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# Why All These Scandals?

The reports of wrongdoing piling up around the Obama administration are a far bigger issue than most people realize.

**T**HE WHITE HOUSE IS NECK-DEEP IN SCANDALS. VIRTUALLY all of them have to do with the government trying to control people and to take more power for itself.

Look at the growing list of just the *recent* scandals: President Obama deciding to ignore laws he does not like, choosing not to deport illegal immigrants who would have been allowed to stay in the country *if* Congress had passed the “Dream Act.” The FBI admitting it uses surveillance drones over U.S. soil. The



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powerful Internal Revenue Service targeting the president’s enemies, mostly conservative and pro-Israel groups, to suppress their political involvement before the election. The Justice Department secretly seizing the records of more than 20 Associated Press phone lines in what was called a “massive and unprecedented intrusion”—while the attorney general claimed to know nothing about it. The Justice Department illegally monitoring the phone lines and e-mails of Fox News reporter James Rosen.

The National Security Agency conducting illegal, covert surveillance programs in violation of the Fourth Amendment, keeping phone and Internet records of millions of Americans with the full cooperation of nine major Internet companies. The revelations just keep coming.

The Benghazi issue wraps three scandals in one: the administration’s failure to protect its people there; the cover-up, lies and change in talking points; and the White House’s refusal to reveal what the president did on the night of the attack (article, page 2).

If you aren’t paying attention to this trend, you should be. Many people are trying to pretend like there is no real problem, and that those who are concerned are overreacting. But this should deeply trouble every American! THERE IS AN UNPARALLELED SPIRIT OF LAWLESSNESS BEHIND ALL OF THESE SCANDALS! And it is leading to an outcome far worse than most people believe. I explain why in my free booklet *America Under Attack*.

Franklin Graham, the son of the famous preacher Billy Graham, said he believes two of his ministries were targeted by the IRS. He believes a newspaper ad they ran supporting an amendment against same-sex “marriage” triggered an audit jeopardizing their tax-exempt status. The process took more than twice as long as usual, and it wasn’t finished until just after President Obama was reelected. Many other conservative groups have told similar stories.

This indicates an *unprecedented* amount of political meddling! It seems this administration is *blatantly* manipulating the political process, and the nation is too weak to do anything about it!

The IRS has a lot of clout. And an administration that pays no attention to the Constitution when it doesn’t match its own agenda has *a lot* of power!

In June, we learned that the National Security Agency (NSA) has a secret data warehouse in Utah, a “billion-dollar epicenter” where it can store massive amounts of information. And the phone records, e-mails and other digital communications the government has been tracking include *yours*. Microsoft, Yahoo!, Google, Facebook, YouTube, AOL, Skype and Apple have handed over *all kinds* of information about you, and claimed that they were forced to do so. The Associated Press reported that this revelation “illustrates how aggressively personal information is being congregated and analyzed...” (June 13).

However, the NSA says you don’t have to worry. An agency spokesman said that “[i]ts operations will be lawfully conducted in accordance with U.S. laws and policies” (ibid).

Does that reassure you? Has this administration done *anything* to suggest that it is careful to follow the law?

When a ceremony was held in May to celebrate completion of the Utah data center’s exterior, it was “closed to the public—an exclusive, invitation-only gathering that barred even the mayor of Bluffdale,” AP reported. “The NSA also rejected a request by city officials to take a group of visiting Utah mayors on a bus tour of the outside of the facility. The agency said all tours—even of the exterior—are prohibited” (ibid).

WHY ALL THE SECRECY? Washington claims it needs all this information for America’s war against terrorism. It is expand-

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ing the NSA’s powers exponentially using the *war on terrorism* as the rationale.

Yet at the same time, the president gave a speech in May telling us that *there is no war on terrorism*. “This war, like all wars, must end,” he said. America shouldn’t be on “a perpetual wartime footing.” He claimed that the war is winding down, thanks to several victories by his administration.

If this is all true, *what does the government need that Utah facility for?*

Despite all the data the government is collecting, it did not stop the Boston Marathon bombers. The “underwear bomber” wasn’t stopped by the surveillance program PRISM, but by a tip from the would-be bomber’s parents. How many terrorists is this program catching? Some analysts say jihadists tend to

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**I**T TOOK EIGHT LONG months for Americans to finally hear testimony from someone who was actually on the ground in Libya the night the U.S. compound in Benghazi was ambushed by terrorists linked to al Qaeda. For eight months, the White House had obfuscated the truth, delayed hearings and pressured potential whistle-blowers to keep quiet.

Then, on May 8, three highly respected State Department officials—Gregory Hicks, Mark Thompson and Eric Nordstrom—testified under oath before a House committee. These men had experienced the tragedy of Benghazi firsthand. Their testimony was heartfelt and sincere—at times emotionally agonizing. Above all, it was *believable*.

Gregory Hicks, the number two diplomat in Libya at the time, provided the most riveting account. He told the committee that as soon as the U.S. compound was attacked, Americans on the ground **KNEW** it was terrorism. Hicks said that when he spoke with Chris Stevens on the phone, just minutes before the ambassador was murdered, Stevens *told him* they were being **ATTACKED**. In fact, U.S. Embassy personnel in Tripoli thought they were the next target, which is why they destroyed hard drives and fled for a safe house.

There were **NO REPORTS** in Libya of street demonstrations or protests outside the diplomatic post in Benghazi on September 11. Hicks said he told Secretary of State Hillary Clinton the night of the attack that it was a terrorist strike. He told committee staffers in the lead-up to the May 8 hearing that he requested military support from Washington in response to the attack. To this day, he maintains his belief that had America scrambled a few jets from its base in Italy, it might have held off the second wave of attackers on that fateful night.

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During the hearing, Hicks also described a conversation he had with a special operations team in Tripoli on the night of the attack. The team was hurriedly preparing to fly to Benghazi to help the Americans under fire, but their team leader said the U.S. Special Forces Command Africa told them to **STAND DOWN**. He told Hicks he had never been so embarrassed.

Hicks's testimony directly contradicted the Obama administration's claim that no State Department official in Libya requested military support during the attack. In fact, *multiple* requests **HAD BEEN MADE**—and rebuffed.

Mark Thompson said he urged the State Department to deploy the Foreign

Emergency Support Team (**FEST**). This special operations unit is the government's "only interagency, on-call, short-notice team poised to respond to terrorist incidents worldwide," the State Department's website says. It's *specifically* trained to respond "quickly and effectively to terrorist attacks."

An official involved in the response told CBS reporter Sharyl Attkisson that **FEST** members "instinctively started packing" the moment news broke of the Benghazi assault. Yet they too were essentially told to **STAY PUT**.

All these requests for help were denied because the White House simply could not accept that it had been a premeditated terrorist attack in Benghazi. President

# NEVER LET A CRISIS GO TO WASTE

That was one of Rahm Emanuel's rules when he worked as President Barack Obama's White House chief of staff. According to Emanuel, it's not about *managing* a crisis—it's about *using* that crisis to advance your agenda.

Rahm's rule might not apply to the numerous scandals that have besieged the Obama administration this summer. But then again, when you consider the *timing* and the *nature* of some of these scandals, it does make you wonder.

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Obama's reelection bid was less than two months away. During campaign speeches, he had been telling Americans that al Qaeda was on the "road to defeat." So when Benghazi happened, he blamed the tragedy on a street demonstration gone awry. He said the violence was triggered by an obscure anti-Islam video that was made by a shady filmmaker.

Three days after the attack, Secretary Clinton told one of the fathers of the victims that they were going to arrest the person who made that video. And they did. He was arrested and jailed two weeks later.

Since then, NO ONE actually *responsible* for the terrorist attack has been killed or jailed.

## The Benghazi Talking Points

In the same week that the administration's handling of Benghazi came under renewed scrutiny because of the May 8 hearing, ABC News revealed that the Benghazi talking points had been extensively edited by the White House and the State Department in the days following September 11. These were the same bullet points UN Ambassador Susan Rice used to defend the administration on the Sunday talk shows five days after the attack.

Benghazi began *spontaneously*, Rice said, "as a reaction to what had transpired some hours earlier in Cairo where... there was a violent protest outside of our embassy—*sparked by this*

*hateful video*" (emphasis added throughout).

For months, the White House repeatedly maintained that it was working from the best intelligence available at the time and that it had nothing to do with the content of those talking points. As White House Press Secretary Jay Carney told reporters in November, the intelligence community was almost entirely responsible for developing the talking points. He said the administration had suggested just one adjustment to the report—changing the word "consulate" to "diplomatic facility."

Carney's repeated statements have now been proven false. According to the e-mails obtained by ABC, several governing bodies, including the White House and the State Department, took part in dramatically revising the talking points that were initially released by the intelligence community on Friday, September 14. The original version referred to the "attacks" in Benghazi as including "extremists with ties to al Qaeda." There is also a reference to the al Qaeda offshoot Ansar al-Sharia, which was linked to the attack early on. (It later denied having ordered the assault.) Finally, the first draft of the talking points

referred to several other terrorist attacks in Libya that had occurred in the lead-up to September 11. The report also said it was possible that the U.S. facilities in Benghazi had been under enemy surveillance.

By the time the Obama administration finished editing the talking points, the word "attacks" had been changed to "demonstrations," all references to *extremists*, *al Qaeda* and *Ansar al-Sharia* had been removed and the entire section about security warnings in the months leading up to the attack had been deleted.

These strategic "edits," we now know, were made during a meeting AT THE WHITE HOUSE on Saturday morning, September 15.

The anti-Islam video is not mentioned in any version of the Benghazi talking points. It was, however, referred to often in public statements made by President Obama, Secretary Clinton and Press Secretary Carney immediately after the attack. President Obama even mentioned the video several times in his United Nations address on September 25, two full weeks *after* the Benghazi attack.

So when Susan Rice hit the Sunday talk shows to cover for the administration and to mislead the American people, she was working from the “video” narrative established by the president himself and from an “intelligence” document that had been rewritten by senior officials at the White House and the State Department.

## The major media didn't just dismiss the story because of conservative 'screaming,' it ignored the truth in order to help President Obama get reelected.

Stephen Hayes at the *Weekly Standard* actually broke the story about the Benghazi talking points. It was posted on May 3. But because Hayes writes for a conservative publication and since the content of his article was based on an investigation conducted by Republicans, many reporters automatically dismissed the story.

On May 10, however, Jonathan Karl at ABC broke ranks with the leftist media, and suddenly, the lid had completely blown off the Benghazi cover-up.

It took eight months for the major media to finally pick up on the scandal.

“The Benghazi story until now has been a jumble of factoids that didn't quite cohere, didn't produce a story that people could absorb and hold in their minds,” Peggy Noonan wrote in her column on May 10. “*This week THAT CHANGED.*”

On his May 10 radio broadcast, Rush Limbaugh said the Benghazi cover-up had finally “escaped conservative media.” The day before, Limbaugh opened his program by saying there wasn't much going on in the news. But on Friday, May 10, Benghazi was “everywhere.”

At MSNBC, on *Morning Joe*, journalist Lisa Myers said the Democrats were now worried about the Benghazi story, saying “damage” had clearly been done by the three whistle-blowers. Earlier in the show, Joe Scarborough made this astounding assertion about why

it had taken so long for the major media to investigate the cover-up: “If a lot of people on the far right hadn't overplayed their hand on Benghazi—and were screaming before they knew what they were screaming about—I think we would all be much harder on the administration right now.”

Of course, the inconvenient truth is that the major media didn't just dismiss the story because of conservative “screaming,” *it ignored the truth about Benghazi in order to help President Obama get reelected.* Even after the election, the major media did everything possible to cover for an administration that offered this in response to a question about who was behind the Benghazi attack: “What difference, at this point, does it make?”

To conservative media outlets and House Republicans, it made a *huge* difference. They stayed with Benghazi, demanding answers from an administration bent on obscuring the truth and lying about its motives. In exchange for confirming John Brennan as CIA director in March, Republicans managed to pressure the White House into releasing some of the e-mails surrounding the Benghazi talking points. And in May, the House committee was finally able to hear from U.S. officials who were serving in Libya at the time of the attack.

Then on May 10, the Benghazi cover-up finally went mainstream. And that's when the Obama administration went to work *covering up the cover-up.*

### The IRS Scandal

On the *same day* three whistle-blowers told the truth about Benghazi, IRS director Lois Lerner also testified before a congressional committee in Washington. In this hearing, Rep. Joseph Crowley, a New York Democrat, asked Lerner about the status of the investigation of the IRS's handling of nonprofit organizations seeking tax-exempt status. Lerner's ho-hum response directed the congressman to a questionnaire posted at the IRS website.

The next day, Lerner suddenly had MUCH MORE to say about the investigation and the Inspector General's report, which was due to be released at any time. With

the help of acting IRS commissioner Steven Miller, Lerner prepared a public apology for the agency's targeting of Tea Party groups. After consulting with Miller, she contacted Celia Roady, a lawyer friend in Washington, to see if she would ask a question about the investigation during an American Bar Association conference on May 10.

The next day, after Lerner finished her speech, she fielded questions. In response to the planted question by Roady, Mrs. Lerner confessed that conservative organizations had indeed been targeted and that some of these groups had been bombarded with questions that were “far too broad.” Within minutes, this staged exchange ignited a firestorm of media coverage, both from the left and the right.

Think about the unbelievable timing of this scandalous “revelation.” The IRS started targeting conservative groups *three years ago.* Lois Lerner knew about the unfair targeting as early as June 2011 and supposedly instructed her department to revise the criteria it was using to single out conservative groups. But nothing changed. Conservative groups kept complaining about unfair treatment. The *New York Times* actually applauded the IRS for concentrating on Tea Party groups. “Taxpayers should be *encouraged* by complaints from Tea Party chapters applying for nonprofit tax status at being asked by the Internal Revenue Service to prove they are ‘social welfare’ organizations and not the political activists they so obviously are,” the *Times* editorialized on March 7, 2012.

In May of 2012, according to Reuters, an internal IRS review finally addressed the unfair targeting of Tea Party chapters. Lois Lerner, Steven Miller and IRS commissioner Douglas Shulman were all well aware of this internal review. They were all involved in a series of steps taken to correct the problem. And they all chose not to tell Congress about this abuse of power.

Then there's the inspector general's report, prepared by government watchdog J. Russell George. He started his investigation last summer but carefully kept all details of his investigation from Congress, despite numerous requests for updates. According to the Inspector General Act, the IG is required to *immediately* report to the appropriate congressional committee whenever he or she uncovers something “particularly serious” or “flagrant.”

During a congressional hearing on May 22, when asked about why he chose not to inform Congress about the abuses he discovered, George said it would have been “impractical” and “counterproductive” to do this before the report was completely finished. He said, “To ensure fairness and to ensure that we are completely accurate with the information that we convey to Congress, we will not report information until the IRS has had an opportunity to take a look at it to ensure that we’re not misstating facts.”

He couldn’t tell Congress about any of the details until *the IRS* had the chance to review his investigation! George also testified that he notified senior Obama administration officials about his investigation back in June 2012. And yet Congress had been kept in the dark about the serious nature of the scandal—even as late as May 8, 2013, when Lois Lerner testified under oath that there was nothing new to report about the investigation.

Then, two days later, on the same day the major media finally ran with the Benghazi cover-up, Lois Lerner—not the inspector general, not the “far right” media, not Congress or the *Washington Post*, but *the director of the Internal Revenue Service*—leaked the story about the IRS abuse of power.

During a media call the day the scandal broke on May 10, Lerner was asked why she hadn’t publicly addressed the situation before. She gave this response: “I don’t believe anyone ever asked me that question before.”

### The Associated Press Scandal

Incredibly, the IRS wasn’t the only government agency to “break” a story about its own scandal. And once again, this happened at the same time the Benghazi story blew up.

On Monday, May 13, the Associated Press announced that the Justice Department had secretly seized the telephone records of over 20 AP phone lines between April and May 2012. AP president and chief executive officer Gary Pruitt called it a “massive and unprecedented intrusion” in a letter he wrote to Attorney General Eric Holder.

That was on May 13. But the Associated Press actually learned about the spying when the Justice Department confessed to the transgression by official letter—on May 10.

So on the *same day* the White House was exposed for its outrageous lies about

Benghazi, the Department of Justice (DOJ) decided to break the story about *its own scandal*—one that involved using subpoenas to pull the phone records from several AP bureaus, including ones in New York, Washington, D.C., Connecticut, and the House of Representatives.

A week later, the story broke about the DOJ snooping into James Rosen’s records at Fox News. Here again, it was another case of the Justice Department confessing its own sins.

### Plausible Deniability

It’s not that these scandals inside the IRS and the DOJ are unworthy of media scrutiny. They both reveal a shameful abuse of power at the highest levels of government and *should* be exposed. But with these scandals, the president of the United States can disassociate himself. He can *maintain plausible deniability*.

“I can assure you that I certainly did not know anything about the IG report before the IG report had been leaked through the press,” President Obama said on May 16. It doesn’t matter how many times the IRS commissioner visited the White House or when senior officials of the administration learned about the investigation.

*President Obama says he didn’t know.*

Added to that, the president can now be seen as the one initiating steps to solve the crisis. “I think we’re going to be able to figure out exactly what happened, who was involved, what went wrong, and we’re going to be able to implement steps to fix it,” he said.

## In the case of Benghazi, the damning trail of evidence that went mainstream in early May was leading straight to the Oval Office.

The same is true of the outrageous overreach at the DOJ. “Other than press reports, we have no knowledge of any attempt by the Justice Department to seek phone records of the AP,” said Press Secretary Carney on May 13. *They didn’t know anything about it.* And what’s more, the president can now cast himself as a defender of free-flowing information. He’s called on Congress to revive a federal shield law that is supposed to protect journalists from government intrusion.

But in the case of Benghazi, the damning trail of evidence that went mainstream

in early May was leading *straight to the Oval Office*. And if we learned anything about the cover-up last September, it’s that this administration will do **WHATEVER IS NECESSARY** to cover its tracks, advance its political agenda and defeat its political enemies.

### The ‘Attack’ the Media Attacked

Go back and review the events surrounding September 11 of last year. Early in the day, an Egyptian television station played the infamous YouTube movie in order to incite anti-American sentiment on the anniversary of 9/11. The American Embassy in Cairo responded by issuing an apology condemning the efforts of “misguided individuals to hurt the religious feelings of Muslims.” Even as an Islamist mob was attacking the U.S. compound, America responded by reiterating its earlier apology. That statement “still stands,” the Embassy tweeted.

Later that day, a terrorist organization in Libya carried out an audacious attack on the U.S. diplomatic post in Benghazi, resulting in the abduction and murder of the U.S. ambassador—the first American ambassador to be assassinated in three decades.

That same night, in America, Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney sharply criticized the Obama administration for sympathizing with anti-American forces in the Muslim world. In the 24 hours that followed Romney’s blistering criticism, even though four Americans had been brutally murdered and two diplomatic missions attacked in Egypt and

Libya, *it was Mitt Romney* that the major media pounced on for supposedly politicizing the Benghazi massacre.

The next morning, despite criticism from his own party, Romney held firm in his rebuke for the president’s weak response to the attacks: “I think it’s a terrible course for America to stand in apology for our values, that instead when our grounds are being attacked and being breached, that the first response of the United States must be outrage at the breach of the sovereignty of our nation.”

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# Belly On, Belly Off

The weight loss industry has grown fatter than ever, feeding off our desire for a quick fix. Can diet lead to long-term health and fitness? **BY JEREMIAH JACQUES**

**I**N SPITE OF VERY PUBLIC POLITICAL efforts to wean Americans off Big Gulps and Big Macs, obesity in the nation increased last year. This continued an unbroken 15-year trend, according to a June report from the Centers for Disease Control.

The problem is not unique to the United States. Last year, the global weight loss and diet management market was worth a record-breaking \$265 billion. By 2017, all these sales of dieting books and videos, meal replacements, diet pills, weight reduction surgeries, nutrition consultancy, and other products and services is expected to swell to \$361 billion worldwide.

Why are we spending so much dough to be less doughy? Partly because most dieters regain up to two thirds of the weight they lose within one year of losing it—and *all of it* within three to five years. Longer-term follow-up studies show that up to two thirds of us eventually regain *more weight* than we ever lost.

If dieters could shed kilos and then keep them off, Big Weight Loss wouldn't be such an economic heavyweight. Weight Watchers alone pulls in around \$1.75 billion in annual revenue, much of it from repeat customers. One former manager admitted she was disheartened by how ineffective the company is at helping dieters keep their weight off.

## The Skinny on Weight Management

So what's the solution to this multibillion-dollar problem vexing more people every year? Who can we trust to provide a straight answer?

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The “experts” contriving the diet programs don’t know (“No New Thing Under the Sun,” page 7). Despite record spending on their programs, the average American man today weighs 28 pounds more than in the 1960s. Each time we think we know something solid about links between diet, health and weight, a new study turns it topsy-turvy. For every nutritionist pinpointing a certain ingredient as the villain, another insists it’s the hero.

These shifting winds of fad diets, nutritional “expertise,” and food-industry advertising have exposed the science behind it all as confused at best, and often corrupt. (For example, you know that reassuring stamp on food boxes from the American Heart Association? Food companies pay handsomely for that endorsement.)

Is there any true authority on diet? There is one that you probably have never

considered. Yet it’s likely you already have a copy.

It’s the Holy Bible.

“The human mind and body is the most perfectly designed mechanism ever produced from earthly material substance,” educator Herbert Armstrong wrote in *Why Humanity Cannot Solve Its Troubles*. “Our Maker sent along with His product [human beings] His operation manual [the Bible]. But this world’s bestseller has been the most ignored, distorted, falsely interpreted and least understood of all books.”

The Bible is our *basic instruction manual!* Each of us is limited to acquiring material knowledge through the five senses. But to live happily, peacefully and *healthily*, we actually need a spiritual knowledge base. The Bible doesn’t contain all knowledge, but it does contain the “foundation of knowledge,” as Mr. Armstrong described



# No New Thing Under the Sun

Though the number of people on weight loss programs is smashing records in recent decades, the idea of diets promising big results in little time is nothing new.

it. And God's instruction manual is not silent on the topic of diet.

## What's On the Menu?

The Bible tells us what we should eat. In the very first chapter, God is recorded as saying to man: "I have given you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat" (Genesis 1:29). Does that mean we should be vegetarians? A study of 1 Timothy 4:1-5, Leviticus 11 and Deuteronomy 14 shows that a balanced diet should include the right meats. But the indication is that it should lean more toward the flora than the fauna.

Applying biblical principles to diet shows that we should strive to eat whole, fresh foods instead of the edible food-like substances that fill grocery store shelves.

For example, all aspects of the intricate ecosystems of our planet were "very good" when God created them (Genesis 1:30-31). But men have long operated under a belief that we can *improve* the nature of many organisms. What does the great Creator and master Engineer think of such efforts? "There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Proverbs 14:12).

To most food companies and consumers, it seems right to genetically modify, process, refine and "enhance" foods with laboratory science and technology. It seems right. But mechanical and chemical processes typically strip the natural food of many nutrients. Processed and refined foods also have a high glycemic index, which means we digest



Before Weight Watchers, Bikini Bootcamp and diet pills, there was the Vinegar Diet, popularized in the 1820s by bulimic poet Lord Byron.



A few years later, Presbyterian minister Sylvester Graham began promoting a diet low in caffeine and high in a special honey cracker that he had invented and named after himself. Graham's fad diet didn't pass the test of time, but his cracker did.



Things took a bizarre turn in the late 19th century when entrepreneurs sold "sanitized tapeworms" to help women slim down—baby worms packaged in attractive pill-type form. Some thought inviting a parasite into their intestines to consume their nutrients would help them shed pounds without having to alter their eating habits. The trouble is, tapeworms can grow up to 25 feet long and cause seizures, dementia, meningitis and other ailments.



In the 1920s and '30s, cigarette "diets" gained traction after tobacco companies started to emphasize the appetite-suppressing merits of their products. One advertisement for Lucky Strikes said: "Light a Lucky and you'll never miss sweets that make you fat." The claim is true, but omits mention of the common side effects: cancers of the lung, esophagus, larynx, mouth, throat, etc., heart diseases, death and more.



The Sleeping Beauty Diet became popular in the 1960s. Its followers (including Elvis Presley) heavily sedated themselves, slept for days on end, and emerged from hibernation a few pounds lighter.



The Calories Don't Count Diet came into vogue around the same time and made big bucks for founder Herman Taller until he was found guilty of mail fraud and conspiracy.



The 1970s saw the rise and fall of the Prolinn Diet, whose devotees consumed nothing but a "miracle" liquid called Prolinn. The drink was made of ground-up animal hooves, horns, hides and other butcher byproducts, which had been broken down with special enzymes. At least 58 Prolinn dieters suffered heart attacks while on the program.



More recently, the Vision Diet became popular after a Japanese company learned that when we see the color blue, our appetites diminish. They're mass marketing \$20 "diet glasses" with indigo-hued lenses. Some dieters say they're effective because food viewed through them looks revolting.



What if you don't want your food to look gross but still want to lose weight? Some acupuncturists say the answer may be ear stapling, which isn't as bad as it sounds, unless it sounds like having a surgical staple driven into the ear's inner cartilage in order to strike an "appetite-suppressing pressure point." Besides being utterly ineffective, the procedure can also cause a host of side effects ranging from infection to permanent disfigurement.



If none of those ideas sounds appealing, there's also the Russian Peasant Diet, the Hot Dog Diet, Fruitarianism, the Feeding Tube Diet, Jenny Craig, the Cotton Ball Diet, the Junk Food Diet, raw foodism, the Biggest Loser Club, the 17-Day Diet, Fletcherizing, Atkins, South Beach, high protein, low carbs, low fat, the Cookie Diet ...

The nature of many of these programs and products shows that many of us aren't driven by a desire to be *healthy*, but by an obsession with thinness and superficial beauty—sometimes at the expense of health. Many entrepreneurs pander shamelessly to this vanity. To say every slim person is healthy is like saying every old man is wise. But regardless of the dieter's motivation, none of these programs consistently delivers long-term health and fitness.

them quickly, absorb their calories quickly, and feel hungry again soon after.

Whole, fresh foods nourish our bodies the way they were designed to be fueled. They are more expensive because they've been raised or grown less intensively and with more concern. But we should try for the highest quality we can afford. This usually means avoiding packaged items, white rice, white bread and most crackers.

### That Thing Is Your God?

The Bible also tells us *how* to eat. Several passages show that it's good to *enjoy* your meal (e.g. Psalm 104:14-15; Isaiah 25:6; Ecclesiastes 8:15; Genesis 18:5-8). But the

average restaurant meals are *four times larger than they were in the 1950s*.

The people of Okinawa, Japan, are among the longest-living and healthiest on the planet. They subsist mostly on whole foods like whole-grain rice, fresh vegetables, and fresh fish. And they also moderate. For generations, the Okinawans have followed a principle called "Hara Hachi Bu," which means eat only until you're 80 percent full. Applying this principle can help us all. Many of us tend to eat until we are 110 percent full, but our Creator says destruction is the outcome for those "whose God is their belly" (Philippians 3:19). Appetite is complex, but research

few months or years after the diet has ended, he's back to using the hole he punched into his belt after that especially bountiful 2008 Thanksgiving season. Eventually he reaches a breaking point once again. He invests in a diet program again, loses weight again, and gains it back... again.

And so the discouraging, expensive and unhealthy cycle goes.

Why do so many get stuck aboard that yo-yo diet pattern? Because we generally feel, at the end of a time of restraint and self-discipline, that we deserve a reward. We feel like our good behavior means we've earned the right to finally return to what feels best, and to what comes easily. *I sacrificed and got what I wanted; now I want some relief from all this discipline!*

The Bible shows that improvements we make in our lives must be permanent. In Galatians 6:9, God inspired the Apostle Paul to say we must not become "weary in well doing." He knew that we have to battle the human tendency to burn out, but said that "in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

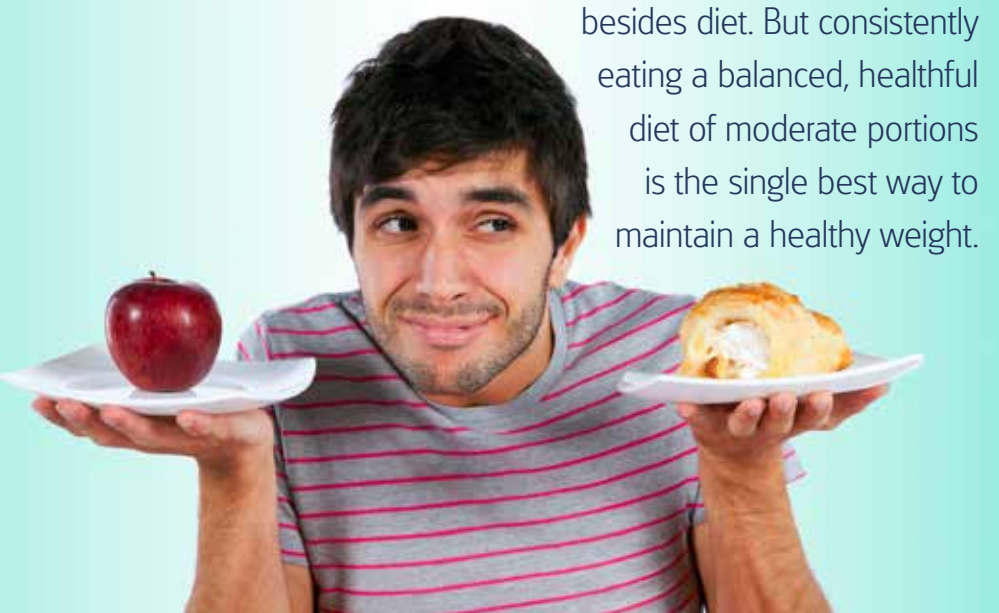
If the improvement in behavior—whether related to physical or spiritual health—is temporary, then its reward will also be temporary.

In 19 places, the Bible mentions "backsliding" into old bad habits or sins after having gained ground in overcoming them. That is our natural tendency. Instead, we need consistency and progress. Rather than undertake some brutal, unhealthy 17-day extreme diet and then return to our former eating habits, we should make more basic, permanent lifestyle changes that we can live with. Health is built by many factors besides diet. But consistently eating a balanced, healthful diet of moderate portions is the single best way to maintain a healthy weight.

The Apostle John wrote, "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth" (3 John 2). Jesus Christ said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly" (John 10:10). God's will is for us to lead a life of quality in *every* respect—including that of physical health. This is why He gave us definite laws of health in the pages of His inspired instruction manual.

Be wary of the shifting winds of fad diets. Instead, consistently apply these practical laws and reap the wonderful benefits of a healthful, robust physical life! ■

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Bible stresses moderation more. "Hast thou found honey? Eat so much as is sufficient for thee, lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it" (Proverbs 25:16). Too much of even a healthful food can wreck our health.

Other passages about moderation include Deuteronomy 21:20; Proverbs 23:20-21; 25:27; Ecclesiastes 10:17; Ezekiel 16:49; Philippians 4:5; and 1 Corinthians 9:25. Moderation, in eating and in all other areas, is a vital ingredient for godly, healthy living. Failure to moderate is probably the number one problem of modern consumers.

In recent decades, portion sizes served both in America's homes and its restaurants have grown. The surface area of the average household dinner plate has increased 36 percent since 1960. Our

shows that if we stop eating before we feel completely full, within 15 or 20 minutes we will generally feel satisfied.

"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God," the Apostle Paul said (1 Corinthians 10:31). Limiting portion sizes can help us to eat in a mindset that enlarges God's glory, rather than enlarging the "glory" of our bellies.

### Like a Yo-Yo

The chief allure of most weight loss programs is that they don't require us to alter our eating habits for very long. In many cases, a dieter is working hard and tenaciously holding to the prescribed regimen for the designated duration. By the time the diet period is over, he is seeing stark results. But a

# Under Construction

How Germany is building a European army

BY RICHARD PALMER

“BERLIN WILL NOT BE ABLE TO overwhelm Iran in the near future unless it is working on a special strategy right now,” wrote Gerald Flurry in last month’s *Trumpet*.

That is a dramatic statement from one of the most dramatic articles we have published. For over two decades the *Trumpet* has been warning that the next world war would begin with German-led Europe attacking Iran. Last month Mr. Flurry exposed how Germany is planning for that very confrontation right now.

Some of this German strategy is well known. For example, the German press often writes about “the Merkel Doctrine”—Chancellor Angela Merkel’s attempt to create an anti-Iran alliance by selling weapons to Iran’s enemies. Mr. Flurry also explained that Germany is already surrounding Iran, establishing deployments and making deals across the Middle East.

But there’s more. European military planners are getting the Continent ready for a clash with Iran.

## A Bold Report

The European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS) is an official EU agency responsible for analyzing defense and security issues. In May, it published a report titled, “Enabling the future—European military capabilities 2013-2025: challenges and avenue,” with examples of threats it believes the EU needs to prepare to deal with. This is scenario number six (emphasis added throughout):

## AGGRESSIVE REGIME IN THE MIDDLE EAST

**Risk/threat:** An unpredictable but increasingly powerful regime in the wider Middle East conducts its first atomic test. A year later, the regime demonstrates that it has a working and deliverable nuclear capability to a range of 2,500 km: European territory could be directly threatened. The regime, feeling safe under its newfound atomic umbrella, becomes increasingly aggressive, harrying commercial vessels in the Gulf and supporting terrorist jihadi organizations throughout the Levant. The situation escalates when the country mounts incursions into a smaller pro-Western neighbor, whose freedom is deemed critical for the security of world energy supply.

**Response:** Given the severity of the situation and the potential number of actors implicated, any response would likely be international in character. Europeans, however, would be expected to provide a *substantial force component* for *large-scale expeditionary warfare*, which would need to be backed up with tactical and strategic ballistic missile defenses.



The “unpredictable but increasingly powerful regime” is clearly Iran. The EUISS sees that Iran may have to be dealt with, and it is recommending that Europe change its military in order to do so.

Think back to the early '90s, when the *Trumpet* first began forecasting Europe's clash with Iran. Iraq was the big worry. Germany had only just reunited. The euro was years away and the European Union was even more divided than it is today.

Two decades later, an official EU report is saying, *We need a plan for confronting Iran!*

Making predictions based on Bible prophecy is not fashionable, especially as so many other groups have gotten it so wrong. But have any other forecasters been this accurate? Our predictions were based on the last part of Daniel 11. Now you can see both sides preparing for that confrontation.

### More Surprises

The Iranian scenario wasn't the only one to stand out. Scenario five sees Islamist jihadists take control of the Suez Canal. Such an event could force the Europeans to launch an “extended” mission “to protect one of their most precious pieces of overseas infrastructure,” it states. According to EU strategists, the Suez already belongs to them.

## The report's language reveals the scope of the EU's ambition to be a global power. This is the vocabulary of major sovereign powers.

The report argued that the EU needs to be willing and able to defend “zones of EU privileged interests”—areas around the EU such as the Mediterranean Sea or Indo-Pacific region. In an intelligence brief on May 8, Joe de Courcy wrote, “The use of such terminology is eye-catching not just because it is so unfashionable but because its very employment reveals *the scope of the EU's ambition to become, and to be seen as, a global power.* This is the vocabulary of major sovereign powers, not trading blocs.”

The report is clear on the way to prepare for this confrontation. De Courcy summarized the report's recommendations as “arguing for a maximum push towards military integration within a relatively short time span.”

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The report noted that “contrary to current conventional

wisdom and media reports, the European Union as a whole still is, *de facto*, the world's second-strongest military ‘power,’ possessing “some of the most capable and effective armed forces in the world.” The key to Europe's continued military prowess in a dangerous world, it concluded, is more cooperation among these forces.

One final, notable fact about this report is its authors. When putting the report together, the EUISS says it sought out “a small task force of young experts—those who are likely to shape future debates.” These experts came from France, Germany, Belgium and Slovakia. You would think it would have wanted some input from the EU's biggest military spender (based on 2012 data) and one of the EU's only two nuclear powers, but no expert from Britain was invited. Europe's military planners don't care what Britain thinks. They are moving on with their agenda regardless.

### A Military Union

Many of the components for a pan-European military that the EUISS recommends are already in place, and have been for some time.

In an emergency, Eurocorps can deploy French, German, Belgian, Spanish and

Luxembourg forces under a single command. Although in theory Eurocorps could command up to 60,000 soldiers, in practice no more than a few thousand have ever been mobilized at one time. At the heart of Eurocorps is a Franco-German brigade, over 5,000 strong, with the French and Germans sharing leadership positions.

Other multinational forces include the I. German/Dutch Corps, made up of one Dutch and one German division, acting as NATO's “High Readiness Force Headquarters” and serving in Afghanistan. The corps is a land force designed to deploy within 20 to 30 days. Brussels also has EU Battlegroups—a set of forces, each at least 1,500 strong and made up of multinational coalitions. Two are ready for deployment at any one time; they are designed to deploy within five to ten days.

The results of the cooperation is mixed. None of the battle groups has ever been deployed. Some appear to exist only on paper. When the soldiers from the Franco-German brigade actually hit the ground in Afghanistan, they split up—the Germans going north and the French east.

On the other hand, some multinational forces have been hugely successful. The Dutch and Belgian navies, for example, work so closely together that the two forces “have all but merged,” Reuters recently wrote. Across Europe there are small-scale success stories where two or more countries are training or fighting together.

Despite some failures, all these multinational military arrangements are a foundation for future cooperation. Politically, such ventures enable European countries to establish policy and procedures. Practically, they make the military personnel within Europe accustomed to working with each other. These groups are setting an important precedent, preparing the groundwork for something more.

And Berlin is pushing for much more.

### Intensifying European Militarization

The EUISS report drew attention to the way the eurozone has been forced to work together following the economic crash, calling for similar structures to be put in place for the military. But this is where, at first glance, Germany disagrees with the experts at the EUISS. In his speech at the start of the 2013 Munich Security Conference in February, German Defense Minister Thomas de Maizière told the world's foremost military leaders that Europe does not need “the vision of a joint European army.”

Why the difference? Not because of any fundamental disagreement. Germany is simply impatient. Grand agreements between EU nations on things like military cooperation take time, especially when Britain is doing all it can to slam on the brakes. Germany wants to take action *now*, and isn't waiting for the EU to get its act together.

“Germany is driving the integration of European defense,” Deutsche Welle reported in May. “Germany is Europe's biggest partner in military cooperation.” Berlin offers to do the jobs that smaller militaries can no longer afford, it said.

Germany made a monumental step forward in its push for defense cooperation in May. De Maizière signed an agreement

with Dutch Defense Minister Jeanine Hennis-Plasschaert on May 28 that puts Dutch paratroopers under the command of the German Army.

This isn't a token gesture. The Dutch 11 Airmobile Brigade is 4,500 strong and designed to be at the front of any attack. It can deploy paratroopers, light vehicles, anti-aircraft weapons and artillery anywhere in the world within 20 days. These are the Netherlands' only airmobile forces; they are twice the size of the Netherlands Marine Corps. Along with the Korps Mariniers, this is the branch of the Netherlands' military that strikes first, that establishes the beachheads and landing grounds that allow the rest of the army to follow. Without these warriors, it is almost impossible for the Netherlands to launch an expedition.

And beginning in 2014, the Dutch military's advance guard will be commanded by Germans. The Dutch will no longer begin a war without German permission.

The Dutch have crossed the Rubicon and handed over control of a vital part of their armed forces to Germany. Will it stop there?

These two militaries already work closely together, exchanging officers, conducting joint exercises and training together. The agreement signed in May will deepen this cooperation. They will work together in buying new equipment and developing new submarines.

A separate development indicates that the Dutch may continue to serve under Germany in Afghanistan. "The Netherlands will again opt to be active under German command in any NATO mission in Afghanistan after 2014, should the decision for the Netherlands to participate be made," wrote the General Dutch Press Agency, citing NATO diplomats in Brussels. "In the current, soon-to-expire mission, Dutch soldiers also operated under German command" (June 10).

Also in May, de Maizière signed a memorandum of understanding with his Polish counterpart, Thomasz Siemoniak, for closer cooperation between the two countries' navies. The agreement paves the way for 28 joint projects between Germany and Poland, including joint monitoring of the Baltic Sea, combined training missions and possible cooperation in shipbuilding. A statement on the Polish Navy's website said it was the largest cooperation "by far" between the two navies.

Berlin and Warsaw are already working out the details for more concrete joint projects. Watch for German-Polish naval cooperation to continue along similar lines to the Dutch-German relationship.

### Follow the Money

What could persuade one nation to sign over thousands of its troops to another? Money, or the lack thereof. The Dutch newspaper *De Telegraaf* revealed that drastic cuts to the Dutch military budget were partially responsible for the merger. Even before the agreement, the Dutch were sending their tank units to train in Germany because they couldn't afford to do so at home.

## As Germany is pushing Europe into military cooperation, economic constraints across the continent are accelerating the trend.

The Poles were also driven by finance. "Together we are stronger for sure," Siemoniak said, adding that together the two nations could "better spend our taxpayers' money on defense."

But why did the Dutch give the Germans command of their soldiers? We have no way of knowing what went on in those negotiations, but why didn't they copy one of the many other European joint-command structures? Is money that tight for the Dutch?

Europeans everywhere are feeling heavy monetary pressure. Governments are stumbling under debt and pension obligations. Politically, it is easier to cut military budgets than many other areas of state spending. Cut the defense budget, and some people grumble. Cut social spending, and a lot of people riot.

But European nations are still keenly aware of the need for military spending. They see America retreating and radical Islam spreading in northern Africa.

France's spending problems have made François Hollande the most unpopular president in that nation's history, yet he still refuses to cut defense spending. President Hollande has committed to keeping France's defense budget at €31 billion (US\$41 billion) a year.

But the pressure on Hollande will only intensify. Saving money by sharing militaries will become an increasingly tempting

"win-win" prospect. Each nation involved gets to cut its costs, while the resulting army is stronger than the sum of its parts. Ten 1,000-strong battalions from 10 different countries cannot be as effective as one 10,000-strong division—provided that division is *well integrated*. Not only can the larger division work better together, but all the support staff can be organized much more efficiently. Plus, you don't have to worry about defending against those other nine countries.

As Germany is pushing Europe into military cooperation, economic constraints across the continent are accelerating the trend. This is another instance

where Europe's financial crisis, which was deliberately caused by design flaws in the euro, is forcing nations to relinquish their sovereignty and unite.

German diplomats are undoubtedly forging similar relationships with other countries. If Germany can prove that integration can work with the Netherlands and Poland—and they can save a lot of money doing so—other nations will want in. Once Berlin brings a few more countries online, this project will gain critical mass.

The result would be an EU army, or a very closely coordinated group of armies, centered on Germany.

This unified force will become a greater and greater priority for Germany as the confrontation with Iran becomes more urgent. France has got to be a key target for German strategists. Germany has roughly 500 soldiers stationed around North Africa. France has nearly 7,000, as well as several air bases. Those would be invaluable assets in confronting radical Islam's spread across North Africa.

### A New Military Power

Germany has proven adept at controlling the EU behind the scenes. But trying to negotiate a unified army through the European Union would be difficult. It would be hard to stop countries like France from gaining some control over a

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# The **Shrewd Strategy** Behind SAME-SEX 'Marriage'

It's been spectacularly successful at reshaping society. **BY DENNIS LEAP**

**T**HE QUICKEST CIVIL RIGHTS SHIFT IN U.S. history took place on June 26. With two landmark rulings, the Supreme Court gave its support to “gay marriage” as a legal institution. Striking down the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), signed into law by President Bill Clinton, the court ruled that legally “married” same-sex couples were entitled to federal benefits. “DOMA is unconstitutional as a deprivation of the equal liberty of persons that is protected by the Fifth Amendment,” wrote Justice Anthony Kennedy, who authored the majority opinion. The Obama administration has pledged to act swiftly to extend federal benefits to legally “married” same-sex couples.

The court declined to decide a case related to California’s Proposition 8, effectively allowing same-sex “marriages” there.

The rulings leave in place laws banning same-sex unions throughout the nation and declined to say that there is a constitutional right to same-sex “marriage.” Yet they cleared the way for same-sex unions to become legal in California, the nation’s most populous state. It is expected that California will legalize “gay marriage,” making it the 13th state to allow such unions along with the District of Columbia.

This issue is dominating public and private discussion worldwide. The media love it: Images of same-sex couples lustfully embracing are popping up everywhere on television, the Internet and magazine covers. Gallons of ink and tons of paper are being used to publish newspaper stories on marriage for homosexual couples. Try as you may, you can’t get away from the issue.

Leading the debate are homosexuals and their supporters, who claim that redefining marriage

will be good for America, the marriage institution and children—the little ones adopted, brought into a homosexual relationship from a previous heterosexual marriage, or born via a surrogate or in vitro fertilization. They believe marriage is a *tradition* that has been evolving for millennia, and that it’s time for it to evolve to include them.

Conservatives also believe marriage is a *tradition*—but one that should not be tampered with. They say loosening the definition of marriage beyond one woman and one man will destroy marriage altogether and open the door to legalize other perverted unions. Conservatives want the American people to decide the matter through the political process, which includes voting.

Careful analysis of the current debate shows that *neither side* understands the vital purpose for marriage! If everyone fully understood and embraced the *purpose* for marriage, this debate would have never even begun.

How did we get here—entertaining the notion that marriage should include same-sex couples? This transformational change did not happen spontaneously.

How did you form *your* view on homosexuality? Most people don’t reason it out, considering evidence on all sides and sifting truth from error. They simply absorb influences and come to accept certain ideas as normal. They follow what seems right at the time.

The fact is, the GREAT MAJORITY are forming views and making decisions and even policies having been influenced, even bullied, by political correctness, peer pressure or societal coercion. There has been a clandestine yet concerted effort

to radically change people’s minds about homosexuality. And whether they realize it or not, many people have come to accept and embrace this idea because they’ve been unwittingly *manipulated* to do so.

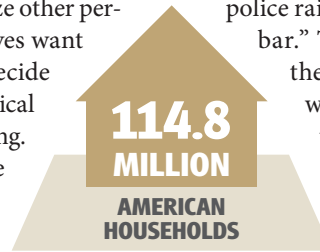
## **Numbing Western Minds**

In 1960, every American state had anti-sodomy laws, many of which prohibited intimate acts between persons of the same sex. Homosexuals hid their actions to avoid prosecution. However, in 1969 homosexuals in New York rioted after police raided the Stonewall Inn, a “gay bar.” This led to the formation of the “gay liberation” movement, which has worked for decades to pass anti-homosexual-discrimination laws.

Pro-“gay marriage” lawsuits began to be filed over four decades ago. Although not nationally publicized, between 1970 and 1973, courts in Kentucky, Minnesota and Washington denied marriage licenses to same-sex couples that filed lawsuits to obtain them. Yet the intellectual stance on homosexuality began to change. It was in 1973 that the American Psychiatric Association stopped listing homosexuality as a mental disorder.

At the same time, a turbulent sexual revolution was landing in the West, finding fertile ground and rooting itself in its top university campuses. Sexual experimentation, including homosexuality, filled the dormitories. It was on these university campuses that the first moves were made to turn public opinion in favor of homosexuality.

The numbing of the staunchly anti-homosexual Western mind began slowly at first. Homosexuals used TV sitcoms



and movies to influence viewers' thinking. In 1971, *All in the Family* became the first sitcom to depict a homosexual character. Daringly, it was the show's fifth episode, "Judging Books by Their Covers," that sought to smash people's stereotypes. The episode showed that Meathead's effeminate-looking friend was not homosexual, but Archie's athletic former-NFL-linebacker friend was.

"A reading of this episode reveals that even four decades ago, television writers tackled the issue of gay rights using tactics that remain operable today," writes A. J. Aronstein for *Split-Sider*. Before *All in the Family*, homosexuals and homosexuality took the brunt of all jokes, but not anymore. TV viewers were being taught: Overlook the homosexual part, and you'll see a normal person just like you.

### Out of the Closet—In Your Face

The public and lawmakers did not jump on the "gay rights" train immediately. In 1973, Maryland became the first of 31 states to officially ban same-sex "marriages." But homosexuals remained active and aggressive.

The first national homosexual-rights march on Washington took place Oct. 14, 1979, with between 75,000 and 125,000 homosexuals, bisexuals, transgender people and straight allies demanding pro-homosexual legislation. The legal fight was on.

In 1980, John Boswell, a prominent historian and Yale University professor, published *Christianity, Social Tolerance and Homosexuality* claiming that the early Roman Catholic Church may have sanctioned same-sex "marriages." In 1983, Harvard Law student Evan Wolfson wrote his thesis—his manifesto—advancing the legal right to same-sex "marriage." John Boswell died of complications from AIDS in 1994. Wolfson, a founder of the same-sex "marriage" movement, now directs a group called Freedom to Marry.

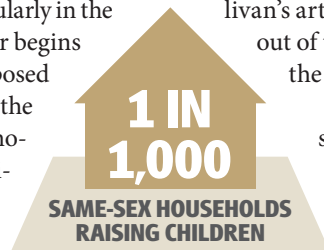
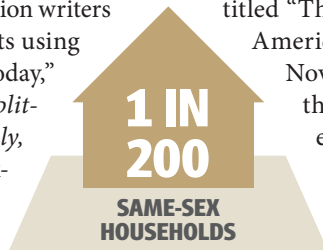
In 1981, medical researchers first reported on the health-wrecking symptoms now known as AIDS. Originally called GRID—gay-related immunodeficiency disease—this fatal illness spread with particular force amid promiscuous homosexual men. Activist homosexuals convinced the medical establishment to change the name to "acquired immune deficiency syndrome."

Even so, the spread of AIDS caused the public stigma of homosexuality to grow stronger.

"The AIDS epidemic is sparking anger and fear in the heartland of straight America," wrote Marshall Kirk and Erastes Pill in November 1987. "The 10 years ahead may decide for the next 40 whether gays claim their liberty and equality or are driven back, once again, as America's caste of detested untouchables."

These words appeared in an article titled "The Overhauling of Straight America" in *Guide Magazine* in November 1987. In this article, the authors outlined a strategy for transforming public perception of homosexuality. "At least in the beginning, we are seeking public desensitization and nothing more," they wrote. "We do not need and cannot expect a full 'appreciation' or 'understanding' of homosexuality from the average American. You can forget about trying to persuade the masses that homosexuality is a good thing. But if only you can get them to think that it is just another thing, with a shrug of their shoulders, then your battle for legal and social rights is virtually won. And to get to shoulder-shrug stage, gays as a class must cease to appear mysterious, alien, loathsome and contrary. A large-scale media campaign will be required in order to change the image of gays in America."

This article advocated just such a campaign, in astounding detail. The authors' suggestions were voluminous: Talk publicly about homosexuality, particularly in the media ("almost any behavior begins to look normal if you are exposed to enough of it"). Encourage the appearance of favorable homosexual characters on television shows and in movies. Portray homosexuals as pillars of society ("In no time, a skillful and clever media campaign could have the gay community looking like the veritable fairy godmother to Western civilization"). Claim that famous historical figures were homosexual ("From Socrates to Shakespeare, from Alexander the Great to Alexander Hamilton, from Michelangelo to Walt Whitman"). Use spokespersons who are indistinguishable from straight people. Keep the discussion broad and abstract,



downplaying actual homosexual behavior ("First let the camel get his nose inside the tent—only later his unsightly derriere!"). De-emphasize the fact that people *choose* to be homosexual ("the mainstream should be told that gays are victims of fate, in the sense that most never had a choice to accept or reject their sexual preference"). Portray homosexuals as victims in need of protection. Promote the cause using civil rights terminology ("Our campaign should not demand direct support for homosexual practices, should instead take anti-discrimination as its theme"). Publicize support for gays by more moderate churches. Undermine conservative resistance by representing it as antiquated and out-of-touch. Vilify opponents, associating them with the Ku Klux Klan or Nazis ("make the antigays look so nasty that average Americans will want to dissociate themselves from such types"). The article concluded with a multi-step plan for gaining ever greater access to television, radio and the mainstream press.

It is easy to forget just how radical this plan was at the time—simply because we now live in the pro-homosexual world they wanted to create.

### Shifting Public Opinion

In 1989, the *New Republic* published the article "Here Comes the Groom: A Conservative Case for Gay Marriage." "[G]ay marriage could both avoid a lot of tortured families and create the possibility for many happier ones," author Andrew Sullivan argued. "It is not, in short, a denial of family values. It's an extension of them." Sullivan's article helped thrust the debate out of the academic world and into the mainstream landscape.

In 1993, Tony Kushner's seven-hour play, *Angels in America*, which deals with homosexual themes including AIDS, won the Pulitzer Prize. That same year,

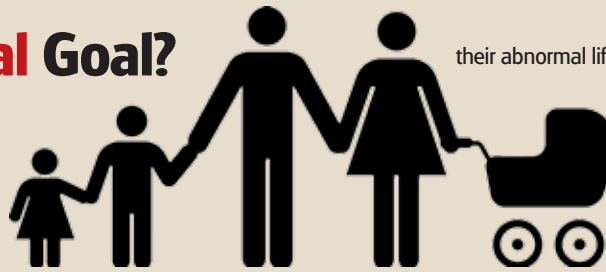
Hawaii's supreme court ruled that the state law barring same-sex "marriage" may violate its constitution, and the U.S. military instituted its "don't ask, don't tell" policy. In 1994, Tom Hanks won the Oscar for best actor for his portrayal of a homosexual with AIDS in *Philadelphia*. IKEA placed its first ad featuring two men as a couple.

In 1996, the U.S. Supreme Court established that banning

# What Is the **Real** Goal?

MANY homosexuals don't want to marry. "For decades, prominent gay-rights activists dismissed the right to marry as a quixotic [impractical], even dangerous, cause and gave no support to the men and women at the grassroots who launched the uphill movement," reported *Time* in March 2013. Any "gay pride" parade displays the fact that homosexuals pursue an edgy, rebellious, sexually risky lifestyle. Homosexuals staying together for life is a rarity. Most consider marriage and raising children a burden.

So why the hubbub about marriage within the homosexual community? "If same-sex marriage becomes more widely recognized, same-sex relationships will likely become more widely morally accepted," writes activist John Corvino. "That's one reason why advocates seek it and opponents fear it: The legalization of same-sex marriage will help to 'normalize' homosexuality" (*Debating Same-Sex Marriage*). If they're "married," homosexuals know



their abnormal lifestyle will be accepted as more normal. The cost? *Redefining marriage*.

The truth is, same-sex "marriage" is a fight to destroy traditional family—actually the *biblical definition* of family.

In May 2012, author, activist and lesbian Masha Gessen gave an explosive speech at the Sydney Writers Festival revealing what traditional marriage supporters have suspected for years. You can find a video of Gessen's speech on YouTube. "Gay marriage is a lie," she said. "Fighting for gay marriage generally involves lying about what we are going to do with marriage when we get there. It's a no-brainer that *the institution of marriage should not exist*." Her shocking statement received loud applause.

The fact that Gessen has *three children with five parents* provides a clue as to why she may be promoting the redefinition of traditional family.

As TheBlaze.com reported, "The push for gay marriage has less to do with the right to marry—it is about diminishing and eventually destroying the institution of marriage and redefining the 'traditional family.'"

protective laws for homosexuals was unconstitutional with *Romer v. Evans*. But President Bill Clinton signed the Defense of Marriage Act, defining for the federal government marriage as a union between one man and one woman. Yet *Time* magazine put Ellen DeGeneres on its cover in 1997 with a bold title in red ink stating, "Yep, I'm Gay." Even to the surprise of many homosexuals, the strategy was working.

In 2000, the Netherlands became the first nation in the world to legalize same-sex "marriage." The same year, Vermont became the first U.S. state to legalize civil unions for same-sex couples. In 2002, the U.S. Supreme Court, with a 6-3 ruling in the landmark case *Lawrence v. Texas*, struck down the state's sodomy law and, by extension, invalidated sodomy laws in 13 other states, legalizing same-sex sexual activity in every U.S. state and territory.

In 2004, Massachusetts legalized same-sex "marriage" by court decision, and San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom briefly granted marriage licenses to same-sex couples. In 2008, a California court legalized "gay marriage" (although voters then banned it by Proposition 8). In 2011, the military ended "don't ask, don't tell," allowing homosexuals to be open about their sexuality. Even *Marvel Comics* gave one of its superheroes a homosexual wedding in 2012.

Public opinion has followed

the radical shift. The first national public opinion poll on approval of "gay marriage" in 1996 found a 27 percent approval rating. By 1999, it jumped to 35 percent, then 39 percent by 2005. The next year, it rose to 42 percent, dropping back to 40 percent in 2008 and then shooting to 44 percent by 2010. This year, a CNN poll found that support for same-sex "marriage" had grown to 53 percent—nearly double what it had been just 17 years before—thus becoming *the majority position in America*.

The Supreme Court first heard oral arguments on the cases related to Proposition 8 and the Defense of Marriage Act in March. On April 8, *Time* boldly printed on its cover: "Gay Marriage Already Won: The Supreme Court hasn't made up its mind—but America has." Homosexuals wanted the Supreme Court, including Justice Anthony Kennedy, to decide the issue. They *feared* a national public vote. Now, homosexuals have gotten their wish! Justice Kennedy led the way in striking down DOMA. By using the media and the courts, homosexual activists and leftist media have successfully broken America's will to resist homosexuality.

## Time for Clarity

Is traditional marriage gone forever? *Only* if we allow it to be taken from us! Polls show that Americans over 65 still strongly resist same-sex "marriage," yet Americans

born after 1980 strongly favor it. It was the 20-somethings that highly praised the sordid film *Brokeback Mountain*. It was the 20-somethings that made *Modern Family* the top-rated TV show in 2010.

Why is *adult* America allowing 20-somethings to redefine marriage? Why are young people taking control of America's cultural values?

Most of America is allowing itself to be bullied by an aggressively vocal minority. Pro-homosexuals want Americans to believe there are *large* numbers of homosexuals who want to receive legal benefits, marry and raise children. The reality is, those large numbers do not exist.

The 2011 census counted approximately 114.8 million households in the United States. In 2010, the Census Bureau reported that same-sex pairs headed about 600,000 U.S. households—*0.52 percent*. Of those, only 115,000 have children—meaning *0.1 percent* of American households are homosexuals raising children.

A tiny homosexual minority is forcing its views on the majority. Left-leaning journalists help by demonizing any voice opposed to it.

"One of the most effective tactics of gay rights activists has been to shift the debate," wrote the *Christian Science Monitor* on March 25. "Instead of asking society to expand its view of marriage to accommodate them, same-sex marriage proponents



have attacked those supporting the traditional view of marriage as bigots enforcing marriage exclusivity out of animosity towards gays and lesbians.”

Few people are willing to stand up for traditional marriage and to brave public humiliation. Too many Americans have said instead, *As long as it doesn't affect me, let them do what they want.*

But it does affect you.

### What About You?

Whether or not you realize it, the homosexuality issue touches many of the *biggest, most profound and important questions in life.*

Homosexuality challenges several fundamentals of human existence. Why male and female? Why marriage? What is its purpose? What defines family?

The implications of this issue force you to contemplate spiritual realities including the nature and character of God—and of the devil. And it challenges our understanding of the supreme question: Why are we here? What is the purpose for humankind?

Do you know the answers to these questions? If you don't, then your attitude about homosexuality—*positive or negative*—is not based on a full understanding of the truth!

You can't afford to decide on this subject with hazy opinions and assumptions. Your attitude and choices on homosexuality have profound implications for you and your loved ones. ■

## Society is redefining

its most foundational and enduring institution. Are we *sure* this is a good change? If you are willing to take a fresh look at this subject and its society-changing implications,

request a free copy of our new booklet ***Redefining Family.***

It is an important examination of the assumptions behind homosexuality and same-sex “marriage.”



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force formed through EU politics. Instead, by building the army itself, Germany gets to be the undisputed leader.

Of course, when Britain quits the EU and the whole system shrinks to 10 nations or groups of nations—as the *Trumpet* has forecast for years—Germany would not oppose a grand sweeping plan to create an EU army. It would probably lead the charge. But in the meantime, it will work on forming its own alliances, arrangements that will give the nation extra clout if the EU creates a new force.

Details of how this force will be created remain indefinite, but the Bible tells us what we can expect. It describes this power as a “beast” that will be made up of 10 kings ruling over 10 kingdoms. It says that these kings “have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast” (Revelation 17:13). They will give their armies over to this beast power.

That is what the Netherlands is doing right now. More nations will follow—your Bible guarantees it.

The *Trumpet* has never identified exactly which nations will make up these 10. It could be 10 groups of nations. The Bible tells us that five will come from the east and five from the west.

Whatever the case, you don't have to understand the Bible to be disturbed by Germany's attempts to build a European military. Recent history should scream a warning.

In 1945, at Yalta, Winston Churchill, Franklin Roosevelt and Josef Stalin signed a declaration that stated: “It is our inflexible purpose to destroy German militarism and Nazism and to ensure that Germany will never again be able to disturb the peace of the world. We are determined to disarm and disband all

German armed forces; break up for all time the German General Staff that has repeatedly contrived the resurgence of German militarism, remove or destroy all German military equipment . . .”

Now, major German newspapers talk about how Germany is leading Europe to unite militarily, the Dutch are putting their advance forces under German control—and the world simply isn't interested. Those words from the Yalta Agreement, with their distinct Churchillian ring, are a warning for us. Germany consolidating Europe's militaries should be deeply disturbing. For too many, it is not.

De Courcy is one of the few who sees the danger. If the EU were “to integrate in the way proposed, that would result in the UK's *ultimate nightmare*: a single power dominating the continent,” he wrote (op. cit.).

The prophecies of the book of Revelation are being fulfilled before our eyes. Or, to put it another way, history is repeating itself. Germany is returning to its role as the premier military power in Europe.

In his article last month, Mr. Flurry wrote, “Daniel 11:40 is already in the early stages of being fulfilled!” We can also see what looks to be nations starting to “give their power and strength unto the beast,” just as Revelation 17:13 prophesied. These scriptures that the *Trumpet* has warned about for years are being fulfilled.


The bad news that the *Trumpet* has forecast is coming to pass. But that means that the good news is on its way too. The same scriptures that forecast this European-Iranian clash also prophesy that Christ will return soon afterward. The first part of the prophecy is beginning to be fulfilled. The second part is not far away. ■

## “Germany is the economic and military heart of Europe.”

—HERBERT ARMSTRONG (1956)

In 1956, Germany was divided and still deeply devastated after its World War II defeat. Yet, Mr. Armstrong predicted it would rise to dominance again—and he was right! That's because Bible prophecy was his guide. Learn other amazing prophecies being fulfilled right now by ordering our free booklet ***He Was Right.***





**CRUSHED** An Aleppo man stands where his home was as others search for survivors after a missile attack by Syrian government forces

# Making Sense of Syria

Syria perplexes news pundits around the globe. Here is the key to understanding what is happening and how it will end. **BY CALLUM WOOD**

**D**O YOU REALIZE HOW MUCH IS AT stake in Syria? Tens of thousands of Syrians have already been killed; hundreds of thousands have fled the country. The nation faces collapse. Tragic though this is, Syria's woes have far broader and far more dreadful repercussions—for Syrians, for the Middle East, for the international community, and even for you.

Syria's civil war has ensnared a volatile mix of major world powers: America, Germany and

Europe, Russia, Iran. The outcome will redefine the Middle East. It will also directly impact the international interests of these major world powers, pointing them further down a collision course to World War III.

Right now the big question is: Who will win? Will Bashar Assad survive and keep Syria aligned with Iran? Will Islamist rebels take control of the nation, much like they did in Libya and Egypt? Will a new, Western-friendly regime come to power?

Even the most discerning minds cannot answer these questions through observation and deduction. But there is a way to answer them correctly: by reading Bible prophecy. The Bible reveals the astonishing truth of Syria's role in events that are about to occur—events that will affect each and every one of us.

## Lighting the Fuse

In March 2011, protests erupted in Damascus, Aleppo and Deraa. The military brutally stepped in to try to disperse the protesters, but the fires of insurrection spread quickly. In June, activists met in Istanbul, Turkey, to form an official opposition. In the space of four months, Syria went from civil unrest to full-scale civil war.

More than two years down this bloody path, more than 96,400 people have been killed. Hundreds of thousands more have fled the nation. Those who stay face oppression, fear and hardship under either the dictatorship of Assad or the Islam-fueled radicalism of the rebels.

The rebel forces consist of over 100 smaller factions, many of which harbor radical Islamic ideals. Groups such as al Nusra—which is openly tied to al

Qaeda—have been working to restore basic needs in rebel-controlled communities. In doing so, the radicals have won over the loyalties of much of the Syrian population in some cities. As a result, fighters who were once moderate are now embracing the ideals of the radicals.

Until recently, much of the international community opposed arming the rebels. Up to this past May, the European Union banned selling weapons to the rebels. That isn't to say the EU has not assisted them; it simply restricted itself to monetary aid. As of January 30, the EU had contributed €417 million (over us\$546 million) to Assad's enemies.

But Assad's violent military forces are strong, generously backed by his various allies and sponsors (infographic, page 18). They are better equipped than the rebels and have the advantage of an air force. Hezbollah fights openly alongside Syria's government troops. It has won Assad some key victories against the rebels, such as the retaking of the city of Qusair in early June. Backing and supporting Assad and Hezbollah is Iran. Looming large to the east, Iran supplies training, troops and weapons, which come by way of Iraq.

Syria may be small, but it is deeply significant to Iran. If Syria falls, Lebanon—and thereby Hezbollah—will be cut off geographically from its Iranian sponsors. Iran is working to prop up the Assad government, including opening a \$1 billion credit line, with possibly \$3 billion more to come. Should Assad fall, the Iranians have a lot more to lose than just an ally. They will also lose a sizeable region of influence along the Mediterranean coast. Their international connections by way of Hezbollah would also be jeopardized, extending from South America and the drug cartels to Europe and the agents in place there.

The truth is, the fighting between the Syrian rebels and the Syrian government is a proxy war for a much larger conflict. That war is quickly engulfing the international community. On one side are Russia and Iran, fueling the government in Syria with money, weapons, training for troops and even some soldiers, such as the Iranian Revolutionary Guard. On the other side are Europe, Turkey and many Gulf states, including Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates. For long-time

*Trumpet* readers, this particular collection of names may sound familiar.

## Two Crucial Prophecies

The prophecy of Daniel 11:40 speaks of the “king of the north” fighting against the “king of the south” after a “push” by that latter king. Already we see friction between these “kings” as they back and arm their respective groups in the Middle East. Some of that conflict is playing out within the civil war in Syria.

Over the years, Germany has been laying the groundwork for stronger ties to the Middle East. It has signed multi-billion-dollar arms deals with Saudi Arabia, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Jordan and Israel. Last year, its arms exports to the Gulf doubled from the year before, to €1.42 billion (us \$1.88 billion). It has sold \$2.6 billion in weapons to Qatar, including dozens of Leopard II tanks. It has sold \$9.3 billion in weapons to the United Arab Emirates and built a munitions factory there. It is working on some massive deals with Saudi Arabia which include building a machine-gun factory, and delivering 72 Eurofighters and up to 800 Leopard II tanks. In Turkey, Germany has a huge arms market, selling 715 tanks, 687 armored personnel carriers, 300 air defense missile systems, 197 ground survey radar units, eight frigates, two support ships and 15 submarines in the last two decades. Germany is using these arms sales to buy friends in the Middle East that fear Iran and radical Islam but can't necessarily rely on the United States.

Few recognize the dominant role Germany is assuming in the region. Today, the Iranians are pushing and pushing, but they fail to realize that Germany literally has them surrounded, with footholds of troops and weaponry spread across the Middle East, Africa and Asia. (You can read about this in Gerald Flurry's opening article in last month's issue, “The Whirlwind Prophecy.”) Daniel's prophecy reveals that it is only a matter of time before Germany stops Iran's pushing for good. Suddenly the world at large, along with Iran, will be caught off guard when Germany steps in and attacks.

Daniel 11:40 also ties in with another prophecy that links Syria to major events about to explode in the Middle East. Found in Psalm 83, this prophecy describes an alliance between Germany and certain Middle Eastern nations. By understanding this prophecy, you can look beyond the current chaos and see how the scenario in Syria will end.

“For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee: The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes; Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre; Assur also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah” (Psalm 83:5-8).

This exact alliance has never occurred in history: It is an alliance *prophesied* to form in our day. As Mr. Flurry describes in his booklet *The King of the South*, the modern-day descendants of these peoples and nations lie scattered throughout the Middle East. We can't be extremely precise, but generally speaking, *Edom* is Turkey; *Moab* and *Ammon* refer to Jordan; the *Ishmaelites* are the Arabs of Saudi Arabia; *Gebal* is Lebanon today. And Assur was

## Looking at the situation in Syria today, many would scoff at the notion that the Syrians will ally with Germany. But this is the outcome Psalm 83 tells us to watch for.

the father of the Assyrians, ancestors of today's Germans.

The *Hagarenes* anciently lived in the land of Syria. And in this prophecy, they are allied with *Germany*.

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There are many indications that this alliance is already coming together.

## It Is Already Happening

Look at who is supporting whom in the region. North of Syria is Turkey, one of Europe's allies in Psalm 83. Currently in the midst of social turmoil itself, Turkey is an outspoken enemy of the Syrian regime. Thousands

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# THE STRUGGLE



## TIMELINE

**MARCH 2011**  
Protests in Damascus and Deraa. Riots across the country.

**MAY 2011**  
Syrian Army deploys tanks to Damascus, Deraa, Homs.

**JULY 2011**  
Opposition activists meet in Istanbul to form opposition.

**FEB. 2012**  
Russia, China block United Nations draft resolution regarding Syria.

**AUG. 2012**  
President Obama: Use of chemical weapons will risk U.S. intervention.

## DEATH TOLL

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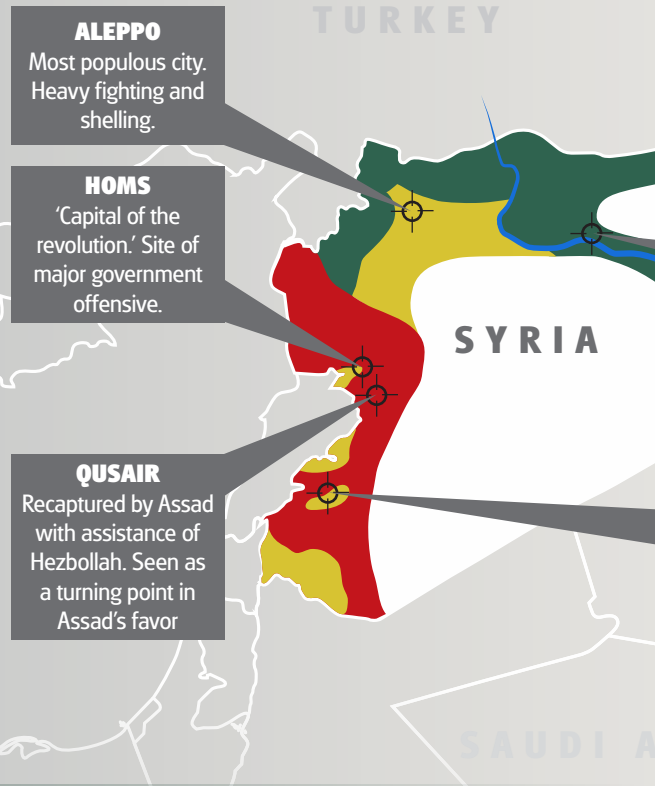
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## CONTENTION

- GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED
- CONTESTED AREAS
- REBEL OCCUPIED



### ALEPPO

Most populous city. Heavy fighting and shelling.

### HOMS

'Capital of the revolution.' Site of major government offensive.

### QUSAIR

Recaptured by Assad with assistance of Hezbollah. Seen as a turning point in Assad's favor

## TAKING SIDES

### FREE SYRIAN ARMY

The military wing of the opposition movement. Recognized by the U.S. Uses guerilla tactics and fights across Syria.

### AL NUSRA

Radical rebel group with links to al Qaeda. Most aggressive and successful rebel force.

## FUNDING ■ = \$40 million



# FOR SYRIA

**DEC. 2012**  
Opposition National Coalition recognized by U.S., UK, France, Turkey, Gulf states.

**JAN. 2013**  
Israel strikes weapons shipment in Syria.

**FEB. 2013**  
Iranian Revolutionary Guard Gen. Hassan Shateri assassinated.

**APRIL 2013**  
National Coalition Chairman Moaz al-Khatib resigns.

**MAY 2013**  
Gov./Hezbollah forces surround Qusair. Israel, Syrian Army skirmish in the Golan. EU lifts arms embargo.

26,000

37,000

60,000

70,000

93,000

96,400

SYRIANS NEEDING AID  
**4 in 10**

REGISTERED REFUGEES  
**1,379,715**

**RAQQA**

First city entirely controlled by the rebels.

**DAMASCUS**

Capital city. Increasingly attacked by rebels.

IRAN

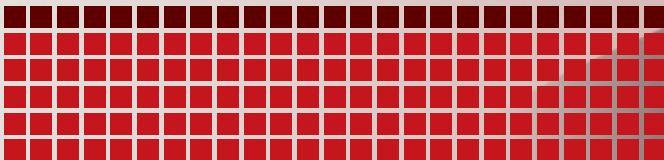
IRAQ

LIBYA

**SYRIAN ARMY** 

The Syrian Army under Bashar al Assad's control is comprised of pro-regime troops and militia groups. Minority sects such as the Alawites form the majority of the demographic makeup. The Syrian Army is armed with an arsenal vastly superior to that of the rebels, with the air force playing a dominant role in the war. It receives heavy support from Hezbollah.

IRAN \$1b  
RUSSIA \$5b



# The Foundation Is Already Laid

To understand Germany's activities in the Mideast at present, look at its past.

Germany is no newcomer to the Middle East, though its involvement there has grown dramatically in recent years. Especially with Sunni Muslim countries not aligned with Iran, Germany is stepping up its arms sales and industrial projects, strengthening its relations with governments.

But Germany has a *history* with some of these nations—a history that provides a foundation for the relationships currently developing. This history traces back before World War I, when Germany forged an alliance with the Ottoman Empire.

In the early 1900s, war was brewing in Europe, and the Ottoman Empire had to decide which side to stand with. Seeking stability across their vast expanse of territory, the Ottomans attempted three times to ally with Britain: in 1908, 1911 and 1913. All three times, the alliance was rejected. The Ottoman Empire was also at odds with Russia, which was allied with Britain at the time.

So, in an attempt to hold their empire together, the Ottomans turned to Germany. The Germans were quick to accept an alliance, seeing the advantage of an ally that held sway over much of the Arabic population in the Middle East. On Aug. 2, 1914, only 11 days after Ottoman diplomats made the offer—and three days after mobilizing the German imperial army for World War I—the Germans became allies with the Ottomans.

The Germans had already been investing in the Ottoman Empire. In 1913, Berlin sent German troops and officers to help restructure the Turkish military. Turkish troops started using German methods, tactics and equipment,

accelerating their growth into a powerful military force. Had the Germans not been so involved, the Ottomans wouldn't have been an effective ally once the fighting started. Building up the Ottoman Empire in the lead-up to the Great War was an example of German forethought at its best.

Germany stood to gain little militarily from an empire that was facing collapse. What the Ottomans did have, however, was territory. The empire still controlled the Gulf of Aden, the east side of the Red Sea, Trans-Jordan, the banks of the Euphrates and Tigris rivers up to what is Turkey today, and the entire southern shore of the Black Sea, with choke points at Istanbul and the Dardanelles. That area had a direct effect on trade and the distribution of raw materials throughout the Middle East and Mediterranean.

Germany also saw that the alliance gave it access to more resources, the most critical being the oil flowing out of the fields in the Gulf region. In an effort to secure its hold on the area, Germany gave two warships to the Turks to protect the Black Sea. Controlled by German officers, these ships bombarded Russian harbors on the Black Sea in October 1914, effectively bombing the Ottoman Empire into the war and simultaneously giving Germany dominance in the Black Sea and much of the Mediterranean's eastern coastline.

The Ottoman Empire was an important part of the German Empire's attempted conquest during World War I. Many of the modern nations that once composed that empire are still involved with Germany in some way, including Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Israel, Syria and Lebanon.

To learn more about this alliance, read "A Mysterious Prophecy," [thetrumpet.com/go/8136](http://thetrumpet.com/go/8136).

of refugees have crossed the border into Turkey seeking shelter from the fighting. While the majority of the Turkish population is opposed to aiding the rebels, they believe Assad's administration should be removed. Relations between the two countries are poor, with Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdoğan blaming the Syrian administration for deadly attacks overflowing into Turkey.

To the southeast is Jordan, located in the land of ancient Moab. The Jordanians have allowed the U.S. to deploy patriot missiles and F-16 jets to the border with Syria, a clear signal that Jordan is siding with other Arab states against the Iranian-assisted Syrians. This decision may hinge in large part on Jordan's reliance on aid from the U.S. and the Gulf states.

Further south is Iran's biggest opponent in the Middle East, descended from the ancient Ishmaelites: Saudi Arabia. Among their many efforts to prevent the spread of Iranian influence, the Saudis have promised \$345 million in aid to the rebels and have supplied small

arms. They see Syria as an opportunity to weaken Iran's reach within the region.

Lebanon, to Syria's southwest, is currently a major supporter of Bashar Assad. While it is currently assisting the regime, Lebanon will be cut off and weakened drastically when—not if—Syria breaks away from Iran. With Hezbollah now deeply involved in Syria, there are signs of instability in Lebanon as the Syrian rebels retaliate against the surge in military assistance from Hezbollah.

Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Turkey are uniting in the war against Assad. Syria faces tremendous pressure and will be drawn away from Iran, which will also dislodge Lebanon from that axis.

Who predicted such a realignment of Middle Eastern geopolitics even before the Syrian crisis began? *The Trumpet* has been foretelling this for years—because of our understanding of Bible prophecy.

Now, we watch for these nations to align with German-led Europe. Germany's inroads into the region are already sturdy, and its ties with these nations are growing

stronger. It is supplying arms to the Gulf states and is investing in industrial projects across the Middle East. (For more on this, read "Under Construction," page 9.) Expect more signs of these Middle Eastern states coming together under a *German* banner.

Until recently, Germany's involvement in Syria has been negligible—but that is rapidly changing. It has become one of the largest donors of aid, and is now actively working to help opposition forces. It is reconstructing and stabilizing rebel-controlled areas by promoting the activities of aid organizations in an effort to win public loyalty. "Because this is in clear violation of Syria's sovereignty, an influential German daily has characterized this mission as 'humanitarian intervention without a UN mandate'—'not with tanks and infantry but with trucks and development aid workers,'" German-Foreign-Policy.com reported on May 23. "Though Berlin has, so far, refused to officially supply combat material to rebel militias, the government has been in regular contact with those countries that are delivering combat material." Its restraint,

In World War II, Germany retained a strong connection with the Turks, the driving force behind the ancient Ottoman Empire. While Turkey remained neutral right up until the final months of the war, it still worked to supply Germany with much-needed resources to build its military. In 1941, Germany and Turkey signed the Clodius Agreement, by which Turkey exported over 100,000 tons of chromite ore to Germany during the war. Germany provided the entire infrastructure for the transfer of materials, including over 100 railway locomotives and over 1,000 freight cars to transport the ore. The chromite was critical for German steel and manufacturing. Nazi Germany wouldn't have been able to maintain its military force without Turkish neutrality and economic compliance.

It is interesting to look at Germany's current actions in the historical context. Over the past few years, Germany has deployed small but highly skilled groups of soldiers across the Middle East, North Africa and the Balkans to establish diplomatic relations and train local forces. Many of these nations were, at some stage, part of the vast Ottoman Empire.

Part of Berlin's intent in arming its Arab allies is to defend its oil supplies. When Germany was about to go to war in 1914, it made sure to secure its path to oil in the Middle East, as well as safe passageways to North Africa. Once World War I began, Germany's alliance with the Ottoman Empire was critical in fueling its war machine. Look at what is happening now. Iran threatens to dominate Middle Eastern oil. The Gulf states, primarily Saudi Arabia, stand in its way. Germany will do what it has to in order to stop Iran from monopolizing this crucial resource.

In the lead-up to 1914, the Ottoman Empire attempted to establish a connection with the Allied forces but was denied. Then it looked to Germany. Today the "allies" in the Middle East are pulling out and leaving the moderate Arab states under Iran's shadow with few options. Once again, Germany is stepping in to offer the alliance they seek. **CALLUM WOOD**

## The Ottoman Empire 1914



however, appears likely to be lost. In May, the EU voted to suspend its arms embargo against the Syrian rebels—a large stride toward its becoming more involved.

### The Ultimate Outcome

The state of Syria today is horrific. As it stands, 8.3 million Syrians need aid—38 percent of the population. There are over 1.3 million registered refugees, with thousands in line and thousands more crossing the borders illegally.

Yet, as bad as these numbers are, they are only the beginning for the region. This situation is about to explode. The same prophecy that foretold the development of this Middle Eastern-German alliance, and

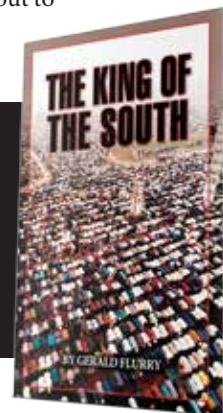
that forecast Syria being peeled away from Iran, reveals the ultimate outcome. It shows that the king of the north, that German-led European empire, is about to wreak unprecedented destruction—beginning with Iran and then spreading from there.

Some people will rejoice at the sight of Iran and its allies being defeated. But they will be shocked as the king of the north, led by Germany, turns on the nations of the West, including Britain, the United States and Israel. Just as it swiftly wiped out the “king of the south,” it will attack the Anglo-American and Jewish nations.

Yet in spite of these terrible prophecies, the good news is that the suffering will be brief. The Daniel 11-12 prophecy shows that

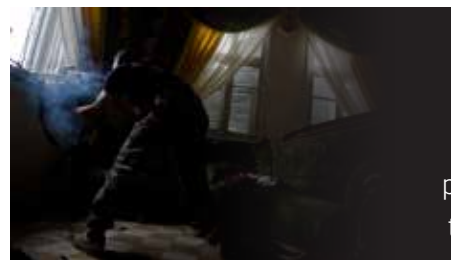
when the king of the north defeats the king of the south, *the Messiah is about to return!*

Jesus Christ will establish His perfect and much-needed rule over the nations. He will extinguish civil war and establish and nurture peace. This is as sure as the prophecies of Daniel 11 and Psalm 83. For more on the major powers in these prophecies, read *Germany and the Holy Roman Empire* and *The King of the South*, and take heart that, despite the confusion of today, there is an incredible final outcome for all mankind. Christ is returning soon to put an end to these warring governments of men. God's government is about to bring peace and joy to all mankind!



## Who will win?

Assad or the rebels? There's no need to wonder—let Bible prophecy answer. Order our free booklet *The King of the South* to learn advance news of what is happening in the Middle East.





# What Is the 'Key of David'?

Here are seven points, straight out of the Bible, to help you understand this vital truth. **BY GERALD FLURRY**

**R**EVELATION 3:7 SAYS JESUS Christ has “the key of David.” What is that? I present a weekly television program called *The Key of David*. We took that name right out of Revelation 3:7 and a couple other scriptures. I have written a booklet on the subject that we offer readers for free.

Do you know what the key of David is? It is one of the deepest truths in the entire Bible, but it is a mystery to most Christians. However, the more you understand it, the more it stirs your imagination. It is a message from God—the message that Jesus Christ gives His Church to deliver to this world in this end time.

The key of David message is actually *Christ's gospel*—the good news He brought when He came to Earth! It gives you a *specific* understanding of that gospel, and it adds a royal dimension. The firstfruits—those saints called out before Christ's Second Coming—will share the throne of David with Christ during the Millennium. If you are going to be in the Kingdom of God, you *must* understand the real gospel: this key of David message!

Revelation 3:7 is part of a message from Jesus Christ to His Church. These are literally His own words, in red letter: “And to the angel [or messenger] of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, *he that hath the key of David*, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth.”

Christ is “he that hath the key of David.”

22 This message comes *directly from Him*. He gave it to His Church, and He expects His people to

share it with the world.

If you want to find God's true Church, it *has* to be where the key of David message is. And where you find the key of David message, you will find Jesus Christ!

This is not the easiest truth to understand; it takes study and meditation. However, you can grasp quite a lot about it just by studying this passage in Revelation 3. Here are seven points from this short passage that will help you to understand what God is trying to show us in this end time.

## 1 It is the key 'of David'

God named this transcendent message after a *man*—a human being just like you and me. King David was a man after God's own heart (Acts 13:22) and is an important personality in this. But God wants us to realize that David is a type of *all mankind*.

The truth of the Bible is that God's *grand strategy* is to save, and to build a relationship with, *all mankind*! Jesus Christ died for *the world*, not just a few people. He died so *everyone's* sins could be forgiven. The fact that He named this key truth after a human is a clue that He wants each and every human being who has ever lived to understand this message.

This is God's most highly exalted goal: He is *recreating Himself in man*! David understood that. He repented and obeyed God. He passionately submitted to God. That is why David's name is here in Revelation 3. God's plan is to teach every person who has ever lived to submit and repent like David—so they can be born into His Family! This is a universe-size goal God has given us. It's hard to even imagine. You really have to *study* to understand the beauty and the glory of this goal.

**2 Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church** “And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write; These things saith *HE* that is holy, *HE* that is true, *HE* that hath the key of David, *HE* that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth” (verse 7). Four times Jesus Christ is mentioned here. *He* is the focus. *He* is the Head of the Church! He is the *LIVING* God, and He wants everybody to know He's alive. *He* gives that key of David message, and then He opens a door to *deliver* that message. He directly leads His Church.

Notice that this is Christ's message to the church in *Philadelphia*. That is the sixth of seven Church eras described in these chapters. The seventh era, the one we are in now, is *Laodicea* (verses 14-22), an era when about 95 percent of Christ's own Church turned away from Him—and *lost their Head* (Colossians 2:19). Only a remnant of Philadelphia remains.

If you find and hold this key of David, you will know that Jesus Christ is the Head of His Church. He *gave* us that wonderful key of David message. **WHEREVER YOU FIND THAT MESSAGE, YOU WILL ALSO FIND THE “HE THAT HATH THE KEY OF DAVID.”**

## 3 Christ has the key of David

Christ personally *has* the key of David; it is *His*. He gives it to us if we desire it and are willing to deliver it. We must deliver that message as a witness to the whole world. (Because of their sins, most won't understand it today. But at least Christ's message will be a witness against them. The Bible also prophesies of a future resurrection in which the vast majority—at that time living under God's government—*will* listen to and understand Christ's key



of David message. In time, this truth will capture the imagination of the world.)

In Isaiah 40, God discusses “the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness” of religious confusion. It is God’s voice, speaking through a man, and it is crying out with the key of David message! This world has uncountable different religions and a bewildering myriad of Christian denominations. Which one is right? Can they all be right? God says *no*. Only one can be right, and *it has* THE VOICE and declares the key of David. This is the specific message and the specific voice.

The key of David is not really that complex, although it is incredibly profound. You do have to study it, because it’s right out of the mind of God. It is the most exalted message from God in this end time. It is the royal gospel of Jesus Christ—a message about mere human beings who will become kings sitting on a throne with Christ. If people heed God’s calling and Christ’s message today, they will be the bride of Christ and sit on a throne with Him as kings and priests (Revelation 1:6). What could be more inspiring? What could be more rewarding than to give yourself to God today and receive the *monumental* reward awaiting His very elect?

#### 4 Christ sets before us an open door

“I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it...” (Revelation 3:8). Christ has *opened a door* for His Church to deliver the key of David. It is all *God’s* doing—not man’s. God gives many special miracles to enable His Church to proclaim this to the world through television, booklets, magazines and other means. This is not a hidden message; it is being broadcast and published through a miraculous open door.

Christ gives the unimaginably wonderful key of David message to His people today so they will deliver it to the world. Most people only have a surface knowledge of this wonderful truth. They can’t fathom what God is talking about here. God wants everyone to wake up to the incredible depth of what He wants to give us!

#### 5 No man can shut it

Once Christ opens a door, “*no man can shut it.*” Even if that man led a *trillion*-man army, he could not shut the door God opened! GOD IS CHALLENGING THE SKEPTICS

HERE. THAT CHALLENGE SHOWS THAT GOD IS ALIVE! HE IS A LIVING GOD! When He sets out to do a work, no man is going to stop Him! He uses His almighty power to make sure *nobody* interferes. How encouraging! God proves to us daily that He is *alive*.

People act like God has nothing to do with this world; but He has a *lot* to do with it, and with all people. He *always warns* when people are heading toward catastrophe—and right now, this world is heading for the worst disaster it has ever experienced! That is the time when you need God, even if you don’t know it.

The phrase “no man can shut it” implies that Satan the devil will *always* try to shut that door, using men to stop God’s message. There’s always an ongoing war with Satan. Our book *Raising the Ruins* talks about that open door, and how the work CAN be stopped *if God’s people don’t carry out their*

*responsibility*. Satan can do a lot of damage, as he has done in this end time.

But even though he is the god of this world (2 Corinthians 4:4), Satan can’t shut God’s open door. He doesn’t have any power at all compared to God. We have to stay close to God so He will empower us to deliver His message. Without God’s power, we would *never* be able to deliver His message in Satan’s world.

Our free booklet *Habakkuk* will show you how we had to fight in court to even get this message out through that open door. God performed miracle after miracle—and this wonderful little booklet will prove that to you. It proves God’s existence and how He empowers His very elect.

#### 6 We have kept His Word

Revelation 3:8 continues: “I have set before thee an open door, and no man

can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast *kept my word*...” God opens this giant door for His very elect *if* they keep His Word. He gives them His power only *IF* they keep His Word!

Thankfully, the very elect *have* kept God’s Word. Though most of God’s people have turned *away* from obeying God’s Word in this end time, these Philadelphians *never* turn away. They kept God’s Word even as others were “casting the truth to the ground” (Daniel 8:11-12; this prophetic book was written for our time today—Daniel 12:4, 9).

If you understand this wonderful message, it will change *everything* in your life. You will have a future that inspires and moves you! If you keep God’s Word, He says, you’ll be delivering His message through that open door, and no man, not even a trillion men, can ever stop it.

#### 7 We have not denied His name

Revelation 3:8 concludes, “thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and *hast not denied my name.*” The Greek word for *name* includes everything that name stands for. In this case it particularly refers to Christ’s *authority*, His rule over His Church. DENYING GOD’S NAME MEANS DENYING HIS GOVERNMENT.

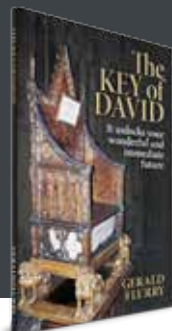
Christ praises the Philadelphians for *not* denying Christ’s name—as *most* of God’s people have in this Laodicean era! Tragically, the great majority of God’s own Church have rejected their Head. The Laodiceans denied God’s government—they refused to let Christ *rule* them. They wanted to go their own way, the way of Satan’s world. As a result, Christ couldn’t give them His power, and couldn’t open a door for them. He won’t do those things unless we submit ourselves to Him! And a church

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***The Key of David.***



without Christ as its Head can accomplish no more than a man can without his head! God can't use such people.

But there *is* a remnant of faithful saints who *will not deny Christ's name!* As a result, they have the power of God, and an open door that no man can shut! God makes some of the most powerful promises in the Bible here in this passage.

### Spiritual Jews

"Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee" (Revelation 3:9).

King David was a Jew, as was Jesus Christ. Romans 2:29, Deuteronomy 30:6 and other scriptures explain that when someone is converted, he becomes a *spiritual Jew*. God's grand strategy is to make all of us into *spiritual Jews*. It's not about the *physical* at all. We are all spiritual Jews if we follow *the Jew*, Jesus Christ.

Some of God's own people say they are Jews when they are *not*—God says they are *lying!* We have to know what is a lie and what is not. This requires that we get to know what the key of David is. We must let Christ *show us* so that we'll know who the spiritual Jews are and who are the liars, because there are a lot of liars claiming to be Jews today. This is part of our war with Satan the devil. He is a liar and the truth is not in him (John 8:44).

The "synagogue of Satan" mentioned in Revelation 3:9 was a foothold Satan had inside God's Church that *became* the Laodicean era (verses 14-22). The people have become blind (verses 18-19). Now God is knocking on their door, trying to get in so He can turn them back to Him (verse 20). He keeps pleading with all of His people to turn back to Him so that they can understand and achieve their wonderful key of David future!

But there is a little remnant that is clinging to Jesus Christ's key of David message. They walk through His open door and deliver the most wonderful message imaginable. This is leading to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, when Christ will *personally rule this Earth!* That is the most *wonderful* news you could ever hear! ■

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Later that day, President Obama responded in an interview with Steve Kroft of CBS News. The veteran journalist—and committed liberal—began the discussion by telling the president that Romney had used the tragedies in Cairo and Benghazi to "attack" the president's foreign policy in a "fairly broad-based attack."

We now know that the day before this interview was conducted, the administration had denied repeated requests to help those who were being attacked. We also know that soon after this interview, the administration deleted the word "attack" from its talking points. But on September 12, the only "attack" that really mattered to the major media was Mitt Romney's.

In response to Kroft's softball question, President Obama lashed out at Romney, saying the governor didn't know the facts. He then proceeded to defend the U.S. Embassy's public apology—the one about the video. "This film is not representative of who we are and our values," the president said, "and I think *it's important for us to communicate that.*"

And did they ever. In the days that followed, Hillary Clinton, Jay Carney, Susan Rice and other administration officials repeatedly made one public apology after another in which a loony filmmaker was essentially blamed for the attacks in Cairo and Benghazi. The United States even apologized for the video in a public service announcement that played in Pakistan!

When Susan Rice hit the talk show circuit and blamed Benghazi on a filmmaker, Gregory Hicks said he was "stunned." "My jaw dropped," he testified on May 8. "I was embarrassed."

During the September 12 interview with CBS, President Obama waxed eloquent about the "broader lesson" we needed to learn from the attack. "Governor Romney seems to have a tendency to shoot first and aim later," he said. "And as president, one of the things I have learned is that you can't do that. That, you know, *it's important for you to make sure that the statements that you make are backed up by the facts and that you have thought through the ramifications before you make them.*"

He wasn't about to let the Benghazi crisis go to waste. So he obscured the truth, downplayed the significance of an attack that ended with four Americans dead,

and—with critical support from his faithful followers in the media—intimidated his political opponent to stop talking about Benghazi.

### What Difference Does It Make?

Now fast-forward again to May 10. The cover-up is *finally* receiving widespread exposure. Three highly respected State Department officials, despite being bullied and demoted by the administration, had blown the lid off what really happened in Benghazi. James Rosen at Fox News reported that "several other" whistle-blowers, including CIA officials, were considering coming forward. And ABC News—not exactly the bastion of conservatism—exposed the Benghazi talking points as a work of fiction that was carefully written by senior officials *at the White House AND at State.*

*The administration was in full crisis-management mode.*

That day, Jay Carney was scheduled to hold a press briefing at 12:30 p.m. But after the ABC story broke, the briefing was pushed back to 1:45 p.m., while a separate, *private* briefing was held with only a handful of reporters. This angered the journalists who weren't invited.

"Nothing says 'not a cover-up' like secret meetings with select members of the media who promise to keep what's revealed quiet," one reporter quipped.

Meanwhile the White House's daily press briefing, which had already been pushed back to 1:45, was again rescheduled to 3:15 p.m. By the time Jay Carney finally stepped in front of the podium, it was 3:39, late Friday afternoon at the end of the workweek. The White House had just provided "deep background" on the Benghazi story to a select group of reporters behind closed doors. And Lois Lerner had just fielded a planted question across town about the IRS abusing its power.

Jay Carney did take a lot of heat from numerous reporters during that late-afternoon briefing. But in a revealing sign of things to come, the first two questions asked by reporters during that briefing were about the IRS.

The following Monday, the IRS scandal was the first thing the media jumped on with President Obama. When the president got around to Benghazi, he called the "talking points" controversy an old story.

"There's no 'there' there," the president

said about Benghazi. And the media seemed happy enough with that. By that point, there were plenty of other scandals to investigate anyway.

“Meanwhile,” as Joseph Curl opined at the *Washington Times*, “no one even knows where the president was the night a U.S. ambassador was murdered, or why the U.S. military sent no help. No one knows who inserted into official talking points a false story that an anti-Islam video led to the massacre. And no one seems to care—least of all the White House.”

## Fundamental Transformation

The *timing* of these many scandals is remarkable. Benghazi, of course, happened last September. But the release of those revealing White House e-mails in March vaulted the scandal back to the top of the news cycle. That same month, we published *America Under Attack*—a booklet that is now in its second printing. Since then, the curses that have pounded America have certainly *punctuated* the sobering warning contained in that booklet.

The Boston Marathon bombing in April killed three people and wounded hundreds. The ensuing manhunt shut down the entire Boston metropolitan area for a full day.

In May, there was that damning public testimony from the Benghazi whistle-blowers, followed by the “talking points” scandal. Following that, the IRS admitted to targeting conservatives and the DOJ fessed up to spying on the major media.

Subsequent to these perfectly timed government confessionals, Edward Snowden blew the whistle on the surveillance program at the National Security Agency. Evidently the NSA has been collecting phone records and vast amounts of Internet data on everyone except for the Tsarnaev brothers, Maj. Nidal Hasan and multiple millions of illegal aliens. After his bombshell revelation, Snowden became an international celebrity while hopscooting the globe—humiliating the United States every step of the way.

Yet, despite the avalanche of crises, President Obama’s radical transformation of the United States has barely missed a beat. If anything, it has *accelerated*.

Consider the amnesty bill the “Gang of Eight” ramrodded through the Senate toward the end of June. This 1,200-page, pork-laden monstrosity is a larger version of the disastrous legislation Congress

passed in 1986 to supposedly fix the illegal immigration problem. This new bill, if approved by Congress, will undermine America’s border security, legitimize millions of immigrants who came to America *illegally* and encourage *more* illegal immigration.

*It will also destroy what’s left of America’s ailing economy.*

The bill is so bad that Senators resurrected the shifty strategy that was used to pass Obamacare. They submitted the bill late Friday afternoon and then voted on Monday before anyone had a chance to actually read the thing.

Senators Chuck Schumer and Marco Rubio may have done most of the legislative grunt work. But this bill has *Barack Obama’s fingerprints* ALL OVER IT. He has good reason to work from the shadows though. He *needs* Republican support.

And Republicans don’t want to be seen publicly as doing the president’s bidding. So the White House happily worked behind the scenes on this one. But make no mistake—this is the president’s baby.

“Obama runs immigration bill from White House,” the *Daily Caller* reported on June 17. It quoted a senior White House staffer as saying, “No decisions are being made without talking to us about it. ... This does not fly if we’re not OK with it.” The administration official even bragged that if the bill becomes law, it will surely be one of the top five legislative accomplishments in decades—and it will be seen as a HUGE VICTORY FOR PRESIDENT OBAMA.

*Consider what this means.* If you think the U.S. government is big now, wait until millions of illegals are added to the government dole. And if you think conservatives are lagging behind liberal progressives *now*, wait until 11 million Hispanics are added to the voting registry. Hispanics vote Democrat by a 3-to-1 margin, which means if this bill makes it through the House, *the Republican Party is essentially finished.*

In many ways, the GOP is *already* finished. Just look at how *weak* Republican resistance has been standing against the radical agenda coming out of the White House. Look how

*easily* many Republicans have been manipulated or intimidated by White House officials and the left-wing media.

Notice how the *New York Times* summed up the immigration debate on June 20: “Passage of immigration legislation is critical to *Mr. Obama’s* legacy.” This isn’t about Marco Rubio or political compromise or bipartisan legislation. It’s not about Chuck Schumer or the Democrats. It’s not even about what’s best for the country. *This is about the legacy of the most radical president in U.S. history.* Amnesty for illegals, like Obamacare, is yet another one of Presi-

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—BARACK OBAMA



dent Obama’s liberal socialist DREAMS! This is all part of the president’s bold and audacious plan to FUNDAMENTALLY TRANSFORM the United States of America.

## Everything They Want

Consider President Obama’s “peace with justice” speech on June 19. He gave the speech in front of the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin, the same place he spoke in 2008 as a presidential candidate. Back then, 200,000 exuberant Germans cheered on the senator’s hopelessly idealistic political agenda. This time around, only 4,500 people turned out to give the president’s “peace with justice” theme a few weak smatterings of applause.

“President Obama’s honeymoon with the world is over,” wrote the *National Journal*. “Barack Obama bombs in Berlin,” wrote Nile Gardner at the *Telegraph*.

Yet, despite getting dumped on by the European press, the president confidently rattled off a list of left-wing favorites as if he was speaking at a Democratic fundraiser.

Peace with justice means making advances in medicine that will lead to “the first AIDS-free generation,” the president said. It’s about helping the impoverished around the world



## How will America pay its pensioners?

**A**MERICAN PENSION PLANS ARE FACING a crisis that could have massive repercussions nationwide. For years, many states have struggled with pension accounts being underfunded, but a new credit evaluation standard proposed by Moody's Investors Service could turn a medium-term problem into an immediate one. With baby boomers beginning to retire en masse, the timing could hardly be worse.

This newly proposed credit evaluation standard, set to take effect next year, would change how government pension liability is determined. Pension liability is calculated by taking the estimated future value of the government's pension investments and subtracting what it needs to pay out to cover all its employees as they retire. The problem, according to Moody's, is that governments are making wildly optimistic assumptions about what their investments will be worth in the future. For example, many states assume a consistent 7.5 to 8 percent annual return or higher—in perpetuity. But Moody's says a 5.5 percent return is more likely.

However, even Moody's expectations may be too high. Ed Ring, research director of the California Public Policy Center, says

a 4.5 percent average return is a more realistic assumption. Mike Shedlock, of Mish's Global Economic Trend Analysis, says that in today's world of manipulated interest rates and money printing, a zero to 2 percent average return is a distinct possibility. "And not a single pension plan in the U.S. is remotely prepared for such an event," he wrote June 13.

This has huge implications for pension plans across the country. A lower return means less money in the fund when it comes time to pay retirees. This should make future government retirees nervous. It should also make government planners nervous, because state pension liabilities may be set to grow astro-

**"Our standard of living is going to fall. ... People who are expecting Social Security can't get all that money. People expecting government pensions can't get all their money. ... We simply can't afford to pay them."**

**PETER SCHIFF** INVESTMENT BROKER, CEO OF EURO PACIFIC CAPITAL

nically. This could affect the ability of states to access bond markets and borrow money. It could also mean fantastically higher tax rates to pay salaries and health benefits of retired workers.

California's unfunded pension liability would "officially" double to \$328.6 billion, according to a report by the

California Public Policy Center. States like Illinois—which, according to a September 2012 report from Republicans on the Senate Joint Economic Committee, has only a 30 percent-funded pension fund—face running out of money completely. The report noted that, "By standard accounting methods, some state pension funds will run out of assets within as little as five years." When combined, state and local pensions are more than \$4 trillion underfunded—this is money needed today and earning interest—to pay for retirement promises.

The federal government is in an even worse position. Over the next three years, an astounding 30 percent of federal workers are eligible for retirement. As more baby boomers retire, more strain is put on a system that cannot pay out what has been promised. In 2011, the federal government's unfunded pension liability was \$761.5 billion. But this is just the beginning. A recent Republican deficit projections report showed that in 30 years, government debt could reach a mind-boggling \$125 trillion. Most of that is Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid promises made to future retirees—for which the government has not put aside money to pay.

America's "spend today, worry tomorrow" economic practices are beginning to come full circle.

As more and more people hit retirement age, governments will resort to borrowing to pay retirement promises. But who will be willing to lend money to a broke government so it can give it away to retirees? Thus, when the borrowing fails, expect taxes to rise—a lot. Yet, it will be

impossible for indebted Americans stuck in an economy on the edge of recession to afford more taxes. So expect massive cuts in retirement promises too. Millions of people who are set to retire are going to find

out that the money they have been promised simply isn't there.

There are no easy solutions to America's debt problems. Moody's new pension rating guidelines highlight America's debt problems. At the same time, they could inadvertently hasten the inevitable crisis that debt will create.

## EUROPE



### 2 | GERMANY 3 | ITALY In charge

America, Italy and Germany will be the three “lead nations” in Afghanistan after 2014 when the NATO mission enters a noncombat phase, U.S. Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said June 5. Germany will continue to be in charge in northern Afghanistan, and Italy will take charge in the west. The *Los Angeles Times* noted, “Absent from the announcement was reference to the closest U.S. ally, Britain, which has been the second-largest source of troops in the 11-year Afghanistan war” (June 5).

### 1 | SWEDEN Angry young men

Young people in Stockholm’s suburbs rioted every night for a week in late May. The unrest started days after police shot and killed a 69-year-old man wielding a knife. Buildings including two schools, a cultural center and a police station were set on fire or vandalized, and 340 cars were torched. The riots occurred in areas occupied mostly by immigrants. Europe’s economic troubles are exacerbating its volatile immigration situation. As unemployment rises, native resentment of immigrants grows, while immigrants bear the brunt of the unemployment. Europe’s economic problems are leading to a social crisis.



*A firefighter extinguishes burning cars in a Stockholm suburb on May 23.*

### 2 | GERMANY Court threatens euro, again

Germany’s Constitutional Court is hearing a case alleging that the European Central Bank (ECB) has exceeded its mandate as it tries to prevent the eurozone from collapsing. It’s expected to rule after the German election in September. Last August, when the euro crisis looked like it could turn worse, the ECB announced a new program to help prop up indebted countries. If a country’s government first submitted to the EU’s (Germany’s) conditions, the ECB would, in essence, lend it an unlimited amount of money in order to keep its borrowing costs down. Predictably, many Germans are concerned by the ECB’s promise to essentially print money for governments that can’t pay their bills. Germany’s central bank opposes the ECB in the case now before the court. Once again, the existence of the euro is threatened. As we have said since the start of the crisis, the euro was designed to fail in order to force EU nations to unite. This is an important reminder that the drama in Europe is far from over.



*Khadija Mosque, Berlin, Germany*

### 2 | GERMANY Not getting along

THE GERMAN ISLAM CONFERENCE, WIDELY BELIEVED TO BE one of the best hopes for Muslim integration in Germany, held its annual meeting in Berlin on May 7. The conference revolved around three main issues that involve the Muslim community: institutional cooperation between Muslims and the German state; gender equality as a common value; and prevention of extremism, radicalization and social polarization. German Muslims rebutted all three issues. They countered the first issue by calling on the government to make more concessions, accusing it of “interfering” with Islamic teaching. They denied that the second issue, gender equality, was even a problem. The final issue enraged them. They denied the dangers posed by extremists within the nation and throughout Europe. The German Islam Conference is doomed to fail. Germans are unwilling to accept Muslims if they won’t conform to the German way of life, and Muslims won’t give up their religion in exchange for living in Germany. Germany and Islam will continue to clash.

### 2 | GERMANY Floods give army a chance to shine

In early June, floods hit Central Europe, including Germany. Berlin deployed 19,000 soldiers to help the victims—the biggest domestic humanitarian operation in the army’s history.

“The army, recently covered in the news largely for its failed drone program, is now generating positive headlines again,” wrote Spiegel Online. “At the same time, it is also regaining the trust of a German people who have traditionally been skeptical of the nation’s armed forces” (June 12). Residents held banners with slogans like “Thank you, Bundeswehr!” “I’ve never experienced such a positive relationship with the civilian population,” said army spokesman André Sabzog. The public’s gratitude for the army’s actions is helping lift the taboo on the German army’s deployment.



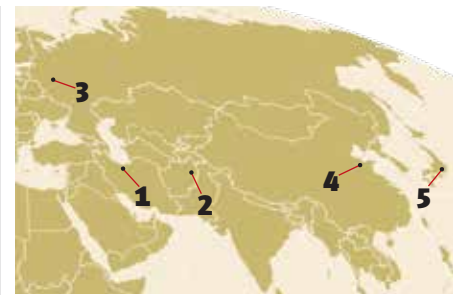
*German soldiers in action in Magdeburg*



Iran's new president-elect, Hasan Rowhani



Afghan Taliban commander



## 1 | IRAN The ayatollah's 'moderate' president

ACCORDING TO MUCH OF THE WESTERN MEDIA, IRANIAN president-elect Hasan Rowhani is a “moderate” and a “reformist” who will alter the Islamic Republic’s defiant, belligerent course under Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. The international community widely views Rowhani as a pragmatist who will engage in meaningful dialogue. He was, after all, Iran’s chief negotiator with the West for its nuclear program from 2003 to 2005. His “reformist” image may help ease Iran’s economic sanctions.

But looks can be deceiving. His election was engineered by the ayatollah, whom few would mistake for a “reformist.” After he left his nuclear negotiator post, Rowhani gave a speech in 2006 in which he openly admitted to duping the international community. “By creating a calm environment,” he said, “we were able to complete the work on Isfahan [nuclear reactor].” Installing a new, ayatollah-approved president does not mean that Iran is about to end its support for terrorism, reconcile with Israel or close its nuclear program. In fact, it may even be more deadly because its intentions are cloaked under a “moderate” guise.

As Langley Intelligence Group Network opines, Khamenei probably plans to use Rowhani’s softer image to begin a campaign to break the U.S.-led economic sanctions. “With Rowhani serving as Iran’s chief diplomat, he may be welcomed more openly in many capitals around the world, making it more difficult for the United States and its allies to maintain the increasingly tight noose of economic sanctions that have been imposed on Iran in recent years. Rowhani’s more acceptable image may also complicate efforts to pursue coercive measures, including the use of force, should sanctions fail to prevent Iran’s nuclear advances.”

Whatever the nature of Rowhani’s leadership, it will submit to that of Iranian Supreme Leader Ayatollah Khamenei, who alone controls nuclear and foreign policy.

## 1 | IRAN Underestimating Europe

Meetings from May 31 to June 2 between the Iranian government and Taliban leaders highlight the fight for control in the Hindu Kush, and how all eyes are distracted from the most dangerous player in the region. While Iran, Afghanistan and Pakistan fight to sway the Taliban in order to shore up their borders and counter U.S. influence, they underestimate the *European* presence. Germany understands what will happen as U.S. power wanes. It is determined not to allow its own designs on the Middle East to be undermined. Iran is so focused on its own ambitions, it fails to see that it is already caught in the German whirlwind. See Gerald Flurry’s article in last month’s *Trumpet* edition.

## 1 | IRAN A harder ‘push’

Iran was named the worst offender for state-sponsored terrorism in a report released May 30 by the U.S. State Department. “The year 2012 was notable in demonstrating a marked resurgence of Iran’s state sponsorship of terrorism,” the report stated. Europe has noticed as well, and it has responded to Iran’s broadening influence in the Middle East and North Africa with troop deployments in Mali as well as strong support for Iran’s enemies in the Middle East, such as Saudi Arabia. Germany has soldiers on the ground in Turkey, Sudan, Somalia and Afghanistan, along with European peacekeepers in southern Lebanon. It also has ships blockading Lebanon from the Mediterranean and European warships off the coast of Somalia and Yemen. As editor in chief Gerald Flurry said, “That is startling and ought to make our hair stand on end if we understood the history of Germany, and what it has done in the past. [The Germans] are thinking about a circular attack on Iran and its allies” (*Key of David*, May 12).



German troops muster before deploying to Mali.

### NUMBERS

28

168

Millions of people in North Africa, from Morocco to Egypt

8

Distance in miles of the narrowest section of the Strait of Gibraltar (between Spain and Morocco)

56

Percent of the world’s conventional oil reserves located in the Middle East

## ASIA

Protesters march in Moscow on June 12.



### 3 | RUSSIA

## Putin crackdown pays off

RUSSIAN OPPOSITION CAMPAIGNERS PARADED THROUGH Moscow on June 12 denouncing President Vladimir Putin's authoritarian rule and demanding the release of citizens they say are political prisoners. But their low numbers showed that Putin's crackdown on the opposition is weakening the movement. The protesters were rallying to support 27 people arrested after an anti-Putin demonstration became rowdy on the eve of the president's inauguration in May last year. Sixteen of them have remained jailed, awaiting trial on accusations that could send them to prison for up to 10 years. The arrests were part of Moscow's efforts to discourage Russians from staging future rallies, and the efforts seem to be working. The latest protest drew only 10,000 to 15,000 people—just a fraction of the 100,000-plus that marched against the president last year, and far fewer than expected. Expect the vigor of Russia's opposition movements to decline further as Putin tightens his grip.

### 3 | RUSSIA 'Another step closer and we shoot'

Any expansion of NATO to include Finland and Sweden would offset the balance of power and force Moscow to respond, Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev said on June 4. "New participants emerging close to our border will change the parity, and we'll have to take this into account and respond to that," he said. Moscow has been nettled by NATO's expansion ever since former Soviet satellites started to join the Western alliance in the 1990s, and has been especially opposed to the anti-missile shield the U.S. and NATO are deploying in Europe. Neither Sweden nor Finland is actively seeking membership, but both cooperate extensively with NATO and have openly discussed the possibility of joining. Expect Moscow to intensify its anti-NATO rhetoric as it seeks to prove that it is once again a formidable global power, and as it labors to draw its former Soviet satellites back in.



Medvedev

### 4 | CHINA

## Huge heist of American secrets

In what is probably the largest-ever breach of American military secrets, the designs for more than two dozen major weapons systems—including the Hornet fighter jet and the Black Hawk helicopter—have been compromised, according to a confidential report obtained by the *Washington Post* on May 27. China is once again the prime suspect for the attacks. The extent of Beijing's involvement, specifically that of its military, in attacking and stealing from American corporations came to light in February. Though the Chinese cyber unit responsible for the attacks went dormant after it was first exposed, it's now back at work, and Washington is not taking a hard stand against Beijing.



Japanese soldiers refuel a missile launcher.

### 5 | JAPAN

## Preparing preemptive strikes?

Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) is assembling a new set of defense guidelines that would allow the country's military to develop offensive capability and to strike first if an attack appears imminent, according to reports on June 3. Japan's missile defense system is among the world's most advanced, but its capabilities are restricted under the government's current interpretation of the constitution. The chief of the LDP's national defense division said the ongoing incursions into Japanese-administered waters by Chinese vessels and North Korea's provocations have shown the need to change the current guidelines. The intensifying tension between China and Japan is prompting both sides to ramp up their defense capabilities, but Bible prophecy says their disputes will soon be laid aside so that they can join forces against a common enemy.



Chinese Snow Leopard commandos

### 3 | RUSSIA

### 4 | CHINA

## Special forces train together

Chinese and Russian special forces held a 10-day joint military exercise in Beijing beginning June 11. "Cooperation 2013" marked the first-ever joint training operation held in China. Forty-six personnel from China's elite anti-terrorism Snow Leopard Commandos joined 29 Russians from a special task force unit in domestic security. The two forces aimed to learn from each other to improve their counterterrorism skills and tactics. The military exercises consisted of training courses on shooting, forced entry, hostage rescue and terrorist camp raids. Russia and China previously conducted a joint anti-terrorism drill in Russia in September 2007. Watch for these two countries to continue to strengthen their military ties. Bible prophecy indicates that these powers will be part of a huge 200 million-man army.



Members of the Mexican army patrol the streets in Buenavista Tomatlan.

## 1 | MEXICO Does civil war reveal America's future?

MEXICO'S THREE-WAY CIVIL WAR BETWEEN ORGANIZED crime syndicates, civilian vigilante militias and government troops could easily replicate in the United States.

The same drug cartels causing so much carnage south of the border are operating in the U.S. and are deeply embedded in at least 1,286 American cities, according to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. Most of these operations are conducted via alliances with America's major street gangs. There are approximately 1.4 million active gang members in America, a demographic force as large as the U.S. military. Some cartels and gangs are cooperating not only with each other, but also Hezbollah and Iran's Quds Force.

Using a similar reasoning process to vigilante militias in Mexico, American citizens are buying weapons and personal firearms at a historically high rate—an estimated 67 million firearms from 2008 to 2012. As overloaded and cash-strapped law enforcement agencies struggle to keep on top of crime, vigilante justice has been rising.

The American government is apparently seriously considering the threat of such civil unrest and has already made moves toward establishing a military-backed, federalized police force. The Department of Homeland Security is in the process of stockpiling more than 1.6 billion rounds of hollow-point ammunition, along with 7,000 fully automatic NATO personal defense weapons, 2,717 Mine-Resistant Armored Protection vehicles, and a huge stash of 30-round, high-capacity magazines. Why would a federal domestic law enforcement agency

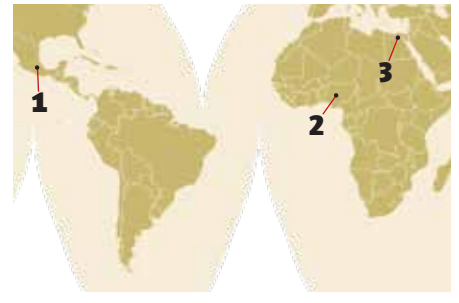
30 need military hardware, unless the government anticipates massive civil unrest? The situation is ultimately leading to the fulfillment of the prophecy in Ezekiel 5.

## 2 | NIGERIA Al Qaeda reaches into West Africa

An armory belonging to Lebanon's Hezbollah was discovered on May 30 in northern Nigeria by the West African nation's army and spy agency. The cache, including rifles, anti-tank weapons and a rocket-propelled grenade, was found in a warehouse in the city of Kano. Nigeria's State Security Service said the weapons were intended for use against "Israeli and Western interests." Kano and northeastern Nigeria have suffered multiple attacks in the last three years since the homegrown Islamist militant group Boko Haram launched an insurgency. Boko Haram, whose name means "Western education is forbidden," says its quest is to overthrow the Nigerian government and create an Islamic state. Boko Haram is believed to be receiving backing from Hezbollah and al Qaeda-linked militants in various countries.



Hezbollah ordnance found in Nigeria



Waterfalls along the Blue Nile in Ethiopia



## 3 | EGYPT Will the Nile run dry?

On May 28, Ethiopia began diverting the course of the Blue Nile, a major tributary of the Nile River, to allow construction to continue on the 6,000-megawatt hydroelectric Grand Ethiopia Dam, sending new waves of concern throughout the nations that rely on the Nile for water, especially Egypt. Cairo fears Ethiopia could use the dam as a political or military tool. At a June 3 meeting, top Egyptian officials advised President Mohamed Morsi that Egypt could back rebels within Ethiopia to pressure the government or to use intelligence and/or military forces to attack and destroy the dam. Apparently unbeknownst to the officials, the meeting was being aired live on national television. In a statement released shortly after the meeting on June 3, Morsi's office said, "Egypt will never surrender its right to Nile water, and all options [to safeguard it] are being considered." Egypt is now advancing on several fronts to control the Nile by isolating Ethiopia: through Somalia, Sudan and Eritrea, and by sponsoring Ethiopian Islamist and other opposition movements. Despite the animosity raging now, Bible prophecy says Ethiopia will eventually ally with Egypt and Iran (Daniel 11:43). This suggests a radical reorientation in Ethiopian governance. Egypt will play a critical role in that reorientation, as *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry stated last year.



# Energize Your Bible Study!

It's one of the most practical ways you can help God's work.

**H**OW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU STARTED YOUR BIBLE STUDY and, after only a few minutes, you find it hard to concentrate? Maybe you think of something else that “must” be done first. Or you suddenly get sleepy. Or you're just plain bored with studying the Bible.

*It doesn't have to be that way!* Your personal Bible study *can* and **SHOULD** be the most exciting activity of your day. You can be like the Bereans, who searched the Scriptures **DAILY** with a *ready* mind (Acts 17:11). God says they were *more noble* than the Thessalonians simply because of their approach to Bible study.



PRINCIPLES OF LIVING  
**STEPHEN FLURRY**

People often ask us how they can better support God's trumpet-blowing work. What can you do *personally* to contribute **MORE** to this global effort—and to promote **MORE GROWTH** in your individual life? *Diligently search God's Word every day!* Here

are four important guidelines to remember:

## 1) God commands daily Bible study.

This is not something we do only if there is enough time—or if we *feel* like doing it. God's Word says plainly, “**STUDY** to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth” (2 Timothy 2:15). Bible study is not optional. God commands that we educate, train and develop our minds. And that takes *daily* work.

Jesus told us to ask God for *bread* **DAILY** (Luke 11:3). In John 6:48, Christ said, “**I AM that bread of life.**” Christ is the bread of life—*He is* the Word of God. And the Bible is that Word *in print*. That means we must feed on that Word daily—just like the Israelites fed on manna from heaven daily. Study the instructions God gave the Israelites in Exodus 16. They had to gather manna *daily*. As Jesus explains in John 6, that lesson is for us. If we don't partake of spiritual bread every day, it will lead to spiritual malnourishment, even death.

## 2) Labor for spiritual food.

It takes planning, effort and time to prepare a nutritious physical meal. Should we expect it to be any different with spiritual food? Jesus said, “*Labour* not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life ...” (John 6:27). It takes diligent work to get a lot out of our Bible study. Remember, we have to be a good *workman* in study.

## 3) Seek correction in your Bible study.

The Apostle Paul praised his assistant Timothy for having “known” the Scriptures from his earliest years. He went on to describe the many wonderful benefits that come with studying the Bible: “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: *That*



*the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works*” (2 Timothy 3:16-17). We need loving reproof and correction if we are to obtain perfection in God's Family (see also Matthew 5:48).

Did you know that one of God's most effective methods to correct His children is through our personal Bible study? He will provide other correction at times, perhaps from lectures or counseling sessions. But to get the *personalized* correction you need daily, you have to take the initiative and seek reproof in your study.

## 4) Study in order to teach others.

God has a plan for all men to come to the knowledge of His truth and ultimately be saved, as it says in 1 Timothy 2:4. And He's bringing *some few* along **FIRST** in order to help Jesus Christ teach the world His truth. God doesn't bring people into His work only to save *them*. When God calls you, He has a **JOB** for you to do! That means your personal Bible study sessions are actually intended to *help other people*—ultimately to help all of mankind.

Jesus said, “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 5:16). God wants this hopeless, dying world to **SEE** your good works. How will we have any good works for people to see if we aren't regularly applying what we study daily in God's Word?

Maybe you've been neglecting your Bible study because you only think of yourself. Or maybe you aren't thinking far enough ahead—or not thinking **BIG** enough! Fast forward 10 or 15 years from now. Think about the others you might be responsible for then. Maybe you'll even be in God's Kingdom. Whatever the case, you will be expected to teach others what you are learning now! That means your **OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS** as a future parent, grandparent, teacher, minister or member of the bride of Christ *will depend largely on the personal Bible study sessions you are having right now.*

That's the “readiness of mind” we all need when we sit down to study God's Word. With that far-reaching vision in mind, we can make our daily Bible study the most exciting activity of the day!

# DISCUSSION BOARD

## The cost of terror

It is amazing to see how events that directly affect a small number of people can have such permanent and crippling effect on millions and millions (“Death by a Thousand Cuts,” July). On top of that, since the authorities and airlines are not supposed to profile people, those responsible end up with better treatment, while everyone else has to suffer the ramifications of someone else’s actions.

*Laskey Hart—CANADA*



To this day, I am agonizing over three brand new tubes of shampoo, conditioner and face wash I had to toss in a trash can at an airport a few months ago. ... The terrorists continue to win by coming up with new tactics, and while the governments are busy trying to counter the latest tactic, the terrorists are busy coming up with yet another. And most of theirs, as with the pressure cooker bombs, are cheap tactics, but their effects far-reaching. Truth be told, they are way ahead of the game.

*Purity Githembe—SOUTH AFRICA*

## Take the reins

Yes, déjà vu indeed. I have been reading the *Trumpet* for a number of years and am amazed at how so very right you have got it (“An Army Waiting for a Leader,” July). Everything is coming to pass it would appear. ... Nations are arming up while our Anglo-Saxon nations bury their heads in the sand and continue to not see or hear what is really going on around us. Thank God indeed for the work of the staff at the *Trumpet* and all those that help as they can. ...

*Troy William Kinsella—AUSTRALIA*

## Facts to see

Germany’s historical record shows its tendency to go to war, to be brutal and methodical without mercy (“The Whirlwind Prophecy,” July). The world today just has no idea what is about to be unleashed. Daniel speaks of a whirlwind, which may not be

the best translation to impart the utter destruction and devastation that waits. The dark black clouds and F5 winds of a powerful tornado would seem to be a good representation of what will soon fall upon us. Other prophecies tell us of the devastation that is soon to come, something

so terrible it has never been seen before. Germany is digging in, we can see its hand and footholds now. The alliances are lining up just the way God tells us in the Scriptures. The world sleeps.

*Michael Scribner—MAINE*

## A lasting foundation

As a former construction builder of mid-size houses, this biblical shaking and building of a house of peace reminds me of concrete (“Why the Nations Are Shaking,” July). The whole world is God’s spinning, shaking concrete-mixer. Peace will be the lasting concrete that eventually pours out; and remember the time is short. Concrete must be worked before it is unworkable. As the French-mason told me, “The concrete, you don’t push it, it pushes you!”

*Thomas Garstka*

One concern: Germany actually does have a national debt exceeding \$2 trillion and 85 percent of GDP. So to insinuate that they are not in a precarious economic situation is a bit of sugar-coating. No doubt that they are the power of Europe however.

*Steve Loveland—MICHIGAN*

**At 85 percent of GDP, Germany’s debt is not insignificant. However, in relative terms, Germany is one of the most fiscally sound large nations in the world. Consider: America’s debt to GDP ratio is 105 percent. Italy’s is around**

## CORRECTION

The caption on the photo for “The cost of supporting Israel” on page 29 of our July issue incorrectly labeled Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird as Prime Minister Stephen Harper. The *Trumpet* regrets the error.

130 percent. Japan’s is over 200 percent. Additionally, Germany is one of the world’s largest exporters, which means that it brings in other people’s money to pay its debts. In contrast, America is a net importer and must use only wealth generated internally to pay its debt.

## Take a deep breath

A great reminder that it’s good to take a deep breath and make sure we have the right balance in our daily lives (“Train Your Stress,” July). In this fast-paced world, stress can overtake you before you realize it.

*C. Floyd*

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and eliminating racial prejudice and intolerance, whether motivated by gender or sexual orientation.

It also means building “a world without nuclear weapons.” This is the same utopian ideal that won the president the Nobel Peace Prize in 2009. And just like he explained back then, the United States will take the lead in dismantling its nuclear arsenal first. And why not, considering how many military threats have simply vanished. “The Iraq war is now over,” the president said. “The Afghan war is coming to an end. Osama bin Laden is no more.”

Back in May, during his national security speech in Washington, D.C., President Obama took it one step further. He said the war against terrorism was essentially over. “*This war, like all wars, must end. That’s what history advises,*” the president intoned. To justify this new strategy, he said there hadn’t been any “large-scale attacks on the United States” since 9/11. America is “safer” and “more secure” today than it was then, he said.

In Germany, Mr. Obama added that the world didn’t need to worry about living “in fear of global annihilation.” The real threat facing humanity isn’t the fact that rogue terrorist-sponsoring nations are building nuclear bombs. It’s not the alarming rise of religious extremism.

The real threat—the “global threat of our time,” as he called it—is CLIMATE CHANGE. Unless we take bold action to cool the Earth, this is the grim reality we all face: “More severe storms, more famine and floods, new waves of refugees, coastlines that vanish, oceans that rise.”

There is *nothing* in his Berlin speech about confronting radical Islam—or even advancing *American* interests. It was just another “clichéd citizens of the world polemic,” wrote Nile Gardiner. He called it was a dud of a speech, given by a “floundering president whose leadership abroad is just as weak as it is at home.”

There is no disputing Mr. Obama’s weak leadership abroad. It’s on display every day. But given the radical transformation America has undergone over the past four years, is it really correct to say Mr. Obama’s leadership at home is *weak*?

Consider the “Climate Action Plan” the president released just two days after his address in Berlin. This plan promises

to spend another \$2.7 billion to promote clean coal and energy technology and to promote something called “actionable climate science.”

As James Delingpole notes at the *Telegraph*, you would think the *last thing* any president would do while his nation struggles to come out of a long recession “would be to jeopardize it with a whole new raft of utterly pointless regulation and wasteful government expenditure.”

You would think. But that’s not the way this president thinks. He’s thinking about checking off one more item on the radical agenda. This isn’t some meaningless proposal being pushed by an inept leader who’s on the ropes after being pummeled by an endless array of scandals and setbacks. This is an audacious proposal being submitted by a confident man who knows he’s on a roll!

As Rush Limbaugh said on June 25, President Obama is transforming America in ways that no one ever thought possible. “He is succeeding at every turn, and he has a scandal pop up at just the right time every moment some big transformation’s taking place so that we’re all distracted,” Limbaugh said. “Nobody’s stopping Obama. Nobody’s stopping the Democrats. *They’re getting everything they want.*”

That is not a sign of weakness at home. It is a sign of great strength.

### America Is Under Attack

Long-time readers of the *Trumpet* are well aware of the many prophecies that point to America’s stunning decline in these latter days, followed by its destruction and captivity at the hands of a European beast power. *America Under Attack* shows from Scripture how, before the United States is attacked from an invading superpower, it suffers unfathomable devastation and destruction *from within*.

President Obama’s radical agenda is expediting this destruction from within.

But this is not about a man. That’s the point of *America Under Attack*. This is about an evil spirit being that was cast down from heaven in 1986 and is now confined to this Earth (Revelation 12:9, 12).

“If you look at the whole story in biblical prophecy,” my father wrote, “you see that Satan has a three-pronged attack. First he attacks God’s Church. Second, *he tears down the values within the nations of Israel*. Finally, he will bring the Holy Roman Empire to destroy those nations in the Great Tribulation.”

What we are witnessing today is the second phase of this SATANIC three-pronged attack!

If you were one of the first ones to read *America Under Attack* back in March or April, you should go back and read it again, given what we have seen over the past three months. During my second reading, one statement really jumped out at me. It was after my father explained how many people can see that America is on the wrong course.

“However,” he wrote, “the situation is more severe than people realize.” We are actually on a path to destruction. And it’s much worse than most people realize because of the *spiritual* dimension BEHIND this radical transformation.

Satan is the god of this world (2 Corinthians 4:4). He knows his time is short, which is why he is *not about to let any of these crises and scandals go to waste*. He is MANAGING every last one of them in a way that will HASTEN America’s prophesied destruction. That destruction starts from *within*—but it culminates in the worst time of suffering this world has ever seen (Matthew 24:21-22).

“The events we see around us are deeply sobering,” my father wrote in *America Under Attack*. “But they should also fill us with hope—and anticipation of the great event they lead to: the Second Coming of Christ to this Earth!”

## More than meets the eye

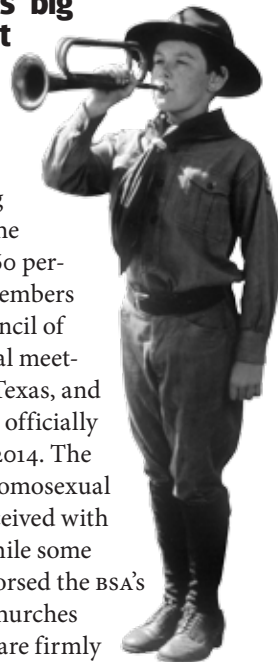
The scandals plaguing the White House go deeper than you think. To learn more about the unseen spiritual dimension behind the headlines, request our free book ***America Under Attack***.





## The Boy Scouts' big announcement

The Boy Scouts of America voted on May 23 to lift a ban against homosexual boys joining its organization. The vote was made by 60 percent of the 1,400 members of the national council of the BSA at its annual meeting in Grapevine, Texas, and the new policy will officially be effective Jan. 1, 2014. The decision to allow homosexual scouts has been received with mixed feelings. While some churches have endorsed the BSA's vote, many other churches and organizations are firmly opposed to the decision. Many will pull their funding of the Boy Scouts. For the 103 years since its founding, the Boy Scouts has enforced some basic biblical values among its members. Its mission is to build upstanding character in young people, and has largely used the Bible to define morality. That is why the organization has in the past expelled homosexual members whose orientation contradicted those biblical values.



The Queen celebrates the 60th anniversary of her coronation with the dean of Westminster.

## 60 years on David's throne

BRITAIN'S ROYAL FAMILY GATHERED AT WESTMINSTER ABBEY on June 4 to mark the 60th anniversary of the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. The Queen was crowned in Westminster Abbey on June 2, 1953, in a ceremony filled with symbolism and tradition. British monarchs have been crowned in the ancient London church since William the Conqueror in 1066. The anniversary ceremony was designed to evoke memories of 60 years ago. The Queen wore the golden, jewel-encrusted St. Edward's Crown, which she wore for her coronation. It is the first time the crown has left the Tower of London since 1953. The 1953 coronation was Britain's first mass television event, watched by more than 20 million people. Pomp and ceremony returned to Westminster Abbey on June 4, but few stop to ask where this throne began. Britain's royals have an unbroken chain of monarchs who can trace their lineage all the way back to King David. Your Bible prophesies that when Christ returns, He too will sit on this throne. This is explained in our free booklet *The Key of David*.

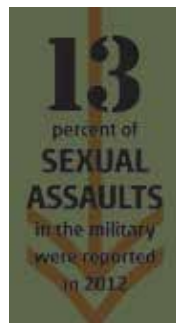
## Radical role change for women

Women are the primary or sole source of income in 40 percent of U.S. households with children under age 18, a study released by the Pew Research Center on May 29 revealed. These women make more than their husbands, or are the only breadwinner for the household either because they are single moms or their husbands don't work. The report also showed that most Americans have no desire to go back to the traditional family: 79 percent of Americans rejected the idea that women need to return to their traditional roles. However, the majority of people also agree that this new family pattern isn't making life easier: 74 percent agreed that when the wife works outside the home it is harder to raise children, and half said it is harder to make a marriage successful. In Isaiah 3, God foretold that in these present latter days, family breakdown and women leading the family would be the norm.



## Sex abuse degrades U.S. military pride

Recently, the U.S. military has been rocked by a string of sexual assault scandals. In May alone, seven separate incidents of sexual misconduct in the military made headlines. The charges came against soldiers of all ranks, including an Army general who was suspended from his post for adultery. A U.S. Defense Department report says the number of sexual assault cases have been on the rise in the past few years. It estimated that in 2012 there were 26,000 cases of sexual assault, though only 3,374 were reported. The degradation of the U.S. military, which is supposed to reflect the highest standard of respect and discipline, is a telling sign of the decline of American society.



## Good news and bad news

The Department of Labor's May jobs report showed that 175,000 new jobs were created that month—10,000 more than some analysts expected. The trouble is, these jobs are not the types that are going to put more money into the economy. The first thing to notice in the report is the kind of jobs that *aren't* being created: the goods-producing jobs. In May, the U.S. *lost* 1,000 of these jobs. Also noteworthy is the kinds of jobs that *are* being created: The vast majority were low-paying, service-providing jobs. Over half the jobs created in May were limited to the restaurant sector, retail trade and temporary employment. The report also showed that the unemployment rate rose by 0.1 percent to 7.6 percent.

# Britain's 'Utopium'

Feel-good political correctness: a drug more dangerous than heroin **BY ROBERT MORLEY**

**W**HO CAN FORGET THE HIDEOUS SIGHT OF TERRORIST Michael Adebolajo? He stood in the middle of a busy London street in broad daylight, surrounded by stunned bystanders. His hands clutched a butcher's knife and a meat cleaver, covered in the blood of off-duty Pvt. Lee Rigby. Adebolajo and Michael Adebowale had just run over him with a car and gruesomely carved him up, shouting "Allahu Akbar."

But what makes this image doubly repugnant is Britain's reaction. After briefly being startled awake, it went back to smoking its "utopium," that hallucinogen that makes Islamist terrorism go away by simply ignoring its real cause.

Following the butchering on May 22, British media predictably paraded a string of Muslim experts who claimed this barbaric attack had "no basis in Islam." Politicians promised the angry public a new committee to study tougher laws. Police promised investigations. And outrage gradually subsided.

Much of the Muslim community responded quite differently. Hours after Rigby's murder, the London Metropolitan University Islamic Society created a video claiming it was a government hoax designed to demonize Muslims. Inspired by the Rigby attack, three Muslim inmates abducted their jail warden, stabbed him and nearly beat him to death. A video of British Muslims laughing about Rigby's mutilated body was posted on YouTube. A Sudanese Muslim stabbed and cut two men who expressed sympathy for Rigby.



Let's just call those "isolated incidents."

Prime Minister David Cameron probably would. "There is *nothing* in Islam that justifies this truly dreadful act," he emphasized after one of his soldiers was mutilated in Allah's name. But Adebolajo, bloody meat cleaver still in hand, said something different:

"The only reason we have killed this man today is because Muslims are dying daily by British soldiers, and this British soldier is one. It is an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. By Allah, we swear by the Almighty Allah we will never stop fighting you until you leave us alone. ... *But we are forced by the Koran in Sura at-Tawba* [Chapter 9 of the Koran], *through many, many ayah* [verses] *throughout the Koran that we must fight them as they fight us, an eye for a eye and a tooth for a tooth.* ... Leave our lands, and you will live in peace. ... Allah's peace and blessings be upon Muhammad" (emphasis added).

Now here's what Britain's Green party leader, Natalie Bennett, said: "It's absolutely tragic what happened in Woolwich, and you've got to feel ... for the people and bystanders that saw it happen. ... But if we're going to stop that happening again in the future, one of the biggest things we have to do is stop regarding ourselves as the world's policeman." In a different interview, she added: "Look at Iraq, Afghanistan—we should never have got involved, and the results have been dreadful for us. We need to stop regarding

ourselves as having the right to stick our oar in around the world."

She and Adebolajo agree on a fundamental point: *Sorry you had to see this, but it's Britain's own fault. If we will just leave the Taliban alone, we will all live happily together.*

The British media are also actively trying to numb the public to the terrorists' real motivation. To see what Adebolajo actually said after hacking Lee Rigby to death, you have to find the full video yourself, because even conservative channels have edited out his references to the Koran from their transcripts. Britain is so obsessed with multiculturalism and not offending Muslims that it seems willing to let its people die rather than admit that some Muslims get their murderous inspiration from the Koran. Instead of expecting immigrants to assimilate into British culture, Britain has encouraged them to bring their beliefs, customs, religions—and hate—to Britain.

**"We are forced by the Koran in Sura at-Tauba [Chapter 9 of the Koran], through many, many ayah [verses] throughout the Koran that we must fight them as they fight us...." —MICHAEL ADEBOLAJO**

That now-diluted culture of Britain actually goes all the way back to the ancient Israelite tribe of Ephraim. And God prophesied what would happen to modern Ephraim! "Ephraim, he hath mixed himself among the people; Ephraim is a cake not turned. Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth it not: yea, gray hairs are here and there upon him, yet he knoweth not" (Hosea 7:8-9).

Strangers are devouring Britain from within. As God predicted, they are weakening its national character. *Like a cake unturned*: burned on one side, soft dough on the other, and good for nothing on either side. Yet Britain *still* believes against all evidence to the contrary that multiculturalism is the way to utopia, that the blood in the streets must trace back to a need for more tolerance.

As a result, people born in the country and growing up with all the benefits of British citizens, like Adebolajo and Adebowale, are learning to become radical Muslims and killers, *not* in the mosques of Iran and Afghanistan, *but on British soil.* 2003: The Wood Green ricin plot. 2004: Operation Crevice and the foiled financial buildings plot. 2005: The 7/7 London Underground and bus bombings that killed 52 people and wounded 700. 2007: Glasgow Airport. 2008: The Exeter bombing. All were carried out by Britons inspired by the Koran.

Yet Britain refuses to confront Islam outright. Instead, it turns back to the drug of politically correct multiculturalism. It's a dangerous opiate to be on. It can kill you. ■



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use online resources that popular search engines don't even see. That means these surveillance tools are basically only good for gathering data on law-keeping citizens.

William Binney, a 32-year veteran of the NSA, was asked where the surveillance data was heading. He said: "It's really a turn-key situation, where it can be turned quickly and become a totalitarian state pretty quickly. The capacity to do that is being set up" (emphasis mine). That is a chilling statement—it gets to the heart of the issue! Look at the potential power the government already has.

Fox News's Bob Beckel, a Democrat, said the NSA data mining "is strikingly close to authoritarian rule that has no place in this country and no place certainly under our Constitution."

Herbert Meyer served as an intelligence specialist in the Reagan administration, as special assistant to the CIA director and vice chairman on the National Intelligence Council. This man has compared the actions of this administration to what the Nazis did under Adolf Hitler. (He didn't say these officials are like the Nazis, but that they are going about their plan *the same way* the Nazis did.)

Even the *Germans* have severely criticized President Obama for this NSA program! Some critics say he's acting like the Gestapo.

The NSA is amassing *enormous power*. If it ignores the laws of the land, it can get practically anything it wants.

Imagine what a tyrannical government could do with all that information.

President Obama has repeatedly said how *transparent* his administration would be—yet virtually EVERYTHING HE HAS DONE HAS BEEN IN THE DARK. Many journalists have complained that his is the most *opaque* administration in history.

In March, Director of National Intelligence James Clapper was called before Congress and asked point blank, "Does the NSA collect any type of data at all on millions or hundreds of millions of Americans?" Clapper replied, "No sir ... not wittingly." That was a lie, and he knew it.

Attorney General Eric Holder has also lied to Congress—about the Fast and Furious scandal, and about what his department did to reporter James Rosen. Susan Rice lied five times on Sunday talk shows about Benghazi (either that, or *she* was deceived). Rice has since been promoted.

As these scandals pile higher and higher, nobody can get administration officials to tell them *anything!* They have LIED and LIED and LIED—and have been *caught* in their lies! This administration covers itself in a *cloak of deceit*.

Anyone who says there isn't a real problem here needs to open his eyes! We must see reality: Something deadly dangerous has seized the country—far more than what people realize. There is a *spiritual dimension* to what is happening, and you cannot understand these events unless you recognize that. Ultimately, this isn't about a man or an administration: It's about an *evil spirit being* who is working to destroy this nation, and why God is allowing it to happen!

I strongly urge you to request a free copy of my booklet *America Under Attack* to learn about this truth. ■



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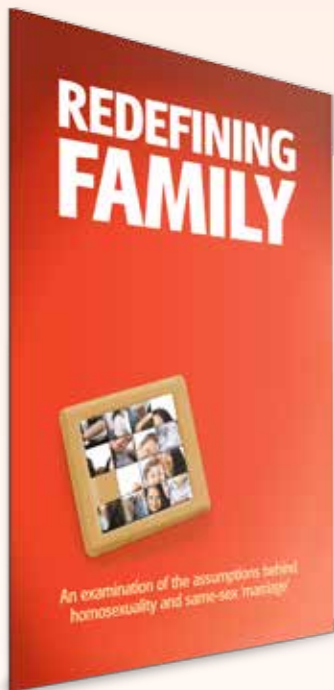
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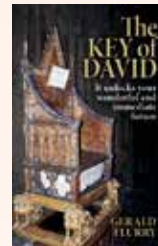
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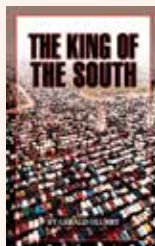
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