and received God's Holy Spirit (Acts 5:32). This would have given Adam the power to think like God—to have a godly relationship with his Creator and with his fellow man. It is this attitude, not an actual piece of fruit, that would have led to joyful, eternal spiritual life. Romans 8:10 refers to God's Spirit as life. This spirit-life comes only as a gift from God (Romans 6:23).

The tree of the knowledge of good and evil represented human reasoning, influenced by Satan. In taking from this symbolic tree, Adam and his offspring willingly subjected themselves to the seductive and deceitful spirit of Satan (Ephesians 2:2).

By taking from this wrong tree, Adam cut his descendants—all of mankind—off from having access to God and His Spirit. This is the path Adam chose. Genesis 3:22 and 24 explain the outcome of Adam's rebellious decision: "And the Lord God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life."

The 6,000-Year Sentence

Mystery of the Ages author Herbert W. Armstrong wrote that when Adam made his fateful decision, God said, in effect, "You have made the decision for yourself

and the world that shall spring from you. You have rejected me as the basic source of knowledge—you have rejected power from me through my Spirit to live the righteous way—you have rebelled against my command and my government—you have chosen the ‘GETTING,’ ‘TAKING’ way of Satan. Therefore I sentence you and the world you shall beget to 6,000 years of being *cut off* from access to me and my Spirit—except for the exceedingly FEW I shall specially call. And that FEW shall be called for special service preparatory for the Kingdom of God. They shall be required to do what you have failed to do—reject, resist and overcome Satan and his WAYS, and follow the ways of my spiritual LAW.

“Go, therefore, Adam, and all your progeny that shall form the world, produce your own fund of knowledge. Decide for yourself what is good and what is evil. Produce your own educational systems and means of disseminating knowledge, as your god Satan shall mislead you. Form your own concepts of what is god, your own religions, your own governments, your own lifestyles and forms of society and civilization. In all this Satan will deceive your world with his attitude of SELF-centeredness—with vanity, lust and greed, jealousy and envy, competition and strife and violence and wars, rebellion against me and my law of LOVE.

“After the world of your descendants has written the lesson in 6,000 years of human suffering, anguish, frustration, defeat and death—after the world that shall spring from you shall have been brought to confess the utter hopelessness of the way of life you have chosen—I will supernaturally intervene. By supernatural divine power I shall then take over the government of the whole world. With reeducation, I will produce a happy world of PEACE. And on repentance, I shall then offer eternal salvation to all. After a thousand years of that happy world to come, I will resurrect from death to mortal life all who have died uncalled during this present 6,000 years. Their judgment shall then come. And on repentance and faith, eternal life shall be offered them.

“During this 6,000 years, when I myself shall cut them off from me, they shall not be eternally judged. Only, as

they sow during their lifetimes, they shall reap. But *when* I open eternal salvation to them, there shall be no Satan to hinder or deceive them—no Satan for them to overcome. Those few called during this first 6,000 years shall have to reject and resist Satan’s pulls and overcome. But those who overcome shall sit with me in my throne, and have power under me to rule all nations under my supreme rule.”

Aversion Therapy

Mr. Armstrong referred to this 6,000-year “lesson” man is recording by his own experience as *aversion therapy*. Some clinics still employ this method of therapy to help people overcome addictions. If a person is an alcoholic,

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for instance, he would be forced to drink alcohol until it made him so sick that he would never want another drink!

In a sense, that is what God is doing with this world. He is not forcing us to go the way of Satan, but He is allowing us to fill our minds full of Satan’s way of life. God is allowing it to bring us to the point where we will absolutely loathe and abhor this “present evil world.” He is allowing man to go his own way so that he might see the fruits of living contrary to God’s law of love.

To this point, however, mankind in general has not learned the lesson God is teaching. Rather than solving our own suffering, we are multiplying it. Even in the face of horrific suffering, mankind in general refuses to acknowledge that we are wrong, that we are incapable of solving our suffering, that we need to submit to God, that we are eating from the wrong tree.

The evils of our present generation are like those of Noah’s day, when *every* imagination of the thoughts of man “was

only evil continually” (Genesis 6:5).

The Bible prophesied these same immoral conditions would be widespread in the end time: “But as the days of Noe [Noah] were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be” (Matthew 24:37). In Noah’s day, the masses mocked God’s warnings until the floodwaters came and “took them all away” (verse 39).

This is our time. Lurching from one terrible crisis to the next, most people again ridicule God’s warning message. But that will not alter the prophesied outcome: “For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect’s sake those days

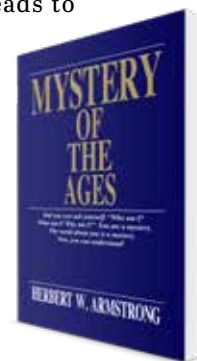
shall be shortened” (Matthew 24:21-22).

This will be the end result of man’s rebellion against God, which began with the first man nearly 6,000 years ago. Once the culmination of human rebellion and human suffering comes, mankind will recognize the horrible results of his 6,000-year experiment of rejecting God. Finally, man will be fed up with all the evils and sufferings he has brought upon himself. Finally, man will want to seek after God and His way of life.

The lesson in aversion therapy will have served its purpose. Jesus Christ will return. He will remove Satan from ruling mankind. At that time, as well as through a later resurrection of all who have ever lived never knowing God, He will reopen to all mankind the same choice that He gave to Adam: Rebel and choose the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, which leads to suffering and death, or submit and choose the tree of life, which leads to the incredible human potential. ■

The mystery of the ages

To understand the foundation, the current state and the future of mankind, the cause for human suffering and the hope beyond, request your free copy of ***Mystery of the Ages***, by Herbert W. Armstrong.



► **WOKE MILITARY** FROM PAGE 10

that Sen. Bernie Sanders was the most popular presidential candidate among soldiers. This alone shows the division in the military.

America is bitterly divided. Prominent observers are discussing the possibility of civil war. One 2019 Georgetown University poll showed that two thirds of Americans believe the U.S. is “on the edge of civil war.” Will military infighting between pro-capitalist and pro-socialist forces destroy American power to such an extent that “some trans-Atlantic military giant might actually step the ocean and crush us at a blow”?

Bible prophecy indicates that the answer is yes.

The late Herbert W. Armstrong explained in his landmark book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* that the Anglo-Saxons and related peoples who settled the United States and Britain are descended from the ancient Israelite tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh. This means the Bible’s end-time prophecies concerning Israel are primarily directed at America and Britain.

In Ezekiel 5, God reveals that one third of the population of end-time Israel will die from pestilence, famine and violence before a foreign power invades to carry

the population away as enslaved people.

“And I will do in thee that which I have not done, and whereunto I will not do any more the like, because of all thine abominations. ... A third part of thee shall die with the pestilence, and with famine shall they be consumed in the midst of thee: and a third part shall fall by the sword round about thee; and I will scatter a third part into all

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the winds, and I will draw out a sword after them” (verses 9, 12). These verses indicate that America will *damage itself* before foreign enemies invade.

Mr. Armstrong strongly believed that communism would be the ideology to weaken America to the point where it could no longer defend itself. “What we fail to grasp, in the struggle with Russia, is this: We are not fighting a single nation in a military war, but a gigantic worldwide, plain-clothes army, masquerading as a political party, seeking to conquer

the world with an entirely *new kind* of warfare,” Mr. Armstrong wrote in 1956. “It’s a kind of warfare we don’t understand, or know how to cope with. It uses every diabolical means to weaken us *from within*, sapping our strength, perverting our morals, sabotaging our educational system, wrecking our social structure, destroying our spiritual and religious life, weakening our industrial and economic power, demoralizing our armed forces, and finally, after such infiltration, overthrowing our government by force and violence! All this, cleverly disguised as a harmless political party!”

Today, we see a Marxist presidential administration working overtime to unmake the U.S. military. The American people may well be the author and finisher of their own destruction unless something dramatic happens.

The great lesson of all history is that the law of God is the only law that leads to peace, unity and prosperity. As people seek unity with God, they also achieve agreement with each other.

As political division and civil unrest grips America, as hostile foreign powers rise, it’s time to look to the same Bible Abraham Lincoln did, and to “[s]eek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near” (Isaiah 55:6; Revised Standard Version). ■

► **THE BIG LIE** FROM PAGE 17

McCorvey was never raped; nobody should exact revenge for Jane Roe; Brett Kavanaugh is not a rapist; *Roe v. Wade* was always unconstitutional; abortion is murder. But millions of Americans reject these basic facts, and many are willing to commit violence in the name of a lie.

“The radical left is sick,” my father wrote in his 2018 article, “The Kavanaugh Hearings Reveal America’s Lawless Spirit.” “They do not accept criticism, and they are not sound-minded. The power behind them is very dangerous! What they are doing has the devil’s fingerprints all over it! *Satan* is ‘the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience’ (Ephesians 2:2). He loves to stir up nasty, unbridled emotion. Americans need to wake up! Satan is at work—dividing the country, turning us against each other, hollowing away the strength of our republic! Bible prophecy shows this is leading to nation-destroying violence! It seems the radical left has virtually taken over the entire Democratic Party today, with few exceptions. And they are pushing for conflict!” (*Trumpet*, November-December 2018; theTrumpet.com/17847).

A prophecy in Ezekiel 5:12 reveals that *one third* of the population of end-time America will die from the pestilence,

famine and violence that will result from civil war. That is more than 100 million deaths from rioting and warfare in the U.S.—160 times more than died in America’s first Civil War! Our free book *Ezekiel—The End-Time Prophet* explains these sobering prophecies in more detail, but to truly understand the lying spirit behind such wanton death and destruction you need to read my father’s new book, *America Under Attack*.

Satan has a strong grip on the Communist left, but he influences everyone. That is why God reveals him as “the god of this world” (2 Corinthians 4:4). You need to recognize his influence and see his hand behind the attack on America so you can repent of your part in its downfall and have a chance to be spared from the coming destruction! ■

What is a family?

Do you know the answer? More importantly, does it match God’s answer? Request your free copy of *Redefining Family* to learn how abortion is only one of several attacks on the most important institution on Earth.



Love Is Concern

Live by this eternal truth.



WHAT IS LOVE? OPINIONS VARY WILDLY.

Aiming for a simple definition for true love, educator Herbert W. Armstrong penned these four words: “an unselfish, outgoing concern.” True love, defined by God, is not an emotion, though it can be expressed with emotional content. Love is a decision; love is action. Mr. Armstrong often expressed it as living the “give way.”

This definition meshes with the biblical description of true love in 1 Corinthians 13. This passage gives wonderful detail about godly love and shows how this love is everything and *outlasts everything*.

Mr. Armstrong’s definition went on to say that this *concern* is “for the good and welfare of the one loved.” So this love isn’t simply the action of give; there is genuine *concern* involved—concern for their good and welfare.

That is what 1 Corinthians 13:3 tells us. Read it carefully: “And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity [godly love], it profiteth me nothing.” This is remarkably profound. You can give all your goods—and lack God’s love. You can sacrifice your life—and not have God’s love.

This too squares with Mr. Armstrong’s definition—that love is more than emotion and even more than just action. In true love, emotions and actions spring from *concern*, which is an attitude or frame of mind.

That *attitude* is all-important in determining whether or not we are expressing God’s love.

Action and concern are not necessarily separate concepts either. God’s love is action-based concern and concern-filled action. Mr. Armstrong continued: “True love *combines* the rational aspect of outgoing concern—desire to help, serve, give or share—along with sincere concerned affectionate *feeling*.”

Consider: You could do “giving” things, yet if you did so with a “get” attitude these wouldn’t yield harmonious relationships or other fruits of God’s love in your life. We all can give, serve, even “cooperate”—in the wrong attitude. We can do those things in the *spirit* of competing and taking, or perhaps of self-righteousness.

A way we can gauge this is how weary we get in our service. If we give only because we are *supposed* to, then we will get tired

of serving. If we do it only because no one else will, we can grow weary in well doing. If you help someone *only* because it’s the “right thing to do,” then you can only sustain that for so long. Such service will wear you down.

We all get physically tired and need rest and recharging. But if truly motivated by godly love, we will not get *spiritually* tired. If you help others and give of your time because you *care* for them—that is, you care about it getting done more than caring who gets credit—that is the “outgoing concern.” If you serve because you truly *care* for the one you’re serving, then you are cooperating with the invisible, immutable, inexorable godly force that governs all relationships.

If we are concerned about others, our actions can be *truly* loving. The next verses in 1 Corinthians 13 define that love in action: how it behaves and doesn’t behave. It also shows the attitudes *behind* those actions: what it is concerned with, or not concerned about, or what causes it to rejoice.

Verse 8 shows how this is an enduring law in creation: “*Love never fails*. But whether there are prophecies, they will fail; whether there are tongues, they will cease; whether there is knowledge, it will vanish away” (New King James Version). So much of what we deal with is “partial.” A prophecy is no longer a prophecy when the event it has forecast has come to pass. Language (“tongues”) is only a means of representing reality. Even knowledge itself could just be an intellectual form of some reality—not the reality itself. Verse 9 says even what we prophesy and know is partial and limited.

But God’s love is everything. It has always existed because God has always existed and will continue to exist forever. “But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away” (verse 10). When God’s plan is fulfilled, so much of what we deal with will cease or become obsolete—but not God’s love. Because that is the force that has forever governed and will govern all relationships.

God is concerned with our outgoing concern. His purpose for man is to build His character within us, which is fundamentally His love—because God is love (1 John 4:8, 16). He must *give us* His love, as we don’t have it naturally within us (Romans 5:5). The more we express it in our lives, the more we are sharing in something that will last forever, and the closer we come to fulfilling the purpose for which we exist!

WORLDWATCH

ASIA

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Russia finally claimed total victory over the area of Luhansk, Ukraine, at the start of July, after months of failure and frustration. Russia's full-scale invasion, which began in late February, has been marked by poor organization and heavy attrition. Yet it has continued to fight. Its victory in Luhansk could prove to be the turning point.

Russian forces are also intensifying operations in the nearby Donetsk area. British intelligence reported on July 9 that Russia was mobilizing additional troops and armored vehicles. The Russian government is also considering laws that would force businesses to supply the military

with goods and services, and force employees to work overtime.

Russia's renewed vigor has been aided by China. After Russia escalated its war on Ukraine, the United States and 37 of its coalition partners banned companies from supporting Russia's military and defense sector. However, on June 29, the U.S. Commerce Department reported that five Chinese firms were discovered to be violating that ban by "providing support to Russia's military and/or defense industrial base."

The U.S. and other Western nations have urged China to abandon Russia. As civilian casualties at the hands of Russian aggression continue to climb, so have global condemnations from almost every nation. But

not China. China's support for Russia's unpopular aggression defies logic in some ways, but it is an outcome that Bible prophecy warns us to expect.

China publicly backed Russia in 2014 after it annexed Crimea. Its continued support is what *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry has consistently called "a stunning fulfillment of biblical prophecy." Revelation 16:12 forecasts a multinational "kings of the east" alliance that

will emerge in the end time. The Scriptures say this Asian mammoth will deploy a force of 200 million troops during a horrific nuclear World War III.

Mr. Flurry has said Russia will lead this Asian power bloc, with China as its main partner. These two powers are already allied and fulfilling the early stages of these prophecies.

Meanwhile, China is strengthening its influence over East Asia, including former U.S. allies. New

TOPSHOT

A Civil Security Bombardier Dash 8-Q400MR firefighting aircraft drops fire retardant over a forest fire near Gignac, France, on July 26. As the country endures a dry summer, wildfires rage across the country.



EUROPE

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All across Europe, leaders are in trouble. French, German and Italian heads of government are struggling.

Chancellor **Olaf Scholz** is rapidly losing popularity as poverty in **Germany** reaches record levels, and half of German citizens fear the war in Ukraine could escalate into World War III.

Emmanuel Macron won reelection as **France's** president in April but suffered a disastrous defeat in parliamentary elections on June 19. His Ensemble coalition won only 245 seats, with 289 necessary for a majority. This is the first time in the history of the fifth republic that the president has failed to win a majority in Parliament. *Le Monde* called it a "nightmare scenario" and a "stunning blow." Macron is trying to govern without a majority,

cobbling together support in Parliament on a case by case basis. With both the radical left and radical right holding a large proportion of parliamentary seats, it will be hard for Macron, a centrist, to accomplish anything.

Italy's president, **Mario Draghi**, resigned on July 21, leaving Europe's biggest potential economic disaster leaderless, in a time of high inflation, rising interest rates and fuel shortages.

June and July were also violent months in Europe. An Iranian gunman killed two and wounded 21 outside an Oslo, **Norway**, homosexual nightclub on June 25. The incident is being treated as a terrorist attack. Oslo has been open to both Western trends and Middle Eastern immigrants for many years. But

now, these two radically different cultures are clashing. **Denmark** experienced a rare mass shooting, July 4, when a gunman killed three and injured four at a shopping mall in the capital, Copenhagen.

Russia raised the prospect of violence on a much greater scale when President **Vladimir Putin** announced on June 25 that he would supply **Belarus** with Iskander-M missile systems. These short-range missiles

can be armed with nuclear warheads and strike targets in Central Europe within minutes.

Europe's leadership vacuum, economic struggles and fear of violence are creating a hunger for strong leadership.

The man whom the *Trumpet* expects to lead Europe made a media splash at the same time. On June 27, numerous journalists reported that **Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg** has been hired as a moderator and interviewer for RTL Germany and will produce two documentaries for its streaming service. Guttenberg



Philippine President **Ferdinand Marcos Jr.** has expressed a desire to strengthen his nation's relationship with China, and Chinese Foreign Minister **Wang Yi** said Marcos's election has begun "a new golden era" for that relationship. Watch for China and Russia to continue building their alliance—and a powerful "kings of the east" Asian superpower. Read about this in our article "[Why the Trumpet Watches Russia Allying With China.](#)"* ■

ANGLO-AMERICA

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The truth about the stolen 2020 United States presidential election is not going away, so **Barack Obama** and **Joe Biden's** radical regime is doubling down on its efforts to fundamentally transform America while there is still time.

After watching the *2000 Mules* election fraud

documentary at the Texas State Republican Convention, June 16–18, the delegates passed a resolution in their 2022 platform, stating that the **Republican Party in Texas recognizes that Joe Biden's installment as president is the result of election fraud.**

The dominant party in one of the most important states in the union didn't stop there. It also officially called for overturning the Supreme Court mandate that same-sex "marriage" be legalized nationwide and even stated, "Texas retains the right to secede from the United States."

On July 7, Texas Governor **Greg Abbott** issued an executive order authorizing both the Texas National Guard and the Texas Department of Public Safety to arrest immigrants crossing the border and deport them back to **Mexico**. Normally, only the federal government is authorized to enforce immigration law, but Abbott cited Article IV, Section 4 of the U.S. Constitution, which states, "The United States shall guarantee to every state in this union a republican form of government, and shall protect each of them against invasion; and on application of the legislature, or of the executive (when the legislature cannot be convened) against domestic violence." Some legal analysts argue that Abbott's order misinterprets the Constitution, but the legality of it hinges on whether or not the ongoing migrant crisis constitutes an "invasion." Somewhere close to 10 percent of all people in the U.S. are illegal immigrants.

In "[What Will Happen After Trump Regains Power,](#)" *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry explained that President Donald Trump was the winner of the 2020 election. He further said that the Bible prophesies



3.2 MILLION
ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT APPREHENSIONS
DURING JOE BIDEN'S PRESIDENCY
(18 MONTHS)

24 MILLION
ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT APPREHENSIONS
DURING DONALD TRUMP'S PRESIDENCY
(48 MONTHS)

Trump's return to power, yet he "will have to fight for it. It doesn't have to be military action, but it certainly *could*. President Trump could also lead some states to secede from the union." This prophecy is based on 2 Kings 14:26-28, so the fact that Texas is defying the Biden administration in an effort to stave off invasion indicates that **Governor Abbott is likely to become a strong ally of President Trump in his fight to save America.**

The U.S. annual inflation rate climbed to 9.1 percent in June, its highest level since 1981. The core inflation rate, which doesn't include food and energy prices, eased to 5.9 percent. But food prices rose 10.4 percent while gasoline prices soared by an incredible 59.9 percent. Even as inflation worsened, **Biden sold nearly 6 million barrels of oil from the U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve to the China Petroleum and Chemical Corp.** The investment firm of his son, **Hunter Biden**, owns a \$1.7 billion stake in that corporation. Gerald Flurry's newly updated and expanded book, *America Under Attack*, explains how the current administration's assault on U.S. power is actually prophesied in the Bible (Daniel 8:11, 24). These nation-destroying problems are not the result of incompetence. They are the result of deliberate treason. ■



has endured as a media star while in government, through various scandals and up to today, more than a decade after leaving office. Read "[Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg Becomes TV Presenter.](#)"

The *Trumpet* has also consistently forecast that **the Vatican** will play an enormous role in solving Europe's crises. **A new Vatican constitution went into force on June 5.** Most news coverage about the document, *Praedicate Evangelium*, revolves around the pope's decision to allow lay Catholics (including women) to

lead curial departments and his decision to incorporate a clergy-abuse commission into church government. But by far the most significant reforms are the restructuring of all curial activities under one simple mission: to support the pope in his bid to convert all nations. The new constitution could see a renewed effort for the Catholic Church to play a leading role in Europe. To learn more about where a strong leader and strong Catholic Church will take Europe, read our free book *The Holy Roman Empire in Prophecy.* ■

MIDDLE EAST

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The geopolitical sands have begun to shift in the Middle East. The *Trumpet* has long forecast an alliance between the moderate Arab nations and a German-led Europe based on a prophecy in Psalm 83. Several high-level meetings and visits took place between the leaders of various Arab nations including Saudi Arabia, Turkey, Egypt and Qatar. This led to warming relations across the region and talk of greater military cooperation, potentially laying the groundwork for such an alliance.

On June 25, Jordan's King Abdullah II said in an interview, "I would be one of the first people that would endorse a Middle East NATO." On June 27, several Arab allies, Israel and the United States met in Bahrain in an effort to "build what we like to call a regional architecture, which is both military and civilian in its character," he said.

This movement toward reconciliation and cooperation is driven by the increasing threat posed by Iran. As Iran continues its pursuit of nuclear weapons and terrorism, expect the moderate Arab nations to set aside their differences and unite against a common enemy.

While the more moderate Arab nations gravitated toward each other and Europe, Iran

strengthened its relationship with Russia. The two nations signed a memorandum of understanding on June 16 to increase trade and create a north-south corridor to expedite the flow of goods between Russia and India.

In addition to this trade agreement, Iran also applied for membership in the BRICS cultural and economic alliance. The alliance currently consists of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. China also invited Saudi Arabia and a few other nations to join.

Meanwhile in Israel, the coalition government that formed to oust Benjamin Netanyahu was dissolved on June 30 by the legislature. Left-wing Yair

Lapid was sworn in as an interim prime minister. On November 1, Israel will hold its fifth elections in less than four years. With the legislature dissolved, Lapid is in a strong position to push through his agenda. This may include attempting to end Netanyahu's political career once and for all. Netanyahu is currently on trial for what many see as politically motivated corruption charges. Also watch for Lapid to address the Palestinian question in the coming months. "I want to separate from the Palestinians," he said in 2021. The creation of an independent Palestine during his premiership may not be out of the question. Read "Beware a Yair Lapid Premiership."* ■

FEATURED FEEDBACK



I just finished reading the newly updated book, *America Under Attack*. Very few books have ever shaken me as much as this book. The collection of secular facts intersects the nonsecular teachings of the Church in an amazing way. I haven't been able to stop thinking about it since I finished reading it. It's truly shocking and stunning to see where we are in prophecy in such a compact and clear dissertation.

Michael E-MAIL RESPONSE

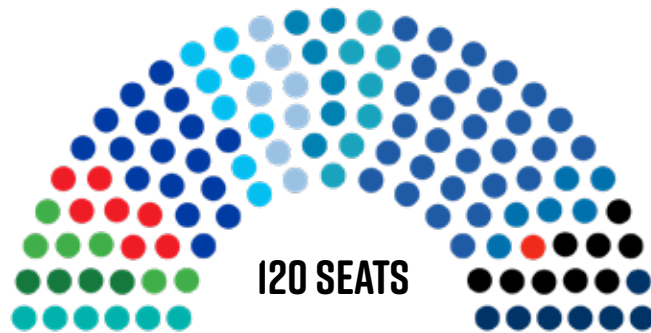
I have just completed Lessons 29 through 32 of the *Herbert W. Armstrong College Bible Correspondence Course* and mailed in Test 8. This course of study has systematically guided me through an intensive study of my Bible toward a much deeper understanding. Thank you so much. Best wishes.

Susan L. Wilson AUSTRALIA

When I hear the news from Ukraine, famine, COVID and now monkeypox, it breaks my heart and my spirit. In all this, you are a beacon of hope! Thank you! I praise our Father that there is a brighter future for us. I have been receiving the *Trumpet* magazine for the last few years. It has been a real blessing to me.

Angie Klassen MANITOBA

ISRAELI PARLIAMENT



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Top Floor at the Tower

‘Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven’ —Genesis 11:4

THE PROJECT IS IMPOSSIBLY ENORMOUS. It sprawls across city blocks and beyond. It contains trillions of parts and counting, accumulated into one mountainous human effort. Its mass is seismic, its height is dominating, and it keeps growing. It’s a project best measured not in feet, miles or megatons, but in lives.

This is a description of the Genesis 11 tower of Babel, perhaps somewhat accurately captured in well-known illustrations like those of Peter Bruegel the Elder and others.

But it is also a description of human civilization itself, generation upon generation, course upon course, life upon life. The top level is the newest: an active layer of material, technology and human activity. From here, the view is spectacular. Looking down at the clouds below, and the world below that, as from the window of an aircraft, how can you be anything but dazzled at the civilization that built such a vantage point as this?

Here’s how: Look inside.

Inside are the laborers. Inside are their taskmasters. Inside is human suffering of our own making.

One generation atop another atop another has set over itself its elites and traveled under them, laying the walls, the arches, the beams of human history and stacking them high with lives of ignorance, confusion, poverty and affluence, failure, futility, fear, strife, murder and suicide, violence and war. When the mass sufferings reach a breaking point, new elites have arisen and pushed the masses into new tasks—and brought new suffering. The levels below us are catastrophically out of course, but we just pile on more of the same and keep building. This is not so much a metaphor. This is the human condition.

This is the very nature of human beings. No amount of oppression, suffering or death has caused us to stop worshiping our own human will. We exert our will on the less powerful, and the will of the more powerful is exerted on us by our chieftains, kings, politicians, dictators and other taskmasters.



We oppress, raid, steal, dehumanize and mass-slaughter hundreds and thousands and millions because of our indestructible belief that human beings can rule ourselves. *After all, we say, just look at our tower.*

Human beings seem driven by a conviction, even if subconscious, that we are operating independently from our Creator—that, in fact, He may well want to destroy us, and that if we are to escape His punishment, we must do it together; we must make and submit to our human taskmasters, and we must build this tower. *We will live our own way.* How far will we take this belief? To the grave.

Here on the top floor, we are enjoying the view. But at this late stage of construction, the structure, out of plumb, out of level, yet ever taller, is swaying out of control.

Our elites—and we—are now actively demolishing those few strong columns our Creator gave us that still remain standing: man and wife, parents and children, ideals of human freedom and accountability. It is becoming clear, if we will just see it, that we and our elites are hopelessly, terminally underqualified to build our own lives, let alone civilization. Deadly serious world elites are now telling us to cover our faces (made in the semblance of our Creator); stay inside; subject our bodies to injections and other medical mandates; eat insects instead of meat; live in pods; let criminals go unpunished; believe lies about the distant and recent past; forfeit our liberty; own no homes, vehicles, or other personal property; tolerate, wear, ingest or implant surveillance devices; forfeit our children’s minds and sexuality; have no children at all, before or after they are conceived; have no family; give up our nationalities and eventually leave Earth altogether. No privacy, no freedom, no property, no family, no man or woman, no country, no Earth—no choice.

We could believe that our Creator made us for a purpose other than to destroy us. We could submit to His occasional punishment in order to better reach the potential He created humans to achieve, and live according to His will. Instead, we believe He must be resisted or denied altogether, and we must submit instead to the punishment, will and dehumanization of radical, destructive, insane elites who view us not as children of God but almost literally as ants.

Open your eyes. Our Creator is exposing to us the fundamental flaw not just of a particular political party or ideology or class but of human civilization itself. It’s time to see this tower for what it really is. ■

Read “Mystery of Civilization” in Herbert W. Armstrong’s book *Mystery of the Ages*.

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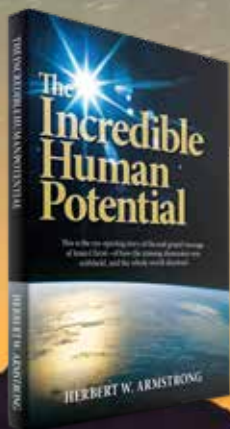
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