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FROM THE EDITOR GERALD FLURRY

The Most Inspiring Part of the Royal Wedding

ABOUT 2 BILLION PEOPLE WATCHED THE WEDDING OF Prince William and Catherine Middleton. Two billion people watching a wedding—that’s almost one third of humanity! Never before had so many people been so *fascinated* by a wedding!

The weather forecast predicted cloudy skies and rain on that day, but when the bride stepped out of her car at Westminster Abbey, the sun began to shine. It was a beautiful day and a magnificent wedding. Even some of the reporters there said it was like a *miracle*—and perhaps it *was* a miracle!

Why was the world so fascinated? What prompted 2 billion people to stop and dwell on the wedding of a young English couple? Despite the avalanche of coverage surrounding the royal wedding, can you remember a single story explaining *why* there was such a huge global audience?

There was one main reason why the audience was so large. When we understand it, it will fill our lives with hope and joy!

Everyone knows that the wedding revolved around a royal throne. Very few, however, understand that this throne—the royal family to which Prince William belongs—was prophesied in your Bible to be here in this end time!

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Moreover, there was also a *message* prophesied to *explain* that throne and what it means for mankind.

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The Origin of That Throne

The Bible identifies Saul as the first human king of the ancient Israelites. When Saul died, he was succeeded by David, a young man from the tribe of Judah. David was then succeeded as king of Israel by his son Solomon.

But read what 1 Chronicles 29:23 says about who sat on that throne of Israel *before* Saul, David and Solomon: “Then Solomon sat on the THRONE OF THE LORD as king instead of David his father ...”

Did you catch that? *GOD* was the *FIRST* king of Israel! The royal lineage of Israel began with God Himself!

The five books of Moses, and Joshua and Judges show that

God was Israel’s king from the time the nation was established at Mt. Sinai to the time it inherited the Promised Land and eventually demanded a human king.

Today, Queen Elizabeth II, her son Charles, and his sons, William and Harry, are *descendants of King David*. This means that Queen Elizabeth II, like her ancient forefathers David and Solomon, *sits on a royal throne that was established by God Himself!*

Prince William, the groom at the royal wedding, is second in line to inherit a royal throne that extends all the way back to ancient Israel!

Perhaps some will find this hard to believe. It gets much easier if we believe the Word of God!

A Binding Promise

To understand England’s royal family, we must understand a promise God made to King David recorded in 2 Samuel 7. In the first few verses of this chapter, God inspires David to build Him a house, or temple, in Jerusalem. Although David made the decision to build the temple, the temple itself was to be constructed by David’s son Solomon.

Beginning in verse 12, we see God’s history-altering promise: “And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, *I will set up thy seed after thee*, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.” God is talking about Solomon. In verse 13, God says of Solomon, “He shall build a house for my name, and I WILL STABLISH THE THRONE OF HIS KINGDOM FOR EVER.”

What a promise! God said He would establish Solomon’s royal throne **FOREVER!**

In verses 14-16, God revealed this promise even more explicitly: “I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: But my mercy shall not depart away from him ... *And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever* before thee: **THY THRONE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED FOR EVER.**”

God could not have explained it more clearly. If members of this royal family disobeyed God, He would chasten them—but He would **NEVER** break His covenant with David. He would **NEVER** take away the throne!

2 Chronicles 13:5 reinforces this point, saying that “the Lord God of Israel *gave the kingdom over Israel to David for ever*, even to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt”—or, the margin reads, a “perpetual covenant.” Beginning with his son Solomon, David would *always*, **FOREVER**, have a descendant ruling as a monarch over Israel!

In Psalm 89:3-4, God tells King David that He will “build up thy throne *to all generations.*”

If you believe God, and millions of people say they do, this means the royal line of David must still exist today!

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Did You See God at the Wedding?

The whole world watched—and He was there. **BY RON FRASER AND BRAD MACDONALD**



THE MOMENT

Catherine Middleton walks the aisle of Westminster Abbey.

FROM SYDNEY TO STOCKHOLM, Seoul to Santiago, they watched, glued to screens for a seemingly magic, even fairy-tale moment—the marriage of a real royal prince to his bride. This occasion, carried off with an elegance that only the British can achieve so impeccably, held much of the world spellbound for a moment.

In a world in which the dark side of humanity is on perpetual display, at a time of unparalleled uncertainty and instability, the wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton on April 29 was a rare and much-welcomed moment of unity and tranquility, of hope and joy. For a fleeting moment, 2 billion people—*nearly one third of mankind*—set aside pride and prejudice, and witnessed human civilization at its best.

Why? It seems there's something in the human makeup that instinctively longs for ceremony, pageantry, and displays of regal splendor. But just what is it about Britain that holds the attention of the world on such an occasion as the wedding of Catherine Middleton to Prince William? Royal weddings elsewhere don't attract any significant international attention. Why, out of the 196 nations in the world, does such an occasion in one of its smaller island landmasses, largely isolated from the great continents, appear so unique?

To truly understand, one has to look to the true source of the ancient ceremony and pageantry surrounding this royal wedding.

The Source of the Ceremony

The British people can make a unique historical claim. Not only did they preside over the greatest empire in humankind's history, but they brought a unique gift into every land they inherited within that empire: the Holy Bible. The British and Foreign Bible Society oversaw the translation, publication and distribution of that book into every principal tongue known to man (article, page 22).

Within the pages of that book, the true source of British royal ceremony is revealed. It all tracks back to a unique building, a tabernacle, the design of which was inspired by the Creator of man, documented by the patriarch Moses, and preserved for posterity in the biblical book of Exodus.

The colors of British royalty are sourced in that tabernacle, as are the colors of its national flag, the Union Jack. The sense of ceremony that later became associated with Davidic royalty is rooted in the same source, finding its most glorious architecture in Solomon's temple. That same concept of ceremony has evolved into the current-day expression of British royal occasions. Any genuine study of history proves this fact. Our free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* is a good place to start such a study.

Though God gifted this process of royal ceremony to the nations of Israel, He gave a special responsibility to the nations of Judah and Ephraim to carry on and to spread the influence of those traditions. The documented lineage of Queen Elizabeth II proves that the House of Windsor holds to those general traditions to this day. It was, in fact, vestiges of Davidic ceremony and pageantry that were on display in London, and especially Westminster, on the wedding day.

We live in a world yearning for answers, for solutions—to our failing economies and governments, to our dissolving marriages and families, to our self-destructive creeds and cultures, to the widespread depression and to the yawning poverty of faith and hope. On April 29, the solution to these problems came in the form of a royal wedding. To grasp this solution, we must have the depth of mind to look past the pomp and pageantry, the elaborate decor, the dress, the celebrities, and even the character and conduct of those in attendance—including the priests and royal patrons.

Seeing the solution is simple, really: All we have to do is consider the truth embodied within the hymns and anthems, the customs and practices, the prayers and supplications.

What 2 Billion People Heard

Take the words, sung by the choir, which accompanied Catherine Middleton as she walked down the aisle. "Jerusalem is builded as a city: that is at unity in itself. O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls: and plenteousness within thy palaces." Written 3,000 years ago by King David, one of the greatest songwriters of all time, and canonized in the 122nd Psalm, these words foretell the Second Coming of Jesus Christ, at which point the city of Jerusalem will become the headquarters of God's Kingdom.

Dwell on that for a moment. On the day of this wedding, 2 billion people witnessed Catherine Middleton glide down the aisle to music that prophesied of a time when *Jesus Christ will return and then rule from Jerusalem!*

After the bride found her place beside Prince William, the cavernous halls of Westminster Abbey resonated with the sound of 1,900 guests singing a hymn written by Welsh preacher William Williams. "Guide me, O thou great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but thou art mighty; ... Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow; let the fiery cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through; strong Deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield."

What a moving sight: NEARLY ONE THIRD OF HUMANITY watching as the congregation recalled in unison the story of the Israelites' Exodus from Egypt, and even more, *the spiritual journey from Egypt that God plans for all mankind to take in due time!*

Meaningful Vows

Following the hymn, the dean of Westminster began the ceremony by telling the world it was witnessing two people embrace an institution created by God Himself. "Dearly beloved, we are gathered here in the sight of God ... to join together this man and this woman in holy matrimony; which is an honorable estate, *instituted by God Himself*, signifying unto us the MYSTICAL UNION

THAT IS BETWIXT CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH ..." (emphasis ours throughout).

Imagine that, 2 billion people being told that marriage was "instituted by God Himself," and that it is a PHYSICAL TYPE OF THE IMMINENT UNION OF JESUS CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH!

Next, the archbishop of Canterbury presided over the exchange of wedding vows. "William Arthur Philip Louis," his baritone voice echoed soberly, "wilt thou have this woman to thy wedded wife, to live together according to God's law in the HOLY ESTATE OF MATRIMONY?" Once again, it was a glimpse into the supreme Mastermind behind the creation of the marriage institution, and the truth that God created laws of marriage and family that, when embraced, result in blissful, uplifting, unbreakable lifelong relationships.

After the exchange of vows and the ring, the bride and bridegroom knelt before the archbishop as he prayed. "O Eternal God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, giver of all spiritual grace, the author of everlasting life, send thy blessing upon these thy servants" To many, it was a hollow prayer performed more as a matter of routine than an act of genuine faith. Despite the deeply flawed medium via which it was delivered, THE TRUTH EMBODIED IN THAT PRAYER IS ACCURATE! Prince William and Catherine, Queen Elizabeth II and most of those in attendance and watching via screen—and even the archbishop himself—may not believe it, nevertheless, GOD IS INDEED THE "CREATOR AND PRESERVER OF ALL MANKIND." And as the "Creator and Preserver of all mankind," God has the ability, and the intense desire, to solve our problems—if we would only embrace Him and follow His instructions!

After his prayer, the archbishop joined the hands of the bride and groom and repeated the words of Jesus Christ: "Those whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder." If mankind would only respect and apply that instruction, it would go a long way to preventing divorce and family breakdown!

Instruction in God's Plan

Next, the choir sang "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," an



THEIR MAJESTIES

Britons wave to the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge as they traverse the processional route to Buckingham Palace.

18th-century hymn composed by Charles Wesley, the theme of which is the attainment of spiritual perfection. Following the hymn, the royal couple was addressed by James Middleton, the brother of the bride, who recalled the words of God through the Apostle Paul in Romans 12. "I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship" The words fell on the deaf ears of an audience consumed with the worship of self before God. Nevertheless, *this is the solution to our problems*. If you want happiness and contentment, peace and prosperity, then give your life over to God—OVER TO OBSERVING HIS LAW!

Next, the choir sang another hymn, the words of which were taken, yet again, from the Psalms. Following this, the world listened to a performance of Paul Mealor's "Ubi Caritas," a motet sung in Latin, with words taken from 1 John 4. Then another prayer was offered, this one based on Jesus Christ's prayer in Matthew 6.

Afterward, the world watched as the congregation, and hundreds of thousands watching from the streets of London, united in a stirring, tear-inducing rendition of "Jerusalem," a poem originally composed by the 19th-century poet

William Blake. Embodied within the song is the story of Jesus Christ's journey to England as a young boy, and more significantly, HIS SECOND COMING at which time THE HEADQUARTERS OF GOD'S KINGDOM SHALL BE ESTABLISHED IN JERUSALEM! It was quite a sight: celebrities like David Beckham, Elton John and Guy Ritchie uniting in voice with Queen Elizabeth, Prime Minister Cameron and tens of thousands of onlookers, *singing a hymn about Jerusalem and the coming Kingdom of God*. They didn't know it, BUT THEY WERE SINGING THE SOLUTION TO MANKIND'S PROBLEMS!

Following "Jerusalem" there were more prayers, and more hymns and anthems, all of which included profound words giving insight into the mind and plan of God. Finally, when Prince William and his wife departed, it was to the rousing bellow of trumpets. This, too, was a reminder of Britain's ancient and glorious heritage. In ancient Israel, the trumpet played a unique and important role. It was an instrument employed in war and celebration—and a vital component of all the major ceremonies, including coronations and royal weddings.

From start to finish, the royal wedding was POWERFUL and MOVING instruction IN THE MIND AND PLAN OF GOD!



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The World Needs It!

The world has a hunger for such instruction—though the masses remain ignorant of the source of that hunger and the reason for it. Simply put, this world needs a Savior, a *royal Savior!* It hungers and thirsts for such amid all its wars, woes, the destructive force of wind, rain, fire, earthquake, tsunami and nuclear night-

mare. It especially yearns for such when its peoples become subject to the tyranny of so many false “saviors,” as they have too often throughout history!

It was that longing that was on display, globally, during the royal wedding. That is why the world was drawn to the television screens, watching enamored of the ancient pageantry and ceremony.

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To the liberal, the socialist, the republican and the atheist in our midst, the British royal family is an anachronism that ought to be committed to the dustbin of history. The enchantment of a global audience of multiple billions watching in fascination the joyfully regal display of the royal wedding puts the lie to that.

The great overarching reality is, simply put, that mankind subconsciously yearns to be guided and governed by an authority that would produce all the blessings, the peace

and happiness of which the masses are largely deprived. The occasional British royal wedding gives, humanly, a glimpse of the best of that of which the English-speaking peoples were once seen capable of fulfilling. A glimpse of, as Sir Winston Churchill put it, the prior capabilities of “the last best hope for mankind.”

Sadly, the prospects of fulfilling that “last best hope” faded with the demise of the British Empire, to be only briefly and spasmodically revived under a mere handful of U.S. presidents during America’s postwar rise to power.

Yet, far above all that, the Supreme Being does have a definite plan for all who ever have or who will yet be born of woman. It is a royal plan of a level far greater than any human being can imagine. It involves the preparation of all humankind to inherit, in common, a royal inheritance of unimaginable proportions. It is the very inheritance that a supreme, universal governing Father has gifted to His Son, the Savior of mankind, to share with all who will willingly subject themselves to His rule.

A Gift to Mankind?

Though few realized it, the details of the royal wedding contained LIFE-CHANGING knowledge that, if applied, would help solve problems! Of course, the instruments via which this message was communicated were hardly perfect. To be sure, the character and conduct of the royal family—and the representatives of the Anglican Church—as with all human beings, is deeply flawed. Nevertheless, behind the pomp and pageantry, the celebrity, the hats and tails, the hypocrisy and the faithless and morally impoverished behavior of some, was a message about God, *His nature* and HIS WONDERFUL AND INSPIRING PLAN FOR MANKIND!

If you believe this, then you have to wonder: Was the royal wedding an inspiring

gift from God to a hopeless world?

The execution was virtually flawless. Prior to the wedding there were threats of disruption, and even attacks, from both radical Islamists and anti-royalist republicans. In the end, the day could hardly have gone more smoothly. There were no major disruptions; in fact, out of the million or more people who flocked to London, fewer than 100 were arrested. The usually rowdy British were calm, respectful and orderly. Whether it was logistics, security, the cars and carriages, or the buildings and adornments, it all went off without a hitch.

Even the weather, as the media commentators noted, seemed miraculous. The day was supposed to be overcast and rainy, quintessential English weather. Yet, amazingly, when the radiant bride stepped from the car to enter the abbey, it was as if the sun got jealous: The clouds opened and the sun shone for the first time that day!

It’s up to you whether you believe God’s hand was guiding the material components of that flawlessly executed wedding. Not up for dispute, discussion or private interpretation, however, is the truth of God manifest throughout the moving and majestic ceremony.

Believe it or not, God was present at that royal wedding. He was there for you to see, to come to know, and to call upon for answers, for *solutions*, for HOPE!

What the world witnessed during that royal wedding was but a glimpse, in physical type, of its own future royal heritage. You can come to understand this great, timeless truth by requesting free copies of and studying our books *The Key of David* and *The Incredible Human Potential*. They contain a vision of your future that will give you tremendous hope amid a world of great confusion and strife, for they reveal a vision of royalty that is timeless, one which your Creator just yearns to share with you—*forever!*





TWISTERS

FLOODS

What's Wrong W

When the U.S. is getting walloped by record tornadoes, record flooding and record drought—all at the same time—you have to ask the question. **BY JOEL HILLIKER**

THE UNITED STATES HAD ALREADY experienced its deadliest tornado season since the mid-1970s, with 365 deaths. Then came Joplin.

“You see pictures of World War II, the devastation and all that with the bombing. That’s really what it looked like,” said Joplin High School Principal Kerry Sachetta. “I just couldn’t believe what I saw.”

On May 22, a twister ripped through the Missouri town killing 125 people and injuring some 1,150 more, according to early figures. Swaths of suburbia a half-mile wide were leveled along a six-mile stretch, leaving the town unrecognizable.

Debris from a hospital that was hit was found 60 miles away.

“You could have probably dropped a nuclear bomb on the town and I don’t think it would have done near as much damage as it did,” said CNN iReporter Zach Tusinger, who lost his uncle and aunt in the tornado.

Devastating

The Joplin tornado killed more people than any tornado since records started being kept six decades ago, and made 2011 the deadliest year for tornadoes since 1953.

Another 67 twisters touched down the same day across the Midwest. Two days later, five more tornadoes hit Oklahoma, killing nine, including two small children from one heartbroken family just a few miles from the *Trumpet’s* offices.

This was all less than a month after 362 tornadoes hit seven states in just four terrifying days—a rampage that killed over 350 people, injured thousands more, cut power to a million others, and splintered entire towns. It was the worst disaster in America since Katrina.

A record-shattering 312 of those tornadoes touched down within a single 24-hour period between April 27 and 28; before then, the most America had ever seen in a single day was 148. The most violent twister was 20 times normal size. This monster tore a scar *one mile wide* and a record *300 miles long* across Alabama and Georgia.

Remarkably, this all hit just days after another devastating rash of 155 tornadoes between April 14 and 16.

How unusual was this? The previous 10

DROUGHTS



UNNATURAL DISASTERS

A tornado leaves Tuscaloosa, Alabama, in ruin; floodwaters rise in Vicksburg, Mississippi; a farmer looks at his parched crop in Texas.

With the Weather?

Aprils each spawned an average of 161 tornadoes in the U.S.; the previous April record was 267. But in April of this year, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) estimates the number of twisters to touch down on American soil was an unparalleled 600-plus.

“This is a history-making tornado outbreak,” said meteorologist Jeff Masters.

The crazy thing is, when it comes to disasters, “history-making” is becoming commonplace.

Every few weeks it seems, the Earth unleashes unprecedented fury of another sort. One more dreadful record falls, and another constellation of survivors is left breathless in its wake.

WHAT’S WRONG WITH THE WEATHER? You have to have blinders on not to at least be asking the question.

Unprecedented

Even with Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Oklahoma and Tennessee in states of emergency from the tornadoes, other disasters are striking elsewhere in the country.

Texas is withering from its worst drought since 1895. None of the state is drought-free, according the U.S. Drought Monitor’s May 17 edition; over 80 percent is in “extreme” or “exceptional” drought. This is demolishing the state’s wheat production. The U.S. Department of Agriculture expects wheat production to drop 63 percent in Texas this year—which is certain to hurt already-low global supplies.

The bone-dry conditions have created a tinderbox for wildfires. More than 6,900 separate blazes this year have torched more than 2 million acres across the state.


“At times, we were literally burning border to border,” said a Texas Forest Service spokesperson. “I’ve *never seen anything like it*” (emphasis mine).

Wildfires are also blazing in Arizona, charring more than 40,000 acres so far.

Many people in these parched and blackened regions must be shaking their heads at the irony as they see other parts of the country being deluged with severe flooding.

Downpours across the South have swamped 3.6 million acres of farmland, 1 million acres in Arkansas alone.

Tennessee, Mississippi, Missouri, Illinois and Louisiana have also been hit hard after heavy rains and melting snow swelled the Ohio and Mississippi rivers to record levels. Federal authorities in Missouri were forced to blast a levee that was

 **VIDEO** What is the cause of the recent severe weather? Is it climate change or something more? Editor in chief Gerald Flurry explains the significance of the recent catastrophes online at trmpt.co/weather.

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creaking under the strain of floodwaters, inundating a 200-square-mile region. “Nobody has seen this type of water in the system,” the president of the Mississippi River Commission said. “It’s an unprecedented flood.”

Puzzling

These *where-did-this-come-from, once-in-a-lifetime, never-before-witnessed* calamities are piling up on top of one another. Why? Scientists are scrambling for answers.

Climate change models do not explain the increase in disasters hitting the U.S. right now. “Some ingredients that are favorable to tornadoes will increase in a warming world, others will decrease,” says Harold Brooks of the National Severe Storms Laboratory.

“I don’t think there’s any way of proving climate change is responsible for the weather patterns this week and week before,” said meteorologist Howard Bluestein of the University of Oklahoma in the first week of May.

After the Joplin tornado, a National Weather Service representative said it was hard to find correlation between climate change and the weather in spring 2011. “We just don’t know,” he said.

Whatever instruments and computer models they consult, however, scientists are overlooking the most important dimension to this trend.

That is, that weather is not entirely random.

It has a Maker. And it has a Sustainer.

Purposeful

If you believe the Bible, God challenges you to accept its assertion that He has power over the potent and destructive phenomena that are increasingly besieging our world. He can create them, and He can prevent them.

Job 38:28, for example, reveals God as the *father* of rain. He is able to command storm clouds, tornadoes and hurricanes to serve His purposes: “Out of the south cometh the whirlwind: and cold out of the north. By the breath of God frost is given: and the breadth of the waters is straitened. Also by watering he wearieth the thick cloud: he scattereth his bright cloud: And it is turned round about by his counsels: that they may do whatsoever he commandeth them upon the face of the world in the earth. He causeth it to come, *whether for correction, or for his land, or for mercy*” (Job 37:9-13).

Yes, sometimes God bathes the Earth

with gentle rain to show His loving concern and mercy—and other times God uses the weather, including floods and tornadoes, to *correct* people!

The God of the Bible is not impotent. He likens His judgment against the wicked to a *tornado* or *hurricane* (e.g. Jeremiah 23:19; 30:23-24). He uses the punitive sword of *flood and mildew*—and also that of *drought* (Deuteronomy 28:22; 11:17). Sometimes He wields both at the same time in order to heighten their corrective power (Amos 4:7).

The Bible also reveals that God has set spiritual and physical laws in motion, and that in this present age He is allowing mankind to develop its own ways of living—contrary to those laws—and to reap the natural consequences that result, including weather upsets.

Further, God, in His great purpose, also allows Satan the devil—the current (and temporary) god of this world, according to 2 Corinthians 4:4—to have a role in producing catastrophic weather, for man’s ultimate learning (see Job 1).

We should consider the worsening weather trend a warning from God. That’s

not to say—as Christ Himself clarified—that those specifically hit by these storms are any more sinful than those who were spared. We should recognize these as being curses on and warnings to *the nation*, not particular individuals. Christ’s message was, “[E]XCEPT YE REPENT, YE SHALL ALL LIKEWISE PERISH” (Luke 13:5). Biblical prophecy shows that we can expect this increasingly chaotic weather to get far, far worse very soon (see Revelation 6:5-8; 8:4-12). The powerful natural forces are going to be unleashed upon a disobedient world to bring it to its knees in repentance.

In Leviticus 26, God promises “rain in due season” and that “the land shall yield her increase” (verse 4)—“if ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them” (verse 3). Were the nations to do so, we would find ourselves blessed with beautiful weather and stable climates. We would not have to fear crop failures and famine, or being killed in a severe weather event.

We can—and prophecy shows, we *will*—experience prosperous living with pleasant weather—when we acknowledge and obey God, His laws and His benevolent rule. ■

HAVE YOU BEEN AFFECTED YET?

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WHY NATURAL DISASTERS?



SURGING HATE

Taliban supporters in Pakistan honor terrorist Osama bin Laden after his death in May.

A Terrorist Dies—a Dragon Encroaches

Osama bin Laden's death highlights another sign of a shifting world order. **BY JOEL HILLIKER**

OSAMA BIN LADEN'S DEATH MADE one thing plain: The relationship between America and Pakistan has tanked.

Some high-ranking Pakistanis *must* have known America's number one enemy was camped out, for *years*, in plain view—within walking distance of the Pakistan Military Academy, just outside the capital.

No surprise, then, that when Washington decided it was time to take bin Laden out on May 2, it didn't even warn the Pakistani government about the raid. CIA Director Leon Panetta said it didn't want to "jeopardize the mission. They might alert the targets." Ouch. Not exactly a ringing endorsement of America's "ally" in the war on terror.

Pakistan "apologized" for harboring the terrorist mastermind—*by berating the U.S. for not getting its permission to kill him*. Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani warned that future American raids within Pakistan could be repelled with "full force."

So, this is where the relationship stands after America has gifted more than \$18 billion in military and civilian aid to Pakistan over the last decade. Signs are that Pakistan has had enough and is ready to walk away.

Other signs show this may be because it has *another powerful suitor to take America's place*.

An Old Ally

May 17, Prime Minister Gilani began a four-day visit to an old ally—one that, given his nation's troubles with the U.S., is looking more relevant all the time: *China*.

Beijing is aggressively courting Pakistan right now. It expects America's presence in the region to shrink soon, and it wants to fill the void—not only in Pakistan, but also in Afghanistan and other states in the neighborhood. So far its efforts look quite successful.

In April, even before bin Laden was killed, a remarkable report emerged highlighting this trend. Gilani visited Afghanistan and, according to what Afghan officials later told the *Wall Street Journal*, he "bluntly told Afghan President Hamid Karzai that the Americans had failed them both" (April 27). The *Washington Post* said Pakistan's position was "that the U.S. military strategy had no prospect for success, that its troops antagonized the region and that the Afghan government should avoid any agreement that allows long-term U.S. military bases in Afghanistan" (April 28). Does that sound like someone who wants to preserve his ties with Washington?

But here's the kicker: Gilani then counseled Karzai to seek new allies—*particularly China*.



Clearly, Pakistan is preparing itself for the U.S. to fail in Afghanistan. But do you suppose Gilani would be so dismissive of Washington if he weren't confident that China is able and willing to take its place?

These two countries are celebrating the 60th anniversary of their relationship by allowing it to blossom. China has agreed to invest up to \$30 billion in Pakistan over the next five years. It exports significant

military hardware there. It supports Pakistan's nuclear power industry; in fact, it helped Pakistan become a nuclear power back in 1998.

After Osama bin Laden was killed, China became the only major power to stand up for Pakistan. Gilani responded by singling out China as Pakistan's "all-weather friend."

"For Pakistan, Beijing represents an uncritical friend ready to provide aid, investment and military assistance," Associated

Press reported May 17. "To the leaders in Beijing, ties with Pakistan and other countries in its neighborhood offer a bigger diplomatic footprint, better access to resources and a larger stable of allies to challenge U.S. supremacy."

This is important to realize: China's courting of Pakistan fits with its larger strategy.

The Master Plan

China is rapidly expanding its presence as an economic powerhouse in countries worldwide. It has leveraged its massive cash holdings to establish ties with needy but resource-rich nations, and to build and buy the infrastructure globally it needs in order to fuel its own meteoric growth. Since 85 percent of its trade is sea-based, one of its big pastimes has been to snap up ports and sea gates all over the world.

China particularly seeks greater strategic control over the Indian Ocean, the vital oceanic route to the Middle East. The Strait of Hormuz, the entrance to the Persian Gulf, is one of Earth's most strategic sea gates; 13 million barrels of Middle Eastern oil pass through it each day. China wants in—and

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Out of Thin Air

Do you realize how dangerously fragile America's economy has become? **BY ROBERT MORLEY**

ONE DAY EVERYTHING CAN BE FINE. SUN SHINING, CASH REGISTERS ringing, birds singing in the trees. The next day, you're in a horror story—and no one knows where it came from.

That's what happened in the 1952 novella *The Birds*. You might recall a Cornish farm worker waking up in the middle of the night. Incessant tapping on the window; him opening it. Feeling something cut his hand. Seeing a bird fly away. The sound returning, worse this time. Birds smashing through the windows in his children's room, clawing and biting them before he can drive them away.

The next day, everything seems normal. Claims of bird attacks seem far-fetched. But flocks of gulls begin amassing on the waves, then rising silently over the Cornish coast. The family barricades itself in its home, learning from the wireless that avian violence is happening all across England. The birds attack, diving, hurling, clawing, pecking, destroying and killing.

An analogy might be drawn between the fiction of Daphne du Maurier and the reality of the American economy. Everything seems fairly normal. We've had a scare or two, but most of us still have jobs, commerce is still taking place, politicians are still arguing on Capitol Hill. The world is still going round. But something wicked this way is coming.

And even though many people see the birds on the horizon, we are not preparing at all for them.

Bad Signs

Have we forgotten Lehman Brothers? When Lehman collapsed and shattered the financial world in 2008, many analysts labeled it a "black swan." Black swans are dramatic upheavals that were never even imagined to be possible; anciently, black swans were thought not to exist. Yet in hindsight, their existence was clear.

Before 2008, who would have thought a revered 158-year-old banking icon would not only collapse overnight, but trigger a meltdown threatening virtually every major bank on the planet? With modern finance, those things just weren't supposed to happen. *Surely it was a once-in-a-millennium accident.*

In fact, we *made this* black swan. Looking back, we can see how our irresponsibility created this monster. And we should have seen it coming. But in its wake, we sadly—yet predictably—absolved ourselves of the need to make real changes.

Instead of getting to the root of the financial crisis, America doubled down on the very things that caused the crisis in the first place. The Federal Reserve had encouraged banks to increase lending. Now, led by Congress, it actually went out and *gave the banks money* at zero percent interest so they could lend it directly to homeowners—and even to the U.S. government—at 4 to 5 percent or higher. When that didn't prove "stimulative" enough, the Fed actually began printing up money out of thin air to keep the government running.

"The day after," it appears to have worked. The stock market is recovering, the economy is adding jobs again, and fewer banks are failing. While these are good signs, this is exactly what should be expected from a *multitrillion-dollar* effort to prop up the economy. Debt always feels good at first. But eventually, it catches up with you.

Just as Nat Hocken noticed that the birds were strangely agitated the day before he was attacked, we should have already picked up on the warning signs, like the political budget battles. Republicans and Democrats claim they want to take a chainsaw to the trunk of America's enormous debt. But all they are actually doing is clipping a few twigs off, and ignoring the new \$14.6 trillion debt tree we have planted.

America has staved off debt collapse—but *in the process, it has made itself far more vulnerable to unexpected shocks*. The economy is now so unstable, there is a growing fear that in the

future, even turkeys are going to become black-swan catastrophes. And because America's debt levels are now so big, the next crisis could be deadly.

Millions of homeowners across America can attest to what happens then. When the interest payments catch up with you, and/or an *unexpected event* causes you to miss a payment, the skies get dark pretty quickly. The same thing is true nationally. Once America's lenders suspect the nation can no longer handle its multiplying debt, they will call in their loans. Then our debt problems will come home to roost.

What will that mean for you? Massive tax increases, social services cut to pre-Great Society levels. For most people, retirement will be a dream as unrealistic as finding a job. And the rioting won't be limited to Wisconsin.

Black Swans Are Gathering

Following the 2008 economic meltdown, the world as we knew it ended. "Never in anyone's career have there been so many problems in the world," said Jean-Francois Tardif, former manager of the Sprott Opportunities Hedge Fund. "I think you have to change your belief system—we're in a different world."

Things *have* changed. America has long enjoyed its position as the world's financial cornerstone. Dollars symbolized wealth, security, power, even happiness. But with America printing billions of them out of thin air, they are in danger of becoming lethal to the balance sheets of those who continue to hold them. Investors are concerned about the risks of America's debt load—and the sustainability of the dollar as the world's reserve currency.

On April 18, Standard & Poor's Ratings Service downgraded its outlook on America's ability to pay its debt from "stable" to "negative." It was the first-ever downgrade for America. Just a few years ago, it would have been virtually unthinkable from an establishment organization.

Yet, when asked about the warning from S&P, U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner said there was "no risk" that the United States would ever lose its AAA credit rating. He said Congress would exercise discipline and raise the debt ceiling. He then went on to say that if it were up to him, he would raise the debt ceiling *as high as possible* so investors would not worry about not getting paid back.

Raise the debt ceiling as much as possible? Take on even more debt? Does this sound like someone who is facing grim reality?

With each extra dollar of debt, the economy becomes more susceptible to the

types of shock that could prevent payment.

By the end of fiscal year 2011, the federal government is projected to have spent more than \$420 billion on debt interest payments. All told, America is expected to borrow around \$1.6 trillion to pay its budget bills this year. *That means one out of every four dollars America is borrowing is going to pay the INTEREST on its borrowed money.*

I repeat: America is *borrowing* money—at interest—TO PAY THE INTEREST! Try doing that with your credit cards and see how long you last.

Making the situation all the more dangerous is the fact that the \$215 billion spent on interest in the first half of fiscal year 2011 was incurred with the lowest interest rates in U.S. history! The Federal Reserve has artificially manipulated interest rates down to almost zero, but it will not be able to hold them there indefinitely. And as interest rates rise, interest payments will skyrocket. If rates bump up just 1 percent, America's interest payments will soar by \$125 billion per year! If interest rates rise to 5 percent (where they were as recently as 2007), America will be forced to pay over \$1 trillion per year in interest! And if rates are forced back to where they were in the 1970s and '80s, interest payments will consume \$2 trillion per year.

With projected tax revenues of only \$2.1 trillion this year, the debt may soon consume most of the government's money.

As long as the debt grows, the debt payments will multiply and multiply and multiply, pecking away at America's financial system. Eventually, something will have to give. Will the government default on its debt? Will it try to cheat creditors through inflation? Will taxes go sky high? Will Medicare and Medicaid be slashed? Each choice comes with serious social and economic consequences.

America's debt has become a massive economic albatross.

Trumpeting in the Night

In March, one of the world's largest private bond investors revealed that it would no longer lend money to America. Bill Gross, manager and co-founder of the \$1.2 trillion Pimco bond funds, revealed that his premier Total Return Fund sold all of its U.S. government treasuries—a couple hundred billion dollars' worth. It was a shocking announcement. Then it was revealed that Gross had gone even further and was actively short selling American bonds.

Gross isn't alone. Others also believe that the world's largest debt market is a giant bubble ready to burst.

On April 18, the People's Bank of China again warned that China would eventually

diversify its monetary reserves away from U.S. treasuries. This diversification may involve selling more than a *trillion dollars' worth* of U.S. dollar assets. China lent it—now it wants it back.

According to Gross, America is conducting a Ponzi scheme. Its "quantitative easing" program is simply creating money out of thin air to pay debts. As that program ends in June, Gross says it will be D-Day for government bonds—which means, *watch out*.

That is why Gross, the Chinese and other insiders are so pessimistic. America's borrowing needs are the biggest in history, yet its ability to pay its debts relies on more borrowing—or printing money Zimbabwe-style. Once the Fed is done juicing the market, interest rates will jump, and treasuries will plummet in value.

Everything in debt-addicted America will become costlier. Jobs will be lost. Taxes will rise. Funding will disappear. Government debt payments will soar, the economy will grind to a halt and tax revenues will fall. Remember: The government's only source of income is *you*. That means *you* will ultimately pay the price.

The New White Swans

But a debt collapse isn't the only black swan on the horizon. There are many more ominous birds in plain sight: terrorism, \$100-per-barrel oil, \$5-a-gallon gasoline, home values still dropping, banks leveraged on depreciating houses, revolutions in the Middle East. Greece, Portugal and Ireland facing bankruptcy, the eurozone on the precipice, Japan's earthquake aftermath, China's growing military (ultimately funded by U.S. taxpayers). These are only the swans we can see. What about unexpected disasters? Are we immune from those?

America's economy is now so weak that it won't take much to trigger the next crisis. In America the Precarious, so-called black swans may soon become as ordinary as white swans.

Our financial system is addicted to selfishness, impatience and greed, manifested in debt. Our dollars are made out of nothing more than paper, and backed with nothing but shaky confidence. They are as ubiquitous as birds, and we are completely exposed to them. When the next swan event hits, our economy could be devastated. And we will be looking at the worthless digits in our bank account in a whole new way. We should be able to see it coming, but for some it will seem as though it came out of thin air. ■

How Your Financial Future Is Determined

Some of our readers are unemployed right now. Others may be in danger of losing their jobs. And yet employers are even now hiring many thousands every month. Someone must replace those who retire, quit, die or are fired. Of course, new jobs constantly open as businesses expand, communities grow, buildings are built and people buy more goods. Who will obtain these jobs depends on certain basic, unseen laws. There are definite economic laws that constantly regulate economic conditions. **BY HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG**

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REMEMBER VIVIDLY THE SUDDEN, nose-dive depression of 1920. I was then a publishers' representative in Chicago, Illinois. I was a member of the Chicago Association of Commerce, through its Advertising Club division.

In early January that year, at the regular, midweek Association of Commerce luncheon in the Cameo Room of the Morrison Hotel, the noted business analyst Roger Babson was the speaker. He warned the businessmen of Chicago that within less than a year we were going to crash into the most drastic economic depression our generation had seen.

I noticed some important bankers and security brokers smile knowingly in disagreement. They were sure that Mr. Babson was wrong. A year later Mr. Babson was again the speaker at the same association luncheon.

"I saw some of you businessmen smile, a year ago, when I warned you of the coming economic tragedy," he said. "Now let me tell you WHY I knew what was coming, and you didn't.

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

"You look to the factors

that *determine* conditions, not the thermometer that records conditions after they have occurred. You gentlemen looked at charts of current business activity, at

will be, a few months or a year from now. They are the CAUSES."

Yes, and *your own personal* economic future is determined by definite LAWS!

Very few realize that the Eternal Creator set in motion invisible yet inexorable LAWS, which regulate personal financial conditions!

In my 50 years in God's ministry, I have seen these laws *actually work* in the experiences of many people whom I have known personally. I have experienced their relentless working *in my own life!*

I had to learn this lesson *the hard way*, myself!

I have often mentioned on the air and in articles how God struck me down, not physically, but *economically*, to bring me to Him.

That very depression of 1920 destroyed my business in which I was making the equivalent of \$175,000 a year in today's money. Everything I touched turned, *not* to gold, like King Midas, but to loss of and lack of money. It was in poverty and hunger that God actually *conquered* me, and turned me to Him, giving my life to Him, more than 50 years ago.

But even after conversion—even after my ordination as a minister of Jesus Christ in 1931—our family was still on the economic rocks. I had begun to learn something about God's law of tithing as a Bible *doctrine*. I had studied it in the Bible. I had learned—seen *PROVED*—that this



bank clearings, records of freight car loadings, the stock market quotations—the thermometers on the wall. But," he continued, "there are LAWS that *govern* economic conditions. These laws are the factors which determine what conditions



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law was still in effect.

Yet, in those early years, it didn't seem to apply to *me*. I had seen it as a doctrine to accept as true—not as a LAW that I, personally, must OBEY.

How many of you are right now like I was then? For a few months I had been receiving a salary of \$20 per week as a minister, holding evangelistic campaigns. We had been able to live, very modestly, on that. But at the end of November that year, the salary was cut off. The Church conference treasury was empty! I *had* learned the lesson of FAITH. I trusted God implicitly to *supply every need*, as He has promised (Philippians 4:19). But I didn't yet realize how much we must “TEST the spirits, whether they are of God” (1 John 4:1; New King James Version throughout).

So when a former newspaper associate came to me with an urgent request that I join him, as advertising manager of a new morning newspaper he was starting, I *assumed*, foolishly and without making sure this offer was caused by GOD, that it was the answer to my petition to supply our financial need.

I had not yet learned, as I was to learn later, how to launch out in God's work *on faith*, knowing that God had called me. Of course, many try to launch *themselves* into God's ministry when GOD NEVER CALLED THEM. They are making a bigger mistake than I made in turning back to the advertising profession. In my case God had called me *from* the advertising profession into His WORK. He had ordained me, *put* me into His ministry. I had “put my hand to the plow,” but did not realize Jesus's command never to turn back.

Of course I did not turn back from the Christian life—nor, for that matter, even consider for a minute that I was turning back from the ministry. I regarded this as only a *temporary* job. I thought God had sent it, to supply this need temporarily. I actually accepted the job on the condition that it was to last three weeks only, fully expecting the way would open to be back in the ministry within three weeks.

But, once on this newspaper job, there was no quitting. God did not open the way to get back into His ministry until a year and three months had passed—during which time I had realized my mistake and prayed earnestly to be released from the newspaper job and restored to God's work. God let me learn the lesson, *by experience*, that His instruction to ministers: “Preach the word! *Be ready* in season and out of season” (2 Timothy 4:2), meant “KEEP AT IT in season and out of season.”

Once on this newspaper job, December 1931—in the midst of the Great

Depression—there was no money to pay salaries. I had to work out a way of trading advertising for food, clothing, hotel and rooming-house accommodations for the 23 men on the staff.

We had frequently gone hungry before I was converted. Now we went hungry even more frequently. Then one day, it dawned on my mind that we, ourselves, were actually breaking God's financial law by not tithing!

All of a sudden God made me see His financial law as something *personal*—not merely a doctrine to accept impersonally. It meant *ME!*

That very day I took 10 percent of what we had—and it was not enough to buy food—added an extra offering and mailed it to the Church treasury.

That very afternoon food came for a completely adequate meal. I don't remember how, but I do remember that *the very day* I REPENTED for not having accepted

It is not good for a person to get something for nothing, or for very little effort. This evil human urge to get without giving—to receive without paying—is the very thing in human nature that produces criminals.



tithing as a *personal obligation*, instead of a mere doctrinal *argument*, THAT VERY DAY FOOD CAME! God did not bring us immediate financial prosperity. For some years more, for our own good, we were forced to live in very poor economic circumstances. But *that very day* our financial condition started upward. Since that time I have known of the experiences of scores of other people. It was only a short time after that experience that God opened the way to bring me back into His active ministry. By this time I had learned *that* lesson, too. I have never left God's service, and never shall, as long as God permits me to live.

It was some months later that the very man whom God sent with his truck to move us, together with what household furniture we had, back to the Willamette Valley in Oregon—where I was to start an evangelistic campaign in Salem—himself had an experience in tithing.

This young man already was tithing the *money* that he handled. He was a farmer, and suddenly realized that he was not selling his eggs, and had not been tithing them in any way. He brought us a tithe of all the eggs his hens had laid that day.

Believe it or not, that same day his hens went on an egg-laying spree. Yes, laugh if you will—those hens cackled, too—it actually *happened*. It was the off-season for eggs. But that very day they began to lay more eggs than was normal in the best egg-laying season!

It seemed incredible—BUT IT HAPPENED!

I have given you the facts, before, of the well-driller who was unable to get any business in 1933. He began to tithe—one single dollar of the only \$10 he had. Next day a man who had owed him \$50 he never expected to collect came and paid it—and he tithed \$5. Immediately he began to get more wells to drill than he could handle.

Almost daily, *some* television viewer, reader or co-worker in this great work writes me a letter telling of a similar experience—beginning to pay God's TITHE, and beginning to PROSPER financially.

Now don't get the idea from this that

in *every* case God is going to work some incredible miracle. Don't get the idea that if you TRY tithing, you are to expect some astounding thing to happen, or that you are going to fall heir to a million dollars the next day. Perhaps in most cases the increase in income is not immediately apparent at all.

But of this, you MAY BE SURE! Over the long haul, the 90 percent of income God allows you to keep for yourself will increase to *more* than the 100 percent formerly was. God PROMISES to bless and prosper the tither! God KEEPS His promises!

God did not establish a binding LAW of tithing without a good REASON! Actually, there are many reasons. All of God's LAWS are for our GOOD.

Listen to God's Word to us: “Observe and obey all these words which I command you, *that it may go well with you and your children after you forever*” (Deuteronomy 12:28).

It is not *good* for a person to get something for nothing, or for very little effort. This evil human urge to GET without *giving*—to receive without *paying*—is the very thing in

human nature that produces criminals.

ALL God's spiritual LAW may be summed up in one word—LOVE. But Jesus magnified this into the two great laws—love to God and love to human NEIGHBOR. Love is the principle of GIVING. Jesus summed up the reason for it when He said, "It is *more blessed* to GIVE than to RECEIVE" (Acts 20:35). God knows and reveals that we receive a *greater* blessing by *giving* than by acquiring. GOD WANTS US TO HAVE BLESSINGS!

People really *want* blessings, but few know the way. Most people think the greater blessing comes from receiving—getting—taking—acquiring.

Today we Americans talk about "the American way." But the way of most Americans today is to try to *get* more than they *give*. Formerly employers took more in production from labor than they paid employees in wages. So labor organized. Today the labor-union principle seems to be to *get* more, in wages, than they *give* in production from their labor. Less work—more pay! Deluded labor unions seem to think this is for *their good*. They don't know GOD'S LAW. They know not that they are bringing a CURSE on themselves.

We talk, today, about owning property. But GOD actually *owns* all the earth. That includes the property on which *you* pay taxes. God says the EARTH is His—for *He created it!* God OWNS it. He lets us occupy His earth, as temporary tenants. All wealth comes from the ground.

IT IS NOT GOOD FOR MAN TO TAKE ALL HE CONSUMES OUT OF GOD'S EARTH WITHOUT PAYING ANYTHING FOR IT! If you rent ground from a MAN who *thinks* he owns it, he charges you rent—up to 50 percent or more of what you produce from it. God set a LAW in motion—that we should pay HIM, not 50 percent, but *only* 10 percent, plus whatever offering we have in our hearts to *give*. Now a LAW is not a law without a *penalty*. God does not *force* you to tithe. But if you don't, there is a penalty! You lose the BLESSING that goes with honest stewardship. You come under a CURSE!

God says our NATIONS are under a CURSE today (Malachi 3:9) because we have *robbed God*. The man who does not pay God His tithe is a *thief*—and, worse than a criminal robbing a bank, he is *robbing God!* Yes, GOD SAYS SO—verse 8!

And one of the Ten Commandments is "You shall not steal" (Exodus 20:15). The man who does puts himself immediately *under the law*—under penalty of DEATH for *all eternity*—unless he *repents*, and pleads the blood of Christ for forgiveness and reconciliation to God!

Ignorance of the LAW does not excuse. You may say, "Well, I never *knew* all this." Well, you are without excuse, for you know it now—or you can know it if you'll check up IN YOUR OWN BIBLE!

But God is most merciful. The minute you really repent, *quit* breaking this law, begin keeping it honestly and go to Christ for forgiveness, then all is forgiven and God begins pouring out His blessing, just as He did on me.

Hundreds of our co-workers have written me, during the past many years, saying God had opened their eyes to His tithing law, and telling how they have been blessed. One even wrote that she, too, had started tithing eggs, and her hens, too, had immediately gone on an egg-laying spree! She had either heard me mention that experience over the air or read of it in a former issue.

Of course I won't guarantee God will cause hens to start laying eggs faster every time. Probably it won't work out exactly that way—but He *does* promise a blessing (Malachi 3:10-12).

How do you pay your tithes to God? By putting them into GOD'S WORK where His gospel is being preached—not merely MAN'S gospel *about* Christ, but the very same message Christ preached.

Most professing Christians have never heard the gospel today! Jesus preached

only one gospel—that about the KINGDOM (government—rule) of God—of how God is going to RULE ALL NATIONS—of how we may, by being begotten *now*, be actually BORN INTO GOD'S KINGDOM at the Second Coming of Christ, being then GLORIFIED just as Christ is *now* glorified in the very FAMILY of God!

But most professing ministers of Christianity today deny this gospel altogether! WHAT does God *do* with His tithe? He uses it for HIS MINISTRY, to preach HIS message of REPENTANCE, FAITH IN CHRIST AND BEING BAPTIZED BY HIS SPIRIT INTO HIS FAMILY—His message of the KINGDOM OF GOD—the WORLD TOMORROW! It is the message of GOD'S WAY. It is the message of true salvation. It is the message of a changed and a fuller, happier LIFE—the message of ETERNAL life, God's gift through grace! He uses it to tell mankind THE WAY to happiness, joy, prosperity and eternal life in HIS KINGDOM.

But look at the CURSE! God's way has not been preached. The WORLD is unhappy, empty, sick, poverty-stricken, cursed with fears and worries, restlessness, frustrations, insanity, crime, violence, war—DEATH!

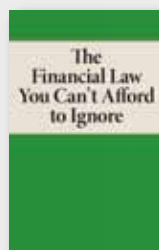
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Lying Wonders

It seems that sleight of hand, subterfuge and outright deceit are normal for those who control the European Union. **BY RON FRASER**

THE EUROPEAN UNION WAS FOUNDED on a lie: the great lie that it was only ever to be a democratic, free-trade institution, dedicated to the unity of Europe without affecting the individual national sovereignty of its constituents.

As its founders admitted, it was anything but democratic in intent, and, from its very beginnings, was destined to become a political union.

European elites have, via a series of treaties, steadily worked to develop the original Common Market into the imperial political enterprise that it is today.

But this is a deeply flawed enterprise.

The monolithic union of 27 nations that now comprises this EU behemoth is riddled with fraud, corruption and a deeply entrenched spirit of outright deceit. Three whistle-blowers intent on exposing EU fraud and corruption have been cast aside since the creation of the eurozone: Bernard Connolly, Paul van Buitenen and Marta Andreasen. Each has declared amazement at the blatant nature of EU fraud and manipulation.

Though all three of these ex-EU employees have published their findings, the revelations as to EU corruption do not even begin to hit the sides of EU technocrats and their political bosses. Why? Because they are all conditioned to the reality that with the EU, lying, deceit, fraud and corruption is required. For the average EU technocrat, it is a way of life.

Thus it should have been no surprise to hear, this past May, one of the EU's shining lights blatantly justify having told a whopper.

The rumor emerged in May that Greece might leave the euro. News leaked that the country's finance minister was summoned to a meeting in Luxembourg with European leaders to discuss deeper austerity measures for Greece. The rumors sent financial markets into a tailspin. The euro's value began to plummet.

That's when Luxembourg's prime minister and the chairman of the eurogroup of

single currency members, Jean-Claude Juncker, stepped up. As the *Telegraph* reported it, "In a desperate bid to end the turmoil, Mr. Juncker, who had not informed other eurozone finance ministers of the meeting, chose to lie. 'I totally deny there is a meeting,' said his spokesman, as speculation mounted.

Mr. Juncker had already horrified many of his counterparts by openly bragging last month that he often 'had to lie' to suppress public debate over eurozone economic policies which, he claimed, were too important for open contemplation" (May 15).

Cursory observers of the EU can perceive little of the depth of the deceit behind its "democratic" facade. It is the very antithesis of democracy. In reality it is a tyranny by stealth.

The Father of Lies

The sheer deviousness of the whole EU venture is deeply impressive for its diabolical cleverness. The project is but the current manifestation of six prior efforts to impose a "holy Roman" unity over Europe—and in fact the whole civilized world. Still, though, the manner in which this seventh effort is being constructed leads the deepest of thinkers to ponder the tremendous power of the intellect behind it.

For height of deception, extent of sleight of hand, degree of sheer deceit and outright lying, this beastly European Union is unmatched. The reason for this is that its true power is sourced at a level *above the human intellect*.

If you recognize the true nature of this emerging empire, then you will understand this. God revealed, through biblical prophecy, that there would be a seventh and final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire. He foretold that it would be a politico-military power comprising 10 European regional groupings, each under a leader who



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Eurogroup finance president Jean-Claude Juncker has unapologetically admitted to routine lying.

would in turn pay obeisance to one political leader and one religious leader. This is clearly revealed in the prophecies of Daniel 2, 8 and 11 and Revelation 13 and 17.

But the Bible prophesies something else about this great empire. That has to do with the source of its power—which is, literally, out of this world: "[A]nd *the dragon* gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority" (Revelation 13:2; see also verses 4, 11).

In John 8:44 we read that this being, depicted as a dragon in the book of Revelation, is "a liar and the father of it." Small wonder, then, that the EU's leading lights are liars and that they even proudly justify their grand deceit!

Considering the source of the power driving this seventh and final resurrection of the EU, Juncker's blatant lie and free admission of it as his *modus operandi* should be no real shock. It's the very nature of the beast to lie! The whole European enterprise is a great sham built on a huge lie: a counterfeit of the soon-coming Kingdom of God!

This sham "Christian" empire is being cobbled together by powerfully influential elites in Europe, totally unaware of the great deceiving power that is using them for his own ends!

Yes, there is a clear thread that tracks the whole effort at European Union clear back to the Nazi Red House Report. But the power that is driving it is unseen! Unseen and very satanic! This is no conspiracy theory. This is revelatory biblical truth! ■

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Egyptians waving Palestinian flags protest at the Israeli embassy in Cairo.

1 | EGYPT

That radical shift? It's already here

FOR THREE DECADES, EGYPT HAS been an ally of both Israel and America, and a bulwark for security and peace in the Mideast. For two decades, the *Trumpet* has said this status quo would change—that Egypt would shift dramatically toward radical Islam.

Now that shift is happening before our eyes—and quickly. Hosni Mubarak was only ousted in February, and Egypt hasn't even held elections yet; it's being run by a military council overseeing a caretaker civilian cabinet. Still, the nation's foreign policy and political orientation is already visibly changing in a way that threatens to transform the region.

Most significantly, Egypt wants to revive diplomatic ties with Iran. On March 29, Nabil Al-Arabi, Egypt's new foreign minister, held his first press conference and announced that Egypt is ready to turn over a new leaf in its relationship with Iran and with Hezbollah. "The Egyptian government doesn't consider Iran to be an enemy state," Al-Arabi said. "We're opening a new page with all countries, including Iran." Iran responded favorably. On April 18, Tehran appointed an ambassador to Egypt for the first time since the two nations halted diplomatic relations in 1978.

After decades of Egypt and Saudi Arabia providing a counterweight to Iran's

expanding influence, an Egypt-Iran axis would significantly alter the Middle East.

The Egyptian government has also reached out to Hamas, an Iran-backed Palestinian Islamist organization Cairo had previously shunned.

A Hamas delegation visited Cairo on March 28, meeting with Egyptian intelligence personnel, the foreign minister and an official from the organization currently running Egypt. Hamas officials provided security assurances to Egypt and expressed solidarity with the Egyptian revolution.

Cairo is also opening the Rafah border crossing between Egypt and the Gaza Strip. Mubarak

had sealed this border when Hamas took control of Gaza in 2007 in order to prevent weapons smuggling into Gaza and to clamp down on terrorism. The new government is apparently far more concerned with pleasing the anti-Israel sentiment of the Arab street.

In early May came the huge news of a reconciliation pact between the divided Palestinian leaders of Hamas and the secular Fatah. Remarkably, this pact, built on a common Palestinian desire to defeat Israel and establish a Palestinian state, was engineered by Egypt. Nothing more starkly illustrates the country's radical new orientation.

Egypt has quickly moved from guaranteeing Israel's security to inspiring the Arab cause against Israel.

Many in Israel and the West have underestimated the influence of the Muslim Brotherhood and the popular support for anti-Israel policies. Muslim movements organized by the Muslim Brotherhood are receiving a surge of support throughout Egypt. The rapid spread of Muslim political parties ahead of parliamentary elections in September has strengthened fears that radical Islamic movements will dominate Egypt's new democracy.

"The Muslim Brotherhood, Egypt's largest Islamic movement and the



founder of Hamas, has set up a network of political parties around the country that eclipse the following of the middle-class activists that overthrew the regime," the *Telegraph* reported. "On the extreme fringe of the Brotherhood, Islamic groups linked to al Qaeda are organizing from the mosques to fill the vacuum left by the collapse of the dictatorship" (April 17).

While the Muslim Brotherhood has promised not to field a candidate in Egypt's presidential election, slated for September, a member of the group, Abdel Moneim Abul Futouh, announced in May he will run as an independent. Though Futouh is depicted in the Western media as a moderate, it appears this is a ploy by the Muslim Brotherhood to get an Islamist into the presidency.

As Islamists press their advantage, the 10 percent of the population that is Christian is feeling it, and more and more of them are fleeing the country. Islamists are demanding the governor of the southern city of Qena, a Coptic Christian and one of the few Christians serving in the government, be removed. For two weeks in April, demonstrators brought the city to a standstill, blocking roads and the railway and paralyzing public life. On May 7, 13 people were killed and 232 wounded in clashes between Muslims and Christians in Cairo, with a church being burned to the ground.

Watch for further radicalization of Egypt once multi-party elections are held and the Muslim Brotherhood gains a more direct role in Egyptian politics.

In response to the slaying of Osama bin Laden at the beginning of May, the Muslim Brotherhood issued a statement referring to the terrorist leader by the honorific term "sheikh" and defending the "resistance" against U.S. troops in Afghanistan and Iraq as "legitimate." It concluded by demanding that the U.S. "cease its interference in the internal affairs of any Arab or Muslim country."

As far back as July 1993, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry said a radical shift would launch Egyptian politics toward the Islamist camp. That shift is now well under way.



54 Percent of Egyptians who want to break the peace treaty with Israel

75 Percent with a favorable view of the Muslim Brotherhood's surging role in Egyptian life

20 Percent who view the U.S. and Barack Obama favorably

2 | YEMEN

Giving al Qaeda room to bloom

Fighting and chaos continue in Yemen as forces trying to topple President Ali Abdullah Saleh clash with those loyal to the government. Yemeni opposition activists have been holding daily protests since January demanding the ouster of President Saleh. Meanwhile, at the end of March, the Yemen-based al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) declared Yemen's Abyan province an "Islamic emirate." Al Qaeda is filling a vacuum as security forces withdraw from some provinces. Islamist militants seized several towns in Abyan after the Yemen Army and counterterrorism unit were called back to protect areas closer to the capital. The chaos is giving space for al Qaeda and other Islamist groups to thrive. Counterterrorism activities have "ground to a halt," U.S. officials told the *New York Times*. Considering U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates has described Yemen's AQAP as "the most active and at this point perhaps the most aggressive branch of al Qaeda," this is a serious setback for the U.S.

3 | SYRIA Protest pressure builds

In Syria, security forces have arrested hundreds of activists and demonstrators in house-to-house raids across the country in a violent crackdown on anti-government protesters. Since the wave of protests began in March, over 600 civilians have reportedly been killed, hundreds more injured and thousands arrested. Most of the protests are uncoordinated, which has allowed President Bashar al-Assad to thus far hold on to power despite the fact that his Alawite tribe makes up only a small minority within the nation. Another factor working against the protesters is Iran's support of the ruling regime. However, Bible prophecy indicates that a political reorientation is coming in Syria. Watch for a break between Iran and Syria to occur.



4 | ISRAEL
5 | LEBANON

Storm clouds in 'Arab Spring'

On May 15, Palestinians and their supporters celebrated the anniversary of Israel's founding with violent protests on Israel's borders with Syria, Lebanon and the Gaza Strip. There were also large demonstrations in the West Bank and clashes in East Jerusalem. An Arab Israeli in Tel Aviv went on a truck rampage that killed one person and injured 17. For weeks before the Palestinian Nakba (Catastrophe) Day, pro-Palestinian groups conducted an Internet campaign calling for "a third Palestinian intifada." Israelis fear these eruptions presage just such a mass uprising.



6 | PALESTINIANS

The enemy of my enemy

HAMAS AND FATAH SIGNED A UNITY AGREEMENT IN CAIRO on May 4. Under Egypt's direction, the two groups agreed to reconcile after a four-year split. Representatives of Hamas and Fatah will now discuss the details, including establishing an interim unity government, conducting presidential and parliamentary elections, and combining security forces.

While some are skeptical the deal will last, such opinions likely underestimate the common hatred for Israel that underlies the reconciliation, as well as the influence of an Iranian-aligned Egypt.

Hamas's motivation was clear when the group's political leader, Khaled Mashaal, stated at the Cairo ceremony: "Our common enemy is Israel. Israel must be fought both with force and through diplomacy."

The Palestinian unity agreement is part of a greater strategy in the Palestinian Authority's bid for international recognition, which is expected to come before the United Nations General Assembly in September. The Fatah-led government realized that its case for statehood would be weak unless it reconciled with its Palestinian enemy.

Palestinian unity will only compound the threat to Israel. Events are leading to a biblically prophesied clash with Jews.

Goldstone: The report that wasn't

On April 3, Richard Goldstone publicly reversed his stance on war crimes charges against Israel. Goldstone spearheaded a 2009 UN report that slandered Israel for its actions in Operation Cast Lead, an offensive against Hamas terrorists in the Gaza Strip that began Dec. 27, 2008. "If I had known then what I know now, the Goldstone Report would have been a different document," he wrote in a *Washington Post* op-ed. The UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) report criminalized Israel's antiterrorism campaign, lambasting Israeli forces for "actions amounting to war crimes, possibly crimes

against humanity." The report has been widely used as a potent weapon against Israel. Israel has aggressively investigated every one of more than 400 allegations of military misconduct raised by the report. The resulting evidence convinced Goldstone, in hindsight, that in fact, "civilians were *not* intentionally targeted as a matter of [Israeli] policy." After all the publicity his report received when it first came out, the mainstream press devoted little attention to his revelation of its falsity. For its part, the UNHRC said Goldstone's retraction was merely his personal opinion, not that of the committee; it still considers the Goldstone Report valid.



1 | PORTUGAL 2 | GREECE 3 | GERMANY

Economies tanking, except one

EUROPE'S ECONOMY REMAINS IN SERIOUS TROUBLE. PORTUGAL finally asked for a bailout on April 6 after the interest on its debt became unsustainable. Prime Minister José Sócrates announced on May 3 that the bailout would be a €78 billion (US\$111 billion) loan—even after saying, “I know what this meant for Ireland and Greece, and I don't wish it on my country.” Portugal must cut spending for 2012-2013 by 3.4 percent of gross domestic product and increase government revenue.

It is rumored that Greece will also need another bailout. Ratings agency Standard & Poor's downgraded Greece's debt to “B”—two notches below junk status—on May 9.

The story in Germany is different, however. Recent statistics show Germany's unemployment rate at its lowest in 20 years, and it could fall yet further. Germany's exports hit an all-time high in March. Watch for this economy to continue to soar.

Meanwhile, after a May 16 meeting, and with the endorsement of German Chancellor Angela Merkel, it seems certain Mario Draghi will be the next head of the European Central Bank. Draghi is Jesuit-educated and a devout Catholic, with deep connections within the global banking and finance community. He also has historic Vatican Bank connections.



DRAGHI



Speaking with one voice

The European Union gained speaking rights in the UN General Assembly on May 3. It now has the same rights as member nations to submit proposals and amendments, to circulate amendments, to reply, and so on. The EU president can address the UN chamber in the same way as a head of state. This is one more stride toward a European superstate.



An overflowing crowd attends the ceremony at the Vatican.

4 | VATICAN

One popular pope

One and a half million people attended Pope John Paul II's beatification mass in Rome on May 1 making the event at least as popular as the April royal wedding in terms of numbers attending. Crowds also gathered in Poland, Australia, the Philippines and Mexico. John Paul's funeral in 2005 too was a mass media event, with around 2 billion watching it on TV. The huge interest both in the pope's funeral and his beatification is a testament to the work John Paul did toward building the Catholic Church's popularity and power.



Union Jacks fly next to Big Ben in London.

Happy EU Day! Hello? Anyone?

The EU's popularity is suffering in several European countries, especially Britain. May 9 was Europe Day—a day observed with pageantry in Brussels, but little enthusiasm everywhere else. Outside EU headquarters in Brussels, soldiers paraded the EU flag while the German Luftwaffe band played Europe's anthem. In contrast, in Britain the government snubbed the EU by flying the British flag over government buildings rather than the EU flag. The EU's budget demands

are adding to its unpopularity. The European Commission wants to increase the EU budget by 4.9 percent next year according to a draft proposal released April 20. Britain's bill would rise by €682 million to over €10 billion. Chancellor George Osborne called the budget increase “completely unacceptable.”

Britain isn't the only country getting fed up with the EU. True Finns, a populist Euroskeptic party, did

better than expected in Finland's April 17 elections, taking 19 percent of the vote, coming third overall. The winners—the conservative, pro-Europe National Coalition Party—did little better, winning 20.4 percent. After the Portugal bailout was approved, True Finns' popularity climbed even higher. When True Finns opposed the bailout, a popular survey showed that 22.4 percent of the population supported the party—making it the most popular political party in Europe.

Bible prophecy indicates that a European power made up of just 10 nations or groups of nations will emerge. The EU's unpopularity in certain nations could contribute to the streamlining of Europe.

5 | BRITAIN 6 | SPAIN

Fighting over the Rock

Britain and Spain continue to row over Gibraltar. On May 3, the Spanish naval vessel Atalaya traversed British territorial waters near Gibraltar, calling on commercial ships anchoring at port to immediately leave the area. The Royal Navy responded by dispatching the armed patrol boat HMS Scimitar. This was the second violation of the British zone by the Spanish within a two-week period. On April 23, a Spanish police



Gibraltar

vessel was reportedly damaged in a confrontation with the Royal Gibraltar Police after entering territorial waters

ostensibly to pursue drug traffickers. These are just the most recent of a string of territorial incursions by Spain in recent years as Spanish authorities seek to mount pressure on the British government for the return of Gibraltar. Biblical prophecy strongly implies that Britain will lose possession somehow.



7 | CHINA Sparking an arms race?

The vast majority of Chinese citizens support Beijing's plan to launch its first aircraft carrier, despite believing that the move will trigger an arms race across Asia. A poll published on May 5 showed that nearly 80 percent want China to launch the carrier, and 57 percent anticipate increased risks of a region-wide arms race as a result of the launch. Analysts say China could launch its first aircraft carrier this year. Taiwan announced on May 9 that its military has begun equipping its warships with anti-ship missiles in anticipation of just such a launch. Asian nations' military buildups are largely fueled by a desire to protect themselves from other Asian states.

Cyberleaping past the U.S.

An April 14 Reuters report said that in this era of increasing cyberspying between China and the U.S., experts believe Beijing has the upper hand. "[A] series of secret diplomatic cables as well as interviews with experts suggest that ... China has leaped ahead of the United States," the report said. Investigators say China has already stolen terabytes of top-secret American data, and cyberattacks from China are on the rise.

8 | INDIA World's hugest trade club

China and India determined on April 13 to restore full defense cooperation between the two countries whose combined population is 2.5 billion. The two sides also agreed to continue talks regarding increased economic cooperation. China is already India's largest trade partner, with bilateral trade in 2010 totaling more than \$60 billion. They aim to boost that figure to \$100 billion by 2015.



9 | RUSSIA Follow the money

Russia had the world's seventh-largest defense budget in 2009, with spending totaling around \$38 billion, according to data published May 11. Only a few years ago, Russia ranked 11th in defense spending. Clearly, the military is becoming a higher priority for Moscow; its long-term budget allocates \$700 billion to defense in the next decade.



What the world needs now ...

Leaders of the BRICS nations (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) met in China in mid-April to discuss creating an international reserve system less focused on the U.S. dollar. These nations represent 40 percent of world population and account for almost half of global economic growth. Though BRICS members disagree on some fronts, they are unified by a goal to challenge U.S. leadership of the global economy.



Amid the aftermath, Japan's Ground Self-Defense Forces are a welcome help.

10 | JAPAN

Tsunami heroes: the military

THE DEATH TOLL FROM JAPAN'S MARCH 11 EARTHQUAKE AND tsunami has reached 14,998, according to data from Japan's National Police Agency released May 12. Over 9,760 others are considered to be missing. Relief work continues and the threat of major nuclear leaks remains.

The *Wall Street Journal* wrote on April 14 that "the heroic and indispensable actions of [Japan's military] in the wake of the March 11 earthquake may have changed Japan's relations with its military forever." Since World War II's end, Japan has struggled over the legitimacy of its armed forces, and constitutional restrictions on Japan's military have marginalized the nation's role in global affairs. Attempts at expanding that role have always met resistance from the Japanese public, which is suspicious of moves toward militarism because of Japan's actions in the war. However, the Japanese military's rescue missions in response to the March 11 disasters are instilling within the Japanese a newfound acceptance of the country's armed forces. The *Journal* said the people's shifting attitude could change "how Tokyo chooses to normalize the role of the military in protecting Japan's interests abroad."

11 | UKRAINE Russia: Well, what's it going to be?

Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said on May 18 that Ukraine's plans to enter into the customs union made up of Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan will be at risk if Kiev continues forging closer ties with the EU. Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich wants Ukraine to have both associate member status in the EU and a free-trade agreement with the Russian-led customs union, but Russia says Kiev must choose one or the other. At present, both Russia and the EU are vying for influence in Ukraine.

On April 18, Ukraine announced it will join the Russian-Belarusian military exercises "Union Shield 2011," to be held in September. The exercises will involve around 12,000 troops. On April 20, Ukraine pledged to enhance cooperation with China in all areas. This country represents the dividing line between Asia and Europe, two massive powers prophesied to clash in the end time.



1 | ECUADOR
Don't like our corruption? Then you're free to leave

The government of Ecuador expelled U.S. Ambassador Heather Hodges in response to a WikiLeaks cable published on April 4 by the Spanish daily *El Pais*. The cable revealed that Ambassador Hodges alleged that widespread police corruption may have occurred



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in Ecuador with the knowledge of the country's president. In response to this expulsion, the U.S. State Department in turn expelled Ecuadorian Ambassador Luis Gallegos. Hodges's expulsion leaves America without ambassadors in three Latin American countries—Ecuador, Bolivia and Venezuela. The nations of Latin America are swiftly turning their backs on their northern neighbor.



Secretary General Maria Emma Mejia speaks at the UNASUR Defense Council.

The EU of South America

ON MARCH 11, A TREATY CREATING A NEW SUPRANATIONAL institution known as the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR) came into force. This treaty, originally agreed to in 2008, officially merges other regional unions such as Mercosur and the Andean Community of Nations into an EU-style political-economic bloc for South America.

UNASUR will be headquartered in Ecuador. The bloc, with a combined population of 396 million people, is expected to become the dominant supranational institution for the region. Already, UNASUR includes a regional military integration scheme, a plan for the gradual reduction of national borders, and a plan for eliminating passport and visa requirements between member states. Members have even discussed creating a continental currency along the lines of the euro.

The obstacles to political, economic and military integration in Latin America are made easier to hurdle by South America's being the only multinational continent united by a common language (with the exception of Brazil), a common culture and a common religion.

As Latin America attempts to unite, expect its people to look increasingly to Europe for political direction and religious guidance. The European, Roman Catholic heritage that hails back to the region's Spanish colonial roots only awaits a stimulus to awaken it to action.

Latin America will soon be recolonized by a European superpower dominated by Germany and the Vatican. For proof, read "Europe's Latin Assault" in our free *He Was Right* booklet.

2 | BRAZIL Case in point ...

Brazil and the EU are engaged in discussions designed to improve educational and cultural exchanges between the two regions. Androulla Vassiliou, the European commissioner for education, culture, multilingualism and youth, was in Brazil in April meeting with the country's foreign minister, minister of education and minister of culture. The primary purpose of the meetings was to make it easier for students and academics to travel between Brazil and the EU.



"The European Union is committed to strengthening its strategic partnership with Brazil ... closer cooperation on higher education and culture can contribute to this objective."

ANDROULLA VASSILIOU
 EUROPEAN COMMISSIONER FOR EDUCATION, CULTURE, MULTILINGUALISM AND YOUTH

3 | CUBA Geriatric revolution

President Raúl Castro of Cuba on April 19 made the most significant change to his country's leadership since the 1959 revolution by naming a non-relative to fill the second-highest position in the Cuban Communist Party. The man is party stalwart José Ramón Machado, age 80, who fought at his side in the mountains during the rebellion. Rumors abound that Machado may be Castro's successor. Considering that Machado is a year older than Castro, however, his succession would indeed be



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short-lived. Castro himself admitted that his generation had lagged in preparing young leaders to take their place. Clearly, far-reaching changes may be on the horizon for Cuba. Bible prophecy indicates that the entire region from Havana to Tierra del Fuego will come back under Catholic control. Watch for initiatives from the Vatican to consolidate the church's power through winning the loyalty of its Cuban parishioners.

4 | VENEZUELA In case there was any doubt they wanted to rankle the U.S.

Iran is planning to build a missile base in Venezuela, *Die Welt* wrote on May 13. The German daily earlier reported that Iran and Venezuela signed an agreement last October to build it; now, "security insiders" say they have a location for the base and have begun planning. Engineers from a construction firm owned by Iran's Revolutionary Guards visited the site in February,



accompanied by the head of the Guard's air force. Iran reportedly will be deploying Shahab 3 rockets, with a range of 800 to 930 miles,

Scud-B missiles, with a range of 180 to 205 miles, and Scud-C missiles, with a range of 185, 310 or 435 miles. This would leave America outside of Iran's range. However, the Federation of American Scientists states that a modified variant of the Shahab 3 has a range of 1,200 miles. This would put Miami just within reach of Iran's rockets.

Where terrorists train: 'like bees to a honeypot'

Thirty-five of the terrorists in Guantanamo Bay were indoctrinated in Britain, according to files released by WikiLeaks. Senior U.S. military commanders at Guantanamo Bay wrote that the Finsbury Park mosque in north London was "an attack planning and propaganda production base." These terrorists "were drawn like bees to a honeypot by Britain's uniquely self-destructive combination of a generous welfare state, a long tradition of turning a blind eye to foreign political dissidents, and a judiciary and political class which had effectively decided to tear up Britain's border controls in the cause of 'universal human rights,'" wrote Melanie Phillips (Mail Online, April 27).



British naval personnel patrol the Gulf of Aden off of Somalia.

Royal Navy to pirates: Free food! Take that!

After capturing 17 Somali pirates in February, the Royal Navy frigate HMS Cornwall simply fed and then released them, journalist Tom Mangold said on BBC Radio 4 on April 12. The pirates were caught aboard a hijacked boat they used as a mother ship with nine AK47s and a rocket-propelled grenade launcher. "The Brits do not want Somali pirates on trial in London," said Mangold. Commenting on this debacle for the *Telegraph*, Con Coughlin observed, "In Nelson's time the Royal Navy made its name by striking fear into the hearts of Britain's enemies through its daring and ruthlessness. Now we find that our Senior Service is more committed to observing the strictures of human rights and health and safety legislation than the defense of the realm" (April 12). No wonder the Royal Navy has lost its effectiveness.

How to get free government money in Britain

Over 80,000 are receiving the incapacity benefit from the British government because of their addiction to drugs or alcohol, or obesity according to government statistics published April 21. Those claiming the benefit do so because they supposedly cannot work. They receive at least £71.10 a week from the government. As of August 2010, 37,480 drug addicts claimed the benefit, along with 42,360 alcoholics and 1,830 obese people.

THOMAS LOHINES/AP/GETTY IMAGES

Nasdaq to the rescue! ... oh wait

AMERICA SEEMS DETERMINED TO LET THE NEW YORK STOCK Exchange go to German owners. Nasdaq, an American corporation, proposed a merger with the NYSE in order to fend off an offer from foreign rival Deutsche Börse and to keep it in the American family. But on May 16, U.S. officials squelched the proposal.

Justice Department officials expressed concern that combining NYSE and Nasdaq operations would create an unacceptable monopoly in domestic share listings and other services—as if that would be worse than foreign ownership. Antitrust regulators threatened to file a lawsuit against the proposed merger. Following this strong opposition, Nasdaq withdrew its offer.

It is now almost inevitable that Deutsche Börse will end up owning this American corporate jewel. The German company has offered \$9.8 billion for the NYSE Euronext group, which owns the stock exchanges in New York, Paris, Amsterdam, Lisbon and Brussels, as well as a highly sought-after derivatives exchange. From Germany's perspective, it couldn't have come at a better time. With much of the periphery of Europe in economic crisis, Germany is pushing for greater economic union—on its terms. In return for bailout money, Germany is forcing indebted countries to turn over national sovereignty. Gaining ownership over the largest stock exchanges in Europe will just add additional firepower to Germany's already impressive financial weaponry.

Apparently none of that gives American regulators any cause for concern.



"The merger will bring Deutsche Börse in a very good position to play a leading role in the further consolidation process [in the industry]."

MANFRED GENTZ

DEUTSCHE BÖRSE SUPERVISORY BOARD CHAIRMAN

America's 'economic recovery' continues ...

■ In May, independent ratings agency Weiss Ratings downgraded America's sovereign debt rating to "C"—two notches above junk status. Also in May, the U.S. dollar hit a three-year low against other major currencies; analysts expect it to sink further still.



■ For the first time since the Great Depression, American households are receiving more in cash handouts from the government than they are paying in income taxes. According to a Fox Business report published April 20, U.S. households received \$2.3 trillion in government support in 2010—including expanded unemployment benefits, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid and stimulus spending. U.S. households paid \$2.2 trillion in taxes over the same period.

■ As of February, one in seven people in the U.S. receive food stamps, according to a report from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In April, Americans claiming unemployment benefits rose to 474,000, the highest number since August 2010.



How an English King Changed the World by Publishing Israel's Holy Book

BY DENNIS LEAP

FOR CENTURIES, INTELLECTUAL elites, including scientists, have worked feverishly to show the Bible to be a flawed book in order to shore up their own authority. But the Holy Bible is not a problem and does not have problems. Mankind, however, has serious problems—human-extinction-scale problems that the intellectuals and science cannot solve.

No other book preserved within Western civilization has been so minutely scrutinized and ripped apart by modern minds. The proud malign and dismiss this God-breathed book with the wave of a hand, claiming it is useless because of its ancientness. An honest look at our dangerous world, however, tells us we need some *sagacious ancientness*—and fast.

Within the pages of this one book is bound a unified collection of ancient Israel's national history, civil constitution, religious doctrine, prophetic poetry, worship hymns and wisdom writings. It was written down by kings, princes, presidents, prime ministers, governors, lawyers, farmers, cattlemen, fishermen; even a medical doctor, a tax collector and a tent maker—all fiercely dedicated, educated, thinking men.

Like impudent children, we have come to believe that we know better than the fathers that came before us. We mock our own history. Yet that does not make that history into lies.

We must recapture, study and learn from our past—even the very ancient one. Ancient Israel's Holy Book is the only window into the primal world of our beginnings.

Biblical history and prophecy proves that the colonizing, white, English-speaking people of northwestern Europe and North America are the descendants of the Assyrian-captured, enslaved 10 tribes of Israel. In fact, the Bible records that the people of Britain and the United States are the modern-day descendants of the patriarch Jacob and are nationally named *Israel*, which is the key to understanding and making biblical prophecy clear (Genesis 35:11). The Bible also shows that a descendent of King David sits on the throne in England. At His return, Jesus Christ is destined to sit on that throne at a pulsating world-government center in a soon-to-be rebuilt Jerusalem (Luke 1:33). Request your free copy of *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* for a full explanation of this astounding history and prophecy.

These facts offer the only reasonable explanation as to why an English king preserved Israel's Holy Book. No one can deny that the world has been a far better place

because of what the British and American people have done with this book. At this time of celebration of the 400th anniversary of the publication of the King James Bible, it is fitting to reflect on what one book has done for our world now caught in chaotic crises.

King James VI and I

King James could not have had more troubled beginnings. His father, Lord Darnley, was a violent drunk. His mother, Mary Queen of Scots, carried the reputation of being a loose woman. Lord Darnley, covetous of his right to the throne of England and jealous of Mary's closeness to David Rizzio, her secretary (and suspected father of the child), plotted to execute Rizzio in her sight believing the bloody violence would cause her to miscarry the unborn child. It did not—but clearly, James's life was threatened before he even had a chance to breathe. Most likely the result of divine protection, James was orphaned when his father was murdered by an explosion that his mother may have planned. Mary was imprisoned and finally executed for plotting with Catholics to kill Queen Elizabeth I of England. It is interesting to note that Shakespeare wrote *Macbeth* based on James's horrific family history.

Crowned King James VI at 13 months old, he was provided an incredible education. He could speak Latin and Greek by age 5. His Presbyterian mentors educated him in Israel's

Scriptures. Because of the rampant regicide in Scotland, he learned how to be politically cunning and control tough situations.

Yet the most important of all his education was his knowledge of the history of his royal lineage. King James knew and maintained the faith that he was a descendant of King David traceable back to Fergus I and from there through the kings of Ireland (*King James VI and I Political Writings*). He firmly believed that God put him on the throne of England. In a speech to Parliament on March 21, 1610, he said, "The state of the monarchy is the supremest thing upon the Earth, for kings are not only God's lieutenants upon Earth, and sit upon God's throne, but even by God Himself they are called gods ..." (David Teems, *Majestie*). It is obvious James's views on the "divine right of kings" was based on the Bible—specifically on passages such as 2 Samuel 7:4-16 and 1 Chronicles 29:23. When he was crowned king of England, thereby becoming King James I, he was sitting on the *stone of Scone*, knowing it was Jacob's pillar stone (Genesis 28:10-22). James I considered himself to be the *New Solomon*.



James brought to England an exceptional genius grounded in Scripture. He knew the Bible well and used it often to illustrate his views on law and government. A prolific writer, James is known for his commentary on Matthew's Gospel. The king was fully aware of the infighting among Protestants, Catholics and Puritans within the Church of England and their differing views on governmental authority. He seized upon the suggestion of John Reynolds (a Puritan) for a new Bible translation to heal the disunity within the church as the means to secure his own position as *absolute ruler* of both church and state. And the rest, as they say, is history.

God-Blessed Nations

The impact of the King James Version of the Bible on our world has been huge. Although James I did not live to see this phenomenon, the Bible translation carrying his name became a global book. Although many people can see this fact, few understand how or why that happened.

To fully grasp why the KJV went global, we need to know about a ceremony that took place anciently. The Apostle Paul shows its vital importance in Hebrews 11:21. The significance of this ceremony is fully explained in *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.

Jacob's son Joseph had two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh. Just before his death, Jacob adopted these two boys as his own and gave them his name (Genesis 48:16). He also bestowed upon them inherited blessings that grew to become incredible national physical wealth. Jacob gave Joseph's youngest son the greater blessing, making his descendants into a multitude, or commonwealth, of nations. The oldest son, Manasseh, was to become one single great nation (verse 19).

In Genesis 49, Jacob states that these two great nations—referred to as Joseph—“in the last days,” our time now, would be a colonizing people (verses 1, 22-26). This prophecy is an accurate description of the astounding history of Britain and the United States of America. As these two nations—the true modern Israel—grew to national greatness and moved into world prominence, they carried their holy book (renamed the King James Bible) with them and used it to establish an empire and a nation founded on biblical principles of government, law and justice as revealed to Moses by God.

Herbert W. Armstrong wrote, “In A.D. 1800 the United Kingdom and the United States were small and insignificant among the Earth's nations. ... But beginning in 1800 these two little nations began to sprout and to grow into vast national riches and power such as no people ever possessed. Soon Britain's empire spread around the world, until the sun never set upon her



GOD'S WORD—FOR ALL

A stylized page from The Lindisfarne Gospels from the British Library

possessions” (*The United States and Britain in Prophecy*). The incredible blessings God bestowed on these two nations soon spilled out over the Earth.

Government, Law and Justice

As the British Empire covered the globe, it generated a culture based on the rule of law. The English Magna Carta was the earliest example of such a constitutional law within Anglo-Saxon culture. It established the rights and liberties of the individual and worked to ensure that kings and other rulers were subject to that same law. In addition to guaranteeing personal freedom, this code of law emphasized social responsibility—respect for the rights, privileges, possessions and peace of others. Such law is a gift bestowed on us by the Bible.

When English citizens colonized America, the first settlers

came seeking freedom of religion. They faced incredible personal hardships. What got them through such a difficult undertaking was their faith and religious fervor. Of course, they had brought the Bible with them. It was that book which inspired them to sacrifice to build a great nation out of the weakness of disease and deprivation. Many considered the North American continent to be the land of the *New Israel*.

Eventually separating from England, the government that was established with the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights followed British example. The legal rights and freedoms guaranteed to Americans have been the envy of multitudes of oppressed people throughout the world. America's population grew in large part because of the freedom-yearning masses teeming to its shores. Yet few today recognize that the British and American legal systems are based on Mosaic law found in the first five books of the Bible.

Even a century ago, people better understood the Bible's impact in the development of our Western nations. On the 300th anniversary of the publication of the King James Bible, President Theodore Roosevelt called it "the Magna Carta of the poor and the oppressed ... the most democratic book in the world." One of our strongest and most important presidents, he understood that the Bible was the foundation of personal freedoms established by law. As Moses taught our forefathers, "One law and one rule shall be for you and for the stranger who sojourns with you" (Numbers 15:16). The rule of law brought greatness to Britain and America. Yet we have forgotten that the concept came from the mind of our God, who even subjects Himself to His own law.

Bedrock for Education

One of the greater achievements of the British Empire was its commitment to educate the people it governed. The KJV was the bedrock of that educational system. Theodore Roosevelt said, "A thorough knowledge of the Bible is better than a college education."

In a practical and elemental way, the KJV and its associated root translations helped standardize the English language. When William Tyndale set out to translate the Bible into the language of the common people of England, he created a firestorm for two reasons. First, it was a step to establish that the Bible—not the pope—was the only true religious authority on Earth. That required people be able to read the Book. The Latin Vulgate was the only Bible available to most Englishmen, and few could read Latin.

Second, the English language was considered to be a disgustingly gross language, far inferior to Latin. Latin was the language of scholars and the legal system. English was eclectic, difficult to understand because of its many dialects, and did not even have a standardized spelling or written form. Tyndale's translation helped to change that. Derek Wilson states, "It was not enough for Tyndale simply to convey the words of Scripture from Greek into English; they had to be conveyed into living English, such as 'a boy that driveth the plough' could understand. In this he was completely successful; his New Testament had a colloquial vigor, which rendered it immediately comprehensible and popular. Later translators found it impossible to improve on many of his renderings, which appeared in version after version down to the time of the King James Bible" (*The People's Bible*).

Many phrases that we use today come right out of the King James Bible—for example, *give up the ghost*, *my brother's keeper*, *the powers that be*, *the salt of the earth*, and *arise, shine*. Though most of these expressions were coined by Tyndale, all come out of the KJV.

Art, Music, Culture

Many children around the world were taught to read English using the KJV. The dramatic histories of the Old and New Testaments have held captive countless imaginations from the very young to the very old. The KJV's power to inspire has caused artists to be born and musicians made.

We have a culture filled with high-quality, precious art because of the Bible. Larry Stone, in his beautiful book *The Story of the Bible*, provides examples of the incredible handcrafted artistic decoration on handwritten copies of the Bible from the Dark and Middle Ages. Although these illustrations are technically not the KJV, it was the high respect for the Word of God that inspired such beauty. Two such works, *The Lindisfarne Gospels* and *The Book of Kells*, have such intricate artwork that experts today still cannot fully understand how it was done. Concerning *The Book of Kells*, Stone reports: "The decorations are highly complex and so intricate that they can be best seen with a magnifying glass, which was not available when the book was created." Pages of *The Lindisfarne Gospels* can be seen today in the British Museum.



Rembrandt's
Belshazzar's Feast

Consider the classic paintings inspired by Bible history. Caravaggio painted *The Conversion of Paul*; Rembrandt painted *Belshazzar's Feast*; Nicolas Poussin painted *The Adoration of the Golden Calf*. Some even suggest that Gutenberg invented printing so he could print the Bible. The use of two-color printing was developed to imitate the page decoration of the former hand-painted, hand-written Bibles.

We must not fail to mention the Bible's impact on some of the most incredible and unforgettable classical music. There is Handel's *Messiah*, and Mendelssohn's *Elijah*. There is the innumerable list of spiritual songs taken from the Psalms of King David and other biblical texts.

Honestly, we could fill an entire magazine speaking of the impact the KJV has made in our modern world. King James VI and I oversaw the production of a spiritual and cultural phenomenon. His effort inspired the establishment of effective and just government, education and a healthy society. Today at least one book of the Bible is translated into more than 2,400 of the world's 6,900 living languages. More people can read at least a part of the Bible in their own native tongue than ever before in history.

Yet reading the Bible is not enough. We must learn to *understand* it, *live* by it, and *be ruled* by it. Being ruled by it is the difficult part. Even though our Western world has been built up by the Bible, it is unlikely we will turn to it to save our society.

But there is still great hope for us. The Bible that King James VI and I honored so much states without doubt that a new society—in fact, a new world—is going to be built by a descendant of David. This King of kings, Jesus Christ, will use His father David's throne and Israel's book to revolutionize and revitalize all humanity (Luke 1:32-33). How blessed we will be to see and experience that wonderful time just ahead of us. ■



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Imperial Britain Was a Blessing, Not a Curse

BY BRAD MACDONALD

SLANDERING THE BRITISH EMPIRE is the sport of scholars and pseudo-intellectuals. But it needs to be challenged—because it is a dangerous hoax.

Take one recent and particularly outrageous example. British Prime Minister David Cameron was in Pakistan in April and was asked for his view on Britain's role in settling the nation's dispute with India over Kashmir. To this rather unremarkable question, Mr. Cameron gave a remarkable answer: "I don't want to try to insert Britain in some leading role where, as with so many of the world's problems, we are responsible for the issue in the first place."

Talk about odd. The prime minister took a routine question from a Pakistani college student and transformed it into an assault on the former British Empire. He even expanded his answer beyond Kashmir, inferring that the British Empire was responsible for "so many of the world's problems."

The statement revealed a stunning ignorance, or blatant rejection, of the facts of history.

The legacy of the British Empire, like every empire and civilization, race and tribe, has its dark aspects. The story of human civilization is one of competition and conflict, subjugation and exploitation, violence and murder. Evil lies within

the nature of *all* humans. It is this inherently selfish nature—not *the British Empire*—that is the ultimate cause of all of the world's problems.

The fact that evil is endemic to human existence does not justify it; it simply means that Britain's mistakes were entirely unexceptional; compared to other empires, its conduct was quite exemplary. Measuring the character of an empire (or nation or race or individual) by considering its mistakes alone only confirms that it was comprised of humans. The more accurate method of gauging an empire's quality is to consider its fruits, and especially the extent and importance of its contributions to human civilization.

By this standard, the British Empire is *unrivaled*.

Encouraging Global Trade

Consider global trade and commerce, a phenomenon we take for granted today. No nation or empire in history has done more to promote the free flow of goods and capital around the world than Britain at the height of its empire. It was England's prosperity in the 18th and 19th centuries, thanks to the Industrial Revolution and rapid economic growth, that created its insatiable appetite for raw materials for industry and for luxury items. Overflowing with cash, English bankers went on a buying spree.

The colonized responded, often eagerly, working harder and faster—building, sowing, digging—to sell their wares and get their cut of English wealth. As England's demand for goods grew, so did the gush of money flowing into the colonies, and trade between the colonies and England. Between 1750 and 1914, *the total value of global trade increased fivefold*. During the 1800s, global shipping tonnage grew from 4 million to 30 million tons, *thanks primarily to Britain's promotion of free trade*. When piracy became a problem, the British Navy stopped it. When new laws and policies were needed to promote free trade, British lawyers responded.

Critics say the explosion in world trade did not benefit the poorer nations, but actually resulted in their exploitation. Not true. Consider Zambia, an example cited by Harvard historian Niall Ferguson in his book *Empire*. Zambia's gross domestic product per capita is currently 1/28th of Britain's, meaning the average Zambian is 28 times poorer than the average Briton. In 1955, at the end of colonial rule, Zambia's GDP per capita was *one seventh* of Britain's. Since the British left, Zambia has gotten four times poorer compared to Britain. "*The same is true of nearly all former colonies in*

 British territories at greatest extent of power.

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sub-Saharan Africa,” Ferguson writes (emphasis mine throughout).

During British imperial rule, London was the world’s central bank. Each year, tens of millions of pounds would flow from England to the rest of the world. Naturally, like any bank, the empire sought a return on its investment; hence the boatloads of merchandise that flooded in from its colonies. But the flow of goods into Britain is only half the story. The other half is the hundreds of millions of English pounds reaching foreign shores and filling the pockets of local farmers, tradesmen, shop owners and bankers, greasing the wheels of colonial economies.

In India, the jewel of the empire, agricultural production exploded under the British Raj. Between 1891 and 1938, the amount of irrigated land more than doubled. The British built 40,000 miles of railway track in India, as well as postal and telegraph systems. Millions were employed. British rule, wrote Tirthankar Roy in his book *The Economic History of India*, “appears to have done far more than what its predecessor regimes and contemporary Indian regimes were able to do.”

The same occurred in British colonies in Africa and the Caribbean. As the empire expanded, English bankers, engineers, architects and tradesmen invested time and money constructing vital infrastructure in Britain’s colonial lands. In India, Roy notes, “the railways, the ports, major irrigation systems, the telegraph, sanitation and medical care, the universities, the postal system, the courts of law, were assets India could not believably have acquired in such extent and quality had it not developed close political links with Britain.”

Beyond the vast material construction, the British in many instances created vital and revolutionary political, legislative and educational infrastructure for the colonized peoples. In many colonies, the rule of law was established, aiding economic growth and political and social stability. Britain’s superior legal system was also exported to the far corners of the Earth, where it often replaced brutal tribal laws and rituals with the more civilized and fair English system of justice.

Defending the World

Finally, the British Empire played the key role in protecting the world from tyrants. It’s no coincidence that the 19th century, when much of the world dwelt under Pax Britannia, was a century of relative peace. In the early 20th century, the British

Empire emerged as the savior of the free world, almost single-handedly stopping the march of tyranny. During that period, writes Niall Ferguson, the British Empire “more than justified its own existence, for the alternatives to British rule represented by the German and Japanese empires were clearly far worse. And without its empire, it is inconceivable that Britain could have withstood them” (op. cit.).

Then there’s the issue of slavery. Revisionists love to recall Britain’s participation in the global slave trade. They neglect to mention that it was Britain that made the unilateral decision to ban slavery. Slavery had been practiced for thousands of years and was a key component of the



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Soldiers parade through London to celebrate the coronation of King George V.

economies of the colonial powers. The decision to be the first to eliminate the slave trade was brave and risky. Once made, it began to be enforced globally by *British lawyers and guns!*

When we measure British imperialism by its contribution to its colonies and the rest of the world, it has no parallel. Historian Andrew Roberts summarized: “The British Empire provided good government, uncorrupt public administration, inter-tribal peace, the rule of law, free trade, the abolition of slavery, famine relief, the abolition of barbaric customs ..., huge infrastructural advances such as railways, roads plus irrigation projects, and in every colony nurtured its native peoples towards running their own countries once they were ripe for independence” (*Front-page* interview, Feb. 26, 2007).

Not much to apologize for there!

“The fact remains,” writes Ferguson, “that no organization in history has done more to promote the free movement of goods, capital and labor than the British Empire in the 19th and early 20th centuries. And no organization has done more to impose Western norms of law, order and governance around the world” (op. cit.).

In addition to the vast material, institutional and ideological blessings bestowed on human civilization through imperial Britain, there is an inspiring dimension to this empire we need to recognize—one that helps us put its history into proper perspective.

Put simply, the British Empire came about as an ACT OF GOD!

Fulfilling a Promise

It’s true! England’s (and America’s) sudden emergence onto the world scene in the 19th century occurred because God was fulfilling a promise that He had made nearly 4,000 years earlier to Abraham. You can read the original promise in Genesis 12.

Here, God delivers a two-part promise to Abraham, the first part in which God promises Abraham that his descendants will acquire terrific and unprecedented material wealth and prosperity.

When you understand it, this promise is at the heart of Western civilization.

By the time the events recorded in Genesis 48 and 49 unfold, the original promise to Abraham has been conferred onto Joseph’s sons Ephraim and Manasseh, the descendants of whom are Britain and America today, respectively. In Genesis 49:22, Jacob uses a colorful analogy to describe the time when Ephraim and Manasseh would finally inherit the birthright promise.

“Joseph is a fruitful bough,” Jacob says, “a fruitful bough by a spring; *his branches run over the wall.*” In other words, when the moment came for God to fulfill His promise, the descendants of Joseph’s sons Ephraim and Manasseh would explode into a fruitful people, a *colonizing* people—a people whose presence, whose trade and commerce, whose culture and government, would extend far beyond their national borders.

There isn’t a more beautiful or apt description of the former British Empire. Do you find it intriguing how England—a tiny nation planted amid the seas, with no global aspirations—SUDDENLY in the 19th century sprouted branches that quickly grew and began to reach into every continent, *at one point covering a quarter of the Earth’s surface?*

If you do, then you urgently need to request and read our free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. This book not only tells the truth about that empire—and why the sun has since set on it—but also why this knowledge is vitally important to your personal future. ■





The Origins of Modern Russia

BY DAVID VEJIL

1951 WAS THE MOST fearful and intense year of the Cold War. The first “hot” war of the new era was raging in Korea. Nations seriously discussed using nuclear weapons. Despite suffering more than half a million casualties since the start of the Korean War, the Communist forces of China and North Korea, supported by the recently nuclear-armed USSR, had grown to more than a million troops. Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who commanded the United Nations forces, had been relieved of command. By the end of the year, both sides had fought each other to a bloody standstill in Korea.

Right then, with fears of a hot war breaking out between the two nuclear superpowers, Herbert W. Armstrong boldly proclaimed in the January 1952 issue of the *Good News* magazine: “Russia Will Not Attack America!”

This prophecy proved right. Four decades later, the Cold War ended—and Russia had not attacked America!

How could Mr. Armstrong accurately forecast, at the very peak of the Cold War, that Russia would not attack?

Only one source can correctly foretell major world events before they happen: the Bible. Mr. Armstrong could make such dramatic predictions because he had the key that decodes the Bible.

Specifically, that key is the biblical identity of the American and British peoples as the modern-day descendants of Israel! This key is fully explained in Mr. Armstrong’s book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* (request this free book immediately if you have not already done so). Essential to that key is the knowledge of who the other world powers are, including Russia. Mr. Armstrong knew these prophetic identities and recognized that Russia and America were not prophesied to lock horns in a major world war!

Now, a resurgent Russia is on the scene, clawing its way toward regaining the stature it once held during the days of the Soviet Empire. Is this major trend in world affairs ignored in Bible prophecies?

Absolutely not!

The Bible mentions the people of Russia in one of its most exciting end-time prophecies.

Who Are Meshech and Tubal?

Ezekiel 38:2 reads, “Son of man, set your face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of *Meshech and Tubal* and prophesy against him.” Meshech and Tubal, along with their descendants, have been found together throughout history. The Bible speaks of them as allies dwelling in proximity to one another. Assyrian inscriptions speak of both peoples, and they are even found listed together in Greek histories.

Beginning with Assyrian records, Meshech appears as *Musku*, *Muski* or *Mushki*, and Tubal as *Tabal* or *Tabali*, according to the *International Standard Bible Encyclopedia*.

Musku is related to the Russian spelling of Moscow, which is *Moskva*. Even the capital city of Russia, through which the Moskva River flows, helps identify the nation as a participant in the Ezekiel 38 prophecy.

The name *Tubal* is also featured in Russia, on the eastern side of the Urals, through the name of the Tobol River and the city named after it, Tobolsk. Though no longer a prominent city, Tobolsk was once the seat of Russian government over Siberia as the Russians expanded east of the Urals.

This area is now populated by the Great Russians. Who are these people? The *Encyclopedia Britannica* says, “[I]t is easy to detect among the Great Russians themselves two separate branches different from one another by slight divergences of language and type and deep diversities of national character . . .” (Volume 23, 11th Edition). The encyclopedia places one branch of the Great Russians as a compact

mass in Central Russia, and the second branch around the Ural Mountains, where the Great Russians “reappear in a second compact body, and there extend through South Siberia.”

This is describing the Meshech branch, which settled around Moscow and Central Russia, and the Tubal branch, which settled around the Ural Mountains and Tobol. These two branches form the core of the Great Russians! Though this term is not in use anymore, it aptly describes what biblical prophecy said would happen.

Migration From Asia Minor

At the time Ezekiel recorded his prophecy, Meshech and Tubal lived in Asia Minor. How, then, could these people be in Russia today? The answer is they migrated out of the Middle East, just as almost every other race and people has done since the Flood.

Just think: If none of these peoples listed in the Bible, especially Genesis 10, had migrated from the area, all of the world’s population would be a compact mass of people dwelling in the Middle East. Clearly, that is not the case.

At the time of Sargon’s reign over the Assyrian Empire in the 700s B.C., Meshech and Tubal were located in southern and western Asia Minor. Inscriptions from Sargon’s reign record these two nations dwelling there. It was a time of great population displacement in the Middle East as the Assyrian Empire was peaking and many populations, such as the Israelites, were migrating to other areas.

Let’s look at the historical records to track the migration of Meshech and Tubal from Asia Minor to where they reside today.

Northbound Toward Russia

Three centuries later, in the 400s B.C., the Greeks speak of Meshech and Tubal as the *Moschoi* and *Tibareni* in northern Asia

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Minor, at the southeastern edge of the Black Sea.

Herodotus recorded that when Persian Emperor Xerxes I set out to conquer Greece in 480 B.C., the Moschians and Tibarenians were among the troops enlisted. Herodotus gave the description of Xerxes's military organization, which put these two related peoples together: "The Moschian equipment was that likewise of the Tibarenians ... [T]he Moschians and Tibarenians were under the command of Ariomardus ..." (vii, 78).

Once again Meshech and Tubal are found together, and this time they are located further north.

Only 80 years later, Meshech and Tubal are mentioned in a Greek history written by Xenophon, who encountered them in one of his journeys (*Anabasis* 7.8.25). At that time they were independent of the Persians, whose empire was the dominant power at the time, a likely outcome of their continued migration further to the north.

By the first century A.D., the descendants of Meshech and Tubal were located around the Caucasus region in modern-day Georgia. Geographer Strabo wrote of the "Moschian country" and "Moschian Mountains" in the area (11.2.17; 12.3.18). Right next to them were situated the "Tibareni," or Tibarenians. Jewish historian Josephus called these descendants of Tubal the "Iberes," or *Iberians*, which comes from dropping the "t."

The name *Iberian* also has a strong connection with the descendants of the biblical figure Eber, whose name also spread to the Iberian Peninsula. However, as Josephus made clear, the people with this name in the Caucasus area at the time were the descendants of Tubal, not of Eber, whose descendants migrated through earlier and left their name in the region as well.

Roman geographer Pliny, who lived at the same time, called the area *Iberia* in his work *Natural History* and noted that "Moschi" lived next to them as well (6.4).

Thanks to ancient records and historians, Meshech and Tubal are easily tracked migrating from Asia Minor northward to the beginning of the vast Russian steppe. Once they crossed the Caucasus, they traveled further north to occupy the land that is now Russia, leaving the names of their ancestors on certain rivers and cities.

Based on geographic location, it is no coincidence that the descendants of Tubal, called Tibarenians and later Iberians, finally settled in the area called Siberia today. While the origin of the word *Siberia* is debated, it

provides a strong connection to where the descendants of Tubal are now located. The term *Siberia* was first applied by the Russians in the 1500s to the much smaller area they had conquered centered around Tobolsk! Eventually *Siberia* became the term to describe all the land between the Urals and the Pacific.

Back to Ezekiel 38

A thorough look into Ezekiel 38 confirms that the history provided by Assyrian inscriptions, Herodotus, Strabo and Pliny is accurate. Ezekiel 38 states that the descendants of Meshech and Tubal would be in and around "the land of Magog."

This term refers to the vast Eurasian continent starting at the Russian steppe and extending all the way to the Pacific. We have covered in a previous article that *Gog and Magog* primarily refers to modern-day China (December 2010).

However, the Eurasian continent is dominated by one other power, just as Ezekiel 38 said it would! Any map will show you that power is Russia. The people who dwell in this "land of Magog" are dominated by either Russia or China.

But Aren't the Russians Slavic?

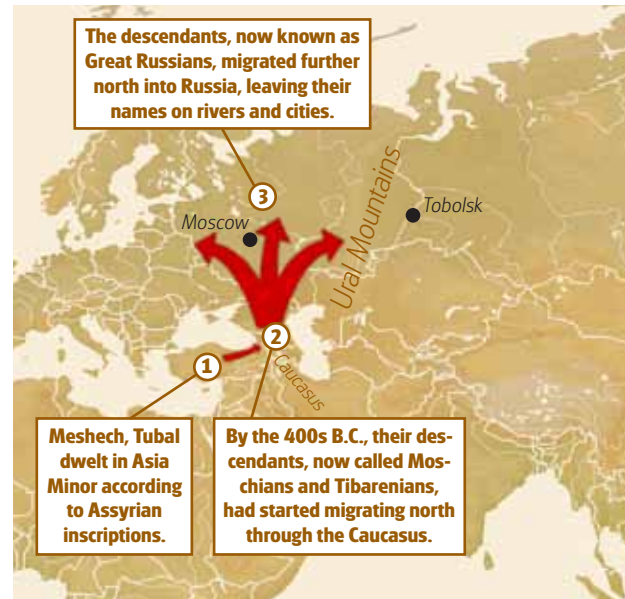
Some people will raise the fact that Russia is made up of several different races and peoples, such as Finns, Turks and Slavs, the most numerous ethnic and linguistic body of people in Europe.

The Russian people, as well as those in Ukraine and Belarus, are classified as the Eastern Slav people today. There are also Western Slavs, such as the Polish, Czechs and Slovaks, and the Southern Slavs, including the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes.

According to the critics, if Meshech and Tubal are indeed the Russians, these biblical patriarchs must also refer to the rest of Eastern Europe, which is settled by the same Slavic people, whose borders stretch beyond Russia and "the land of Magog."

However, modern-day classifications of people derived by scholars who openly reject and mock the biblical account will naturally not fall in line with how the Bible classifies people.

Even within the Russian Eastern Slav grouping, there were once three main ethnic types recognized by scholars: the Great Russians (mentioned before), the Little Russians and the White Russians. These terms are obsolete now, but the *Great Russians* described those living in Russia proper, the *White Russians* those



in Belarus who had far more Baltic influence, and the *Little Russians* those of Ukraine and Moldova.

While they may be a related people, there are clear differences in the national characteristics of all these nations that are now considered Eastern Slav.

The 12 tribes of Israel illustrate the same principle. Though they are all Israelite, they are still different nations and referred to as different peoples in the Bible. For example, the Jews are referred to as *Judah*, while Britain, its dominions and America are referred to as *Israel*. The western coastal nations of Europe are also descendants of the Israelites. The Jews are Israelite, but once the split occurred in the kingdom, the Bible never again refers to the Jews as *Israel*. Even today they have largely separated into their own Jewish nation, misleadingly called *Israel*.

The same principle should be applied to the general terms *Slavic* and *Russian*. The Great Russian type was the result of certain Slavic tribes intermarrying with the descendants of Meshech and Tubal. These descendants are most likely the people who spoke some of the Finno-Ugric languages, languages that are still spoken in many of the same areas Meshech and Tubal have been shown to have migrated to, one of which is even called *Moksha*.

Modern scholarship confirms this as well. For example, Russian historian Walter Moss wrote in his *A History of Russia*, "[T]he intermarrying of Slavs and Finns created a new ethnic type, the Russian or Great Russian" (Volume 1).

What About Rosh?

One other Russian people is mentioned in Ezekiel 38. There is a controversy over the translation of the Hebrew word *rosh*

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their name was formed, Kievan Rus.

At this time, Rus was a kingdom of multiple ethnicities, including the Slavs, Finno-Ugrians and Balts, ruled by Scandinavians from the house of Rurik. From which people the name *Rus* came from is still debated. According to the *Primary Chronicle* of the Slavs, the name was given to its Scandinavian rulers.

Some Russian scholars, motivated by the desire to de-emphasize the Scandinavian influence in early Russian history, believe Rus came from the name of a Sarmatian tribe, called the Rhoxolani.

The Sarmatians were a group of many different tribes of people who migrated through the Russian steppe to Eastern Europe, and were later given the name *Slav*.

The *Encyclopedia Britannica* states the Sarmatians were a people of Iranian roots. Therefore, this Sarmatian Rhoxolani most likely came from the land of Rasu, a specific territory named by the Assyrians that is in modern-day Iran, the same area the Sarmatians are explained to have come from.

Interestingly, Strabo recorded the Rhoxolani people living in between the Dnieper and Don rivers further north than anyone known to the Greeks in the first century. This land, which incorporates Belarus, was the territory that formed the first Russian state described earlier.

Either way, the descendants of Rus are shown to be in the same location as those of Russian ethnicity once termed the White Russians!

Why Our Forecasts Are Accurate

The change in the translation in Ezekiel 38:2 was done in disbelief that a prophecy in Ezekiel's time could so obviously and clearly name a nation, its people, rivers and major cities, a thousand years before it was formed! But the meaning of this prophecy and the identity of the people contained in it is not hidden to those who will believe what the Bible says.

Mr. Armstrong simply believed what was revealed in the Bible, and that is why he could so boldly predict that Russia would not attack America!

The *Trumpet* follows in the tradition of Mr. Armstrong. By believing what the Bible has to say, this magazine makes strong forecasts concerning the major world powers that have proven accurate and will continue to be proven true.

What does Ezekiel 38 say will happen to the Russian people? "Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog,

the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him" (verse 2). This prophecy for the Russians and Chinese will occur after the great and terrible events that lead to Jesus Christ's return—events recorded in the book of Revelation.

Revelation 9:1-12 describe a European beast power, after occupying Jerusalem and enslaving the end-time nations of Israel, preemptively attacking Russia and China out of fear. Then Russia, China and other Eastern powers, collectively called "the kings of the east," amass a 200 million-man army and counterstrike the European army. This clash kills *one third of mankind!* (verses 13-21).

Then what is left of these armies will gather in Armageddon to challenge and attack Christ in Jerusalem upon His return! Christ will utterly destroy these armies and begin His reign by gathering the scattered descendants of Israel around Jerusalem.

This is when the prophecy of Ezekiel finally occurs: after Christ's return, when the descendants of Israel have been resettled. The remnants of the Russians and Chinese, evidently still too proud to be ruled by Christ, attempt to spoil the obedient and prosperous Israelites. Ezekiel 38:14-16 describe this attempt to overthrow Christ's rule. In this attack, they are defeated in one final statement to mankind that He is the Eternal! (You can read a more detailed explanation of this prophecy and the future of Russia and its allied nations in our free booklet *Russia and China in Prophecy*.)

What is in store for Russia in the meantime? Nearly 60 years later, will Mr. Armstrong's prediction continue to be proven true?

Today, the world is in an even worse condition than when Mr. Armstrong printed that headline. The threat of nuclear war is even higher than in the peak of the Cold War. Several rogue states have acquired or are acquiring the means to wipe whole nations off the map. America's global dominance is again being challenged, not just by one nation but by many different major powers. Major powers all over the world such as China, the European Union and Iran are increasing their military capabilities, while a debt-burdened U.S. is shrinking its own.

Now, more than ever, it is vital to know what will happen in world affairs in the near future. Who will strike whom? You will know only if you believe your Bible! ■



in verse 2. In the King James Version, this word was translated as the adjective "chief." But the proper rendering—carried by several different translations, most notably the New King James Version, and explained as such by many Bible encyclopedias and commentaries—uses the word as a proper noun. Thus, that verse should read, "the prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal."

A proper translation of *Rosh* clearly shows that Ezekiel 38 is referring to *Russia*. *Rosh* was the ancient name of Russia, once called *Rus*! Many commentaries and encyclopedias recognize this.

The *Jamieson, Fausset and Brown Commentary* states that "the chief prince" should be translated "'prince of Rosh,' or 'Rhos' [Septuagint]. ... The modern Russians may have hence assumed their name, as Moscow and Tobolsk, from Meshech and Tubal ..."

One reason *Rosh* is typically not translated as a proper noun is that scholars believe *Rosh*, unlike the other names listed in Ezekiel 38, was not a known land or a name of a person. *Rosh*, like *Gog*, isn't listed in the great list of progenitors found in Genesis 11.

However, *Rosh* is used as a name in Genesis 46:21. More importantly, *Rosh* was a well-known place and people in Mesopotamia, in modern-day Iran. It is found in ancient Assyrian manuscripts by the name *Rasu*.

The Khorsabad Inscription of Sargon, dating to the 700s B.C., describes this land, "the land of Rasu of the boundary of Elam, which is beside the Tigris."

The migration of the people of *Rosh* is less documented than that of *Meshech* and *Tubal*. They did leave traces behind, however, such as the Ros River in Ukraine in the area where the first state bearing



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Do You Have an Immortal Soul?

Is man an immortal soul in a material body?
Learn the surprising answer from your Bible!

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FOR CENTURIES, MEN HAVE WONDERED WHAT really happens at death.

The ancient philosophers taught that man is essentially an immortal spiritual “soul” housed in a temporary body of flesh—that the *real* man is not the body, but an invisible, immaterial “immortal soul” that thinks, hears, sees and will consciously live on forever.

At death, according to the speculation of the ancients, the soul leaves the body and journeys to a nebulous realm, possibly paradise or a place of punishment. The body, they observed, goes to the grave.

Sounds a lot like the teaching of many modern churches, doesn't it?

You were probably taught that this doctrine was totally Christian. You undoubtedly assumed it came straight from the Bible. But as you will see in this eye-opening study, it did not!

Notice what the *Jewish Encyclopedia* explains: “The belief in the immortality of the soul came to the Jews from contact with Greek thought and chiefly through the philosophy of Plato, its principal exponent, who was led to it through Orphic and Eleusinian mysteries in which Babylonian and Egyptian views were strangely blended” (emphasis ours).

The doctrine of the immortality of the soul, according to this respected encyclopedia, came from pre-Christian Greek philosophers who acquired it from pagan Egypt and Babylon!

Surprising as it may seem, the Bible does *not* teach that men are immortal souls. Let's look into the Bible and prove what it really says!

What Is Man?

1. Of what did Jesus Christ say man is composed? John 3:6, first part. And is that which is “born of *spirit*” of a *totally different* composition? Same verse, last part.

Comment: Man is composed of flesh. Jesus plainly says that if one is born of (and therefore composed of) flesh, he cannot also at the same time be born of (composed of) spirit. He must be one or the other! So this verse alone is strong evidence that man is not an immortal spiritual “soul” that lives in a body of mortal flesh and blood. But let's continue.

2. Was the Apostle Paul an immortal soul clothed with a body of flesh—or did he speak of himself and *his flesh* as being synonymous? Romans 7:18.

Comment: Paul did not distinguish between himself and his flesh in this verse. He indicated they were one and the same.

In order to understand whether man has an im-

mortal soul, let's go back to the creation of the first man to see exactly what happened.

The Creation of Man

God created the first man, and He tells us from what He made him so there would be no doubt as to what we really are. Here is that account as revealed in the Bible:

1. Out of what did God form man? Genesis 2:7. Notice that it was the *man*—not just the body—that was formed.

2. Was it the *whole man*—“thou”—that was composed of dust? Genesis 3:19.

Comment: Adam was made from, and therefore composed of, *earth!*

3. What would eventually happen to the conscious man? Same verse, last part.

4. After God had formed the man and made every cell in his body, what did He do to give him *life*? Genesis 2:7.

Comment: God blew air—“the breath of life” containing oxygen—into the man's lungs through his nostrils, and the man began to *live!* The verse does not say God breathed an *immortal soul* into the man.

5. Does the same “breath of life” also pass through the nostrils of animals? Genesis 7:21-22. Is it the breath of life that is *cut off* when a human being or an animal drowns? Verse 22. Then the source of life in man and animals is the same, isn't it?

Comment: If the “breath of life” even remotely referred to an immortal soul, then animals, birds and even insects—gnats, fleas, mosquitoes, etc.—would all have immortal souls!

What Kind of “Soul”?

1. When God had breathed the breath of life into Adam's nostrils, what did the man become? Genesis 2:7, last part.

Comment: Man does not *have* a soul—man *IS* a “soul”! The original Hebrew word for “soul” is *nephesh*. Bagster's *Analytical Hebrew and Chaldean Lexicon* defines it as “breath,” and “anything that breathes, *an animal*.” It can also refer to a “person,” or even “one dead, a dead body.” In Genesis 1:21, 24; 2:19; 9:10, 12, 15-16 and Leviticus 11:46, the same word *nephesh* is translated “creature” when referring to *animals*.

And so man is a soul. Notice that the word *nephesh* is translated as “dead body” or “the dead” in Leviticus 19:28; 21:1; 22:4; Numbers 5:2; 6:11 and 9:6-7, 10. The “soul,” then, is merely an air-breathing entity that is subject to death and decay. It is *not* immortal!

The soul is composed of the “dust of the ground.”

It is material, not spiritual; it is matter. When man breathes, he is a “living soul.” When man ceases to breathe, he becomes a nonliving or *dead* soul. That’s what the Bible reveals.

2. Can the “soul” die? Ezekiel 18:4, 20. If the soul were immortal—eternal—could it die? Is man plainly said to be “mortal”? Job 4:17.

Comment: Since man is a soul, and the soul is mortal—then man is mortal, subject to death. That is why the Scriptures refer to human beings as “mortal man.”

Is There Life After Death?

1. After a person dies—becomes lifeless—does he still have a conscious existence because of an immortal soul? Ecclesiastes 9:5; Psalm 146:4.

Comment: Since the Bible states plainly that the dead are *not conscious* of anything, we can logically conclude that man does not have an immortal soul that is conscious and aware of things happening around it after death!

2. Are the dead able to praise God? Psalm 115:17.

Comment: If dead Christians had immortal souls, wouldn’t they be praising God after they died, thankful to be with Him in paradise? Here, then, is more concrete evidence that human beings do not have immortal souls.

The Spirit in Man

What we have studied so far proves that man *is* a soul, and that at death, conscious existence ends. Nevertheless, the Bible speaks of a resurrection from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:21-23). If there is no *immortal soul*, what will God use, after the death and complete dissolution of the physical body and brain, to *reproduce* each individual at the resurrection?

1. Since man has no immortal soul in him that enables him to live on apart from his body after death (remember, man is a mortal soul), does the Bible speak of a “spirit in man”? Job 32:8; Zechariah 12:1; 1 Corinthians 2:9-14—notice especially verse 11. Is this spirit “in” man clearly *distinguished from* the Holy Spirit of God? Same verses in 1 Corinthians 2.

Comment: This spirit is *not the man*—it is spirit essence from God that is *IN* the man. Joined with the physical brain of the man, it forms the human mind. It imparts to man’s brain his *unique* powers of intellect and personality—the ability to think rationally and to make free-will decisions. It imparts the ability to learn mathematics, languages or other types of physical knowledge, but *that is all!* The spirit that is *IN* man has no consciousness of itself. It is *not* an “immortal soul.” This spirit is *not* “the man.”

Because of this spiritual element, the Bible often uses *spirit* simply to mean man’s *mind*, intelligence, attitude. To distinguish this “spirit in man” from mere physical breath, the book of Job continues in context to use two separate Hebrew words—*ruach* for spirit, *neshamah* for breath (Job 33:4; 34:14).

2. When a person dies, does this totally nonconscious “spirit in man”

return to God who gave it? Ecclesiastes 12:7.

Comment: This spirit in each individual, of necessity, does more than merely impart the power of intellect to the physical brain. It becomes a spiritual “recording” and “mold” of the entire person—even to preserving memory, knowledge, character and outward appearance. And so when a person dies, that spirit “recording” returns to God and is “filed away” until the time God will “replay” it to bring about the resurrection of the identical personality to life and consciousness. Yet while filed away, it has no consciousness of its own.

Why haven’t you heard this truth before? Simply because the whole world has been deceived!

The truth about the “spirit in man” is so important that Satan tried to twist, warp and pervert it long ago. He clouded the minds of men and deceived them into believing his “big lie” as far back as the time of Adam and Eve.

Notice what happened in the Garden of Eden:

3. What did Satan tell Eve? Genesis 3:4.

Comment: Here was the *origin* of the “immortality of the soul” doctrine believed by so many today! Satan told Eve she would “not surely die”—in other words, that she had an “immortal soul” that would live forever. Eve swallowed this lie completely!

The truth is, if man were an immortal soul in a material body—and if the death of the body released the soul—then there would be no need for a resurrection to immortal life. Man would merely continue living after death. The fact that the Bible teaches the resurrection from the dead is *further proof* that man does not have an immortal soul!

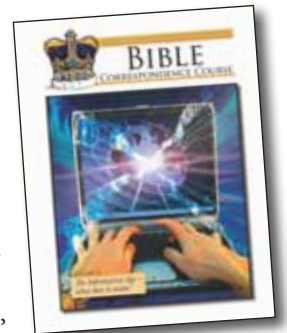
Man to Become Spirit

We have clearly seen that the Bible does not teach the immortality of the soul. What, then, *does* the Bible teach about immortality?

1. Job once asked the question, “If a man die, shall he live again?” What was Job’s answer to his own question? Job 14:14. What is the change Job spoke of, and *when* will it take place? 1 Corinthians 15:51-53.

2. Will Job, David and all those in the resurrection be like God? Psalm 17:15. Is God *spirit*? John 4:24. Are they, therefore, to be composed of spirit as well? 1 Corinthians 15:42-49. Compare this with 1 John 3:2.

Comment: How plain the Bible really is. Man is mortal, corruptible flesh—organic matter with a temporary life. He does not have eternal life inherent within himself. He does not have an “immortal soul”! He is a physical, fleshly creature destined to die, turn to dust and remain that way—except for the intervention of the Almighty—except for the resurrection from the dead!



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For over 70 years we have proved repeatedly and in convincing detail that Britain descends from ancient Israel, specifically the tribe of Joseph. Among the descendants of Israel, England has by far the most enduring and prestigious monarchy. The reason for this is simple and stunning: *England's royal family descends from King David.*

This institution, which was on glorious display at the recent royal wedding, IS LIVING, BREATHING PROOF OF GOD'S EXISTENCE!

When you put the royal wedding in its biblical context, it becomes the GREATEST PHYSICAL SIGN OF HOPE in this world!

Another Binding Promise

There is another vital, hope-filled dimension to God's promise to King David.

You will find it in Jeremiah 33. Verses 14 through 17, as I explain in my booklet *Jeremiah and the Greatest Vision in the Bible*, are talking about God's promise to David that a descendant from his line would always sit on the throne of Israel. These scriptures even prophesy of the time when Jesus Christ, "the Branch of righteousness," will return and inherit this very throne. In verse 17, God reiterates His original promise, saying, "For thus saith the Lord; *David shall never [lack] a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel.*"

Now consider verse 18, where God makes a *second* promise that is linked to the first. "Neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meat offerings, and to do sacrifice continually." This is talking about another covenant, a *spiritual* covenant God makes with His priests, the ministry. God promised that there would always be an **INDIVIDUAL** delivering a message about David's royal throne.

God uses this man, who is supported by an energetic and committed church, to explain to the world the inspiring message behind the royal throne of England!

When a momentous event like the marriage of one of these royals occurs, this man must be on the scene to explain the significance of the royal event.

It is crucial that you find this individual and the work that supports him. This is not as difficult as you might imagine: Just look for the work explaining the truth about the royal wedding and the throne of David!

No One Can Break Them

Can you begin to see God's hand in the royal family, and the meaning behind the royal wedding? God was trying to communicate **HOPE** to mankind! You must prove and then believe the truth about England's royal family, and the royal throne. When you do, you will have *profound* HOPE and FAITH in God!

As long as that throne exists, there is **HOPE FOR MANKIND!**

God lives! The royal wedding was a powerful reminder of that.

Verses 20-21 of Jeremiah 33 give a glimpse of how strong these promises of God are: "Thus saith the Lord; If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day

and night in their season; Then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers."

God's covenants with David and with the ministry that explains the truth about David's throne are as **CERTAIN** as the **DAILY RISING AND SETTING OF THE SUN!**

Do you know why most people are blind to this inspiring truth about the British monarchy? In 2 Corinthians 4:4, the Apostle Paul says there is a "god of this world" who has "blinded the minds" of humans. This wicked being is the devil, or Satan, and he has captured the minds and hearts of all men, "lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." Satan hates the thought of the "light of the glorious gospel of Christ" shining on the world!

The devil has a special hatred for Britain's royal family, and seeks to turn the world against it, because He knows the gospel of God is wrapped up in history and prophecy of that institution. The vision embodied by this royal throne drives him into a rage. He will stop at nothing to destroy the truth about the throne of David!

Yet he will not prevail. Why? Because he simply cannot break God's covenants! God is more powerful than the devil!

The Future of David's Throne

Now that we've taken a glimpse of the inception of David's throne, let's briefly look at its future. Luke 1:30 shows an angel speaking to Mary. In verses 31-32, the angel tells her, "And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the **LORD GOD SHALL GIVE UNTO HIM THE THRONE OF HIS FATHER DAVID.**"

Think on that. When Jesus Christ returns to Earth, God is going to give Him the throne of His ancestor David!

Christ will not return to a non-existent throne. Where is the throne of David today? It's not that difficult, with a little study and an objective mind, to trace David's royal lineage, king after king after king, all the way to Buckingham Palace! If you would like to do this, then I highly recommend you request and study our free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy.*

In verse 33 God tells us what will happen on Earth after Christ inherits the throne of David. "And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of **HIS KINGDOM THERE SHALL BE NO END.**"

When the Kingdom of God finally arrives, and Jesus Christ becomes King, that Kingdom will not end! The world and the universe will enter an *endless existence* of peace, joy, stability and elation!

Why was the wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton so important? Because, through that magnificent and miracle-filled wedding, *the world was given breathtaking insight into David's throne* and the **FUTURE KINGDOM OF GOD!**

Truly, no other physical institution on Earth embodies such magnificent hope! ■



THRONE OF DAVID
King Edward's chair, before the Stone of Scone was removed



Why Character Counts in Leadership

An important point America has apparently forgotten

THERE ONCE WAS A TIME WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL'S CHARACTER, principles and virtues were the first qualifications laid on the table when one was considered for political office. Today, as the field of 2012 presidential candidates emerges, the chance of one being elected based on character seems quite remote.

The Bible reveals that character and effective leadership are as inseparable as hydrogen and oxygen in water.

The patriarch Joseph began his illustrious political career after his brothers sold him into slavery. Potiphar, his master, quickly entrusted this honest, hard worker with everything in his house. When Potiphar's wife tried to seduce him, Joseph refused to sin against God, and sprinted out of the house while she was ripping off his clothes!

God put Joseph through some serious trials, but rewarded Joseph's upright character, eventually exalting him to the highest political position in Egypt under Pharaoh! (Genesis 41:41). Egypt prospered under Joseph's direction. In fact, when a dreadful famine struck, surrounding nations came to him for help because he *saved* the excess during prosperous times. He didn't lavishly spend more than he had. He didn't borrow from others to pay off mounting debts; he had no debts. He *saved* for the future. All of Egypt and the surrounding nations benefited!

Over 400 years later, God raised up another man of fine, up-standing character. Through Moses, God codified His Ten Com-



mandments for the Israelites. *Thou shalt have no other gods before me. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Honor thy father and thy mother. Thou shalt not kill. Thou shalt not commit adultery. Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not lie. Thou shalt not covet.* Imagine how much better this world would be if leaders and subjects alike followed these commands, even just by the letter, let alone the spirit (Matthew 5:27-28).

Under Moses's leadership, the Israelites prospered. Soon, Moses needed help with the responsibilities of administering a nation. His father-in-law offered this advice: "Moreover choose able men from all the people, such as fear God, men who are trustworthy and who hate a bribe; and place such men over the people ..." (Exodus 18:21; Revised Standard Version). These men had to be God-fearing, honest, wise, discerning, and unbiased in

their *personal* lives—or they were not fit to lead!

When Moses died, God told his successor, Joshua, "This book of the LAW shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt *meditate* therein day and night, that thou mayest *observe* to do according to all that is written therein: for *then* thou shalt make thy way PROSPEROUS, and then thou shalt have good success" (Joshua 1:8). Joshua's political administration would rise or fall on how he obeyed a *spiritual law!* And Joshua lived it. He followed God's law and Moses's example. So did his officers, and so did Israel. God blessed Israel, and the nation flourished.

After Joshua died, Israel endured much instability—mostly because of its immoral leadership. The book of Judges graphically illustrates this fact, clearly showing how the character of a leader *does* affect the people. Othniel obeyed God's commandments; the land had rest 40 years (Judges 3:11). His successors disobeyed; the nation plunged into crisis. God raised up Ehud; Israel had rest 80 years. His successors were disobedient; the nation again sank into oppression.

On and on the cycle went. Gideon told the people to obey God in spite of unrighteous leaders, but in the end, there was no king in Israel, and "every man did that which was right in his own eyes" (Judges 21:25). By that point, it didn't much matter what their leaders were doing. Nobody really cared! Everyone just did his own thing. Sound familiar?

In addition to the many outstanding strengths of God-fearing leaders, God also recorded many of their weaknesses. King David was an adulterer, a liar, and a murderer, and yet God called him a man after His own heart (Acts 13:22). Does that mean David was able to get away with his sin and still lead effectively? Look at the Scriptures.

When God confronted David with his sin, David realized that no matter how much he bamboozled the people into believing he was a righteous leader, he could not fool God. David was overwhelmed with shame. He replied sorrowfully, "I have sinned against the Lord" (2 Samuel 12:13). David repented—*deeply* (Psalm 51). He changed from his wicked ways. God forgave David and still used him as a leader! Nevertheless, the aftermath of David's lustful interlude with sin was not pretty. He suffered, and so did the nation. His child died, his son Absalom rebelled, Israel erupted in civil war, tens of thousands died, Adonijah staged a coup, and for the rest of David's life, Israel had war.

This was the chain of events triggered by David's sin—and it would have been *far worse* had he *not* repented!

Sin is disastrous for leaders and followers. But when we truly change our ways, God forgives and can use us to do great things. God inspired writers of the Bible to record the character flaws and sins of leaders so we might vividly see HOW SIN DESTROYS—both individuals and nations. Destruction may not come immediately; in fact, on the outside, things may look pretty good. But when our "famine" sets in, to whom will the people turn? Will they look to immoral leaders who are only concerned about serving themselves? No: They'll look for a "Joseph." But this time around, they won't find him. ■

Line has been drawn

Thank you for an amazing and compelling analysis of Middle Eastern events unfolding before the world's eyes! ("A Mysterious Prophecy," May/June). From a biblical perspective the line has been drawn that is dividing those nations supporting the king of the south from those in fear of him. As usual, Germany is capitalizing on the immediate crisis by securing any future oil requisitions that may be needed to feed the furnace of its industrial empire! America's weakness will be to the detriment of her and all her allies!

Ioannis—NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA

Shared insight with a colleague

A work colleague of mine asked out of the blue, my thoughts as to what was happening in Libya ("Enemies and Allies" May/June). When I told him to watch Germany as they have interests in this nation and the Middle East area, he was surprised as he thought it was America going on another "empire"-building sortie. If he asks again, I will certainly direct him to this article and the incredible insight you bring to the situation in the Middle East.

Brian Sherwood—NEW ZEALAND

Thank you for another eye-opening article providing the news behind the news. I think if Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg was in office he would opt not to join the coalition against Libya. He's smart enough to recognize such action doesn't serve German interests. Only the silly-dove foreign policy of the Israelite nations would push to attack the Libyan government. It's abundantly clear any power vacuum in the Middle East threatens to be filled by Iran. Fortunately, God is in full control and will ensure the ultimate, positive outcome.

K.S.A.—CALIFORNIA

The pulls of Sodom and Gomorrah

Wow, I didn't even know this show, *Skins*, was out there—and it really is a show that is "out there" ("Glamorizing Gomorrah," May/June). Thank you for addressing this as it desperately needs attention. I for one see the pull of this very Sodom and Gomorrah within the teens in my church and sadly, the worldly ways usually win out because it's more "fun" with



its permissive attitude. They don't have the sight to see its oppressive results, and since these programs continuously show only the "fun" stuff without the very bad consequences, it really isn't a true depiction of what teens are like through and through, is it? Sad how slanted everything in this world is. Thanks for setting it straight. Keep it up; this is a wonderful eye opener.

UNITED STATES

As a new adult, I have been exposed to media similar to this by non-God-loving friends. It sickens me to grow up as a part of a generation that allows this behavior. When I hear about the escapades that peers have experienced, I am disgusted to find myself thinking that this is normal in our world. Children are being exposed to this at younger ages, and becoming younger versions of what they see, because they think it is popular. We all need to smarten up.

Maxine Wilson—CANADA

I had never heard of this show that you've mentioned, but as with all the modern programs, it sounds like complete trash. Today's generation is quickly going downhill, and what is scary is this generation will be the next leaders in the years to come. They have no respect for their parents, teachers, police or any authority. I hope either Jesus returns soon or I don't live long enough to see the hell on Earth this generation and their children will create. God speed the return of Jesus.

Craig—ONTARIO

Learning to appreciate the Bible

Thank you for this thorough history of the production of the Bible ("The True History Behind the King James Bible" May/June). It makes one appreciate so much more how much blood was shed so that we can have God's Word so easily accessible to us today. This article is also a great compliment to the *Trumpet Daily* programs on the Proof of the Bible and Authority of the Bible. May we all truly appreciate and value that we have such easy access to God's Word in this age. To whom much is given, of him shall much be required.

Melonie—GEORGIA

To be happy, get exercise!

Thank you for this article ("Help Yourself to Radiant Health," May/June). Many don't realize the importance of exercise

in being happy! Regular exercise/ fitness brings with it a sense of mental alertness, vibrancy of mind and a positive attitude that one can never have without good health.

M.N.—QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA

My own self-righteousness

Thank you so much for opening up the true meaning of Job to me ("The Self-Righteousness of Job," May/June). I always found the book of Job hard to understand and this made it so clear to me. I found your magazine about two years ago in my nail salon. Ever since, I have been receiving it and every morning I go to the *Trumpet's* website at work. I cannot express enough how thankful I am for the *Trumpet!*

Jan Johnson

In my current trial I have been studying quite a bit about Job. It took a while to come to grips with my own self-righteousness. I found it inspiring to deeply meditate on how merciful God was to him all through the trial and blessed him richly in the end. Thank you for this article.

UNITED STATES

Like the 'good old days'

Talk about service! I sent an e-mail request for the book *Raising the Ruins* and for a subscription to the *Trumpet* on March 21, and I got an immediate e-mail acknowledgment. That's to be expected, I suppose, in today's world of instant Internet communications. But to see an actual copy of the March 2011 *Trumpet* was a bit much! In just 10 days from e-mail request to my letterbox from Australia—WOW! I could not wait to get started, burning with great expectations to see the quality of the publication and the content of moral values and usefulness that I had been used to with Mr. Armstrong's *Plain Truth* for so long, so many years ago. I must congratulate you on the quality of production. If anything, it is better than the original *Plain Truth*. Again, I suppose it can be expected with all the technological advances made since those days. I have already gone through about half the issue, and the articles seem as good as those from the good old days. Keep up the great work. Not everybody that has a subscription is going to convert to Christianity, but they will certainly learn to, and probably will, live a moral Christian life, making this world a better place to live in again. *Congratulations and God bless!* Do keep up your great work.

N.B. Dayananda—MALAYSIA

Have You Noticed? The Nations Are Shaking

A big-picture look at recent Earth-altering events



IN 2009, *TRUMPET* EDITOR IN CHIEF GERALD FLURRY WROTE a landmark booklet called *Haggai: God Has Begun to Shake the Nations*. In this book, Mr. Flurry explained God’s promise in Haggai 2:7: “And I will SHAKE ALL NATIONS.”

In Haggai 2, God makes it plain that the shaking of the nations is tied directly to a *specific sign*. God calls this physical sign His “house,” a magnificent physical structure designed to declare the glory of God, and from which God’s truth flows. In his booklet, Mr. Flurry explains how God begins to “shake all nations” at the same time as this “house for God” is constructed. God intends for this house, Mr. Flurry wrote, to be “a dreadful warning sign to the world,” and “a sign of world upheaval.”

In September 2010, the Philadelphia Church of God opened Ambassador Auditorium, a majestic building created specifically to declare the glory of God and from which the truth of God now flows. Looking at world events since then, there is no refuting that the intensity of this shaking has dramatically increased!

Brace yourself and take a look at events since last September.

Practically the whole of the Middle East and North Africa is violently convulsing. In December, the West-friendly government of Tunisia was shaken from office by a popular uprising. This revolution caused far more consequential aftershocks in Egypt, toppling an American ally, Hosni Mubarak, and creating a vacuum that radical Islamic forces have already begun to fill.

Bahrain has also been rocked with major protests, supported by Iran. Iran has also scored significant victories in Iraq and Lebanon. In December, Iraq finally formed a coalition government, but only after Iranian-supported anti-American Moqtada al-Sadr agreed to support Shiite Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. In January, Hezbollah brought down the Saad Hariri government in Lebanon when its ministers and allies withdrew from the cabinet. The new prime minister, Najib Mikati, is Hezbollah’s man—amounting to a soft coup by the Iranian-backed terrorist group.

In Syria, more than a thousand people have been killed by security forces loyal to Bashar Assad. Libya is trembling amid a civil war that erupted when dictator Muammar Ghaddafi responded to protesters with brutal force. Yemen is on the verge of civil war. Tremors of popular unrest have also been felt in Mauritania, Morocco, Djibouti, Jordan, Iraq, Algeria and Iran.

Since the wave of Arab protests began last year, tension between Muslims and Christians in the Middle East and North Africa has greatly intensified. Hundreds of Christians have been killed and thousands have been displaced, creating a trend that presages a prophesied Catholic-Muslim clash.

In Israel, in March terrorists knifed to death five members of a Jewish family in the West Bank, Hamas resumed rocket attacks, and a terrorist bomb shook Jerusalem. In May, the “moderate” Palestinian organization Fatah forged an alliance with Hamas, another Iran-backed terrorist group. Then, despite this provocative decision, U.S. President Barack Obama heaped pressure on Israel to negotiate with the Palestinians. His “encouragement” didn’t sit well with Israel and seriously damaged U.S.-Israel relations.

God Has Begun to Shake the Nations, the booklet says. Indeed.

And that’s only in one region of the world.

The European Union has been convulsing from a massive economic quake that is altering the landscape of the Continent—mostly to Germany’s benefit. Since last September, Europe has created several new regulatory bodies, two of which are hosted by Germany. On November 21, Ireland caved in to EU elites’ demands to accept a bailout, handing over its national sovereignty to the EU’s central bankers in the process. In May, Portugal was bailed out too. Meanwhile Greece, which was bailed out in the spring of last year, once again sits on the precipice of bankruptcy. By the end of May, there was talk of Greece leaving the euro, a decision that would necessitate reconstituting the whole European unification project.

Economic troubles shook Britain on March 26 in the form of over a quarter-million demonstrators marching London’s streets to protest government spending cuts. A similar scenario played out in Wisconsin in the U.S., highlighting the reality that several states face bankruptcy—and inevitable social turmoil. Amid all the unrest, oil prices have steadily risen, jeopardizing global economic recovery. All the while, the dollar’s value is dropping, provoking other nations and international bodies to actively look for a replacement reserve currency.

All this shaking of the nations—and we haven’t even yet looked at all the “natural” disasters. December saw wildfires in Israel that were considered the worst natural disaster in the young nation’s history. In December and January, Australia experienced the worst flooding in that nation’s history. A month later, the still-flood-shocked Australian state of Queensland was hit by a massive cyclone. In January, floods in Brazil caused mudslides that left tens of thousands homeless and killed more than 700 people. More recently, the worst drought in over a century wiped out wheat crops and cattle herds in Texas—at the same time that flooding destroyed homes and farms all up and down the Mississippi River. The U.S. also saw the most active, most lethal tornado season in its history by a considerable margin—and it’s only halfway over.

And there has been the *literal* shaking of nations. A magnitude-7.5 earthquake off Indonesia killed 343 people on October 25. January saw four huge quakes, in Argentina, Japan, Pakistan and Chile. Then on February 22, an exceptionally violent trembler (scientists say once-in-a-thousand-years severe) leveled much of Christchurch, New Zealand. Less than three weeks later came the 9.0 quake near Japan that created a killer tsunami, which killed tens of thousands and caused a nuclear disaster.

Are you paying attention? Our world is rattling, and the intensity of the tremors is growing.

“If you want to know *where we are in Bible prophecy*, YOU’D BETTER UNDERSTAND WHY GOD IS SHAKING THE NATIONS,” Mr. Flurry wrote in the *Haggai* booklet. “That means you must OBEY GOD, WATCH WORLD NEWS AND PRAY FOR UNDERSTANDING.”

Pakistan provides the perfect means.

Back in 2002, China broke ground on a joint project with Pakistan to build a major deep-sea port in the Pakistani coastal city of Gwadar. This became operational in 2008. Recent reports indicate that now the Chinese want to build an oil pipeline direct from there into their own Xinjiang region.

Gwadar has been called the “Chinese Gibraltar.” This port increases China’s trade access to the Middle East, Central Asia and Europe. When the project began, China tried to dispel anxiety among its rivals by insisting the port would only be used for trade. But now the Pakistani defense minister says Pakistan has asked China for technical and financial aid to expand it into a naval base. While China hasn’t yet confirmed it will do so—perhaps in order to avoid fueling tensions with India, which fears Chinese encirclement—it is clear that military cooperation between China and Pakistan is rising.

For the moment, Beijing may be content to maintain Gwadar as a friendly port available for naval visits, maintenance and refueling, and as a commercial conduit to bring in minerals from Pakistan and so on. China is renowned for its *long-term* worldview—and its patience in achieving foreign-policy goals. Certain world events, however—such as the rise of a more assertive European power—could quickly spur Asian nations to join forces and speed up China’s timetable regarding its naval presence in places like Gwadar.

In the end, it is only a matter of time before the Chinese Navy establishes a presence on the Middle East’s doorstep.

Biblical prophecy speaks of a massive war—to shake this world very soon—in which an enormous pan-Asian army will march into the Middle East. Given the geography of the region, it seems Pakistan, including this key seaport, could be a major staging point. Evidence also suggests the possibility that, despite its Muslim majority, Pakistan could by then be *allied* with that Asian behemoth, contributing not only its gateways but even its soldiers to the effort.

It appears America’s tattered alliance with Pakistan is all but over. The U.S. is fading; power is shifting eastward. And Islamabad is entertaining offers from another, more attractive suitor. Watch closely. This appears to be yet another proof among many of the rapidly changing world order—the end of the Anglo-American era and the start of something radically different. ■

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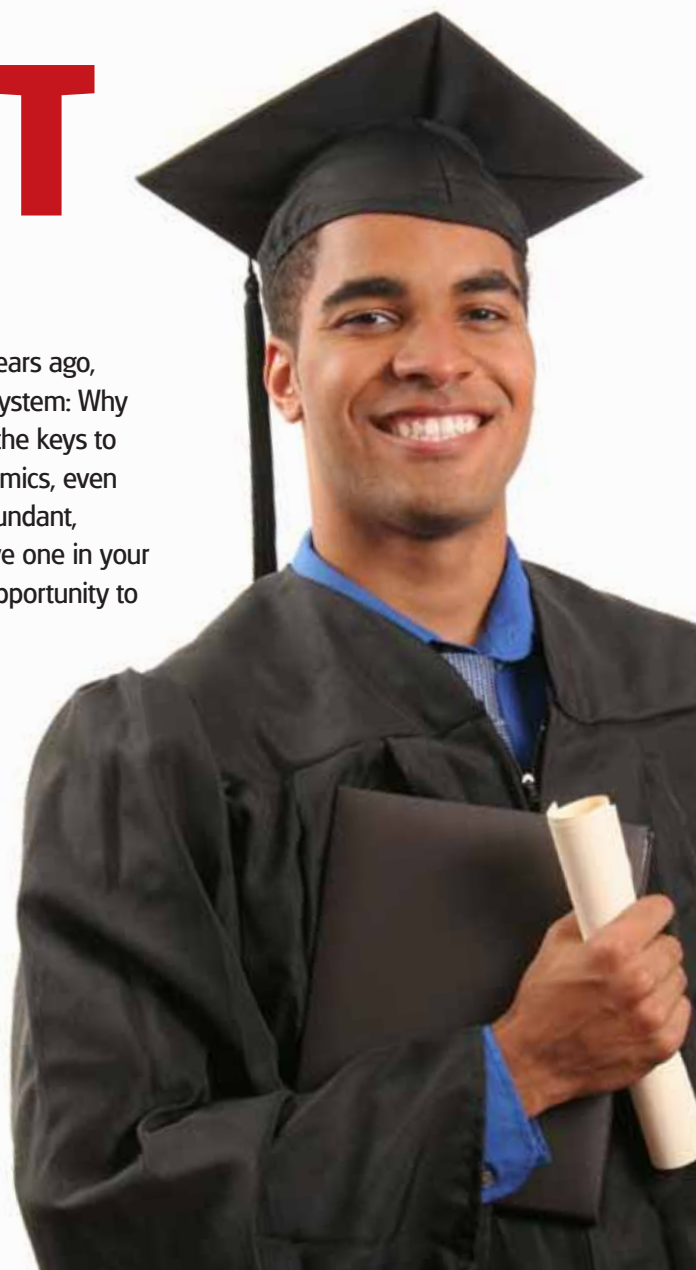
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