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Race Riots Were Prophesied!

Many Americans are shocked by the lawlessness within our cities. But God warned us this would happen.

WHERE ARE THE RIOTS IN AMERICA LEADING US? IF YOU look at Bible prophecy, God makes the answer clear. He also makes clear that there is a solution and what that solution is!

People are rioting to protest the death of George Floyd. The officer whose knee was on Floyd's neck was charged with murder, and if everything is as it appears, he should be convicted. What he did was a terrible sin. If God were ruling the Earth, I'm sure he would be put to death.



But many people do not trust our justice system to handle such matters, and they are resorting to violence. A lot of anger is being directed against the police, and some people are attacking them. Four policemen were shot in St. Louis. A policeman in Las Vegas

was shot in the head and was fighting for his life. A retired police chief working as a security guard was killed. Other policemen have died as well. Across the nation this year, more than 100 policemen have been killed in the line of duty. So are the police—white or black—being treated fairly? They are doing terribly difficult jobs, and they are protecting us from chaos and anarchy.

Some have compared our situation to civil war. It certainly seems we are heading in that direction.

Abraham Lincoln led the nation during the bloody, bloody Civil War. He understood from painful experience the biblical principle that “a nation divided against itself cannot stand.”

Lincoln told Americans very directly the reason for that tragedy: “We have forgotten God”!

During that terrible time, Americans had a certain measure of repentance. As we have said for many years, slavery was one of the greatest sins ever committed by a nation. Many knew that. Lincoln knew that. He freed the slaves. But the racial problems persist.

President Lincoln pointed to the nation's *real* sin. The problem was *spiritual*: *We have forgotten God!* If he was right about Americans then, how much worse is it now?

Bringing God in gives you clarity! Studying into His Word gives you the solution! I have done that for many years, over and over, and I know it is true!

Many Americans consider themselves religious, but they don't know their Bibles and they don't actually know God! Some people are praying, but if our prayers are not being answered, that is an important indicator that we need to get to know the true God much better!

'A Burning City on a Hill'

The book of Isaiah is prophecy for the end time (Isaiah 30:8). It is for the descendants of ancient Israel, which today include

the United States, Britain and several other modern nations.

Here is one of those specific prophecies: “Your country is desolate, YOUR CITIES ARE BURNED WITH FIRE: your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers” (Isaiah 1:7). God says that if we do not bring Him into the picture, our problems will grow worse and worse!

NEITHER SIDE IS GOING TO WIN THE COMING CIVIL WAR. People on both sides may think they will win, but *none will!*

God will use this terrible destruction to *punish us* for forsaking Him and for our sins. Over 100 Bible prophecies say that, and we have been proclaiming them for more than 74 years.

Look what has become of America today! One British journalist brutally said that recent events have “exposed America as a failed state. ... The idea it can be considered a viable model of governance to follow is now patently absurd! As I sit typing this, troops are deployed on the streets of cities across the country, their Humvees still painted desert tan, as looters smash and burn and ransack shops It is surely impossible to view the U.S. at this point as anything other than A BURNING CITY ON A HILL, which evokes only desire for our own society to avoid its fate” (Aris Roussinos, UnHerd, June 1; emphasis mine).

That is sad but true! Our founders wanted to make America a SHINING city on a hill—but we have become a *burning* city on a hill before the world!

In 1992, Los Angeles police officers beat a black man, Rodney King, during an arrest but were then acquitted. Major riots erupted, and more than 2,300 people were injured and 63 people were killed. At the time, I wrote: “As the economy grows worse, the rioters are going to burn more and more because God's wrath is upon us! And God is far more wrathful toward the white people in Israel than He is with the black people” (*Philadelphia Trumpet*, June 1992). Because this nation and the British people have a history with God!

The white people in America actually descended from Israel, which had a personal history with God Himself! God chose them not because they were better or because He wanted to give them special favor, but to use them as an example to other nations. Their failure and our failure to be a shining city on a hill to lead people to God and to happiness hurt not just ourselves but all other nations!

In that article from nearly 30 years ago, I wrote: “The problems are going to intensify until our people repent [of their many sins]. ... THE LOS ANGELES RIOTING IS JUST A TYPE OF WHAT IS GOING TO HAPPEN TO THE WHOLE NATION!”

How could I know this problem would get so much worse? Bible prophecy tells. We were forsaking God! This is not just a racial or political problem, where one side is right and the

other wrong. THIS PROBLEM IS SPIRITUAL! We will *never* solve this until we realize that.

America doesn't just have divisions within, it also has powerful enemies without! Vicious nations have been waiting for decades and decades for something like this to happen to America! They want to *destroy*—not just windows and monuments, but this entire nation!

We have forsaken God. When the ancient Israelites did that, He punished them with invasions by foreign nations. God doesn't want this to happen to us. He wants us to listen to Him! But President Lincoln told us, God does punish for forsaking Him.

Speaking Like a Dragon

Al Sharpton is treated like an expert on race relations in America. At a memorial service, he said, "George Floyd's story is the story of black folks." He likened the policeman's knee on Floyd's neck to the way whites have treated black people in America for 400 years. Is that true?

Ben Crump, who became the Floyd family's lawyer, wrote an op-ed for the *Washington Post* about Floyd's death saying that all these incidents are starting to feel like "genocide." He wrote a book last year called *Open Season: The Legalized Genocide of Colored People*. *Genocide* is the DELIBERATE EXTERMINATION OF A PEOPLE! Is that happening in America? Do you see white people trying to put black people to death?

In all of last year, police killed 28 unarmed black people, according to *mappingpoliceviolence.org*. (Some news agencies have reported that number as being only *nine*, but that only counts unarmed blacks shot by *on-duty* officers.) In nearly all of these cases, the people were fighting against the police in ways that got them killed. That is unfortunate, and policemen do make mistakes, but it is hardly *deliberate extermination*! How can a lawyer call that GENOCIDE? He KNOWS that is a lie. If that isn't satanic and racist, I don't know what racism is!

Former President Barack Obama praised the protesters and blamed the eruption of lawlessness on the nation's history of slavery and institutionalized racism, which he called the "original sin of our society." The idea of *original sin* is sin that is inborn within us because of our ancestors. Mr. Obama has previously said that racism is in America's DNA. How do you solve that? Did Abraham Lincoln, who at great cost passed a constitutional amendment to end slavery, have racism in his DNA? What about the millions of men who fought in the Civil War, and the more than 100,000 who sacrificed their lives, in part to end slavery? Does Mr. Obama have any gratitude for what it has taken to achieve the equality in America today?

Throughout America's history, race relations have seen dramatic improvements in people blending together and getting along. You never hear about that from these men.

Al Sharpton ridiculed President Trump for holding up a Bible, and said he needed to get *into* the Bible. Then he started advocating *rebellion against the government*. Well, in that Bible Sharpton says we should get into is Romans chapter 13, which says you are to be *subject* to the government of the land! Mr. Sharpton is not about to be subject to the government—he wants to *overthrow it*!

Mr. Sharpton *did* say that he was against looting and burning. But just days earlier, he said he wished the rioters would not

burn the *black people's* businesses. Doesn't that imply that he was fine with their burning buildings owned by whites?

Jesus Christ said we should be peacemakers and make peace (Matthew 5:9). Mr. Sharpton *says* he wants peace, but at every opportunity, he tries to draw attention to evil deeds by the police, but in most of those cases the police were exonerated, and I think rightfully so. Will those kinds of statements bring peace? HE IS ALWAYS TRYING TO DIVIDE THE RACES AND MAKE WAR!

Al Sharpton tries to look like a lamb, but he speaks like a dragon! His words are right out of the mind of the devil!

God Bless America

From the beginning of human history at the Garden of Eden, human beings never had the ability to rule rightly over other human beings. Human beings do not have the answers. Still, we rejected God and built our own governments, our own educational systems, our own religions—and look at what our societies have become.

Where is the hope for solving the injustices and divisions? Where is the hope for saving our country from destruction?

ONLY IN GOD! If we brought God into the picture, if we repented and obeyed Him, God could solve all these problems instantly! The Bible is full of the history of Him doing exactly that! God blessed America in the past, and Britain before that. He miraculously solved huge problems our forefathers faced.

We again face terrible problems. People are praying. People sometimes sing, "God Bless America." *And God does want to bless us*. But if we are not receiving those blessings, we have to ask ourselves honestly, WHY? It's because we will not acknowledge that THOSE BLESSINGS WERE FROM GOD. We don't believe God, and we don't obey God. We have FORSAKEN God!

Abraham Lincoln acknowledged that. He often quoted the Bible. He read it and knew it well, and he could see that God does love us—but because of our sins He must punish us.

Amos 7:8 describes God actually measuring out the nation's destruction, and saying "I WILL NOT AGAIN PASS BY THEM ANY MORE." Through His Church, God has "passed by" with His message of warning (and hope) for many years. He says we are *all* guilty of sinning against Him, and He will give us one more time to repent, to change our attitude toward Him. But after this, He "will not again pass by." So if we don't repent now, we are going to plunge into the worst suffering ever!

"And the high places of Isaac shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste; and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam *with the sword*"—an attack from another nation (verse 9). Look at the destruction that will result if we don't hear this last warning!

Jesus Christ called this coming time of suffering the "great tribulation" (Matthew 24:21). THAT TIME IS NOW AT THE DOOR!

Notice what is said about God's prophet in Amos 7:10: "[T]he land is not able to bear all his words." Are you able to bear God's words? If you believe in God and pray to God, but He is not blessing you, are you willing to listen to what He is telling you?

A minister who is serving God has the duty to speak *God's words*, not just words people like to hear. It is up to you whether you will find them unbearable, or accept God's

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correction *before* the disaster comes. Beyond the 3½-year Great Tribulation, there is still tremendous hope. Even for those who have died and will die, *there is hope!* But God wants you to turn from forsaking Him *without* having to face suffering and death.

Measured Destruction

The terrible problems in America are ultimately *spiritual*. And they are being fueled by evil from the *spirit realm*. The Bible makes clear that Satan and his demons are active in the world today—“the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience” (Ephesians 2:2). These evil spirits are stirring up destructive attitudes and violent actions. *They* are behind the



Protesters face-off with the police in Washington, D.C., on June 3.

murders committed by policemen—and behind the murders of policemen! We must be aware of these malevolent forces, or we are terribly vulnerable to them (2 Corinthians 2:11).

Only God can protect us, and He will not do that when we are living in rebellion. The answer is not to attack the other ideology or political party or race. The answer is to admit *your* sins! As a nation, we all have sins. We have all forsaken God. Only those who wake up and hear and can bear how God is correcting us can be saved from the unprecedented suffering to come.

Do you really know God? Hebrews 10:31 says, “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”

Isaiah’s prophecy begins: “HEAR, O HEAVENS, AND GIVE EAR, O EARTH: for the Lord hath spoken, I have nourished and brought up children [or sons], and they have rebelled against me” (Isaiah 1:2). God wants EVERYONE IN THE UNIVERSE to hear this!

The “children” God has “nourished and brought up” are the modern-day nations of Israel. He is talking about *America* and *Britain*—the nations descended from the 12 tribes of ancient Israel. He is also talking about *spiritual* Israel: God’s true Church. Even the vast majority of *God’s people* have forsaken Him! And for them, their *eternal lives* are under threat!

“Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity [lawlessness], a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have FORSAKEN THE LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel UNTO ANGER ...” (verse 4). Do you believe God could be provoked to anger and wrath? Many scriptures give us a resounding YES.

“[T]hey are gone away backward. Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more: *the whole head is sick,*

and the whole heart faint” (verses 4-5). Physical and spiritual Israel today is sick, faint of heart, lacking real courage. Why? Because they do not know the true God!

Verse 7 describes our cities being burned and devoured by strangers—non-Israelites. You cannot know who they are unless you know who Israel is. And it is really talking about those who will not keep the LAW of Israel. In the ancient nation of Israel, God did not forbid immigration, as long as people kept the law and religion of Israel.

When Lincoln spoke of the dangers of “a house divided against itself,” he was quoting Jesus Christ. The Bible records *three times* when Christ said that a kingdom divided against itself ends in DESOLATION! (Matthew 12:25; Mark 3:25; Luke 11:17). Do you believe Jesus Christ?

Do you really believe God would allow us to keep forsaking Him until we lose our eternal lives, without shaking us, getting our attention, and imploring us to repent? God pleads with us in Ezekiel 33:11: “[T]urn ye, turn ye from your evil [wicked] ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?” That message was not for the people around Ezekiel. He recorded it in a book FOR OUR DAY! It applies TO YOU NOW and is being delivered TO YOU NOW. “And when this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them” (verse 33).

Listen Now

Who is going to win the civil war? ONLY GOD! This is a spiritual struggle, and GOD will win! He is using this to punish us, but He is punishing us to turn us to Him!

In fact, the *same prophecies* that reveal how bad our national sickness will get, killing millions of people, *also reveal* that this terrible time leads directly into the Second Coming of Jesus Christ! ALL these terrible events are tied to that incredibly great news! There is no hope in man. There is hope—in SPITE of man!

Some few will learn this lesson now. Others will not learn it until the Great Tribulation. And MANY, MANY others will not learn it until they are resurrected far in the future.

LEARN THE LESSON NOW: *We have forsaken God.* REPENT AND TURN TO HIM!

It is terrible that we so stubbornly choose to turn to Satan and allow him to spiritually influence us to be so selfish, ungrateful, unbelieving, disobedient, hateful and violent. Satan would turn us completely away from God forever if he could. But God is going to allow us to be punished powerfully by Satan’s wrath and then His own wrath! AND THERE IS GREAT HOPE IN THAT—because it will lead to people’s repentance.

In the end, Jesus Christ is going to win! Christ will return and establish His absolute authority over all the Earth. He will end the destruction, the riots, the murders. That will be the *reality* of the wonderful World Tomorrow.

The question is, do you believe God? ■

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SURRENDERING TO

LAW LESS NESS

Angry protests and public apologies—what is the spirit behind it all?

BY STEPHEN FLURRY

Bellevue, Washington, Police Chief Steve Mylett kneels before protesters on May 31.

WHAT IS BLACK LIVES Matter, anyway? Is it an altruistic group of people? Do they just want the world to stop thinking that black lives don't matter?

This question is critical to answer, because suddenly America is accommodating and extolling this organization in grand fashion. Mayors are publicly apologizing to its leaders and painting its slogans on their streets in bold strokes. Blue-chip companies and moneyed celebrities are donating generously to its coffers. Police chiefs and congresspersons are conspicuously marching in its rallies. A June 10 Morning Consult poll said 61 percent of American voters view the movement favorably, two thirds again the number from just three years ago.

Virtually overnight, George Floyd's untimely death made BLM mainstream.

So just *what is* this movement America is now treating so reverentially?

Black Lives Matter (BLM) was founded in 2013 after George Zimmerman—a private citizen, not a police officer—was acquitted in the killing of Trayvon Martin on the grounds of self-defense. Nothing in the organization's mission statement suggests any concern about the EPIDEMIC of *black-on-black* violence. It was founded on the notion that police officers across America are indiscriminately targeting and even murdering black people for being black.

BLM does not advocate law enforcement *reform*. Its members want to defund and *disband* the police entirely. They aim to overturn a system they deem inherently racist. BLM has grown into a global activist complex that aims to “eradicate white supremacy” and to “build local power” to resist whites. Prominent BLM activists regularly

endorse or even encourage destruction of property, mayhem in American cities, and violence against police.

According to its website, BLM is also a “queer affirming network” that aims to “disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure,” “dismantle” patriarchal practices, and support community “villages” that “collectively care for one another.” It wants to destroy the capitalist system and replace it with a collectivist society. This is, by definition, a Marxist revolutionary movement—a COMMUNIST INSURGENCE.

BLM is not calling on people to merely understand their grievances or accept their existence. They demand TOTAL IDEOLOGICAL CONFORMITY. Even *remaining silent* rather than expressing full-throated support now opens individuals, organizations and companies up to withering attacks from BLM devotees—including verbal assaults,

boycotts, divestment, public shaming, death threats and physical violence.

It is difficult to tell how much of the growing support for this movement is springing from genuine sympathy, and how much from compulsion, intimidation and fear. Zealous BLM advocates don't seem to care, as long as they can maintain their advance march. And whatever their motivation, large swathes of white people the world over have been acceding to and abasing themselves before this radical cult.

Space to Destroy

Minneapolis went up in flames the last week in May largely because the police were commanded to stand down. The city's radical leftist mayor, Jacob Frey, even ordered the police to *evacuate* the Third Precinct so rioters could smash up the station and burn it down.

"The symbolism of a building cannot outweigh the importance of life, of our officers, or the public," Frey later explained, seemingly oblivious to the fact that the symbolism of a smoldering police station would only embolden the lawbreakers. "We could not risk serious injury to *anyone*," he said—not even the Communist agitators who were smashing, looting and burning their way through Minneapolis for nearly a week, apparently (emphasis added throughout).

Similar scenes of mayhem and devastation spread across America, particularly in cities where left-wing mayors told law enforcement to give "protesters" space to destroy. Eighteen people were killed in Chicago on Sunday, May 31, the city's most violent day on record. Its emergency operations center received 65,000 calls for help that day—about 50,000 more than usual.

Michael Pflieger, a longtime Chicago church pastor, said he heard many people saying, "Hey, there's no police anywhere—police ain't doing nothing." Pflieger said he sat and watched a store get looted for an hour and saw no police. He drove around the city to observe the looting—and the absence of police.

New York City became a war zone. This is the place where just a *few weeks before*, everyone had to stop working, stay home and wear masks—and police came to break up funerals for violating the latest social-distancing rules. Once

the Floyd protests began, people filled the streets to march, provoke, smash store windows, steal—and scream at, attack and shoot at NYPD officers. Dozens of police vehicles were damaged or burned, and dozens of officers were injured, including two struck by vehicles in hit-and-run attacks.

In St. Louis, 77-year-old retired police officer David Dorn was shot dead when he tried to fend off the mob from his friend's pawn shop. Dorn had five children and 10 grandchildren. Mainstream media virtually ignored his cold-blooded murder, and the many other victims of the nationwide rampage. They were too busy cheering on the rioters while covering up their many atrocities.

"That ain't a riot," MSNBC's Joy Reid said as Minneapolis went up in flames. Her colleague, Ali Velshi, was live on location describing the riot as *mostly* a peaceful protest—as a raging inferno dominated the background on screen. Over and over again, we were told the rioting was "mostly peaceful." It was "caring and concerned" citizens taking to the streets, one commentator insisted. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi described the protests as "heartwarming" and said they were "bringing people together."

Those who did acknowledge the violence justified it. They minimized the number of people committing violence, and said their rage was understandable. We were told: *No one listened when they protested peacefully, so they HAD to riot.* Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Nikole Hannah-Jones argued that the looting in New York wasn't really violence and that theft was more like a "symbolic taking." At CNN, Chris Cuomo said, "Show me where it says the protesters are supposed to be polite and peaceful." His colleague Don Lemon actually compared the rioters to America's Founding Fathers.

The Founding Fathers.

'Brokenness'

As thousands of people incite and commit destruction in their streets,

what are many of the more law-abiding Americans doing? What are many of the law-enforcement Americans doing?

Taking a knee.

In recent years, disrespect for the American flag, the American nation, the American people and *especially* American history has increasingly been expressed by kneeling when asked to stand. A former professional football player popularized it. Now protesters are doing it, and stridently demanding that authorities do it as well. And the authorities are complying. Mayors are doing it, members of Congress are doing it, National Guard members are doing it, soldiers are doing it, police officers are doing it.

Several videos showed BLM disciples being aggressive and intimidating in bringing people to their knees. One was posted by a prankster who told a random white woman on the street, "I work for Black Lives Matter. My CEO has told me to come out today and to bring you on your knees because you have white privilege." The woman deferentially dropped to both knees.

Some are going even further in self-abasement. At a cult-like gathering in Bethesda, Maryland, hundreds of mostly white demonstrators sat on the ground and raised their hands as if in surrender, while repeating en masse the words of a BLM leader in a promise to speak out "about racism, anti-blackness or violence," and "do everything in my power to educate my community." The police chief of Webster, Massachusetts, joined a throng of protesters in *prostrating himself face-down* on the ground for eight minutes.

Mayor Frey took a knee in front of George Floyd's casket at the funeral, buried his face in his hand, and sobbed for more than a minute. He later appeared at a Black Lives Matter rally in Minneapolis and confessed to the crowd through a face mask over the public address system that he, as a white man, was "coming to grips with my own BROKENNESS." He then lashed out at the Minneapolis

CORPORATE COMPLIANCE

Major corporations that have advertised financial support for groups like Black Lives Matter:

NIKE	\$40 MILLION
GOOGLE	\$12 MILLION
AMAZON	\$10 MILLION
DISNEY	\$10 MILLION
FACEBOOK	\$10 MILLION
VERIZON	\$10 MILLION
CISCO	\$5 MILLION
INTEL	\$3 MILLION
UBER	\$1 MILLION
YOUTUBE	\$1 MILLION

Police Department, saying the “systemic and racist system needs to be revamped.”

This miserable man made extraordinary efforts to exhibit his solidarity with BLM. He undoubtedly assumed this display would earn some measure of their appreciation and goodwill. Wrong. That is a *fundamental misconception* about this movement—a gross error that is motivating MOST of the apologies and confessions. It is the ignorant notion that this movement CAN actually be appeased and satisfied. IT CANNOT.

Having publicly impugned his city’s entire police department as a “racist system,” Mayor Frey faced a rude awakening: The crowd was unimpressed. A

Apologies do not matter to Black Lives Matter. There is no forgiveness.

woman with a microphone demanded: “YES or NO? Will you commit to defunding the Minneapolis Police Department? WE DON’T WANT NO MORE POLICE!” When the mayor couldn’t bring himself to unequivocally support *abolishing the police*, the crowd erupted. “Get the [expletive] out of here!” the woman shouted as the mob began chanting, “GO HOME, JACOB, GO HOME!” The insufficiently subservient mayor slunk away in shame.

Brokenness is the right word. In fact, it well describes the status of *any* kind of resistance or pushback by the authorities in this country against this aggressive, clamorous, extremist movement. Instead it is full-scale retreat, evacuate, capitulate and appease. And *brokenness* is also what this movement is leaving in its wake when anyone even *hints* at anything different.

‘Silence Is Violence’

In Washington, D.C., prior to a large Black Lives Matter demonstration on June 6, Democratic Mayor Muriel Bowser ordered city street crews to paint in 50-foot, bright-yellow letters “Black Lives Matter” across three city blocks on 16th Street, leading to the White House. A town square was renamed “Black Lives Matter Plaza.”

For Black Lives Matter D.C., this was not good enough. “This is to appease

white liberals while ignoring our demands,” they tweeted. “Black Lives Matter means defund the police.” That is what BLM stands for: No law enforcement—END the whole racist system!

The next day, BLM protesters added their demand next to the original signage, in the same bright-yellow paint: “Defund the Police.”

In New York, a black activist who writes for the *New York Times* advised readers to tell loved ones they will refuse to visit them or answer their calls unless they support “black lives either through protest or financial contributions.” *Get behind this Marxist revolution or you are disowned*, says the newspaper of record. “Silence is violence,” the protesters chant. If you do not heartily endorse (and send money), you risk becoming the target of the mob.

In response to a BLM tweet, a professional basketball announcer and radio show host made the mistake of posting “all lives matter” on social media. He was forced out of both jobs for being “insensitive” and disrespecting Black Lives Matter.

A professional soccer player’s wife made the mistake of criticizing *looters* who were destroying Minneapolis. The athlete was made to denounce *his wife’s* social media post and endorse BLM. Yet after groveling before the mob, he was still fired.

On June 3, NFL quarterback Drew Brees said, “I will never agree with anybody disrespecting the flag of the United States of America.” The leftists attacked. Other superstar athletes and celebrities seized the opportunity to accuse him of racism. People sent death threats. Then, as we’ve tragically come to expect, his “never agree” statement turned into a meek apology within less than 24 hours—followed by another apology, then another.

The list of high-profile figures forced out of their jobs for the faintest of infractions against this severe new code grows by the day: *New York Times* opinion editor James Bennet for publishing an editorial by Republican Sen. Tom Cotton; CrossFit CEO Greg Glassman for criticizing the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation calling racism a public health issue. Police chiefs, fire

chiefs, mayors, company presidents, writers, reporters and others have faced immediate termination for a tweet, a comment, a single “transgression.” In most every case, the person has expressed profound regret for all the anguish and pain they caused by their insensitivity.

But apologies do not matter to Black Lives Matter. Once you have exhibited any deviation from unqualified devotion to the cause, *you are canceled*. There is no forgiveness, no redemption.

Never Satisfied

BLM is on the offensive. BLM is on the attack. BLM is in war mode. Those who do not grasp this fact continue to behave as though acceding to its demands will advance this nation toward greater equality, more fairness, deeper racial understanding, amity and peace. It will not!

Firstly, those demands *will not* bring the promised results. Dismantling the police will escalate crime, not eliminate it. Collectivism will impoverish people, not enrich them. Disrupting the family structure will intensify social disorder, not tame it. Redistributing political and economic power based on skin color will aggravate racial tension, not resolve it. These are simply terrible ideas. They are radical mutations of concepts that history has repeatedly proved are disasters. And they are being pushed pell-mell by people who HATE what makes America unique and want to TRANSFORM IT ENTIRELY. Virtually every one of these propositions, to whatever degree it is adopted, will immediately begin creating problems. And when that happens, its proponents will insist that *the reason is racism*, and their terrible idea simply needs to be implemented with greater force.

On top of that, *no matter* HOW MANY of these policies are enacted, their advocates will *never* absolve and forgive America for the sin of racism. Having become convinced this nation is institutionally, systemically racist, they will ALWAYS be able to unearth evidence that, in their minds, proves this beyond doubt. *Never* will America—or any nation on Earth—meet the illusory standard of racial and social justice these radicals harbor in their minds. Even if the nation “progressed”



AMERICA'S SELF- INFLICTED RACE WOUND

As the United States burns and bleeds,
the nation's enemies gloat.
They see an opportunity to attack,
and we are helping them do it.

BY JOEL HILLIKER

D ID YOU KNOW THAT *IRANIANS* held a candlelight vigil for George Floyd? Did you know that murals of Floyd with the words “I can’t breathe” were painted on the Berlin Wall and on a landmark in the Idlib province of Syria? Did you know that English Premier League soccer players took a knee at midfield, and soccer stars in Germany marked goals scored by displaying the message “Justice for George Floyd”?

A single act of police brutality *in the United States* sparked large protests in Paris, Toronto, Copenhagen, Dublin, Rio de Janeiro, Milan, Mexico City and countless other cities. Streets in Vancouver, Canada, had to close to accommodate thousands of demonstrators. Black Lives Matter activists in London shouted “Hands up, don’t shoot” at British police—who don’t carry guns. *Eight thousand miles* from the Minneapolis street where the tragedy took place, tens of thousands turned out to protest in Auckland, New Zealand.

Why the unprecedented outrage over an incident in Midwestern America?

Newspapers and media outlets worldwide headlined the mayhem sweeping through America’s cities. Argentina’s largest newspaper: “Protests and Looting Throughout the U.S.” Mexico’s *Diario*

24 Horas: “Anti-Racist Anger at the Gates of the White House.” Italy’s *La Stampa*: “Looting, Fighting and Curfew: the U.S. at War.” The *West Australian*: “U.S.A. at War With Itself.” Germany’s *Bild*: “This Killer-Cop Set America Ablaze.”

They are marveling at the messy spectacle of America tearing itself apart. It is captivating entertainment—like an epic reality TV show of celebrity humiliation and self-destruction.

The United States is being battered from within and without. And in truth, those who hate it and all it stands for smell blood and are on the attack.

Lectures From Authoritarians

Who seemed to enjoy the chaos within America most? Authoritarian governments like Iran and China—those America has criticized for trampling human rights, muzzling the press, blocking protests and stifling free speech. Suddenly these nations are posing as high-minded defenders of justice and freedom, castigating “oppressive” America.

Mohammed Javad Zarif, Iran’s foreign minister, tweeted: “Some don’t think #BlackLivesMatter. To those of us who do: it is long overdue for the entire world to wage war against racism. Time for a #WorldAgainstRacism.” Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Abbas Mousavi

published a rare English-language statement “to the American people,” saying Iran stands with them against “state oppression.” Does anyone feel like taking lessons from the Islamic Republic of Iran on how to combat state oppression?

When a U.S. State Department spokesperson tweeted criticism of Communist China’s crackdown on Hong Kong, a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson tweeted a three-word response: “I can’t breathe.” She then wrote, “All lives matter. We stand firmly with our African friends. We strongly oppose all forms of racial discrimination and inflammatory expressions of racism and hatred.” This is awfully high-minded, coming from a nation that just expelled hundreds of African migrants from their homes into the streets of Guangzhou in April, the latest example of decades of racial hostility toward Africans in their country.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan bemoaned the “racist and fascist approach” of U.S. police and “the unjust order we stand against around the world.” This from a man who has used Turkey’s military to punish and purge dissenters and transform his nation from a parliamentary democracy into an authoritarian state.

Russia’s Foreign Ministry publicly spoke out against America’s history

of “unjustified violence” by police and condemned officers for detaining Russian journalists. This came just days after several Russian journalists were jailed for supporting an activist who was imprisoned after criticizing Russian law enforcement. The irony gets worse: How many journalists have been *murdered* in Russia since Vladimir Putin first came to power in 2000? About 150.

What does it tell you that the protesters on America’s streets, and their cheerleaders in media and the political class, are being encouraged and egged on by foreign totalitarian states?

Does Communist China really care about George Floyd? Does Islamist Iran have sincere concern about racism? Does dictatorial Russia actually care about freedom of the press?

No. They want to destroy America. And as America bleeds and burns, they see an *opportunity*. You can read about it in last month’s *Trumpet* cover story: “The Global Ambition to Destroy America and Its President” (theTrumpet.com/22352).

And the real tragedy is, *many people IN AMERICA have the same goal!* And in their effort to destroy this country, they are dragging a lot of *terribly foolish people* along with them.

As you watch Americans fighting other Americans, looting and burning American businesses, trashing American cities and neighborhoods, making despicable accusations about other Americans—you need to see *just as clearly as the nation’s adversaries do that WE ARE RUINING OURSELVES.*

We are inflicting upon ourselves a nation-killing wound.

The Left’s Shock Troops

A lot of the unrest in America today is being supported and organized by radical leftists who, whether gradually or suddenly, openly or secretly, want to destroy this country.

These individuals are deliberately stoking protests and mutating them into violent riots through coordinated command-and-control and supply chains of weapons and projectiles. Law enforcement officials and police intelligence units across the country say these efforts are “more organized, better coordinated and supplied than any militants seen in civil discord in years,” report Christine

Dolan and John Solomon for *Just the News* (June 3). They quote U.S. Park Police Acting Chief Gregory T. Monahan as saying, “Intelligence had revealed calls for violence against the police, and officers found caches of glass bottles, baseball bats and metal poles hidden along the street.” “In other cities, stacks of bricks have been discovered in staging areas that end up being slammed against store windows by looters,” they write.

Among the active supporters of these protests and riots is the Democratic Socialists of America. Its National Political Committee stated that Floyd’s death was a “public execution,” part of “the deeply entrenched pattern of violence, anti-blackness, and oppression upheld by policing in this country.” It wrote: “This is white supremacy. ... Racist police violence is not incidental to the capitalist system; it is necessary to maintain its operation.” This group works closely with Antifa groups, and some of its branches are raising funds for “George Floyd Uprisings Nationwide.”

Working for the *Epoch Times*, journalist Trevor Loudon has documented similar support coming from a whole range of Communist-aligned groups in America. The Party for Socialism and Liberation is referring to this chaos as an “absolutely critical period” for imposing its vision of a Communist revolution. It stated, “The police will always fulfill their role of being shock troops for white supremacy and capitalism as long as it exists in this racist state.” The Workers World Party, which supports China, Cuba, Iran, North Korea and Russia, loves the protests. One of its members published an article on May 28 titled “Against police violence and capitalism, to rebel is justified,” describing “police terror” and scorning “disgusting bourgeois praise for nonviolence.” The Revolutionary Communist Party is using the death of George Floyd to call for “a movement for an actual revolution.”

There are other small Communist groups such as Communist Party USA, Liberation Road, Socialist Alternative, and Socialist Unity Party. Together with the 66,000 Democratic Socialists of

America and their allies in Black Lives Matter and Antifa, they can mobilize tens of thousands of people on short notice to splash gasoline on any spark of societal friction.

Radical socialists are also getting ample help from the press. Hollywood celebrities are paying rioters’ bail money.



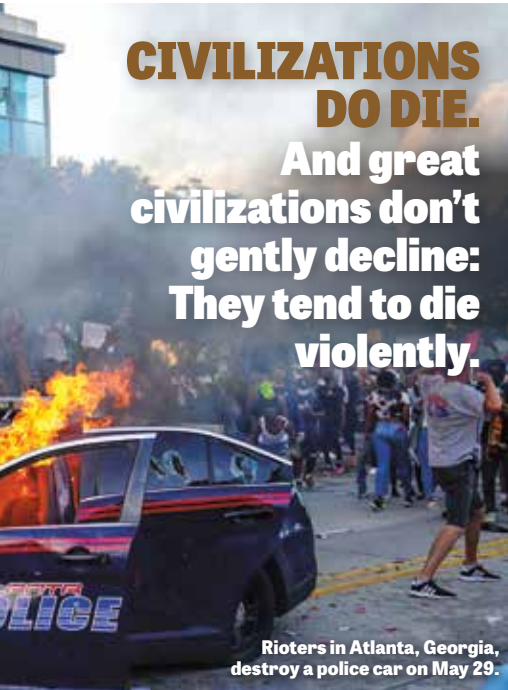
Big corporations have fallen all over each other to make statements and release ads trying to align their brands and business practices with the protesters and rioters. A Nike ad said, “For Once, Don’t Do It”—“Don’t turn your back on racism. Don’t accept innocent lives being taken from us.” Nickelodeon broadcasted a black screen with “I can’t breathe” for 9 minutes. Netflix tweeted a sentiment similar to many protest placards: “To be silent is to be complicit. Black lives matter.” YouTube is donating \$1 million for police reform. Intel is donating \$1 million, and Verizon \$10 million, to “social justice” organizations.

These mainstream voices have made explicit accusations of “systemic racism,” “white supremacy,” the genocide of blackness and the violence of whiteness. They’re saying that the looting, burning and violence is understandable, even *right* and *just*. They *applaud* the violence.

By doing so, whether knowingly or in ignorance, they are aligning themselves with America’s worst enemies.

Love Letter to America

In 1984, a Russian intelligence agent who defected to the United States, Yuri Bezmenov, wrote a book, *Love Letter to America*. He really did love America, and had the unique perspective of someone who knew how the Communists were working to destroy it.



This man, like so many millions of outsiders, *chose* to make America his home. He wrote, “For what other reason have thousands risked their lives, gone to unimaginable troubles, left behind their families, their motherland and traditional ways of life to come to America? Have you ever heard of ‘illegal aliens’ risking their lives crossing the border at midnight into Socialist USSR? Or the ‘boat people’ swimming oceans and drowning by the thousands just to reach the shores of Communist China? Or defectors like me, leaving behind relative affluence and risking bullets in the back in order to join the ‘progressive workers paradise’ in Russia? No, we all come here to America, obviously willing to be ‘exploited by capitalists’ and enjoy ‘oppression’ together with you. Because we believe and know—America is a better place.”

That is something many Americans no longer believe! They really have come to see this country as the most oppressive, most racist country in the world. They want to see it suffer and burn.

Bezmenov’s book exposes the Communists’ plan: Get people who live in the freest, most just, most affluent racially integrated country, with the greatest opportunity for people of all races and types and cultures—to believe the opposite. The method is “ideological subversion—the process of changing the perception of reality in the minds of millions of peoples.”

Does that sound familiar?

It doesn’t just match this afternoon’s latest headlines about the riots. It matches an ancient *prophecy* in Isaiah 5:20-21. God knew that we would call evil good and good evil—putting darkness for light and light for darkness. Look at the news: Powerful people are calling obviously wicked looters and arsonists “just,” and they are calling efforts to stop the violence “unjust.”

“The art of duping the masses into doing things to their own disadvantage and making them believe it is ‘the will of people’ is as ancient as mankind itself,” Bezmenov wrote. “The essence of subversion is best expressed in the famous Marxist slogan (if you substitute ‘proletarians’ for a more appropriate word): ‘Useful idiots of the world—unite!’ To achieve the desired effect, the subverter must first make idiots out of normal people, and divide them ...” Recent events suggest we are in that final stage now: America has witnessed unprecedented mass idiocy, homogenized mob derangement.

Bezmenov listed the tactics, which include:

- Divide the people into hostile groups by constantly harping on controversial issues of no importance.
- Destroy people’s faith in their national leaders by holding the latter up for contempt, ridicule and disgrace.
- Always preach democracy, but seize power as fast and as ruthlessly as possible.
- Encourage civil disorders and foster a lenient and soft attitude on the part of the government toward such disorders.

“The main principle of ideological subversion is turning a stronger force against itself,” Bezmenov wrote. “Just like in the Japanese martial arts: you do not stop the blow of a heavier more powerful enemy with an equally forceful

blow. You may simply hurt your hand. Instead you catch the striking fist with your hand and pull the enemy in the direction of his own blow until he crashes into a wall or any other heavy object in his way.”

He likened it to a building containing explosive materials. The enemy starts the fire next door and focuses on keeping the occupants of the building distracted, arguing and doing anything except noticing the approaching flames. “Smart people would notice the fire and remove the inflammable objects and material before the house catches the fire. Useful idiots will keep arguing about whether it is constitutional or not to pay firefighters, or the equality of husband and wife in domestic chores (who should remove the combustibles), until the actual explosion blows their enfeebled brains all over the neighborhood.” Americans are screaming at each other over relative non-issues while ignoring the flames engulfing our house!

Bezmenov describes the effectiveness of discrediting law enforcement, and of buying people off with socialist programs that make them loyal to the welfare state but not the nation. “[I]n the area of social life, by encouraging you to put your individual rights over your obligations (and obligations private, financial, moral, patriotic, etc) the subverter achieves the desired effect: a society composed of irresponsible individuals, each one ‘doing his own thing,’ and acting according to the ‘law of the jungle.’ Such subversion of society is the first step to tyranny.”

This book makes for chilling reading—especially when you see the U.S. tearing itself apart as it is now. He even wrote, “Racial and ethnic interrelations is one of the most vulnerable areas for demoralization.” He exposes the danger in remaining ignorant of history, in eliminating religion and morality, in forsaking the ideals that founded this nation, in failing to build loyalty in our people, in turning education over to radicals, in embracing socialist thinking.

Though perhaps initiated and encouraged by KGB masterminds, these dangerous actions are all things Americans have *done to ourselves*.

Statues in many nations have been defaced and destroyed, such as this of Winston Churchill outside Parliament in London.



THE MODERN INTERPRETATION OF HISTORY

Intellectuals have removed God from their studies. What is the result? **BY GERALD FLURRY**

PEOPLE ARE ATTACKING HISTORY. This is especially true of American and British history. They are filling the media with accusations that our greatest leaders were bloodthirsty, corrupt and, especially, racist. Protesters are spray-painting, toppling, beheading and destroying symbols of that history, including landmarks honoring Christopher Columbus, a pilgrim maiden, pioneers, George Rogers Clark, Abraham Lincoln, confederate generals, police officers, paralyzed American veterans, World War I victims, World War II soldiers, Winston Churchill and many others.

Our history shapes our present and our future. How have we come to such a miserable, hateful, grossly inaccurate perspective on even our own history? And what does this mean for our future?

The answer is found in historians' fundamental method. Whatever else they may disagree on, they agree that human history has not been shaped by God.

To take one example, the historian Homer Carey Hockett warned his students to avoid historical texts that mention God and the Bible. He wrote: "Moreover there are some kinds of statements which are rejected even without being subjected to the usual tests. The historian must reject ... statements reporting happenings which do not conform to the laws of nature as established by scientific methods."

So they exclude any possibility of the divine. The words of the Bible pertain to the spiritual, and historians consider that *ignorance*. They exclude miracles; they ignore God's prophecies; they push aside the revelation of His truth.

Historians have left *God and the Bible* out of history. But **BY WHAT AUTHORITY?**

A Gigantic Question Mark

In the Worldwide Church of God in 1962, during the days of founder Herbert W. Armstrong, Dr. Herman Hoeh

wrote a book asking this question. It is a profound question—truly one of the most profound we could possibly ask, especially of historians today!

Mr. Armstrong was chancellor of Ambassador College in Pasadena, California. In an article he wrote about education, he heavily quoted the first chapter of Dr. Hoeh's book, titled "The Modern Interpretation of History." I want to share with you what he wrote, and I believe you will be shocked and enlightened by this subject like I was.

That chapter begins with that crucial question: "By what authority have historians left God and the Bible out of history?" "This question may come as a surprise," Dr. Hoeh wrote. "Many are unaware that a radically new interpretation of history is being taught in schools and colleges today. It is a history of the world in which God and the supernatural are rejected."

"It is impossible to believe BOTH this history AND the Bible! Both cannot be right," he continued. Yes, the modern interpretation of history is in *open conflict* with God's Word! Historians know this.

Leaving God out of history brings chaos and confusion. Still, most people have *assumed* that secular historians are right. They *assume* historians have definitive answers to important questions such as how man originated, why man exists, and where man is going. They have faith in secular history, but they haven't *proved* that faith.

One famous historian, Hendrik van Loon, confessed: "We live under the shadow of a gigantic question mark. What are we? Where did we come from? Whither are we bound?" He *knew* he couldn't answer the pivotal questions of human existence! Yet he answered, "We still know very little, but we have reached the point where (with a fair degree of accuracy) we can guess at many things."

Today, *guesses* masquerade as authoritative history! Are you really going to rely on guesses about the biggest questions ever asked?

The *Trumpet* doesn't guess. We have conclusive answers you can count on.

Standing in Judgment of History

"Casual readers would be shocked to learn how history books are prepared," Dr. Hoeh wrote. "It is usually assumed

that history is solely a matter of collecting factual material, judiciously evaluating it, and recording it for posterity.” He then quoted historian C. W. Ceram, who warned: “Nothing could be farther from the truth.”

“A historian is not a scribe, but a JUDGE of the evidence that is brought before him,” Dr. Hoeh continued. “He is his own final authority. He is not judged by, but sits in judgment of, history. Whatever evidence does not conform to the commonly accepted beliefs of the age or community in which he lives he summarily rejects!

“History, in other words, is based only on that part of evidence which agrees with the prevailing opinions of the society in which a historian lives. These may be shocking evaluations, but they are true. World history texts prove it. Historians admit it!”

People are biased. Historians are biased. History is biased! And the biggest bias of all in this modern history is that historians have ripped Bible history right out of their accounts! This is a serious omission!

The world faces many serious problems today. We have a deadly virus, and even worse, responses from government that are driving nations into terrifying debt and social breakdown. We have serious political division, racial conflict, international conflict, increasing military and arms spending, rapidly advancing weapons development. We face the

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possibility of HUMAN ANNIHILATION!

The fact is, *only God can save us from our problems!* Yet we are leaving God out of our history and out of our lives! This is more dangerous than any other problem I have described!

God is WRATHFUL at our rejection of Him! He calls the modern descendants of Israel—mostly the United States and Britain—“the people of MY WRATH” (Isaiah 10:6). (Request a free copy of *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.)

Read the history books and you see how they ignore the Bible, if they don’t

flatly deny it and undermine it. But the Bible is the only book that can answer our gigantic questions and solve our gigantic problems!

If you want to prove the Bible, look at biblical prophecy. Prophecy proves God’s existence and the veracity of His Word (read my article “Prophecy Is Proof of God” at theTrumpet.com/22171). You can prove that if you are willing to let go of the personal biases and prejudices we all have. Only God is completely unbiased and free of prejudice, and we must learn to see things as He does.

A Case Study

Dr. Hoeh recounted a major Supreme Court case from 1954, *Brown v. Board of Education*. He focused on one aspect of how that case was argued that reveals what is wrong with our historians and our history. One side brought in a noted historian. He later explained to his fellow historians what he did: “The problem we faced was not the historian’s discovery of the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth; the problem instead was the formulation of an adequate gloss ... It was not that we were engaged in formulating lies; there was nothing as crude and naive as that. But we were using facts, emphasizing facts, bearing down on facts, sliding off facts, quietly ignoring facts and, above all, interpreting facts in a way to ... ‘get by’ ...”

Historians on all sides of many argu-

ments and problems commit this same fundamental error! This is precisely the problem with so much modern history: Historians appoint themselves as *interpreters* and *judges*, and they ignore or remove any facts they deem inconvenient. They reject God as historical Judge, appoint themselves as judges, and judge history with an entirely materialistic, “evolutionary” view.

The Apostle Paul wrote about this type of view, and it is certainly prophetic of our day: “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and

unrighteousness of men, who *hold* [that is, *hold down* or *suppress*] the truth in unrighteousness” (Romans 1:18). Many older historians at least included God in their writings, but men have always suppressed God’s truth in some way or other.

Historians are still suppressing God’s truth! They OMIT the truth and ELIMINATE God and the Bible as they interpret history. That is a serious problem!

“Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God HATH SHEWED IT UNTO THEM” (verse 19). God showed them! God has revealed Himself through His creation. His truth is accessible to anyone with an open mind and humility. “For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse” (verse 20). Still mankind rejects their Creator! There is *no excuse* for such willful ignorance!

Historians say Jesus Christ is a myth, that miracles are fantasy, that the Bible is nothing but legend and superstition. They try to intimidate you into going along with them. But God says they have NO EXCUSE for their ignorance! He holds people accountable for what they *should know*.

God is real! He created us. And He reveals Himself and His purposes in His Word. Human beings are not animals. We are not a product of evolution, which is and always will be an unproved theory! God created humans with His mind and the potential to build His character (Genesis 1)—elevating us far above the station of animals.

In his booklet *Does God Exist?* (request your free copy), Mr. Armstrong gave the example of an intricate, finely crafted watch. Wouldn’t it be absurd to think that watch simply appeared out of nowhere, without a creator? God’s creation makes that watch look trivial by comparison! Even a hummingbird is infinitely more complex than the highest quality watch. The great King David said only a FOOL could believe there is no God (Psalm 14:1).

Give God a Voice

The historian from the court case discussed above later said: “I was facing the deadly opposition between my professional integrity as a historian and

a contemporary question of values, of ideals, of policy, or partisanship and of political objectives. I suppose if a man is without scruple, this matter will not bother him, but I am frank to say that it bothered me terribly ...”

Modern historians are pressured to choose between contemporary values and truth! That historian concluded: “I am convinced now that this interpretation, which we hammered out with anything but historical truth as our objective, nonetheless contains an essential measure of historical truth.” Astounding! Anyone with the authority to speak the truth to the people will be held accountable by God. Speaking something *close* to the truth isn’t good enough!

Shamefully, historians reject God and then set themselves up as judges of history. Readers of history are then left to accept those human judgments as truth.

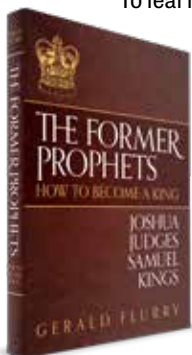
WHEN WILL HISTORIANS GIVE GOD A VOICE?

The “historical method” of study, as Dr. Hoeh wrote, “rests on only one fundamental—and unprovable—hypothesis: THAT GOD HAS NEVER AND DOES NOT NOW INTERVENE IN, OR DETERMINE, THE COURSE OF HISTORY.” But the truth is that God has ALWAYS intervened in the world to work out His master plan!

Historians who reject the Creator of human beings will never understand true history that way. And human beings will never solve our problems by leaving God out of the picture.

Don’t make that mistake. You can prove God and His active presence in the world today. He has been around throughout all history, and He has recorded so much important history in His Word. Thank God for that! Thank Him for proving Himself to us. And the fact that we can include Him in our study of history is wonderful news! ■

To learn more about true history, request Gerald Flurry’s book ***The Former Prophets: How to Become a King***. It is a marvelous historical study, and it includes an enlightening afterword titled “A Law of History.” Also request ***Does God Exist?***



The CRUCIAL HISTORY Edited Out of World War II

BY RICHARD PALMER

WHY DID THE ALLIES WIN WORLD War II? Bad decisions by Adolf Hitler? Stubborn resistance from Winston Churchill’s Britain? Endurance from Russia? The massive industrial might of the United States?

All these factors played their role. But the most critical reason is airbrushed out of the history books.

Britain held a total of *seven days of prayer* during World War II. The first came days after Winston Churchill became prime minister, and the last on April 23, 1944, in anticipation of D-Day.

The nation heavily invested in these days. On the first, May 26, 1940, shops closed as the Church of England, the Catholic Church, Jews and other religions appealed to God for help. The *Times* described how the King and Queen attended services at Westminster Abby, with Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, along with the prime minister and all the leaders of Britain. “In the cities and towns, leaders of civic life attended church on this Day of National Prayer at the head of their people,” the *Times* wrote. “From peaceful village churches in the remote countryside the same prayers were offered, just as in these fateful hours the same thoughts are in people’s minds.” Afterward, the archbishop of Canterbury called on everyone to pause at noon every day and pray for deliverance. Newspapers even gave advice on *how to pray!*

“It is well for us to show the world that we still believe in divine guidance; in the laws of Christianity may we find inspiration and faith from this solemn day,” declared British Pathé—the newsreel then shown in cinemas.

Similar news coverage continued for other days of prayer. “Look back through history and find how the people of this



land of ours have always committed their cause to Almighty God,” stated the news announcer as the Royal Air Force lined up to beseech God’s help in 1942. “These are modern crusaders who are not ashamed to pray.”

America responded to the war in the same way. On D-Day, the president exhorted the whole nation to join him in prayer. Stores closed early. One department store chain, Lord & Taylor, closed completely: Its president sent his 3,000 employees home to pray.

In its lead editorial, the *New York Times* wrote: “We pray for the boys we know and for millions of unknown boys who are equally a part of us. ... We pray for our country. ... The cause prays for itself, for it is the cause of the God who created man free and equal.”

American historian Stephen E. Ambrose wrote in his book *D-Day*: “The impulse to pray was overwhelming. Many people got their first word of the invasion as they began their daily routines; after they recovered their breath, they said a silent prayer. Others heard the news broadcast on loudspeakers during their night shifts on assembly lines around the country. Men and women paused over their machines, prayed, and returned to work with renewed dedication. Across the United States and Canada, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the Arctic to the Gulf Coast, the church bells rang. Not in triumph or celebration but as a solemn reminder of national unity and a call to formal prayer. Special services were held in every church



Worshippers gather for a remembrance service in Coventry Cathedral after it was destroyed by the German Luftwaffe on Nov. 15, 1942.

and synagogue in the land. Pews were jammed with worshippers.”

What was the result of these prayers?

After the prayers for Dunkirk, 335,000 men were rescued from the shores of France; the government expected only up to 45,000 to be saved. The *Daily Telegraph* wrote on July 8, 1940, “Those who are accustomed to the Channel testify to the strangeness of this calm; they are deeply impressed by the phenomenon of nature by which it became possible for tiny craft to go back and forth in safety.” People at the time could see that this “strangeness” was nothing short of a miracle from God.

“The fortitude displayed and the success achieved are to me, at least, miracles and an answer to the prayers which rose up from the Empire, and from millions outside it on May 26. Let us not forget to return thanks,” read one letter to the *Times*.

“Surely our prayers have been answered in the merciful deliverance of our Expeditionary Force from complete destruction?” another letter said. “Thanksgiving is surely as important as supplication, and there must be many who feel, like myself, that we ought to have a special day of thanksgiving to God for His wonderful answer to our prayers.”

The *Times* wrote that these letters “are two out of a very large number addressed to the *Times* in the same sense.”

On June 9, Britain went back to church for a national day of thanksgiving. “One thing can be certain

about tomorrow’s thanksgiving in our churches,” wrote the *Telegraph*. “From none will the thanks ascend with greater sincerity or deeper fervor than from the officers and men who have seen the hand of God, powerful to save, delivering them from the hands of a mighty foe, who, humanly speaking, had them utterly at his mercy.”

Time magazine also spotted the connection, noting that just five days after the nation’s first day of prayer, the Army was rescued, and that similar miracles followed the second.

Britain’s second and third day of prayer came during the Battle of Britain, when the German Air Force tried to clear the way for a Nazi invasion. Britain won the battle, and Air Chief Marshall Hugh Dowding said: “I will say with absolute conviction that I can trace the intervention of God. ... Humanly speaking, victory was impossible!”

After D-Day, the senior Allied commanders all gave thanks to God. “If there were nothing else in my life to prove the existence of an almighty and merciful God, the events of the next 24 hours did it,” said Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower.

“Look back through history and find how the people of this land of ours have always committed their cause to Almighty God. These are modern crusaders who are not ashamed to pray.”

“Such a historic march of events can seldom have taken place in such a short space of time,” wrote Field Marshall Bernard Montgomery. “Let us say to each other, *This was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.*”

Lt. Gen. Sir Frederick Morgan, who did most of the planning for D-Day as chief of staff to the supreme Allied commander, wrote an article for the *Telegraph* after the war titled “The Miracle of D-Day.”

“And miracles happen still,” he wrote. “How many of them have we not seen enacted before our eyes in these past few years.”

He was on the scene at D-Day. “There were many others who, like us, saw no way out barring a miracle. There came a miracle.”

He described the way the weather changed miraculously before the Allied landings in North Africa. “The history of our other theaters of war will inevitably tell of many similar happenings, but I doubt if any will be such as to compare with the miracle of D-Day in 1944,” he wrote.

In response to this deliverance, the British government even took steps to make the nation more religious. The 1944 Education Act required all schools to hold a daily act of collective worship.

On V-E Day, King George VI told the nation, “We give thanks to God for a great deliverance.” U.S. President Harry Truman appointed May 13 as a day of prayer, saying: “I call upon the people of the United States, whatever their faith, to unite in offering joyful thanks to God for the victory we have won and to pray that He will support us to the end of our present struggle and guide us into the way of peace.”

These are not insignificant individuals calling for prayer and then acknowledging the results. Just about all of the top British and American leaders were involved. Yet you hear nothing about this when World War II is taught today.

You would have thought that even an atheist would have recorded some details of these days of prayers. From a purely academic, historical point of view, it would be important to know that Allied leaders believed that God was on their side, sought His

help, and credited Him with their victories. But instead, they’re almost never mentioned; God and the Bible are left out.

With a full account of this history, V-E Day could be an annual reminder of our need for God—nationally and individually. Even without cracking open your Bible, an honest look at history gives you a profound education.

A great place to see God’s role in history is in our free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, by Herbert W. Armstrong. It shows God’s plan in world events. It explains what God has been doing throughout man’s history, and what He will do today. It will show you specific prophecies that were fulfilled during World War II. This book brings history and the Bible together, and makes them both come alive. ■



Where Is the China-America Clash Leading?

Under Donald Trump, the United States is holding China accountable more than ever. How will this budding rivalry end? **BY GERALD FLURRY**

THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS HAS exposed the true nature of the Chinese Communist Party as nothing ever has. It should be a sobering warning to the entire world!

Some of the most incriminating evidence appeared in a shocking 15-page report published in early May, compiled by an intelligence alliance comprised of the United States, Canada, Britain, Australia and New Zealand—called the Five Eyes.

For years, China has worked ferociously to surpass the U.S. in economic power and scientific advancements. By now, it probably has overtaken America by some economic measures. The Chinese Communist Party (CCP) is also amassing staggering levels of military power. It is bent on asserting more and more control not just over the people of China, but over the territory and people in the nation's periphery.

Meanwhile, the coronavirus that the CCP unleashed onto the world has cost the U.S. trillions of dollars. America's national debt keeps climbing toward \$30 trillion. This weakness will be a major factor that strips the U.S. of its

superpower status and a lot more.

As China does all it can to hasten America's decline, the China-U.S. relationship is becoming a tense clash of economic giants. **THIS CLASH WAS PROPHESED IN YOUR BIBLE!**

A Man-made Plague

On May 3, U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said: "I can tell you that there is a significant amount of evidence" that COVID-19 "came from that laboratory in Wuhan."

This is an alarming reality!

Though President Donald Trump's administration has refrained from accusing China of intentionally bio-engineering the coronavirus, it has questioned whether the virus may have accidentally escaped from a Chinese lab.

In a May 4 bombshell report about the Five Eyes' coronavirus document, *Australian Daily Telegraph's* Sharri Markson pointed out that in 2014, the U.S. withdrew funding to China due to fear over "controversial experiments that make pathogens more potent or likely to spread dangerous viruses." The concern about Chinese laboratories has

spanned U.S. presidential administrations!

Markson also discussed a "sensitive but unclassified" cable that U.S. Embassy scientists and diplomats in Beijing sent to Washington, D.C., on Jan. 19, 2018. The document warned of "inadequate safety practices and management weaknesses" as Chinese researchers at the Wuhan Institute of Virology "conducted research on coronaviruses from bats." The cable said the lab had "a serious shortage of appropriately trained technicians and investigators needed to safely operate this high-containment laboratory."

THERE WERE SERIOUS RED FLAGS ALL OVER THIS HIGH-STAKES FACILITY! BUT NO ONE DID ANYTHING ABOUT THE WARNINGS!

The Five Eyes document makes another disturbing claim: Before the coronavirus

spread around the world, Chinese scientists wondered whether it was wise to experiment with dangerous viruses to try to *prevent* a pandemic, when an accidental leak of such a virus could also *cause* a pandemic.

Clearly, the coronavirus is a man-made plague. What does that tell you about the country responsible for it?

An Act of War?

It is also now well established that in the early days of the coronavirus outbreak, the Chinese Communist Party deliberately suppressed reports about it and even destroyed evidence of the outbreak. The Five Eyes report called this behavior an "assault on international transparency."

THIS WAS AN ASSAULT ON FAR MORE THAN "TRANSPARENCY"! And it was one that has cost trillions of dollars and hundreds of thousands of lives!

The *Australian Daily Telegraph* said the Five Eyes intelligence document's major themes include: "the 'deadly denial of human-to-human transmission,' the silencing or 'disappearing' of doctors and scientists who spoke out,

the destruction of evidence of the virus from genomic studies laboratories, and 'bleaching of wildlife market stalls,' along with the refusal to provide live virus samples to international scientists working on a vaccine. [A]nd data on asymptomatic 'silent carriers' kept secret."

The Five Eyes report says despite "evidence of human-human transmission from early December," Chinese authorities denied such transmission "until January 20."

The World Health Organization issued the same denial, shamefully doing the CCP's bidding! And that was despite the fact that officials in Taiwan had sounded the alarm about people spreading the virus to each other as early as December 31, and experts in Hong Kong did the same on January 4.

It was only on January 23 that the CCP finally locked Wuhan down altogether. Many crucial days passed by while millions of people were leaving Wuhan for other parts of the world.

The report then notes that throughout February, Beijing pressured "the U.S., Italy, India, Australia, Southeast Asian neighbors and others not to protect themselves via travel restrictions." This pressure came even as China was imposing heavy restrictions on its own people!

The timeline shows that after the outbreak, the CCP forbade people from Wuhan from traveling to other parts of China, while they encouraged other countries to let people from Wuhan travel all over the world.

It shows that there was pre-planning on China's part, and that the nation willingly spread the plague.

THIS IS CRUELTY BEYOND IMAGINATION!

Far too many people have died. The coronavirus outbreak could have been prevented. Eight Wuhan doctors tried to warn the world and were arrested and rebuked! One citizen journalist and local businessman disappeared! Foreign journalists were expelled. China's government didn't want the truth to leak out.

This is communism in action.

China has lied, buried the truth, and refused to let experts in to examine evidence, all the while hoarding medical supplies. Everyone knows China is covering something up! *China caused the plague!* This is brazen aggression. This is on the level of an act of war!

A Sea Gate Lost

In the July 2016 *Philadelphia Trumpet*, I wrote about another important development that put China's brazen aggression and cruelty on full display! "Ever since Xi Jinping took over as general secretary of the Communist Party of China, his administration has been militarizing the South China Sea and working to push the United States out of East Asia," I wrote in an article titled "China Is Steering the World Toward War" (theTrumpet.com/13880).

I emphasized that in two South China Sea island chains—the Paracels and the Spratlys—China is building a series of man-made islands. Some of these are as far as 800 miles from China's shore! But that is not stopping China from asserting full control over this vital sea and even creating these new "sea gates" to help it allow or deny access to the region. China has been busy militarizing these islands, equipping them with anti-aircraft batteries, fighter jets and everything China needs to assert its power over this important sea!

In recent months, as the world has been distracted by the Made-in-China coronavirus, Beijing has been making many moves to assert its power over the South China Sea. In December, Chinese vessels trespassed into Indonesia's exclusive economic zone (EEZ) where they carried out a monthlong standoff against the Indonesians. In January, China began a series of tactical military exercises and other provocations dangerously close to Taiwan. In March, a Chinese ship rammed and sunk a Vietnamese fishing vessel near the Paracel Islands. In April, 10 Chinese ships entered Malaysia's EEZ where they engaged in a face-off with Malaysian oil exploration vessels. The same month, China declared the Paracels and Spratlys subdivisions of the Chinese city of Sansha, and then renamed more than 80 South China Sea features—a clear assertion of dominance over the area. In May, China accelerated plans to develop infrastructure in Cambodia that will almost certainly give Beijing firmer military footing in that important edge of the South China Sea.

Since the end of World War II, the U.S. had asserted naval dominance in the South China Sea and had kept it free and

open for trade. That U.S. control was tremendously important because about A THIRD OF THE WORLD'S MARITIME COMMERCE, \$5.3 TRILLION ANNUALLY, TRAVELS THROUGH THE SOUTH CHINA SEA. This is a MAJOR ARTERY of commerce.

BUT NOW, CHINA IS TAKING OVER. It is bullying and domineering its neighbors into submission. It has the power, thanks largely to these militarized islands, to stop the trillions of dollars' worth of trade being shipped through this area.

That would prove to be a colossal danger to the United States and several other nations—and it could lead to MAJOR CONFLICT.

History shows how important the shift in power now happening in the South China Sea is. During World War II, when Japan seized Singapore from Britain, IT SIGNALLED THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF THE MIGHTY BRITISH EMPIRE. And it was a major boon to Japanese power! China is now exhibiting similar *war-making aggression* in the South China Sea that the U.S. long had control over. China is prying the region away from American power by literally building NEW SEA GATES—and militarizing them.

What is truly appalling is that during China's first several years of building these artificial islands, it repeatedly DENIED they would ever be used for any military purpose. In September 2015, for example, Xi Jinping stood in the White House Rose Garden and made a promise to President Barack Obama: "Relevant construction activity that China is undertaking in the Nansha Islands does not target or impact any country, and there is no intention to militarize," he said, using the Chinese name for the Spratly archipelago. In the following years, even as the CCP fortified and armed the islands, Xi and his underlings continued to deny their obvious true purpose.

How can the U.S. possibly trust China when it lies and cheats constantly?

China's behavior with the coronavirus, in the South China Sea, in unlawful trade practices, and in so many other areas makes painfully clear that America CANNOT TRUST IT!

That means the U.S. had better remain stronger than China, or it is inviting disaster. However, without strategic mastery of the crucial sea lanes, America won't be superior for long.

A Sign From God

To understand what is now happening in the South China Sea, and in the overall U.S.-China dynamic, it is crucial to know why the U.S. first gained control over that oceanic region. And to understand this history, we have to go back long before America was even founded—back some 3,500 years ago, to the patriarch Abraham.

God called Abraham for a special purpose. Genesis 22 shows that as part of God's work with Abraham, He asked him to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. This was a heavy, heavy test! But Abraham deeply trusted God and showed himself willing to obey Him—even with this impossibly difficult directive.

At the last minute, once it was clear Abraham was willing to obey, God stopped Abraham from actually carrying out the sacrifice. However, Abraham's willingness to sacrifice Isaac was a type of what God the Father would later truly do—sacrificing His Son to pay the price for the sins of all mankind!

What astounding obedience on Abraham's part! As a result, God told Abraham: “[B]ecause thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies” (Genesis 22:16-17).

When Abraham passed this enormous test, God promised not only that his descendants would be numerous, but also that they would come to “possess the gate of his enemies.” This is about SEA GATES!

In his book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, the late Herbert W. Armstrong proved that the peoples of the U.S. and the United Kingdom are the descendants of Abraham! Mr. Armstrong showed that America and Britain came from Abraham's grandson Israel, and from Israel's son Joseph, and that THEY RECEIVED THIS PROMISED POSSESSION OF “GATES.”

“[T]hese descendants of Joseph” became “numerous” and “encircled the globe” and came to “possess the ‘gates’ of enemy nations,” Mr. Armstrong wrote. “Britain and America came into possession of every such major ‘gate’ in this world!”

It is irrefutable that until quite recently, America and Britain proudly controlled almost every important sea gate worldwide: the Panama Canal, the Suez Canal, Hong Kong, Sri Lanka, Singapore and more than a dozen others!

Based on Genesis 22:17, Mr. Armstrong said the fact that the UK and U.S. acquired these strategic oceanic locations itself proves that these nations are the descendants of Abraham's family. “[W]e must be modern Israel,” he wrote.

Notice: These gates would have otherwise belonged to Israel's “enemies.” And who controls many of these gates today? Either directly or indirectly, IT IS CHINA!

Israel's enemies are trying to get control of these sea gates because they *hate* the nations of Israel!



BY JEREMIAH JACQUES

“THEY ARE NO LONGER HIDING THEIR EVIL PLANS.” THESE were the words of a Hong Kong-based analyst speaking to the *Trumpet* on the condition of anonymity about the Chinese government's push on May 28 to criminalize “subversion, terrorism, any behavior that gravely threatens national security” in Hong Kong.

The ruling Chinese Communist Party (CCP) is notorious for defining terms like “subversion” and “terrorism” with spectacular broadness to target just about anyone, including someone who perhaps jokes about a party official or criticizes the placement of a police traffic stop. Such a person can be detained without trial and tortured to extract confessions. If he sees a

courtroom, the prosecution has a 99.9 percent chance of convicting him, and if he is sentenced to execution, it is likely that he will be dead within 72 hours. China executes more prisoners than the rest of the world combined.

It was fear of being subjected to this mainland system that drove millions of Hong Kongers into the streets beginning in June 2019. The CCP had tried pushing a law through Hong Kong's legislature that would let Beijing easily transfer individuals in the territory to the mainland if they were suspected of breaking any Chinese law. So Hong Kongers demonstrated their opposition to the idea and their desire for autonomy from China—judicial and otherwise.

Recent history shows that this desire was not unreasonable.

A Promise Broken

Hong Kong was ceded from Britain to China in 1997, with the CCP promising “One Country, Two Systems” that allowed residents of the territory to retain their identity and many freedoms for 50 years. In the years following the handover, China made several disquieting pushes against Hong Kong's semi-autonomy, and each prompted protests in the territory. But Beijing's intrusion in June 2019 reached a new level of audacity, and Hong Kongers responded with months of impassioned, often violent, demonstrations.

The protests persisted until the start of this year, when the outbreak of COVID-19 from China's Wuhan province helped the CCP finally keep Hong Kongers indoors. But the CCP knew the tensions hadn't been resolved, and as the outbreak died down, it feared that Hong Kong wouldn't pass laws needed to

Whether we realize it or not, China and many other nations are our *enemies!*

The Bible foretold the U.S. and UK's incredible acquisition of these invaluable possessions. It also prophesied that America and Britain would later LOSE CONTROL of those gates.

Reaching the People

In Deuteronomy 28:52, God says that if the descendants of Abraham rejected Him, He would cause their enemies to take control of the gates. “*And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land; and HE SHALL BESIEGE THEE IN ALL THY GATES THROUGHOUT ALL THY LAND, WHICH THE LORD THY GOD HATH GIVEN THEE.*”

Our nations trust too much in their own military might, and not in the God who blessed them with sea gates! Because of this, America's and Britain's sea gates are disappearing.

The Prophet Daniel explained more about why this is happening: “As it is written in the law of Moses [such as that

prophecy in Deuteronomy], all this evil is come upon us; yet made we not our prayer before the Lord our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth. THEREFORE HATH THE LORD WATCHED UPON THE EVIL, AND BROUGHT IT UPON US; for the Lord our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth: for WE OBEYED NOT HIS VOICE” (Daniel 9:13-14).

God is not happy with the national descendants of Israel in this end time!

He prophesies that a devastating ECONOMIC SIEGE is coming against America! (Ezekiel 4:1-5).

China isn't the only “enemy” making moves against America. The German-led European Union signed a trade deal with Mexico on April 20. We can see the beginnings of a trade war in which America will be *besieged in all its sea gates*—exactly as Deuteronomy 28:52 says will happen.

The fact that China—the same deceitful nation that unleashed the coronavirus on the world—is now controlling the South China Sea that the U.S. long

controlled shows that these prophecies are being fulfilled!

And the Bible shows that much more bad news is to come for the U.S. and the UK. God says He is *against* Israel in this end time (Ezekiel 13:8). THIS IS THE MOST TERRIFYING PROPHECY YOU COULD EVER HEAR! But God always warns before punishing.

God doesn't want Israel to suffer. However, as Creator of mankind He knows that, sadly, tough correction is the only thing that will cause the vast majority of people to turn to Him. Eight verses in Ezekiel label the suffering as a means of teaching the people about God. *They will finally get to know God!* That is the good news. And that's the reason it is all happening.

Oh, what suffering will come if people don't wake up! But God will protect a tiny few who do His work today before the return of Jesus Christ (Ezekiel 5:3—this is explained in my free book *Ezekiel—The End-time Prophet*). It is the job of the Philadelphia Church of God to warn of the coming crisis of crises! ■

prevent a renewal of the protests. So, in brazen violation of One Country, Two Systems, the CCP ignored Hong Kong's legislature and imposed its own sweeping anti-sedition legislation on the territory, which, among other things, includes stationing Communist Party secret police in the territory.

If you are a Hong Konger, you are watching your private, educational, communication, financial and judicial freedoms inherited from the British era dissolve into a system of *one country, one oppression*.

Those freedoms, the analyst said, are “officially dead. ... Everything has been taken under control of the CCP.”

This is the CCP's “nuclear option.” They would've preferred to gain control more stealthily, with less open resistance from Hong Kongers and less opposition from other nations, which have acknowledged Hong Kong's special status for 23 years and are criticizing China's open, illegal power grab. In addition, full CCP control will make Hong Kong a considerably less attractive location for global companies to do business, and through which to interface with mainland China. United States Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said the CCP seizing freedoms from Hong Kong means America will be unable to keep providing the city with trade and immigration advantages. All of this could be a major blow to the financial benefits the CCP reaps through Hong Kong.

But none of that matters as much to CCP leaders as much as protecting their power. It shows that their concern for what other nations think of their increasingly dictatorial leadership is evaporating. As the analyst said, “They are no longer hiding their evil plans.”

A Dark Microcosm

Over the last two centuries, the British and the Americans dominated much of the globe. Their citizens and subjects experienced enormous benefits and advancements in civilization, including in Hong Kong where Britain transformed an essentially barren island into a beacon of freedom and wealth. Now that wealth and, more importantly, those principles and freedoms, are disappearing, in Hong Kong and beyond.

This is just one area where we see a Bible prophecy forecasting the end of the Anglo-American era being fulfilled. Jesus Christ Himself prophesied what is coming next: “the times of the Gentiles.”

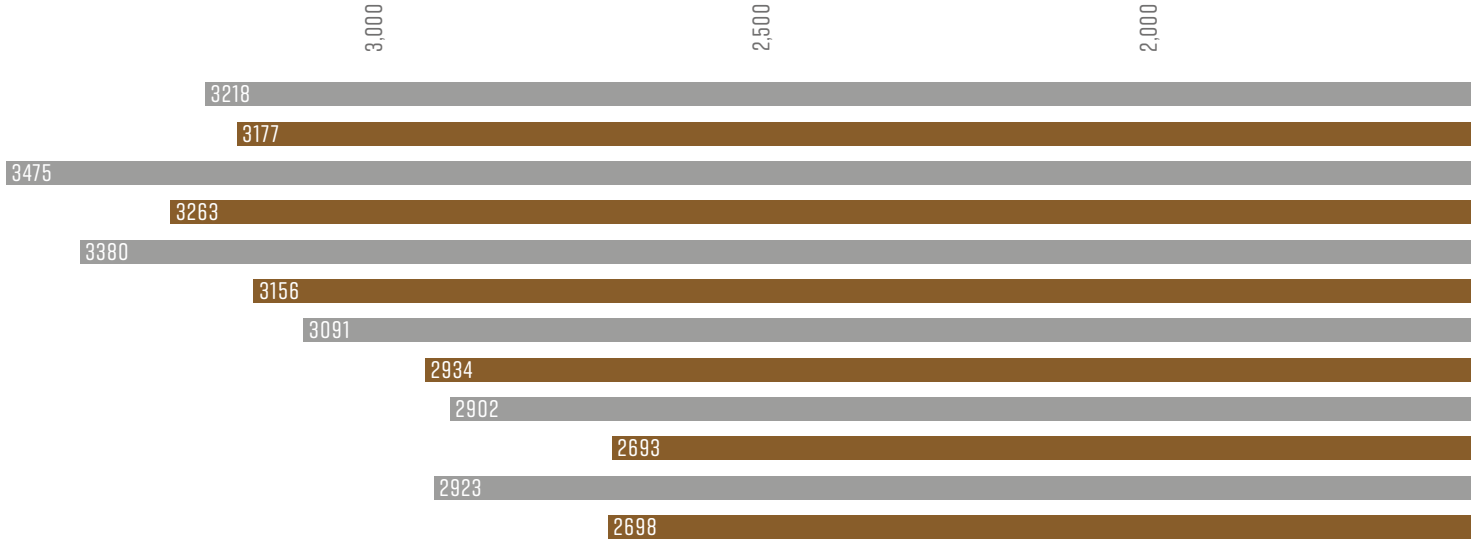
No one claims that British imperialism in Hong Kong and elsewhere was free of evils. The British (and the Americans) are no better than other peoples. Yet no one can convincingly argue that the wealth and influence—and, far more importantly, the *principles* and *freedoms*—that the UK and America spread throughout the world were far, far better than the effects of oppressive regimes like the CCP.

Seeing China obliterate those freedoms and turn Hong Kong into just another oppressed Chinese city is tragic. But Bible prophecy shows that this is merely a small preview of the global destruction coming during the times of the Gentiles.

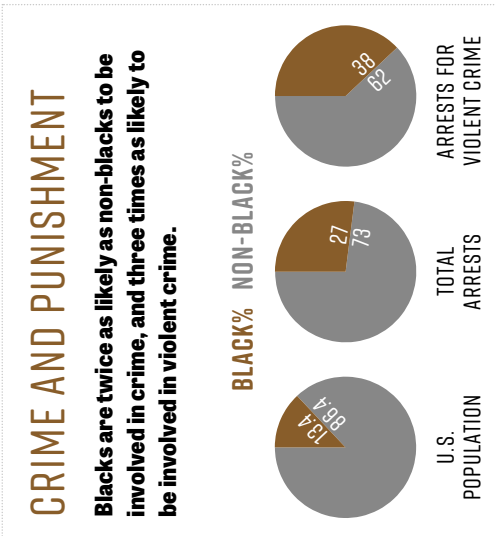
Why are the Gentiles gaining power? Why do they champion different principles? Why have the British and Americans declined? Why were their principles better? Where did those principles come from? And is there hope for Hong Kong? Read “The Climax of Man's Rule Over Man,” by *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry (theTrumpet.com/21698), to understand. ■

THE MYTH OF BLACK GENOCIDE

Protests spread to more than 750 United States cities and towns over George Floyd, a black man who died on May 25 after a Minneapolis police officer held him down with a knee on his neck. Many of these protests escalated into riots, with demonstrators carrying placards saying: “Call It What It Is Black Genocide,” “Black Genocide: 1619–2020,” and “All Lives Matter, Yet Black Lives Battered.” Despite these claims that black Americans are being systematically targeted for extermination, the data shows that black Americans are actually less likely to be killed by police while committing crime than non-blacks.



DEFUND THE POLICE?
Research shows that in many neighborhoods, more police officers don't mean more arrests. Instead, more officers walking the streets seems to deter crime and reduce the need for arrests.
 A 2005 paper by Jonathan Glick and Alex Tabarrok found that when the Washington, D.C., police force mobilized more officers during “high alert” periods, crime levels decreased significantly. This was not due to more arrests, but due to the fact that fewer people commit crimes when officers are around.



A 2018 assessment by Stephen Mello of Princeton University found that cities that received hiring grant funding in 2009 were able to increase police staffing levels by an average of 3.2 percent. This led to a 3.5 percent reduction in crime levels, illustrating that more police lead to lower crime.

Another 2018 assessment by Aaron Chalfin and Justin McCrary examined police and crime data for big cities from 1960 to 2010 and found that every extra \$1 spent on extra policing generates about \$1.63 in social benefits, primarily through fewer murders.

While blacks are more likely to be arrested than non-blacks, they are actually slightly less likely to be shot by police during a crime than non-blacks.

2013-2018 ARRESTS
13,774,668 BLACKS
36,514,571 NON-BLACKS

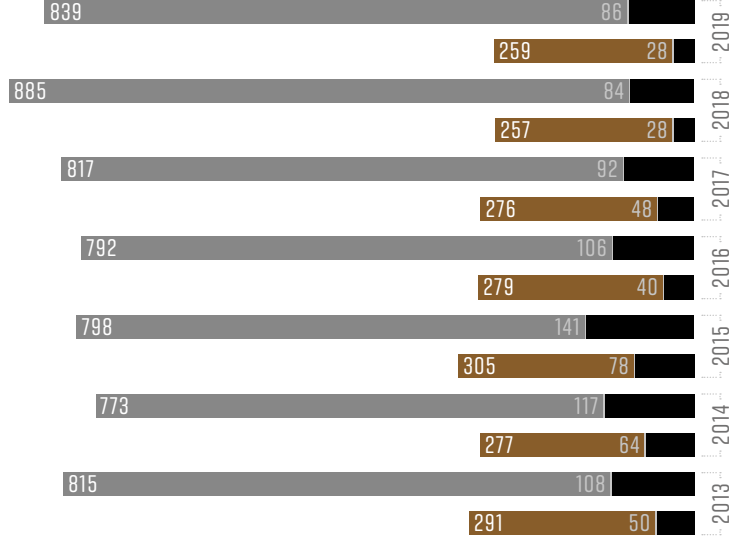
12.2 BLACKS SHOT PER 100,000 ARRESTED
13.4 NON-BLACKS

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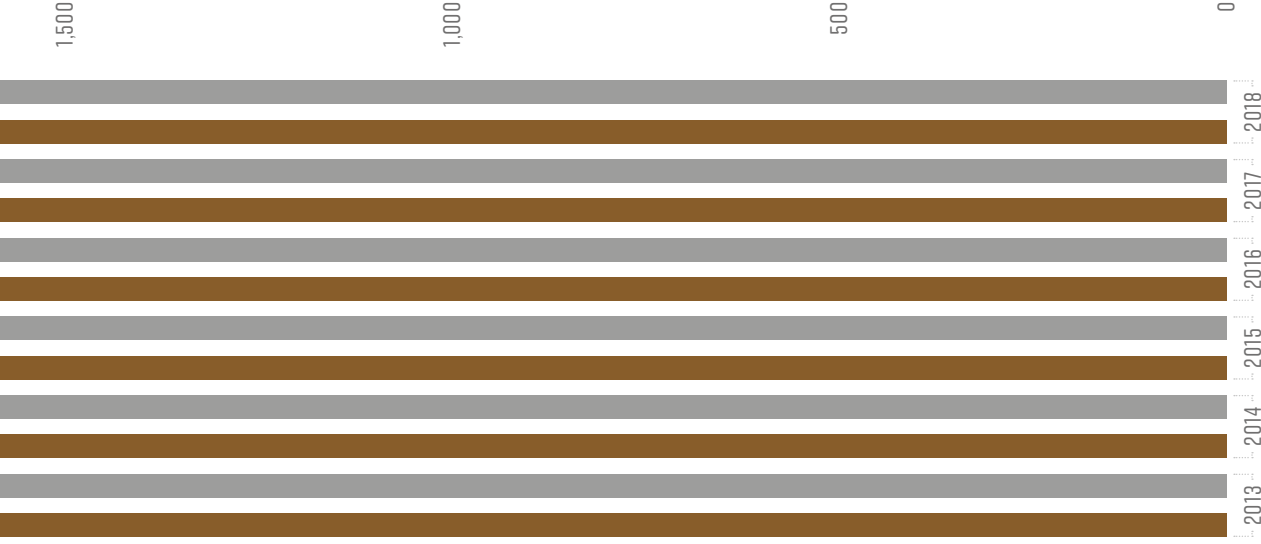
1. Police officers charged for killing people of any race has declined since 2013. There is no numerical racial distinction between these victims.
2. The number of blacks and unarmed offenders shot by police has generally declined since 2013. Conversely, the number of non-black fatalities has increased.
3. Since 2013, murders have increased. Blacks comprise 13.4 percent of the population, yet commit almost half of the murders.



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2. PEOPLE KILLED BY POLICE
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3. PEOPLE KILLED BY
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CAN YOU GUESS WHO IS happy right now? The global health crisis wrought by COVID-19 has been dramatically eclipsed by a global economic crisis wrought by our response to COVID-19. Economic activity has cratered, businesses are failing, production has stopped. The United Nations predicts that even if the world rebounds financially over the rest of the year, extreme poverty will engulf as many as 132 million more people, and those facing acute hunger will double to 265 million.

To most people, this is a catastrophe. But some few are actually excited about it.

For years the folks pushing for a “Green New Deal” have advocated slashing use of fossil fuels. They want gasoline-burning cars off the roads and jet-fueled airliners out of the sky. Suddenly, their dream is reality: People aren’t driving, and nobody is flying.

“This is what ‘rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society’ looks like,” tweeted climate activist Eric Holthaus. “We’re doing it. It’s possible!” Spanish scientist Martín López Corredoira wrote, “Neither Greenpeace, nor Greta Thunberg, nor any other individual or collective organization have achieved so much in favor of the health of the planet in such a short time. A miracle happened. ... It is certainly not very good for the economy in general, but it is fantastic for the environment.”

Some of the wildest wishes of activists are being fulfilled by the coronavirus “miracle”—but not entirely. This global economic shutdown is projected to suppress carbon emissions by only 6 percent, and some analysts say an 8 percent drop each year for a decade is needed to beat climate change. So as difficult as



Why Socialists in America Are Excited

Surveying the masses of self-quarantined needy, they don’t see calamity, but phenomenal opportunity.

BY JOEL HILLIKER

these rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes have been, still greater sacrifices are needed, in their view.

The alignment of interests between environmentalists and lockdown advocates is compelling—and it is hardly coincidental.

Government Is Everywhere

The land of the free market is suffering a flash drought of jobs. In March and April alone, a staggering 36 million Americans filed for unemployment benefits. Millions of people who were taking care of themselves just fine, the government suddenly forced to stay home and stop working because it declared their work “nonessential.” And this same government passed unprecedentedly expensive legislation whereby it (insufficiently) paid people directly by increasing taxpayers’ debt. And it is mulling even more drastic measures.

Here again the lockdowns helped realize a long-cherished goal of the left:

to make more people more dependent on government largesse, hence increasing governmental control and power.

For decades, there has been a movement in America to abolish free markets in favor of collectivism and a command economy. In recent years millions have rallied to this flag behind Sen.

Bernie Sanders, particularly young people who have been convinced that the solution to all problems is *more government*. They want free education, free health care, and guaranteed income whether they work or not.

These people saw the chaos created by lockdowns and insisted that it proves capitalism and free markets don’t work, and that the government needs more

control. In their view, the fact that people can’t stay home from work and survive economically proves the need for guaranteed income. Also, the fact that people lost health care when they lost their jobs proves that health care must be universal.

On ABC’s *This Week*, Senator Sanders called this the “silver lining” of the lockdown chaos—the recognition “that maybe we start rethinking some fundamental tenets about the way our government and society works.” He gave the example of how COVID-19 proves America needs single-payer health care.

“[T]he COVID-19 pandemic has ... expanded the spectrum of imaginable futures and political possibilities,” wrote Eric Levitz in *New York Magazine*. “And *some* of those possibilities have been a sight for sore socialists’ eyes” (April 1).

Surveying the masses of self-quarantined needy, they didn’t see calamity, but *phenomenal opportunity*.

'Crisis and Opportunity'

America's largest officially socialist organization, the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA), boasts only 66,000 members, but it is drawing more (especially young people) toward its ideals if not its membership rolls. Those ideals have deeply saturated the Democratic Party, which has 46 million official members and millions more who identify and vote Democrat. Democrat legislators Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Rashida Tlaib are DSA members. They are Marxist, and though they call themselves "anti-fascist," they lustily endorse stripping power from individuals and shifting it to the government—a key feature of fascism.

The national DSA director, Maria Svart, started a May 7 mis-sive ("Crisis and Opportunity") with this quote from Milton Friedman, whom she described as "an enemy": "Only a crisis—actual or perceived—produces real change." After accusing the "far right" of moving quickly "to take advantage of this crisis," she promised that socialists can move even faster. She praised Bernie Sanders and "the multiracial working-class movement behind him" for mainstreaming democratic socialist ideas. Now, socialists need to press their advantage "to build a new world on the ashes of the old." "If there is now a crisis of legitimacy of the old way of doing things, *there is an opportunity to create permanent shifts,*" she explained (emphasis added throughout).

Svart continued by listing what she considered positive developments: "We see this already where low-wage workers receive unemployment checks higher than old poverty wages, and where millions of people lost employer-based health care overnight and are now adrift in a pandemic and looking to Medicare for All." Note that: Socialists like Svart view direct payments from the government to workers it has banned from working as *good*. People getting a fatter check from the government for sitting on their cans than from working a job—*great!* People having to use government health care rather than private—*terrific!* If you're accustomed to freedom and accountability, then someone getting more cash for *not working* than they can

by *working* is a serious problem. But not to "democratic socialists."

"Between seeing that workers really are essential for human survival yet the bosses still see us as expendable, it has become clear that we have nothing to lose but our chains," Svart continued, quoting directly from Karl Marx's *Communist Manifesto*. She said the people standing in the way of Medicare for All, universal rent control and "living wages" are "the owning class." Thus, "We must organize ourselves and fight."

Whether the issue is air travel, freedom to work, ventilator distribution—or pollution or homosexuality or anything else—all the Democrats' policies get back to the same thing: Take more power from the people and give it to the government.

They call themselves "socialist," but this is unabashed communism. And this type of thinking increasingly animates what the Democrats (and the mainstream media) are doing—most noticeably in their response to coronavirus.

Power Grab

Whether the issue is air travel, freedom to work, ventilator distribution—or pollution or homosexuality or anything else—all the Democrats' policies get back to the same thing: Take more power from the people and give it to the government. Take more money from people and redistribute it. That is the principle underlying health care for all, university education for all, government checks for all, the Green New Deal, and virtually every other major progressive initiative.

"The COVID-19 crisis is a chance to do capitalism differently," Mariana Mazzucato, professor of economics at University College London, wrote in the *Guardian*. This crisis exposed the "lack of a safety net and protection for working people in societies with rising inequality ... But we now have an opportunity to USE THIS CRISIS as a way to understand how to do capitalism differently. This requires a rethink of what governments are for: rather than simply fixing market

failures when they arise, they should move towards *actively shaping and creating markets* that deliver sustainable and inclusive growth" (March 18).

Progressives mistrust the private sector's ability to "actively shape and create markets." They endlessly criticize the "1 percent" for wielding wealth and power in a way that excludes the rest of society. The reality is that the private sector and free markets have created an explosion of wealth that has smashed global poverty, particularly in the most recent decades. Reducing government control and allowing people to decide for themselves how and when to buy and sell has brought unparalleled prosperity to millions of people. Even the "poor" enjoy living standards far higher than the great majority living in more-controlled economies.

Yet socialists believe *government officials* can somehow "actively shape and create markets" with no negative side effects. They have unfailing faith that the 1 percent within the *bureaucratic ruling class* are incorruptible.

Mazzucato wrote about how the government can "ensure prices are fair, patents are not abused, medicine supply is safeguarded, and profits are reinvested back into innovation, rather than siphoned out to shareholders." In other words, individuals investing their money is somehow immoral—but government officials taking those individuals' money and investing it is moral because government is inherently unselfish.

Remember, the money that governments spend comes *from the people*. The power the government wields comes at the expense of average people. Socialism takes decision-making away from private individuals and concentrates it in the ruling class. And the reality is, the ruling class is just as susceptible as anyone else to self-interest, greed, corruption and other failings of human nature.

The ideas are always couched in altruistic language—"opportunity," "safety net," "social protection," "sustainable and inclusive growth"—but they promote a fundamental idea that has impoverished, enslaved and even killed hundreds of millions of people

throughout history, particularly over the last century.

“As companies, from airlines to retail, come asking for bailouts and other types of assistance, it is important to resist simply handing out money,” Mazzucato wrote. “Conditions can be attached to make sure that bailouts are structured in ways that *transform the sectors they’re saving* so that they become part of a new economy—one that is focused on the green new deal strategy of lowering carbon emissions while also investing in

passed the House of Representatives, is not expected to pass the Senate.

Socialists want the government to provide “economic security” for everyone—even people who can’t work or don’t want to work. They too can consider coronavirus a “miracle”: Suddenly, the number of people who can’t work has skyrocketed into the millions! This is the perfect opportunity to put tens of millions on government payrolls, under more government control, and into a transition to a socialist state.

with ruinous side effects. Today we are seeing this on an epic scale.

Why do these “solutions” fail? Why do they create more problems than they solve?

There is a specific, fundamental reason: It is because they ignore God. They ignore God’s law.

God has an economic system that benefits everyone. It is built around private property ownership, responsible stewardship and stable families. It minimizes taxation, bureaucratic bloat and governmental imposition in order to maximize freedom. He has a system for helping the poor. It is based on *individual responsibility* and *private charity*.

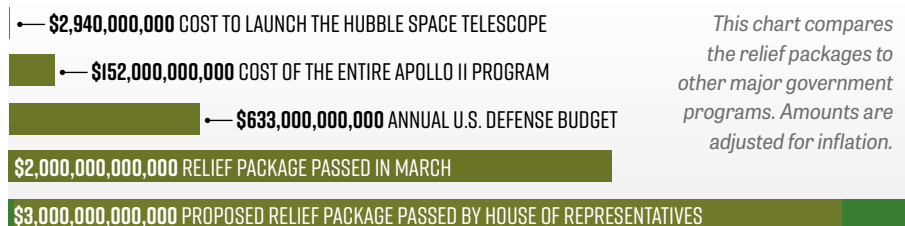
God created the family to encourage industry and to ensure that everyone’s needs are taken care of. Many of His laws protect and promote family, but for those few who fall outside that structure, God even has a limited system of centrally run welfare to ensure they are not neglected. You can read about it in our article “A New World Economy” (theTrumpet.com/1007).

Whenever and however we deviate from God’s system and implement charitable initiatives apart from God’s design, our efforts are doomed to fail. We rob people of personal dignity, we cause economic distortions, and we empower and expand government in ways that encourage corruption.

God’s solutions work. Human solutions create more problems than they solve, and the further they are from God’s law, the more spectacularly they fail (Proverbs 14:12; 16:25). In all history, socialism has repeatedly proved itself to be among the chief of these erroneous “solutions.”

Learn the lesson! Stop insisting—on the human level, on the national level or on the personal level—that we don’t need God. In our health, in our ideologies, in our politics, in our economics, “Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. ... It shall be health to thy navel, and marrow to thy bones. Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine” (Proverbs 3:5-10). ■

Trillions make billions look small



workers, and making sure they can adapt to new technologies. *It must be done now, while government has the upper hand. ... LET’S NOT LET THIS CRISIS GO TO WASTE.*”

In other words, amid the haste to DO SOMETHING—while even *conservative* lawmakers are being pressured into signing obscene spending bills—let’s push through every progressive measure we possibly can.

They are not letting the crisis go to waste.

More to Come

In May, Democrats unveiled a new \$3 trillion relief package. The \$2 trillion bill Congress passed in March was the largest relief bill in human history—and just weeks later they were ready to enact another that would surpass that by half again. Euphemistically called the Heroes Act, it would give \$1 trillion to state and local governments, about \$200 billion to workers who face heightened health risks, \$175 billion to people for rent, mortgage and utilities, \$75 billion for COVID-19 testing and contact tracing, and up to \$6,000 more in cash payments to each household in the country. It also extends payments and benefits to people who lose employer-sponsored health coverage. Though it

No wonder they have been so forceful and uncompromising in promoting the strictest of quarantines. *Stay home. Don’t take the risk of going to work. Let the government take care of you.* Socialists want to make it so people aren’t *allowed* to take care of themselves—they *must* rely on the government to provide for them.

Once you give up accountability for your own life (and the freedom that comes with it), you fall into a pattern of dependency that is very difficult to break.

A Solution That Works

The most widespread of the catastrophic effects hitting the world today are not coming from a virus, but from governmental response. The millions of people now unable to provide for their families, the millions slipping into extreme poverty, the millions facing acute hunger, are not suffering from a viral pandemic, but from political policy that is myopic at best, ideologically vainglorious and disastrous at worst.

This is a spectacular example of a fundamental flaw with human beings. So often, the results of our “solutions” are worse than the problems. Far too often, we misperceive a malady, we incorrectly diagnose, and we then apply remedies



Israel's

Rogue Supreme Court

The story of the high court's slide into lawlessness **BY BRENT NAGTEGAAL**

JERUSALEM, ISRAEL

THE NATION OF ISRAEL HAD A DIFFICULT birth. In the womb, it sustained more than one attempted abortion. It suffered malnourishment and phases in which it was attacked even by itself. It was finally born—then faced an attempted murder when it was one day old. But it has endured.

More than people, territory or even rulers, *laws* are what make a nation. They are what endure. Largely because of its tumultuous history, Israel's laws are not formed into a written constitution like many other nations. It has developed its foundational law one piece at a time. Its first Basic Law was created in February 1958 and established the Knesset as its national legislature. The nation currently has 14 Basic Laws. Eventually, these basic laws will be combined to form the constitution of Israel. How these Basic Laws are interpreted forms the basis of an ongoing and dangerous legal war in Israel. On one firing line are elected representatives. On the other: appointed judges.

Earlier this year, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu accused Israel's judicial system of having been taken over by leftist activists. "There is no democracy here, but a government of bureaucrats and jurists," he said in private comments reported by *Haaretz* on April 5.

What was he talking about? Is he right?

Here is the story of Israel's highest court—and a glimpse into its future.

A Grab for Power

Historically, Israel's judiciary was weaker than its legislative and executive branches. It gave litigants the standing to bring a case before the Supreme Court only if those litigants were directly involved in the matter at hand. It also limited the types of legal and political conflicts that it considered justiciable (appropriate for the court to hear in the first place). When someone with direct involvement brought a case before the Supreme Court of Israel that was appropriate for it to hear, the court rendered its judgment based on the written laws passed by the people of Israel through their elected representatives in the Knesset. When the court rendered judgments that the people and their representatives opposed, the Knesset was able to pass new, clearer, sounder laws that the court could not overturn.

In the 1980s, all this began to change.

The Supreme Court's president, Meir Shamgar, and Honorable Justice Aharon Barak set out to change and expand the court's authority to rule on whatever matters it considered important.

Shamgar and Barak expanded the court's definition of justiciability. The government had a long-standing policy

of exempting Jewish religious students from mandatory military service. Challenges against the policy had been rejected as unjusticiable in the early '80s: The court did not have the authority to intervene. But in 1986, the court decided to hear the challenge. What had changed? It was not the facts of the case; it was the judges' willingness to expand their power and set a new precedent for what the Supreme Court would decide. Barak later told *Haaretz* newspaper, "I think all is justiciable."

The following year, the court expanded its power further by granting almost anyone the standing to petition the court to hear a case. A justice minister had refused to extradite an Israeli murder suspect to France, and two members of the Knesset petitioned the high court to judge the case. Traditionally, the court would have determined that the members were not directly affected and had no standing. Shamgar granted them standing. Why? On the rationale that the case was a matter of "public interest."

Meanwhile, the court also began judging cases based on something beside the written laws that had been passed by the elected representatives of the people. Now it said it would overturn one of those laws or a government policy if it deemed it to be "extremely unreasonable." Whether the court's definition of "extremely unreasonable" differed from that of the elected members of the Knesset was beside the point. Or rather, that *was* the point.

By the late 1980s, the Supreme Court's limits were coming off, its floodgates were opening, and it could now involve itself in virtually any legal matter it wanted. Then came 1992.

A Turning Point

At routine legislative sessions, the Knesset easily passed Israel's 10th and 11th Basic Laws: Human Dignity and Liberty, and Freedom of Occupation. These laws were considered important but uncontroversial.

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“We are not shifting weight onto the Supreme Court,” Member of the Knesset Uriel Lynn said. “We have not established a constitutional court ... with special power to annul laws.” Like other lawmakers, he emphasized, “The power remains in this house.”

But that wasn’t how Israel’s Supreme Court interpreted the new laws. “Not everyone knows this, but recently a revolution has occurred in Israel,” Barak said of these new laws at the time, characterizing them as “a constitutional revolution.” He said, “From now on, they bind not only the citizens and residents, and not only the administrative authorities, such as the government and local authorities. From now on, they bind the Knesset itself.”

M.K. Michael Eitan was present at the vote. “[N]o one spoke of there being a revolution, and no one said that we’re carrying out any constitutional change. They voted. Months later, the people of Israel are informed: A revolution has taken place. [This is] the first revolution to take place without the people knowing about it.”

Based on these 1992 laws, the court now said that no laws the Knesset passed in the future could overturn the powers it had amassed for itself. It was as if it were “unconstitutional.” Treating the 1992 Basic Laws as Israel’s constitution removed the people’s option to curtail the power of the court or even oppose a ruling of the court by creating further legislation.

The 1992 Basic Laws are not detailed. They are general principles open to interpretation. Basic Law: Human Dignity and Liberty, for example, includes protections such as, “There shall be no violation of the life, body or dignity of any person,” and all people are “entitled to protection of their life, body and dignity.” Israelis agree that the *principle* of human dignity is a right, there is no precise definition of human dignity.

The justices on the Supreme Court have assumed the power to define “human dignity” and many other terms in the Basic Law, over the protests of the people and their representatives in the Knesset, if necessary.

For example, the court decided that human dignity includes the right for a Palestinian who marries an Israeli to move to Israel to be with him or

her, even if that person is a danger to Israelis. In a May 2006 e-mail published in *Haaretz*, Barak wrote, “I determined that the right to family life is a constitutional right of the Israeli spouse and his children. ... Since we do not have specific articles in our Bill of Rights that deal with equality and the right to family life, I decided that these rights are part of the right to human dignity.”

Note that: *Aharon Barak* decided!

In a May 19, 1992, speech, Barak stated, “As with all constitutional legislation, the two Basic Laws are sometimes phrased in generalities. They employ ‘majestic generalities.’ ... The principle organ of the state that must pour content into the majestic generalities, and must resolve the inherent conflicts, is the judiciary—primarily the Supreme Court.”

Israelis have gone from a democracy governed by elected representatives to being ultimately governed by an unelected and now unrestrained activist high court.

This man considered it his job to make major, fundamental laws! He also said that by passing the 1992 laws, “Israeli society has imposed upon us, the justices of the Supreme Court, the task of giving content to the molds for human rights that will befit our values as a Jewish democratic state” (ibid). The justices would determine what those values are and judge Knesset and governmental decisions according to those same values that they themselves had determined!

Like Netanyahu said, Israelis have gone from a democracy governed by elected representatives to being ultimately governed by an unelected and now unrestrained activist high court!

Judicial activism of this nature ought to alarm Israel’s public. The high court has the power to strike down Knesset law based almost completely on what the justices think Israel’s values should be.

A Dissenting Opinion

Esteemed United States federal judge Robert Bork thought differently. He reviewed Barak’s book *The Judge in a Democracy* in the Winter 2007 issue of *Azure* magazine.

“Barak asserts that, even without any change in the Basic Laws and statutes, judges may insert a ‘new fundamental principle,’” Bork wrote. In normal democracies, these new principles would have to be codified through the process of legislation, which would be passed by parliament, which is comprised of politicians elected by the people. The high court would then judge cases based on those new laws.

In Barak’s view, this process is unnecessary. New legislation is not required to create new principles; instead, the justices can determine those new fundamental principles of society themselves. Of course, the justices don’t just make up these new principles, but rather, as Barak himself wrote, “a process of ‘common conviction’ must first take place among the ENLIGHTENED MEMBERS OF SOCIETY regarding the truth and justice of those norms and standards before we can say that a *general will* has been reached that these should become binding with the approval and sanction of the positive law” (emphasis added throughout).

Judges like Barak actually argue that one of their few constraints is not the rights of the entire population, but merely the opinions of “enlightened members of society” like professors, journalists, politicians and, of course, Supreme Court justices! Notably, the definition of “enlightened” leans heavily toward the leftist elements of society, most of whom live around Tel Aviv, where values are far different from the rest of the country.

Bork wrote, “Since voiding a statute requires overriding the will of the people as expressed through their elected representatives, what a judge thinks ‘society needs’ IS ALMOST CERTAINLY WHAT A MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE IN THAT SOCIETY DO NOT WANT.” This is why Israel’s Supreme Court is trusted by less than half of Israel’s population.

An even greater legal thinker once wrote this: “Cursed be the man that trusteth in man ...” (Jeremiah 17:5). Why? Because the “heart is deceitful above all

things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (verse 9). Whether it is you or me or Robert Bork or Aharon Barak or Benjamin Netanyahu, or "the enlightened," this is the natural state of our hearts.

In his free booklet *America Under Attack*, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry explains from the Bible the origins of our selfish nature: It traces all the way back to the rebellion of the great archangel who became Satan.

The Prophet Ezekiel records this angel as "the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty" (Ezekiel 28:12). Yet this beautiful

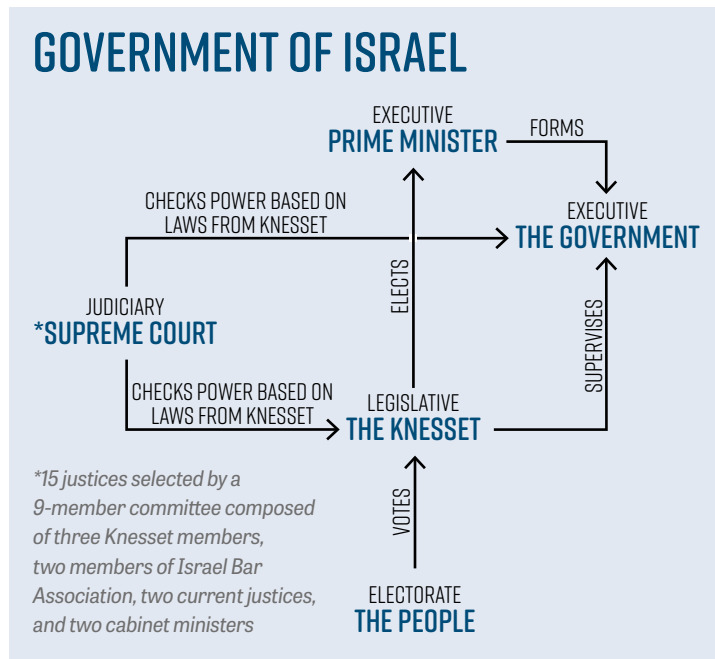
and intelligent spirit being worshiped his own beauty and intelligence. This corrupted him into the epitome of corruption and lawlessness (verses 15-17). And who is it who is "the god of this world"? That same being! (see 2 Corinthians 4:4 and Revelation 12:9). He broadcasts this same spirit of vanity and lawlessness into all human minds and hearts (Ephesians 2:2). That is why the heart truly is "deceitful above all things." King Solomon, the wisest man to live besides Jesus Christ, referred to human nature as a *plague* (1 Kings 8:38). "Human nature" is actually Satan's nature!

Few recognize it, but *this* is the source of the high court's descent into the tyranny of lawlessness!

An Attack on Israel?

In *America Under Attack*, Mr. Flurry not only exposes Satan as the original source of the lawless spirit that has taken hold of America (and the State of Israel), he also explores the specific timing of this alarming trend. He traces the trend back to the late 1980s and shows how events at this time marked a "major turning point in history."

He explores the U.S. Senate's refusal in 1987 to confirm Judge Robert Bork to the Supreme Court and explains how this was a watershed moment in American jurisprudence. "The tide turned in a big way in 1987," he writes. "LAW STARTED TO GET A LOT WEAKER. AND LAWLESSNESS



STARTED TO GET MUCH, MUCH STRONGER."

It is not a coincidence that the nation of Israel began to descend into lawlessness at exactly the same time.

"Such a massive lurch toward lawlessness has a *cause*," Mr. Flurry continues. "I want to show you exactly what that cause is. Most people will scoff at what I am about to say—but it is absolutely true, and you can prove it from your Bible. The most lawless being in the universe is a spirit being, Satan the devil."

Mr. Flurry explains how that around that time, Satan was cast down to this Earth (Revelation 12:9). Confined to this Earth, Satan has "turned his full attention on physical Israel—the modern descendants of which are the nations of Israel—concentrating on three of these nations in particular: the birth-right nations and the scepter nation, or America, Britain AND THE JEWISH NATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST," he wrote in the March 2013 *Trumpet*. (To prove the identity of these nations, request *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, by Herbert W. Armstrong.)

Ultimately, this wicked, lawless being is behind the radical behavior of Israel's Supreme Court! History proves that Satan is always trying to blot out the name of Israel, whether during biblical times or in years since (2 Kings 14:26-27). The recurring anti-Semitic pogroms against Jews are a constant reminder of Satan's desire.

Satan is the one behind this attack on the rule of law. "Is he going to get people at the top of the nations of Israel to cast the truth to the ground?" Mr. Flurry asked. "I believe so. That's the most efficient way to do it. Then he can use them to wage an ASSAULT FROM WITHIN ON THE TRUTH AND THE LAW!" (ibid).

That statement summarizes what we have seen in Israel over the past 30 years: Israel's Supreme Court, the institution that is duty bound to uphold the law, has assaulted truth and law!

History shows that every time the Jewish nation

has faced its demise, the problem can be traced back to lawlessness and bitter division starting among the people. It's hard to witness the bitterness within the State of Israel and not think of the historic parallels. Israel is now firmly within another one of these historic cycles of nation-destroying lawlessness.

However, the same prophecies that foretold these attacks against Israel also promise a time when Israel will finally fulfill its God-ordained purpose of being a light to the nations.

The prophets Micah and Isaiah both wrote that in the near future "out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem" (Isaiah 2:3; Micah 4:2). That certainly is not taking place right now. An honest look reveals only division and lawlessness coming out of Jerusalem, just as division and lawlessness emanate from capitals of the other modern Israelite nations.

But not for much longer. As Micah continued, the Messiah will soon come, and "he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (verse 3).

God speed that day! ■

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The Mystery of the Church

The truth about why Jesus Christ established His Church eludes traditional Christianity. But you can unlock this mystery! **BY GERALD FLURRY**

WHY DID JESUS CHRIST ESTABLISH His Church? Most people cannot answer that question. But it is vital that we understand it. It was supremely important to Jesus Christ. He *risked His ETERNAL LIFE* to establish His Church! That is how high the stakes were.

Jesus told His disciples, “I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH; and *the gates of hell shall not prevail against it*” (Matthew 16:18). That is an extraordinary statement: The Church that Christ established would NEVER DIE! That means this Church is around *even today*.

Scripture describes several characteristics of this Church. Here is a telling one: Jesus Himself called it a “little flock” (Luke 12:32). This one statement—though most people overlook it—reveals that God’s true Church is *small* compared to so many churches of this world. It isn’t meant to be a massive global organization in this age. Because it is small, God’s Church remains a MYSTERY to the world.

Yet if you follow the Bible and have the understanding God has revealed to His servants, then you can know where to find the true Church today. The mystery can be solved.

Herbert W. Armstrong wrote about this subject in great detail in his book *Mystery of the Ages*. In that book, he made some truly profound statements we should consider deeply.

Mr. Armstrong wrote about the five-pronged purpose for Christ’s time on Earth: Jesus “had come 1) to qualify, where the first Adam failed, to replace the former archangel Lucifer on the throne of the Earth, ruling with the government of God. He had come 2) to announce the future establishment of the Kingdom of God and teach that

prophetic good news (gospel) to His chosen future apostles. He had come 3) to take on Himself, as our direct Creator, the penalty for our sins by His death on the cross—that we might share in that world. And He had come 4) to be resurrected from the dead by God, making possible eternal God-life for the people of God and after His Second Coming for all who are willing, of all humanity, who have ever lived on this Earth. And He had come 5) to establish God’s Church, to be trained to rule under Him.”

To understand this fifth objective, study Chapter 6 of *Mystery of the Ages*, titled “Mystery of the Church.”

The Titanic Battle

Christ’s five accomplishments on Earth are intertwined and chronological. Before He could set up His Church, His *first priority* was to conquer Satan.

“When Jesus was about age 30, He was ready to begin choosing His apostles, and proclaiming and teaching them His message from God to man—His gospel,” Mr. Armstrong continued. “But first, it was imperative that He qualify to replace Satan and set up the Kingdom of God, by overcoming the devil.” Christ didn’t start teaching His disciples or delivering God’s message before fulfilling this crucial objective.

The head-to-head battle between Jesus and Satan is recorded in Matthew 4, Mark 1 and Luke 4. “This,” Mr. Armstrong wrote, “perhaps was the most important, momentous, decisive confrontation and battle ever fought in all time in the universe.” It was so decisive because if Christ didn’t conquer Satan, then God’s plan for mankind could not proceed! Had Jesus sinned, He could not be our Savior. The outcome of this war

would determine whether Christ would replace Satan, now the god of this world (2 Corinthians 4:4), as ruler of the Earth.

Satan used multiple tactics to tempt Jesus Christ. But Christ would not be tempted. To one temptation He responded, “It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God” (Matthew 4:4). Christ kept His focus on the spiritual, setting the example for us by knowing and living by every word of God—even in this battle with Satan!

At one point, Satan also quoted scripture (verse 6)—but, as Mr. Armstrong wrote, “he *misapplied* it, twisted its contextual meaning, just as Satan so frequently influences scholars to do.” We must be close to God so we can respond the way Christ did and prevent deception.

“Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God” (verse 7). Christ’s reply came from Deuteronomy 6:16. The Bible was Christ’s defense against Satan’s ambush. Notice, Christ quoted the OLD TESTAMENT; He did not come to Earth to do away with it!

Christ used Scripture to repel Satan the devil, and we can do the same. Of course, that means we must know our Bibles.

Finally Satan took Christ up to a high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the Earth. “And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me” (verse 9). Christ didn’t deny Satan’s claim; Satan was indeed in charge of all Earth’s kingdoms, and thus could give them away as he pleased.

“Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve” (verse 10). Upon Christ’s command, Satan slunk away. Satan must obey the authority of God!

“Jesus Christ, the second Adam, had qualified!” Mr. Armstrong wrote about the conclusion of this titanic battle. “Never until that minute could the good news of the coming Kingdom of God be announced to the world.”

Before this battle, Christ was not guaranteed to rule the Earth at His Second Coming. This struggle qualified Him to take over Satan’s throne, as long as He continued to remain sinless during His ministry and crucifixion. What a victory!

Our Turn

“But now the Church must also qualify to rule with Him!” Mr. Armstrong continued. That’s right! Christ has allotted about 2,000 years for His Church to qualify to help Him rule the Earth and universe. How? The same way He did: by CONQUERING THE DEVIL, though our daily battles are nowhere near as hard as Christ’s confrontation with Satan.

The moment that Christ beat Satan, He could preach the gospel, the GOOD NEWS of the coming Kingdom of God. “The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel” (Mark 1:1, 14-15). Most people today don’t know what repentance is. Even most professing Christians don’t know what the true gospel is. And God’s Church is a MYSTERY to them.

Yet Jesus Christ set the example for God’s Church. We must proclaim the gospel message of Christ, not about Christ. We must tell the world that God will give every person who has ever lived an opportunity to be a part of His Family forever. God’s incredible step-by-step plan for man is pictured by His annual holy days. (Request Mr. Armstrong’s free booklet *Pagan Holidays—or God’s Holy Days—Which?* to learn more.)

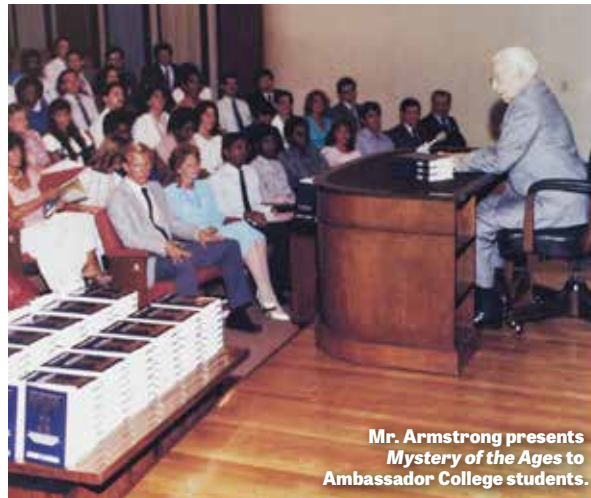
But the Church has a role to play. “To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne” (Revelation 3:21). This is an exhortation to God’s Church in the end time. We must overcome as Christ overcame. Christ prevailed over Satan. Now, it is OUR TURN. We must conquer Satan to rule with Christ on His throne for eternity.

God has given His Church a dual responsibility. First, we must proclaim God’s gospel message to this world. God tells the Philadelphia Church of God to “prophesy again” (Revelation 10:11), which includes the truth of the good news of the coming Kingdom of God.

Second, God gives us the responsibility to “feed my sheep”—speaking of

the members of God’s Church (John 21). There is a person proclaiming the gospel, but he needs support. It is a team effort. The Church is called the *Body* of Christ, and it should function according to the mind of Christ.

The word *Church* comes from the Greek word *ecclesia*, meaning *called-out ones*. God’s Church is a select group of people preparing now to marry Jesus Christ and to rule with Him over this world for a thousand years. God views the members of His true Church as *KINGS AND PRIESTS*, if they are following Him (Revelation 1:6; 5:10). In other words, we will be over Church and state—both the *spiritual* Church and *physical* nations. We will rule alongside Christ with a rod of iron, possessing real authority and giving righteous direction.



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That is a staggering reward, but we must QUALIFY. How could we become kings and priests without preparation? Christ’s bride, the Church, prepares herself (Revelation 19:7). She must qualify for that lofty position. Those in God’s Church today must be learning now how to teach people in love with a certain amount of authority. God’s people are fed, nurtured and protected spiritually inside God’s Church until that time comes.

This is biblical truth that very few people understand! Satan truly has blinded the minds of those who believe not (2 Corinthians 4:4). He has made this wonderful, precious truth of God a mystery.

There is coming a time when God will open the minds of everybody in this world (John 7:37-38). But it is not that way today.

The Lost Century

Christ told His disciples, “And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come” (Matthew 24:14). The gospel was preached around the world in the first era, and Christ was saying it would not be preached again until the very end time, just before He returns! When you see the gospel being preached again—then you know that the end is near. If that had happened in A.D. 700, 1100 or 1800, then the end would have come then.

“It is a fact to stagger the mind of the reader that the gospel of Jesus Christ was not proclaimed to the world from about A.D. 50 until the year 1953,” Mr. Armstrong wrote (ibid). (Request *The True History of God’s True Church* for proof.)

WHY NOT? Because Satan hid this precious truth from the world!

“I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ” (Galatians 1:6-7). God’s Church had already turned away from the true gospel a mere 20 years after receiving it directly from Jesus Christ! This strongly indicates what an intense spiritual warfare we face, and why we must overcome the devil.

Something horrible happened in the first century to stifle the true gospel. Mr. Armstrong calls the period that followed the LOST CENTURY.

Secular sources agree. “The scanty and suspicious materials on ecclesiastical history seldom enable us to dispel the dark cloud that hangs over the first age of the Church,” wrote Edward Gibbon in *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*.

“The 30 years which followed the close of the New Testament canon and the destruction of Jerusalem are in truth the most obscure in the history of the Church,” wrote Samuel G. Green in *A Handbook of Church History*.

William Fitzgerald wrote in *Lectures on Ecclesiastical History*, “Over this period of transition which immediately

Hitler greets Catholic priests.

DETAILS EMERGE ABOUT CATHOLIC SUPPORT FOR NAZIS

The German branch of the Catholic Church has admitted it was complicit with Adolf Hitler and the Nazis. German bishops published a 23-page document in early May describing their predecessors' conduct during World War II (1939-1945). During that time, hundreds of priests accompanied the Wehrmacht on the front lines, thousands of churches and monasteries were converted into military hospitals, and tens of thousands of nuns served as nurses.

This new report comes as close to a "confession of guilt" as German Catholicism has ever made.

They wrote that "their words and their images gave succour both to soldiers and the regime prosecuting the war, as they lent the war an additional sense of purpose." When Hitler started the war by sending Nazi troops into Poland, the overwhelming majority of bishops fully supported the invasion. Those few who criticized the regime were silenced by Cardinal Adolf Bertram. The *Times'* Oliver Moody pointed out that the report says nothing of the years before the war. For example, many churches celebrated Hitler's 50th birthday in 1939 by flying swastika flags and holding special prayers for the "fosterer

and protector of the Reich."

Meanwhile, historians finally gained access to begin examining the Vatican's archive on the war, which was unsealed after decades. In March of this year, about 60 historians began studying the files, only for the archive to shut down a week later due to coronavirus lockdowns. Yet within that time, Herbert Wolf and other historians found more evidence that, as early as 1942, top leaders in the Vatican knew much more about Nazi atrocities against the Jews than it has admitted.

Wolf claims he has found evidence that word of Nazi atrocities against the Jews was received at the highest levels of the Vatican as early as August 1942, but they dismissed them. One internal Vatican memo dismissed claims of the Holocaust, saying that "the Jews also tend to easily exaggerate."

This one revelation from one week in the Vatican Archive shows that there is much more history to be uncovered in the relationship between the Third Reich and the Vatican before, during and after World War II. Request our free reprint article "[The Pope, the Vatican and the Holocaust.](#)"

GERMANY: ANTI-SEMITIC, FAR-RIGHT CRIME INCREASING

The official rate of anti-Semitic crimes in 2019 increased 13 percent over the previous year to more than 2,000, German Interior Minister Horst Seehofer said on May 27. This means anti-Semitic crimes in Germany are at their highest levels since record-keeping began in 2001. Cases of far-right and far-left crime grew from 36,000 cases in 2018 to more than 41,000 cases in 2019. Crimes perpetrated by the far right, including against Jews, have been the deadliest. Ten racially motivated murders had already occurred by the end of May in 2020, compared to three over the same period in 2019.



German armored support vehicles await shipment to Norway.

NEW HIGHS, NEW SECRETS REGARDING GERMAN WEAPONS EXPORTS

The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute reported on April 27 that Germany was among the top four weapons exporters in the world between 2015 and 2019. Its exports of armaments over that period was 17 percent higher than 2010 to 2014. When including military equipment such as armored ambulances and military trucks, the German government issued a record \$8 billion in arms exports last year. However, as Spiegel Online reported on May 5, Germany has now classified information about its deliveries to North Atlantic Treaty Organization countries, such as Australia, Israel, Japan and Switzerland. In reality, Germany is likely pumping out billions of dollars more in weapons.

GERMANY AND FRANCE LEAD EUROPEAN CORONAVIRUS FUND

Germany and France proposed on May 18 a \$549 billion recovery fund to help the eurozone cope with coronavirus. The European Commission followed up with its own proposal, that would hand out \$559 billion in grants and \$280 billion in loans. But nations like Austria, Denmark, the Netherlands and Sweden are resisting.

The proposal would see the European Union borrow the money on financial markets. The money would then be given to



French Finance Minister Le Maire and German counterpart Scholz speak to press about a proposed EU bailout.

countries and businesses in need. All member states, rich and poor alike, would then be expected to cover the expenses through the EU budget. Paying back this loan is estimated to take until 2060.

EU nations, including Germany, have rejected using

EU-wide financial resources to pool debt until now. By taking the lead on an EU-wide recovery fund, Germany is changing its position and even more openly advocating the erasure of national sovereignty in favor of creating a superstate.



Fighters loyal to Libya's GNA in Tarhuna

GERMANY AND IRAN BOUND TO CLASH IN LIBYA

The balance of power in Libya appears to be shifting. The government recognized as legitimate by the United Nations announced on April 13 that it had reconquered

territory previously lost to Field Marshal Khalifa Haftar's forces. The victory came largely as a result of Turkey and Iran supplying armored vehicles, munitions and other weapons to both the Libyan government and local Islamic militias fighting Haftar. Turkey has also deployed Syrian mercenaries, Turkish warships, and dozens of drones to Libya, all in spite of a UN embargo against weapons shipments to Libya.

ISRAELI AIR STRIKES PUSHING IRAN OUT OF SYRIA

On May 4, the Israeli Air Force killed several Iranians in strikes against Iranian targets in Syria near Aleppo and the al-Bukamal border crossing with Iraq, where Iran has a military base. These air strikes followed five others over the previous two weeks and several hundred strikes over the past few years.

Israel's persistence has finally begun to pay off. For the first time since the first Iranians deployed to Syria in 2013, Iran has begun withdrawing troops.

The day before the May 4 air strike, Israeli Defense Minister Naftali Bennett said, "We will not give up nor allow the establishment of a forward Iranian base in Syria," adding he had established "a goal that within 12 months Iran will leave Syria."

In February, Bennett said, "We are in a process of switching

GERMANY DECLARES FULL HEZBOLLAH BAN

After being pushed by United States President Donald Trump, German Interior Minister Horst Seehofer imposed a full ban on all Hezbollah activities in the country on April 30. Germany joins the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and the U.S. in implementing the ban.

After a Hezbollah terrorist attack on German soil in 1992, Germany allegedly struck a deal with Hezbollah that allowed it to operate inside the country if it undertook no further attacks

there. It has classified Hezbollah's military as a terrorist organization, but not its political operation, which dominates the government of Lebanon.

Germany's decision comes as Hezbollah is under increasing pressure in Lebanon due to reduced Iranian funding and nationwide protests. The *Trumpet* forecasts that Germany will not only follow the U.S. in targeting Iran and its proxies, like Hezbollah, but will eventually take the lead in anti-Iranian sentiment

As the flow of weapons and blood continues in Libya, more and more migrants will seek asylum in Europe. In an attempt to deescalate the conflict and stop the stream of refugees to Europe, Germany has committed 300 troops to Operation Irini with the stated goal of enforcing the arms embargo. Naval ships are also expected to join the operation. This move threatens to end Iranian weapons trafficking to Islamic militias in Misrata, shrinking Iranian influence over Libya. Watch for Iran-backed and Europe-backed forces to have a spectacular clash of interests in Libya and beyond, as prophesied in Daniel 11:40-43.

to hurting the head of the octopus—Iran's power" and vowed to "continue to increase the strikes" against Iran "until we reach the ultimate goal: driving Iran out of Syria."

Whether it occurs by next May or not, Iran appears to be on the way out of Syria, something the *Trumpet* has forecast for 17 years. Whatever happens, expect Iran to lose its power and influence in Syria, and for the benefactor to be not just Israel, but also German-led Europe.



throughout the world. Daniel 11:40 prophesies that a German-led united Europe will clash with the radical Islamic bloc led by Iran. Expect further, far more drastic conflict between Germany and Iran.



CHINA-EUROPE FREIGHT AT FULL STEAM

Rail freight between China and Europe hit a record high in April, despite COVID-19 slamming the brakes on much global trade, highlighting the increasing resiliency of China-Europe commerce.

China Daily reported on May 2 that 979 trains crossed the thousands of miles between China and Europe during April, a 46 percent increase over the same time last year. The period of January to April saw a year-to-year increase of 24 percent in freight traffic.

Each train hauled an average of 90 TEUs, or 20-foot-equivalent units of cargo, a 27 percent increase over the 2019 figure.

Significantly, these increases occurred while COVID-19 and the reaction to it derailed economic activity around the world: Supply chains have been broken, debt of all kinds has soared, production has plummeted, and many industries have slowed to a crawl or stopped altogether. Yet trains are hauling record freight between China and Europe.

More than 2,500 years ago, God inspired the Prophet Isaiah to prophesy of a massive anti-American "mart of nations" trade bloc. We are now seeing China and Europe forming the core of this bloc. *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote in *Isaiah's End-Time Vision* that "China and the giants of Asia" will enter a "brief alliance" with the German-led European bloc "to besiege America, Britain and the Jewish nation."

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A B-52H Stratofortress bomber departs the Guam Air Force base.

AMERICAN BOMBERS RETURN FROM GUAM

The United States Air Force has ended its continuous presence on Guam. After 16 years of constantly rotating bombers through the island territory, the final flight returned to the mainland on April 16.

“U.S. strategic bombers will continue to operate in the Indo-Pacific, to include Guam,” stated U.S. Strategic Command, “at the timing and tempo of our choosing.” This could be part

of the military’s new “dynamic force employment” doctrine of shortening rotations and making them less predictable. It could also be a cost-saving measure.

“[I]t is hard to overstress how significant a development this is, despite [Strategic Command’s] view that it will not impact its ability to employ bombers to respond to contingencies in the region,” Joseph Trevithick wrote for the Drive. “The potential for

EU-MEXICO TRADE DEAL

The European Union and Mexico established the terms of a trade agreement on April 28, updating the previous 2000 accord. The deal eliminates almost all tariffs on goods, simplifies customs procedures, and removes fees. It also shifts Mexico’s economic

outlook further toward Europe—and away from the United States. The agreement now awaits signing into law by EU and Mexican officials.

“Few Americans are paying attention to the situation that is developing to our south. But I guarantee they won’t be able to ignore it indefinitely,” wrote *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald

RUSSIA ADDS NEW SHIPS TO BALTIC FLEET

The Russian Navy announced on May 18 that it will add six advanced warships to the Baltic Fleet. The new Project 22800 Karakurt-class corvettes are designed for improved seaworthiness, advanced maneuverability and minimal radar signature.

All six will be equipped with an eight-cell 3S-14 vertical launcher for Kalibr cruise missiles. Four will also be armed with the marine version of Russia’s Pantsir-M anti-aircraft systems.

This augmentation of the Baltic Fleet is part of a broader buildup of military power by Vladimir Putin’s Russia, including on Europe’s periphery and even inside it (as in Kaliningrad and Crimea).

Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry has said for more than 15 years that the fear Europeans feel over Russia’s increasing power and authoritarianism is leading to the fulfillment of a specific Bible prophecy. In his 2004 article



Russia launches a missile corvette.

major crises to erupt in the Pacific remains very real” (April 17).

The U.S. has dominated the Pacific since the end of World War II, and it is inarguable that it is reducing its available firepower, which will benefit its rival, China, and potential rival, Japan.

This is another example of English-speaking nations losing their unprecedented territorial holdings, including strategic islands, capes, straits, canals and other choke points. In his book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, Herbert W. Armstrong showed that gaining control of those territories actually fulfilled God’s prophecy that Abraham’s descendants would control the “gates” of their enemies (Genesis 22:17). He also showed that losing control of those same territories, due to disobedience to God is also prophesied. ■

Flurry in a March 2019 article on a deal between the EU and MERCOSUR (a trade bloc consisting of Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay). “This trade agreement will impact the whole world! It is going to affect your life dramatically. The seeds are being sown for a trade war and an economic besiegement that will help destroy America.” ■



DIGITAL EURO: DOOM FOR THE DOLLAR?

France’s central bank announced on May 20 that it successfully tested a blockchain-based transaction of its digital currency, another milestone in creating a potential replacement for the U.S. dollar in world trade. Banque de France is continuing its tests between banks that could result in a digital euro that is much more widely used.

Meanwhile, the stability of the U.S. dollar as a reserve currency is becoming less and less predictable. Economic damage from COVID-19 shutdowns has increased the likelihood that the dollar will lose its “unparalleled global reserve currency” status, the U.S. National Intelligence Council suggested. This will wreck America’s economy as interest on its enormous debts balloons, and it will end America’s ability to impose sanctions against its enemies. ■

Mr. Flurry explained that this is about modern-day Russia and China frightening modern-day Europe, and thereby prompting the Europeans to militarize and unite behind a strong leader.

As the people of Europe watch Putin’s shadow growing longer and his power in the Baltic and elsewhere growing mightier, they will work to politically and militarily unite their countries. ■

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PRESIDENT TRUMP SEEKS CATHOLIC VOTERS

As the 2020 United States presidential election approaches, President Donald Trump is reaching out to American Catholics, in part by posting to social media a commemoration of the birthday of the late Pope John Paul II, whom he recognized as a “saint.”

Evangelical Christians overwhelmingly vote Republican, and the nonreligious overwhelmingly vote Democrat. Democrat presidential candidate Joe

Biden is a practicing Catholic, but he also supports abortion, homosexual “marriage” and the full transgender agenda. President Trump’s supporters and administration, including Vice President Mike Pence, include a significant number of Catholics. Therefore, which way Catholics vote may be the key to the election.

Amos 7 describes the Prophet Amos being persecuted by King Jeroboam II of Israel, as well

as an ungodly priest of Bethel. This has been preserved for thousands of years because it is also a prophecy for the end-time descendants of Israel, which include the Americans. The current president is a modern Jeroboam II, supported by “the sanctuaries of Israel” and “the king’s chapel” (verses 9-13). “When this says ‘the king’s chapel,’ it is talking about a place of worship that belongs to the king,” wrote *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry.

“President Donald Trump has a strong following among evangelicals and quite a few Catholics. Many Christians in America today look to President Trump for leadership.” But Catholic and Protestant Christians are making a deadly mistake in trusting their human leader and their ideas of God rather than having real faith and real obedience toward the true God.

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COVID-19 CAUSING ‘DEATHS OF DESPAIR’

“Nearly half of Americans report the coronavirus crisis is harming their mental health, according to a Kaiser Family Foundation poll,” the *Washington Post* reported on May 4. “A federal emergency hotline for people in emotional distress registered a more than 1,000 percent increase in April compared with the same time last year. Last month, roughly 20,000 people texted that hotline, run by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Online therapy company Talkspace reported a 65 percent jump in clients since mid-February.”



Many people realize something is dangerously wrong. Yet few realize the reason: sin. Satan’s influence of selfish, self-destructive attitudes on human minds is intensifying (Revelation 12:12). This attack is reflected in and aided by the discontent and hopelessness multiplying in America and beyond.

ACTIVISTS WANT TO TEACH YOUR CHILD SEXUAL ‘PLEASURE’

The next step in sexual instruction for children is here. Policymakers, academics, administrators and teachers now want to teach your child about sexual pleasure. The trend #SexEdForAll was promoted on social media during the month of May, and some educators argued that they are not being “medically accurate” unless they can teach children about sexual “pleasure.” The Gutmacher Institute’s Laura Lindberg posted to social media on May 18: “#SexEdForAll Month is a good time to remember that

too often, sex education teaches young people about their changing bodies, but not about much else. @LeslieKantor & I argue that sex ed should include info re: pleasure & relationships.” Lindberg and Kantor praised guidelines from the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization for teaching 9-to-12-year-olds about kissing, caressing and other forms of intimate touching.

Public and private schools have progressively and stridently assumed the responsibility of teaching children about sex

for the past few decades. The results are now apparent: emotional instability, broken relationships, abuse, sexually transmitted diseases, premarital pregnancies, abortions and other evils that obviously trace back to sexual miseducation. But rather than admit the self-evident failure of immoral sexual education, socialistic leaders in the state house, the lecture hall and your child’s classroom are doubling down and forcing through the more advanced stages of their agenda. Rather than allow people like Lindberg to teach your 9-year-old about sexual pleasure, take and hold



your God-appointed duty to teach the truth about why the Creator made sex. To find the relevant passages of the Bible, God’s inspiring purpose for it, and why it is so powerfully attacked, request your free copy of Herbert W. Armstrong’s *The Missing Dimension in Sex*.

to the point of ENFORCED EQUALITY on all educational, financial and occupational outcomes for all races, it would only take *one person* in a bustling, messy nation of 330 million to do something heinous to a black man—and the fury would erupt just as violently as it is now, and worse. *See? It keeps happening! Four hundred years of this! We can't breathe!*

That was all it took in Minneapolis: *one person*, who may well have been influenced by a demon to commit that evil act—and the ugliest of racial hatreds instantly reignited nationwide. Police killing 28 unarmed people out of 44 million black Americans feels like GENOCIDE. What *evidence* could change the mind of someone who believes that?

We are watching as windows are bashed, businesses looted, cars scorched, police attacked, cities decimated, mayhem escalated, people killed—and a great many people are feeling not horror, but pride. They think this is a good thing. And if you say, *No—we must be able to address problems without burning our civilization to the ground*, they will curse at you and say YOU are the problem.

THIS MINDSET CANNOT BE APPEASED. The proof multiplies daily. The more “space to destroy” this movement is given, the more it destroys. The more people pander and apologize, the more strident the mob becomes, the more radical the demands grow.

Why is this?

The Supreme Racist

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against *spiritual wickedness in high places*” (Ephesians 6:12).

This is just one passage among dozens, perhaps hundreds, throughout the Bible revealing the active presence of evil spirits in our world. Satan the devil is “the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience” (Ephesians 2:2). Yes, Satan is *real*, and, as you can see, the evil he inspires is real. He influences attitudes, motivations and actions of human beings of all backgrounds, ideologies and races (2 Corinthians 4:4; Revelation 12:9). He is the author of human nature, which creates prejudice, jealousy and

envy, competition and strife, resentment of authority, vanity, lust, greed—evils that always end up leading to *violence*.

God made human beings of all races *in His image, after His likeness* (Genesis 1:26). “God that made the world and all things therein ... hath made *of one blood* ALL NATIONS OF MEN for to dwell on all the face of the earth ...” (Acts 17:24, 26). Satan the devil is the SUPREME RACIST—he hates *all* races and passionately aims to destroy the HUMAN RACE! To attain his goal, he is *stirring* racial hatreds in the nations today.

This angry, radical movement that is suddenly possessing America—a movement that hurls outrageous accusations; twists facts to spin isolated problems into “systemic corruption”; sees only America’s faults and none of its virtues; seeks to defund and disband law and order; applauds destruction; celebrates lawlessness; wants to disrupt the traditional family; foments fury; feeds on intimidation, coercion and fear; demands total unthinking conformity—THIS MOVEMENT IS NOT OF GOD. God commands, “Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil ...” (Exodus 23:2). This movement’s primary weapon is the tyranny of the angry mob.

Evidence abounds that *appeasing* such a movement is impossible. It is insatiable as the grave. “Hell and destruction are never full; so the eyes of man are never satisfied” (Proverbs 27:20). If you think you will satisfy it by giving in, you are a fool. If you are trapped in negotiations with evil, you can *give* and *concede* and *capitulate* on point after point after point—and it will never be enough!

As long as you are willing to keep engaging with him, the devil will keep demanding and keep taking—and leading you down the path to your own ruin!

That is exactly where Satan is leading America today. We are experiencing the final, dangerous stages of the Communist infiltration Herbert W. Armstrong prophesied back in 1956: “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!”

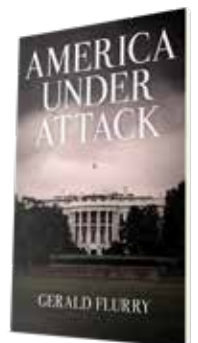
AMERICA IS SURRENDERING TO LAWLESSNESS. As a consequence for the nation’s sins, God has broken the pride of our power (Leviticus 26:19). The police officer choosing to lay face down in solidarity with a crowd of Marxist agitators is a tragically accurate metaphor for America’s moral courage right now. The devil is pressing his advantage, advancing against backpedaling and prostration and cowardice.

“The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe” (Proverbs 29:25). God does not want us leading lives of fear, abasing ourselves before self-righteous men, submitting to terrorism and tyranny. Godly people are not cowed by satanic intimidation. “[T]he righteous are bold as a lion” (Proverbs 28:1).

Amid all the examples of self-humiliation and prostration, one refreshing clip emerged of a black state trooper from Georgia. BLM protesters had demanded that he show them respect by taking a knee. He refused. “I was supposed to be out of town this weekend with my wife. ... But I’m out here to make sure you’re all safe. Don’t go there with ‘respect,’ OK? I have *much* respect. But I ONLY KNEEL FOR ONE PERSON, and that’s God.”

If only the WHOLE NATION took such a principled stand, this whole scenario would be playing out very differently!

Recognize the riots for what they are. Recognize BLM and other communistic groups for what they are. Recognize this *spiritual* attack for what it is. And recognize Satan for who he is. Then follow—boldly, unapologetically, faithfully—the command of God in James 4:7: “*Submit yourselves* therefore TO GOD. RESIST THE DEVIL, and HE WILL FLEE FROM YOU.” ■



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One Day

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A FRIEND OF MINE WASN'T FEELING WELL. HER illness lasted for some time and she decided to get diagnosed. She was shocked to learn that she had a very aggressive form of cancer. She was told she had weeks, or mere days, left to live.

When our perspective is limited, such news is devastating. Sometimes, though, life doesn't even give us notice—it just ends unexpectedly. One day someone is alive; the next they're not.

If you suddenly learned today was your last, how would you react? Could you view your life as a success?

If I heard that news, it would be difficult not to be stricken with regrets. *I should have done this better—devoted more energy to that—squandered less time on this—applied myself more earnestly to that.*

Jesus Christ tells us, "I know thy works" (Revelation 2, 3). When He returns, "he shall reward every man according to his works" (Matthew 16:27). If you were measured only by your works up to *today*, what reward would you receive?

Generally, the younger we are, the easier it is to behave as though our days are innumerable. The future always holds promise: *One day, I'll climb that mountain. One day, I'll conquer those weaknesses and sins. One day, I'll attain that character growth. One day means not today.* But if this means treating today carelessly, it is fool's thinking. What if you don't have nearly as much time as you think?

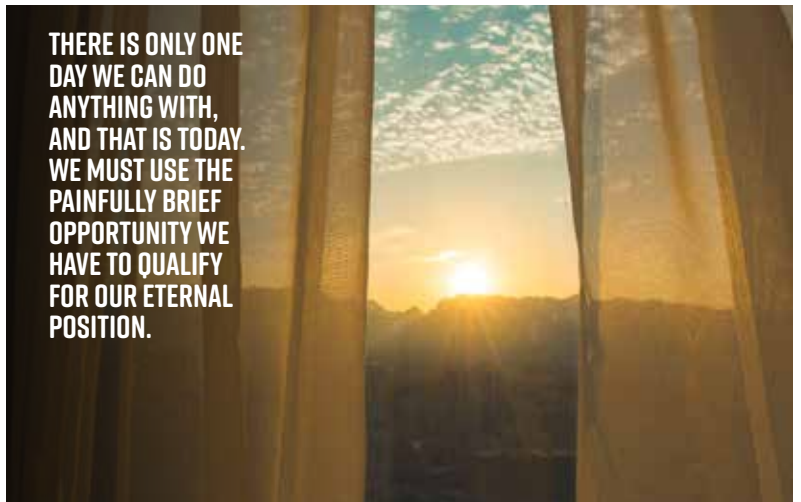
As we age—and those *one days* become *too lates* and *nevers*—we better grasp how "all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass" (1 Peter 1:24). "The days of our years" pass startlingly fast and are easily misspent. "So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom" (Psalm 90:10, 12).

End-of-life situations tend to make us acutely aware of how precious just *one day* can be. In another case, a man learned of a deadly condition mere weeks before it claimed his life. Not long afterward, his widow told me that the two of them had treated each of those final days as a gift. "The last three weeks were the best weeks of our marriage," she said. "All those things you get irritated about—suddenly those don't seem so important. We just enjoyed each other."

Shame it takes the threat of the grave to awaken us to our mortality—and to convince us to value life and to cherish what is precious.

Another woman I spoke with has a rare and serious condition, about which she can do little, that could remain unthreatening indefinitely—or could kill her at any time. What is her attitude? She says she is excited, whatever happens. I know

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many older people who have attained such serene perspective in their sunset years. This woman, however, is a young mother with small children. She trusts that God is keenly aware of this reality, and is placing her future in His hands. This takes unusual spiritual maturity.

God does say the death of one of his saints is *precious* (Psalm 116:15). For the individual whose life is hid in God, death truly does mean the end of a struggle. The next waking moment is one of *GLORY!* (1 Corinthians 15:52-54). That person will rise in a world ruled by Christ as King; Satan banished. That world is everything we long for! Death means evading the horrors that are about to suffocate this world in the satanic climax of this age of man. In a sense it means *Christ returning immediately.*

"[B]ehold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be" (Revelation 22:12). The more you are using your life to serve God today—the greater your works to this point, by which Christ will determine your eternal reward—the more excited you would be at that prospect.

At the same time, that such a moment could happen at any time powerfully speaks to the need to *seize the day*. There is only **ONE DAY** we can do anything with, and that is **TODAY**. We must *use* the painfully brief opportunity we have to qualify for our eternal position.

Of course we miss loved ones when we lose that day-to-day sharing of life. Even this bespeaks the need to, like that couple, use each day we *do* have to express and grow in godly love rather than squandering it with pettiness.

Just a few weeks before receiving her diagnosis, my friend had no palpable sense of how close to death she was. Then one day she learned she had *mere days* left. For a person who is in her period of judgment today (most of the world is not yet—1 Peter 4:17), practically speaking, her period of qualification and judgment was nearly over. The number of talents she had earned was nearly set, and measurable (Matthew 25:14-30).

You and I have no guarantee of any more than **ONE DAY** to secure the greatest possible spiritual reward: *the day we are living right now*. Pray for forgiveness for wasted time, misspent energy, overlooked opportunity. Stop saying, *One day, I'll get around to this and that*. Evaluate, cement your priorities, and act. That *one day*—is **TODAY**. ■

A Self-Inflicted Wound

“WHY are people—especially in the United States and Britain—so BLIND? WHY so naive?” Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in a March 1969 *Plain Truth* article. “WHY are our people unable to recognize the Communist line—the Communist plan and conspiracy—in college and university riots, in propaganda accusing ‘police brutality,’ in ‘black power,’ ‘black panther’ and other slogans, even in ‘civil disobedience’ and ‘nonviolent’ movements of protest which lead to VIOLENCE? ...

“The guiding hand in student revolt is the Communist Party,” he continued.

“Many students, their emotions stirred and enraged to violence, do not themselves realize this. Yet, actually, these young leaders of the ‘NEW LEFT’ movement are going BEYOND the Communist Party. Their plan is to stir up college-age students to revolt first, and the teen-age high school adolescents. If they can corrupt and/or win over tomorrow’s students, they will gain control.”

There isn’t much concern over communism in America today. But there is little doubt that significant numbers of “tomorrow’s students” *have been* corrupted and won over—and that Communist-aligned thinkers have gained a breathtaking level of control.

As America’s streets are burning, some Americans are stridently insisting that this evil is a good thing. They say such protest is healthy. In truth, what is happening in America is a sign of terrible, terminal sickness! (Isaiah 1:5-7). The more these nihilistic tendencies are encouraged, the weaker America becomes, and the easier prey for the nation’s enemies.

America’s enemies are enjoying and taking advantage of the spectacle, but WE ARE DOING THIS TO OURSELVES. The fact that it is a *self-inflicted wound* makes it all the more tragic.

Bible prophecy said it would happen. Our editor in chief, Gerald Flurry, has been highlighting these prophecies of race riots practically since the beginning of the *Trumpet* magazine 30 years ago.

“O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself; but in me is thine help.”

—HOSEA 13:9

And this is going to be far more disastrous than a sea of broken windows and charred rubble, more disastrous than a major economic disaster. American dominance and leadership are being decimated.

Consider this assessment from Aris Roussinos, a British journalist: “It is surely impossible to view the U.S. at this point as anything other than A CAUTIONARY TALE, a burning city on a hill, which evokes only the desire for our own society to avoid its fate.” Can anyone argue? Countries the world over do see America as “a cautionary tale.”

This too points to Bible prophecies! God warned that if the descendants of the ancient Israelites, which includes America, did not believe and obey Him, “[T]hou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all nations ...” (Deuteronomy 28:37; see also 1 Kings 9:7; 2 Chronicles 7:20; Psalm 44:14).

‘You Have Destroyed Yourself’

CIVILIZATIONS DO DIE. And great civilizations don’t gently decline: They tend to die violently.

You are witnessing the death of a great nation. And what will the world become when its “last best hope” for human freedom burns itself within and gets destroyed from without?

The prophecies of the Bible address that too. It will be horrific for Americans and then for the whole world. Read *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, by Herbert W. Armstrong (theTrumpet.com/go/usbp).

But God also prophesies that He *will* intervene!

These problems cannot be solved by man. Do you really think the solution is written in a politician’s campaign speech notes, or on some celebrity’s shirt, or in an e-mail from a billionaire CEO about

“having a national conversation,” or on a foreign leader’s Twitter page, or on a smashed liquor store in spray-paint?

The Bible prophesied that too: “The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings: they have made them crooked paths ...” (Isaiah 59:8).

“O Israel, THOU HAST DESTROYED THYSELF,” God laments in Hosea 13. God loves America, too—and mourns to see what we are doing *to ourselves!*

“But in me is thine help. I will be your king,” He continues—a beautiful promise—followed by a piercing question: “WHERE IS ANY OTHER THAT MAY SAVE THEE in all thy cities?” (verses 9-10). Yes, how could anyone but God save us? *Where* is there any MAN to solve these problems? Do you really think the solution is written in a politician’s campaign speech notes, or in an e-mail from a billionaire CEO about “having a national conversation,” or on some celebrity’s shirt, or on a smashed liquor store in spray-paint?

Yet God is reaching out! He would help us, He would solve our problems, He would unite us—HE WOULD BE OUR KING—if only we would embrace His law and submit to His rule! God loves America. He wants to prevent our destruction if He can. But He will only do so if we allow Him to.

God will allow our self-inflicted failures to reach the point of desperation. What will stop it? Us finally acknowledging the truth: that we are incapable of successfully ruling ourselves! *We need God.*

That is when the *only viable model of governance* will finally and abruptly appear. It will be administered by the Creator of human beings!

If you are tired of looking at photos and videos of your country dying, I suggest you click over to read *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like* (theTrumpet.com/go/wwt). Even as the nation you love dies and its enemies salivate, *you* can have hope. ■



Needing some good news?

Request your free copy of Herbert W. Armstrong’s *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like*.

Your Freedom Is More Fragile Than You Think

I'M WRITING TO YOU FROM WHAT IS almost a fascist state. The government dominates the economy. Public gatherings are banned. The entire country is under house arrest. Even Russians and Cubans can visit the park if they want. But not here—in the United Kingdom.

And it all happened quite quickly. It's a lesson in how fragile our freedom is.

I never thought Britain would respond this way. Maybe Africa, Asia and even Europe, but not the nation of common law, common rights, the Petition of Right, the Magna Carta, habeas corpus, the Bill of Rights and Parliament. But suddenly we were under house arrest—saved from being a police state only by a shortage of police.

On March 23, the government nullified the “common right” of the Englishman—who previously thought, erroneously, that his government's power was restricted by law.

“From this evening, I must give the British people a very simple instruction: You must stay at home,” declared Prime Minister Boris Johnson on March 23. *Must?* What compelled the conservative prime minister is not British law. Nothing in British legal history says a British subject needs his government's permission to leave his own house. I thought I lived in a country where a government's power was restricted by law.

One of the saddest parts of Britain's situation is how little people care. Polls indicate that 93 percent strongly or somewhat supported the new rules and only 4 percent oppose them.

But look at what we get excited about. Thousands will try to shut down London to protest climate change, but not the end of our freedom.

Our ancestors endured great hardship and even death for these freedoms. We are giving them up for something that has killed slightly more people than an especially bad flu season.

The oppression is being rationalized the same way oppression is always rationalized: *Yes, we're taking away your freedom, but we're doing it for an important reason!* I'm sure the restrictions will be eased and we will feel “free” again. But now the world knows how easily we will give them up.

So many in the media and in politics want to empower the government's control over people by casting off legal and constitutional restraints. That was their agenda before coronavirus, and that's what it will be after coronavirus. Already some are calling for the government to exert similar power in climate change and other areas.

Before March 23, British freedom was sacred. After March 23, it wasn't. Before March 23, the police protected liberty. After



London police haul off an anti-lockdown protester.

March 23, they threaten it. Before March 23, freedom was an Englishman's birthright. After March 23, it is something the government gives him and could take away. I never thought we would willingly hand over our liberty like this. I thought the hundreds of years of tradition had

force and weight. That any government would respect law and precedent enough that it would never do something like this. I was wrong, and I realize I'm guilty of making a mistake we warn about in our own literature.

Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry has repeatedly warned that America is abandoning the rule of law and its Constitution. Too many leaders want to cast aside “the foundational law of the land,” he writes in *America Under Attack*, “and telling us, *Look—that is just getting in the way. We don't need that old law. We know what justice is. You can trust us!*”

This is exactly what we saw in Britain on March 23. Mr. Flurry continues, “That reasoning paves the way for tyrants!”

Mr. Flurry writes that too many respond to warnings of tyranny by saying, *Oh, please! You know that could never happen!*

“But government tyranny is *routine* in human history”

I've read that. I've agreed with it. But now I realize that I still took freedom for granted. The idea that tyranny could actually happen in Britain wasn't real to me.

“[O]ur people have kind of settled into an *unreality* about what is really happening around us. They don't understand how deadly dangerous it is!” (ibid).

I now realize I had settled into that same kind of “unreality.”

“Are you willing to face reality? Most people are not. A haze of deception enshrouds our world. It's absolutely stunning how easily the people in this land today are duped.”

Freedom is fragile. And it is under attack.

Perhaps, like me, the idea of freedom being taken away wasn't real to you. But this threat is real, and one you must understand.

Our free booklet *America Under Attack* exposes the fight for your freedom. It was written while Barack Obama was America's president, and it focuses on America. But the reality it talks about is still true, and it's true in Britain and just about anywhere else.

Understanding this war won't just help you understand what's going on in the world, it will also give you a true source of hope.

It is easy to get distressed, frustrated and angry about this attack on freedom. I've certainly experienced my share of all those emotions the last few months. But understanding the reality behind this attack also contains a sure hope—individually and for our nations. So if you want to remain sane while the world around you goes crazy, please read *America Under Attack*. It's the only thing stopping me from going mad. ■

succeeds upon the era properly called apostolic, great obscurity hangs.”

The Roman Empire ruled the world during the first century. Much of the history of the true Church was blotted out. The Apostle John preserved a small amount of this history in his biblical epistles. (For insight into John's epistles, request *The Last Hour*.)

In his June 24, 1983, sermon, “From Sardis to Laodicea,” Mr. Armstrong read a statement from a German theological school about the lost century. He said that in this period, a “violent contest was going on between two gospels. Some wanted the gospel of Christ, which means the same gospel Christ preached, the gospel of the Kingdom. ‘And others wanted a gospel about Christ.’”

The Bible tells us which gospel won out.

The True Gospel

“And as he [Jesus] sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world [age]? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many” (Matthew 24:3-5).

That is a phenomenal prophecy. Christ foretold many false teachers preaching about Him, saying, “I, Christ, am Christ.” These deceivers will not call *themselves* Christ; they will say that *Christ* is Christ, or focus entirely on Christ the man instead of the message He preached. This is a big reason why God's truth and God's Church are a MYSTERY to most people! They focus on Jesus Christ rather than the message of Jesus Christ!

The Bible is Jesus Christ in print. To remove the mystery from the Bible, we must live by EVERY WORD of God. We must focus on Christ's message, not on the person of Christ or some shallow acceptance of Him.

The Kingdom of God is not the Church as many today believe. Physical human beings cannot inherit the Kingdom of God (1 Corinthians 15:50). The Kingdom is spiritual. It is a family that we are born into if we qualify.

God's Church prepares a small group of people to qualify for that reward right now, if we are willing. And as the bride of Christ (Revelation 19:7), they will help their Husband in bringing salvation to the rest of humanity after His return.

That is the transcendental purpose for the Church! ■

Is there only one true Church of God?

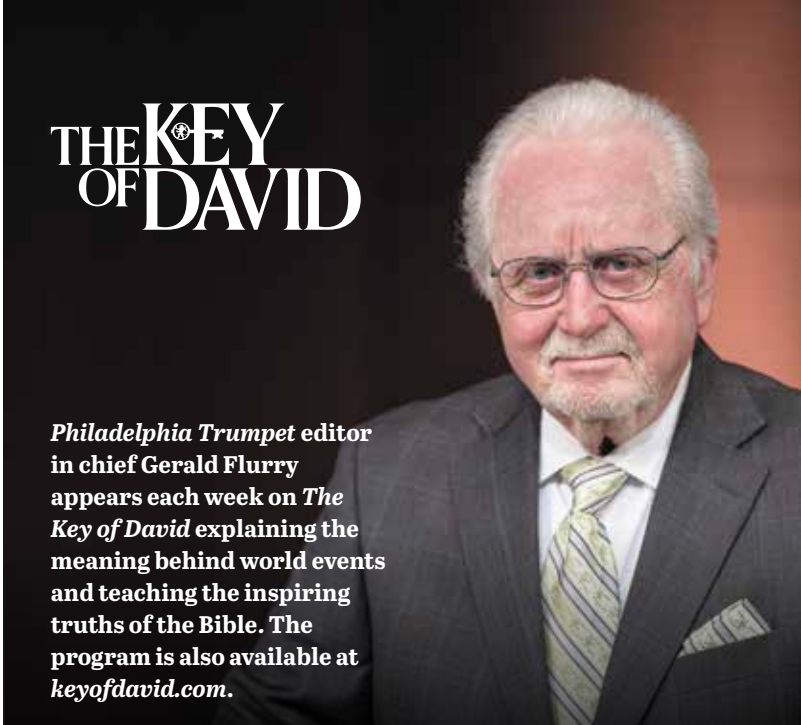
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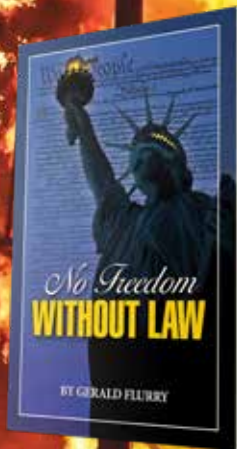
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