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Why is **God**  
protecting  
this  
man?





President Trump holds a campaign rally in Michigan just one week after a failed assassination attempt.

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FROM THE EDITOR  
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# Why God Is Protecting Donald Trump

Yes, it was a miracle. This raises the crucial question everybody should be asking.

**A**FTER JULY 13'S FAILED ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON Donald Trump, everybody was talking about God.

"It was God alone who prevented the unthinkable from happening," Mr. Trump wrote on his social media website.

This statement is obviously true. Many people acknowledged it. *God protected President Trump. That was a miracle. This is proof of God's hand.* Such statements were heard regularly from many politicians and media outlets, as well as the public.

The factors that enabled Mr. Trump to still be alive today are too dramatic to dismiss as coincidence. He is alive because of an unscripted moment displaying a chart he had to turn to look at. He is alive because a gust of wind shifted that bullet left about one inch. He is alive because he cocked his head at the perfect angle at the perfect moment. Do you see God in these details?

Trump is alive in spite of what one commentator called "apocalyptic" security failures. The Secret Service allowed this to happen. We will learn more as time goes on, but we know that many people in the intelligence community and in the federal agencies are *desperate* to keep Donald Trump from returning to power. Evil people want him dead. Could there be anything more despicable than trying to kill a president?

But all their efforts have failed. That is *miraculous*. More and more people are realizing this. The failed assassination attempt was just the most dramatic example. Do you see it?

You need to think about the implications. What happened *proves God's existence*. Even more, it shows *how involved* in world events God really is.

The question you need to be asking is, *WHY* is God protecting Donald Trump?

God does things for a reason. Some people said God spared Trump to save America. That is true—but it is not the whole answer.

Think about this: God *also* allowed the Democrats to steal the last election from President Trump. *WHY*? God allowed the Biden administration, and the Obama administration before him, to do enormous damage, working to "fundamentally transform" America. *WHY*? And now He is clearly preserving Trump's life to bring him *back* into the presidency. *WHY NOW*, and *what will happen next*?

The answers to these questions are critical for *everyone* to know. And there are *real* answers—*SURE* answers from biblical prophecy!

## The Key to Understanding Prophecy

How much do you know about Bible prophecy? How can you be sure it is reliable? There are many conflicting ideas about it, and a lot of kooky ideas. How can you know what to believe?

After seeing how God protected President Trump, these are extremely important questions you need to ask yourself.

Christians are supposed to follow Jesus Christ. Revelation 19:10 tells us that "the testimony of Jesus is the *spirit of prophecy*." Jesus Himself made several prophecies, including one of the longest, most important in the Bible: the Olivet prophecy (recorded in Matthew 24). You cannot afford to ignore prophecy.

However, the Apostle Peter warned, "First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation" (2 Peter 1:20; Revised Standard Version). In the Olivet prophecy, Jesus warned of false prophets deceiving many people (Matthew 24:11, 24). There are a lot of people out there proclaiming ignorant and deeply flawed ideas about biblical prophecy. You must be careful in studying this vital subject to make sure it is right!

This work has a track record of over 75 years of accurate forecasting of world events based on Bible prophecy. The foundation of our understanding is laid out in Herbert W. Armstrong's classic book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, which we print and distribute freely to anyone who requests a copy. THERE IS NO BETTER BOOK FOR UNDERSTANDING THIS VITAL ONE THIRD OF YOUR BIBLE!

This book explains a fundamental truth about our world today: Not only is America the most influential nation on Earth right now, it is also the central nation in literally *hundreds* of biblical prophecies. Mr. Armstrong explained why that is so. He proved America's and Britain's identity in biblical prophecy. The story of their identity, and their connection to the biblical nation of Israel, is astounding, gripping, eye-opening!



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You CANNOT understand events in the world and in America without knowing the truth explained in this book.

Once you have this key to unlock biblical prophecy, America's future becomes clear. Not only will you know why this nation has achieved such unprecedented heights in prosperity and power, but you will see why God has been stripping us of many of these blessings and allowing a growing number of CURSES. It is all spelled out plainly, in detail, in Bible prophecy.

Many people are in confusion and despair over the problems befalling America. These biblical prophecies put everything in perspective and remove the uncertainty and mystery.

### America Under Attack

Mr. Armstrong died in 1986. Since that time, God has continued to reveal more prophetic understanding based on the foundation of *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.

## You can see plainly God's providence in that failed assassination attempt. You need to see just as plainly His providence in the whole drama unfolding in America today.

For nearly 15 years now, I have focused on a handful of prophecies that give astounding insight into the specific curses that have been plaguing America since Barack Obama became president. The picture from prophecy has grown clearer with time. In 2013, shortly into Obama's second term, I published a booklet, titled *America Under Attack*, that exposed the true nature of the diabolical forces arrayed against this nation. It also explained WHY God was allowing this to occur.

When Donald Trump was elected in 2016, it was an extraordinary development. In many ways, those evil forces were forced to retreat. But what has happened since has showed that they were diligently working to subvert the president in increasingly lawless and brazen ways. This culminated in the theft of the 2020 election and the installation of a puppet regime to continue Obama's destructive agenda.

There is a *spiritual war* going on over the future of America! I have written a lot regarding 2 Kings 14:26-28 (a prophetic passage from a part of the Bible called the "former prophets") about an effort to "blot out the name of Israel from under heaven." As *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* proves, the most prominent modern descendants of "Israel" are the Americans!

But verse 27 concludes, "but he [God] saved them BY THE HAND OF JEROBOAM the son of Joash." This historical account of God using a man to save the nation is actually a PROPHECY about America today. Donald Trump is a *modern Jeroboam*.

Coming to understand this prophecy, and a related but yet unfulfilled prophecy in Amos 7, led me to forecast that Trump's role in America's future was NOT COMPLETE after one term. I actually believed that he would *win* the 2020 election and remain president. HE DID WIN—yet he was usurped by the election theft. Virtually everyone said his days in politics were over. His political enemies did everything possible to ensure that happened.

Yet based on Bible prophecy, I said he would return. "Why I Still Believe Donald Trump Is Coming Back" was the first article

I wrote after Joe Biden's inauguration (read it at [theTrumpet.com/23483](https://www.thetrumpet.com/23483)). I have held firm to this forecast even as Mr. Trump has been attacked, vilified, accused, raided and convicted.

And because Joe Biden has been in the White House, THE EVIL OF THAT SATANIC ATTACK ON AMERICA HAS BEEN EXPOSED TO A MUCH GREATER DEGREE. It goes *much deeper* than any of us had realized, and God is making sure it is exposed and made plain!

### 'He Isn't Going to Get Assassinated'

In 2022, I published a dramatically expanded version of *America Under Attack*, with a much more complete explanation of the prophecies both of the Obama and Trump administrations and an exposé of the lawlessness of the Biden White House. I then expanded this book again in 2023. The book's final chapter is "Donald Trump Will War His Way Back."

As the personal and legal attacks on Trump have intensified in recent months—and all of them have failed spectacularly, one after another after another—some commentators have been concerned that his frustrated and desperate enemies would eventually attempt to assassinate him. But in a sermon on June 1, I said, "There are some people thinking, well, OK, he's probably going to win it if he doesn't get assassinated. Well, HE ISN'T GOING TO GET ASSASSINATED. *He isn't going to get assassinated*—or how could he come back and fulfill a very great prophecy in Amos 7? From the beginning we've always said that BECAUSE IT'S IN BIBLE PROPHECY."

You need to know WHY I have been so confident about this prophecy!

Understand: I would know *nothing* about where this story is going if not for Bible prophecy! *I have no special insight of my own*. I am just a puny, insignificant man! But THERE IS A LIVING GOD IN HEAVEN who not only alters the course of bullets to protect a man for His purposes, but who HAS REVEALED THIS TRUTH BECAUSE HE WANTS US TO SEE HIS HAND IN THESE EVENTS!

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You need to know WHY God is protecting Donald Trump. He *will* use this man to "save" America, as 2 Kings 14 puts it. But for what purpose, and for how long? A great many people are putting great faith in this human being to turn the country around. But HE TOO is just a puny, insignificant man! Our faith must be in the great GOD who is protecting him. And to have the right perspective, you must see the *full picture* of why God is using him and for what purpose.

*America Under Attack* answers these questions. It fully explains the prophecies of 2 Kings 14 and Amos 7 and puts them in the context of other end-time prophecies for America.

The months ahead are going to be extremely intense for America, and in the longer term, prophecy warns of unparalleled suffering for our nation! It also explains why God is allowing all this to happen. It is correction from a loving Father, and we need to be paying attention to Him.

I urge you to request and read these books so you can understand and heed the message God is sending through His extraordinary intervention in these events!



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# THE TRUTH



## ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT

The fact that someone was able to shoot Donald Trump shows criminal incompetence at best. How strong is the evidence that it was more sinister?

BY STEPHEN FLURRY AND ANDREW MILLER



**SERIOUS QUESTIONS SURROUND HOW A 20-YEAR-old nursing home dietary aide with no military training evaded security services and fired six to eight rounds at Donald Trump with an AR-style weapon. The first shot would have pierced President Trump's head had he not pivoted at the last millisecond.**

The near assassination of Donald Trump presents the biggest crisis in the United States Secret Service's 159-year history. Presidents have been shot before, but no previous assassination attempt has been this preventable.

The Secret Service and the local police are playing the blame game and refusing to admit their mistakes. But this whole scenario represents catastrophic incompetence and criminal negligence *at best*. The facts strongly suggest a more sinister explanation.

### Security Failure

On the morning of Saturday, July 13, Thomas Crooks headed to Home Depot. CCTV footage shows him entering the store alone at 9:27 a.m. and leaving 15 minutes later with a ladder. Then he

drove his Hyundai Sonata to the Butler Farm Show Grounds for a Trump rally, arriving around 10 a.m. and staying about 70 minutes.

When Crooks left, he drove back to his hometown of Bethel Park and purchased 50 rounds of ammunition at Allegheny Arms and Gun Works. It is unclear whether he used his newly purchased ammo and ladder in his attack on Trump. But after these purchases, he again drove one hour north to the Butler Farm Show Grounds.

A police sniper spotted Crooks near an American Glass International warehouse nearly 90 minutes before the rally started. He texted his incoming replacement at 4:26 p.m. about a suspicious man sitting by a picnic table. The new sniper confirmed receipt of the text and kept an

eye on Crooks for well over an hour. He snapped a photo of Crooks at 5:14 p.m. and another at 5:32. The second photo showed Crooks looking at his phone and using a rangefinder—a tool used by target shooters to measure distances. Video footage of the lawn between the American Glass International warehouse and rally site shows police officers removing spectators from the lawn, but none of these officers removed Crooks. In fact, the police sniper didn't "call into command" regarding Crooks until 5:41 p.m.

Meanwhile, Crooks retrieved an AR-15 rifle he had hidden on site and climbed onto the roof. The Beaver County Emergency Services Unit saw him on the roof at 5:45.

Even after security spotted Crooks, who was on the roof for more than 20 minutes, Mr. Trump was not warned. As he continued to speak, rally attendees were shouting to officers to do something about the mysterious man on the roof at least two minutes before the first shot was fired. At 5:59 p.m., the Secret Service confirmed receipt of the information the local police sniper had sent them 18 minutes earlier. But instead of preventing Trump from taking the stage, they simply

### EARLIER

**9:27 A.M.**

Thomas Crooks enters a Bethel Park hardware store to buy a ladder.

**10:00**

Crooks visits the Trump rally site, staying for 70 minutes.

**3:35 P.M.**

Crooks returns to rally site.

**3:50**

Crooks flies a drone over the site for 11 minutes.

**4:26**

A local police countersniper exits a building with his rifle, texting a local police group chat that an individual seated at a picnic table (Crooks) saw him do so.

**5:10**

**5:10**

Another local countersniper posted to the American Glass Research International building spots Crooks nearby.



**5:14**

From the AGR second floor, the countersniper photographs Crooks below outside.



**5:30**

**5:32**

The local countersniper photographs Crooks using a rangefinder; a photo of Crooks is circulated in the local police group chat.

### MEANWHILE

Police officers remove spectators who had gathered outside the AGR buildings to watch the rally through the fence. Crooks is either not among them or is able to soon return.

# SHOTS FIRED

A time line of events at the Butler Farm Show Grounds in northwest Pennsylvania, July 13

**5:**

asked for more information about Crooks's movements. So the local sniper left his post to personally alert law enforcement to Crooks's presence on the roof.

In the meantime, four Butler Township officers assigned to traffic duty bolted from their post and raced to confront the gunman. When one of them poked his head above the roof, Crooks turned his rifle on him so he ducked back down. Crooks, as soon as he saw the police, turned back around and started firing at Trump.

It was only after Crooks had taken eight shots at Trump that a sniper on an adjacent roof killed him.

The sheer number of security failures at this event was so staggering, it seems they had to have been deliberate. At the very least, federal agencies and law enforcement cleared the way for the gunman to get an open shot. As disturbing as this notion is, nothing makes sense unless someone on the inside wants Trump dead.

### 'Malice Aforethought'

It is not difficult to imagine someone having this malevolent motive. Just consider the train of failed attempts the political class has made to prevent Donald Trump

from ever seeing office again: framing him for colluding with Russian oligarchs; impeaching him for seeking investigation into Biden family corruption in Ukraine; falsely accusing him of leading a violent insurrection after they stole an election; a host of bizarre lawfare cases. Their increasing desperation to find *some* means of ending Trump's presidential

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aspirations has led many people to believe that their efforts were certain to escalate to a deadlier level.

"Joe Biden's security regime deliberately and with malice aforethought created the conditions that led to an attempted assassin shooting Donald Trump in the head," wrote Sean Davis, cofounder of the *Federalist* (July 16). That is a bold statement—but think of the evidence that supports it. The

radical left has been calling Donald Trump a Nazi, a white supremacist and a mortal threat to American democracy for years. In such a vitriolic environment, an assassination attempt was all but inevitable. Just days before the incident, Joe Biden publicly said it was "time to put Trump in a bull's-eye." Yet instead of increasing protection for the Republican front-runner, the Secret Service director allowed a lone shooter to climb up on a roof and take up an exposed firing position only a football field-length away from the former president.

Many die-hard Biden administration supporters label the Secret Service's actions as gross incompetence because they know these actions cannot be defended. But let's look at a few more facts and consider whether such shocking dereliction of duty is the result of "incompetence" or "malice aforethought."

Democrat Bennie Thompson, the ranking member of the House Committee on Homeland Security, introduced legislation in Congress in April to *remove Donald Trump's Secret Service protection*. Eight Democrats cosponsored his bill. This proposed legislation was voted down, but the fact that nine Democrats

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5:50

5:00

5:10

5:41

Secret Service is notified about Crooks.

5:45

Local police spot Crooks on AGR roof.



5:52

Secret Service spots Crooks on AGR roof.

5:59

Secret Service agents confirm receipt of 5:41 notification from local police and request further information, rather than delaying or stopping Donald Trump from taking the stage. The local countersniper leaves his post to personally alert others to Crooks's presence.



5:11

Crooks fires a volley of eight shots, striking two audience members critically, one fatally and President Trump almost fatally.

### MEANWHILE

Crooks retrieves an AR-15-style rifle hidden on site and climbs onto the roof of the AGR building nearest the rally.



5:02

Trump takes the stage.

5:10

Trump deviates from his teleprompter script to call for a chart to be displayed and turns to look at it.

5:09

Crooks has been on the AGR roof for 24 minutes. Bystanders have noticed him and have begun shouting to police.

tried to strip Trump of his Secret Service protection on grounds that he is a felon shows us that there is indeed a Democratic Party movement to starve Trump of security resources. That certainly sounds like “malice aforethought.”

Congressional legislation is not the only way to strip a former president of protection.

### Limited Resources

Two anonymous sources within the Secret Service notified Susan Crabtree at RealClearPolitics that Trump’s regular security detail had been overworked, so supplemental agents from different field offices were called in to staff his Butler Farm rally. This allegation was supplemented by a whistleblower report given to Sen. Josh Hawley showing that Trump’s security team were not all highly trained Secret Service agents; the Department of Homeland Security assigned low-skilled, inexperienced and unprepared security personnel to protect the former president. So while the Biden administration may not be able to remove Trump’s security detail without congressional authorization, it certainly can deny his request for more security while assigning the worst agents in the department to do a half-hearted job protecting him.

Crabtree’s sources further noted that some of Trump’s security was diverted to Jill Biden’s event that just happened to be concurrent with Trump’s rally. Of course, the Secret Service officially denies diverting resources from Trump to Jill Biden, but it is undeniable that the security team at Butler Farm Show Grounds was understaffed, under-resourced and stretched to its limits at a time when Democrats in Congress were trying to totally deny Donald Trump Secret Service protection.

### Outside the Security Perimeter

Even a child should have been able to identify the roof of the American Glass Research facility as a potential assassin’s perch. So why was this location left completely unguarded prior to and during Trump’s rally?

Many people asked this obvious question, so a Secret Service spokesman responded to these concerns. He told NBC News that the Secret Service had flagged the rooftop as a security concern,

but it designated the rooftop as being outside the event’s security perimeter and, therefore, under the jurisdiction of local law enforcement.

That’s right: Secret Service told local law enforcement to secure the American Glass Research facility and made no attempt to block the line of sight from the assassin’s perch to Trump’s location. Security experts ripped into Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle for allowing this to happen. She brushed aside criticism, saying, “That building in particular has a sloped roof at its highest point. And so, you know, there’s a safety

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factor that would be considered there that we wouldn’t want to put somebody up on a sloped roof.”

That roof had a *5-degree slope* that even a toddler could handle. Executive security expert Bill Stanton said Cheatle’s “explanation that it was dangerous that the roof was pitched to me is the equivalent of a schoolchild saying that the dog ate their homework. How does that pass muster for anybody, regardless of political affiliation?” Cheatle has resigned for her role in this debacle, but the Secret Service site manager at Butler Farm also has much to answer for.

An added obstacle was revealed in Sen. Ron Johnson’s preliminary report on the assassination attempt: Local law enforcement said communications were siloed so that they were not in direct radio contact with the Secret Service. So when the local police sniper alerted command to Crooks’s presence, there was a preplanned delay in communication.

As more of these details come out, the more improbable it is that the Trump assassination attempt was merely a series of independent “innocent” mistakes.

### What Security Experts Say

Canadian Army sniper Dallas Alexander released an Instagram post saying, “I have no doubts in my mind that the

shooter had help from somewhere within an agency, an organization or the government.”

That is a serious accusation, but what other explanation is there for the fact that a young man who worked as a nursing home aide was able to get himself on an elevated platform within 400 feet of Donald Trump without any opposition?

“I’m not pointing fingers at anyone,” Alexander continued. “It’s just too obvious that this guy had help getting there. Whether someone turned a blind eye or it was strategically planned.”

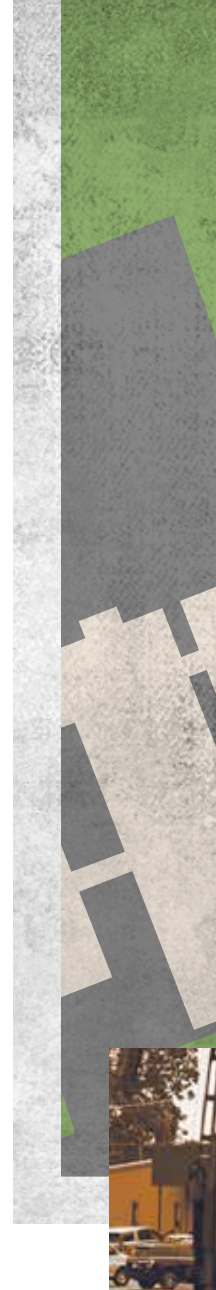
Green Beret sniper Matthew Murphy concurs. “There’s absolutely no way possible that that kid was able to get up there and take those shots of the president without a lot of internal help,” he noted in a TikTok post.

Murphy admitted that he did not know whether that inside help came from the local police, the Secret Service or another agency. But he was adamant that Crooks could not get off a shot without help.

Conservative commentator Dinesh D’Souza also noted that the monumental security failure at the Butler Farm rally cannot simply be chalked up to mere incompetence. “It goes beyond incompetence,” he said in a July 16 podcast. “This is a matter that makes, from the point of view of what happened, makes no sense except if there was somebody in the police or in the intelligence agencies or in the Secret Service who was in on it—who actually was working in tandem with this kid, allowed him to get up there.”

### Lone Wolf

Joe Biden has called for an FBI investigation into the Secret Service’s





# THREAT VECTORS

SHOOTER LOCATION

USSS COUNTERSNIPER TEAMS

APPROX. 150 YARDS

DONALD TRUMP

LOCAL COUNTERSNIPER TEAMS

TRUMP RALLY

BUTLER FARM  
SHOW GROUNDS

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astounding failure to protect Donald Trump. Yet many Republicans are pointing out that an executive agency like the FBI is not going to expose its own failure or the Secret Service's failures. This type of scandal requires outside congressional investigation.

Four years ago, the FBI used covert agents to manipulate a group of militia-men into a plot to kidnap Michigan Governor Gretchen Witmer. Then it arrested these men for going along with their plot. That is *entrapment*. After this corrupt activity was exposed, many of the men the FBI betrayed were declared innocent.

There is also a plethora of evidence that FBI plants encouraged Trump supporters to break the law by

trespassing on Capitol Grounds during the Jan. 6, 2021, protest so the agency could later prosecute them. This is how the FBI operates: It manipulates people into committing crimes. It is certainly possible the FBI or another government agency manipulated Thomas Crooks into an assassination plot while the Secret Service made sure the roof was unguarded. As Alexander, Murphy and D'Souza noted, someone on the inside must have alerted Crooks to a preplanned security vulnerability.

FBI officials told U.S. senators on July 17 that Crooks, just days before the shooting, wrote a threatening message on Steam, a popular platform where tens of millions of gamers purchase

games and communicate. Who were the "gamers" Crooks was talking to? Did any of them know that the Secret Service was planning to leave the roof unguarded? Crooks does not seem to have had much of a social media presence, but in addition to using Steam, he also had an account on the encrypted Discord app. So he is the rare type of 20-year-old who wants all his online communications to remain private.

The Heritage Foundation's Oversight Project has tracked the cell phones that visited the home of Thomas Crooks in the months preceding the assassination attempt and found that one of them visited a Washington, D.C., location near an FBI office. The Heritage Foundation also

found that a device linked to the Crooks's home had visited Butler twice in the days before the shooting—once on July 4 and again on July 8. The Secret Service didn't even do a site evaluation until July 10. So it seems Crooks scoped out the area before the Secret Service did.

The shooter seemed to know that if he hid a gun at the Butler Farm Show Grounds, he could retrieve it and climb up on the unguarded roof of the American Glass Research facility. This disturbing fact is either history's greatest coincidence or else someone in government told him that.

It is difficult to avoid drawing the conclusion that the “deep state” thought its only option to prevent the Republican frontrunner from winning reelection was to kill him.

*Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry has noted for years that Bible prophecy indicates Donald Trump will have to war to recover the presidential office stolen from him. Now literal bullets have been fired by a mysterious gunman with apparent inside knowledge about security vulnerabilities.

The facts of this case make it highly likely the assassination attempt was an inside job. A thorough understanding of Bible prophecy makes this probability an almost absolute certainty.

### Deep State

Americans today are not living in the nation of their Founding Fathers, or even of their own fathers. The nation's government is evolving away from the constitutional republic it once was into an authoritarian technocracy. President Trump is leading a populist revolt against the American deep state (which includes the Central Intelligence Agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Secret Service and dozens of other executive bureaucracies). The authoritarian technocrats in these bureaucracies obviously oppose Trump's populist revolution and desperately want it to fail. This desire was the driving force behind the RussiaGate scandal and the various other deep state attempts to destroy Trump's career. When all these attempts failed, it seems the deep state decided to kill Trump.

This is the only explanation that makes sense of all the embarrassing security failures at the Butler Farm

Show Grounds that day. The deep state has attempted assassinations in other countries; it is not far-fetched to think they might attempt one at home—especially when they consider the candidate to be such a big threat.



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KILL TRUMP.**

Most Christians recognize that the book of Daniel is prophecy. Yet few realize it prophesies that a “deep state” will rise to prominence in the United States in the end time. Daniel 8:11-12 say, “Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down. And an host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered.”

The “he” in this passage is an end-time type of Antiochus IV Epiphanes, who desecrated the temple in Jerusalem with an idol of himself. *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry explains in his book *America Under Attack* that Barack Hussein Obama, the most anti-Bible president in American history, fulfills this role. Yet he does not cast truth to the ground all on his own. Rather, Daniel says he has an organized “host” helping him.

*Strong's Concordance* defines “host” as “a mass of persons (or figuratively, things), especially regiments organized for war (an army).” Depending on the context, the expression can refer to an army of demons, angels or men. The *host* referred to in Daniel 8 is an army of demons and evil men who help Antiochus. This is a prophecy about the

army of bureaucrats, military leaders, intelligence agents, media moguls, tech entrepreneurs, Wall Street financiers and Chinese spies helping Obama fundamentally transform the United States.

Understanding this “host” is key to understanding the Trump assassination attempt. The fact that Trump's security detail was understaffed, under-resourced and stretched to its limits at a time when Democrats in Congress were trying to make sure that he was totally denied Secret Service protection shows that the Secret Service does not care about Trump's safety. The fact that the site manager at Butler Farm chose not to station anyone on a rooftop only 400 feet away from Trump further highlights the fact that he did not care if Trump got shot. And the fact that Thomas Crooks seemed to know that the roof was unguarded strongly indicates that there was some sort of organized plot against Donald Trump's life. We do not yet have conclusive proof that Crooks had inside help, but Daniel's prophecy about an organized host of demons and evil men helping Obama destroy America makes this disturbing possibility very likely.

A related prophecy in 2 Kings 14:26-28 foretells a time when there is no “helper” for end-time Israel, so God has to raise up an antitype of King Jeroboam II to save the nation. *America Under Attack* identifies Donald Trump as this end-time Jeroboam. This means he is standing alone against an organized host that wants him dead.

Something more fearsome than politics is going on in America. This is an all-out war. It is a calculated and destructive plot against President Trump.

Many people recognize the fact that God miraculously intervened to save Trump from assassination. They now need to start asking hard-hitting questions about exactly what God saved President Trump from. This isn't about a lone wolf who wants Trump dead. This is about an organized host that wants Trump dead.

No man can save America from the evil forces arrayed against it, so Americans must look beyond Donald Trump to the Almighty God who has chosen to use this imperfect human tool to save the nation! ■

# America's Supreme Court Has Fulfilled Bible Prophecy

Watch the rise of Donald Trump—  
and the fall of Barack Obama.

BY GERALD FLURRY



**T**HE ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT on Donald Trump and the shake-up of the Democratic Party have completely absorbed people's attention regarding American politics. Another stunning development has been overlooked—one that fulfills a specific Bible prophecy.

President Trump appointed three Supreme Court justices: Neil Gorsuch in 2017, Brett Kavanaugh in 2018, and Amy Coney Barrett in 2020. Radical leftists rabidly attacked them, especially the latter two. With no evidence, they accused Kavanaugh of being a sexual predator. They seethed with accusations and vitriol against Judge Barrett. They were so intent on barring these conservative

judges that they tried to destroy their lives. Somehow these judges survived the attacks and joined the court.

People thought the Supreme Court would then be favorable to President Trump. After rampant fraud plagued the 2020 presidential election, several lawsuits were filed to try to correct the theft. A handful of cases, ending with *Texas v. Pennsylvania*, were submitted to the Supreme Court. But the court accepted none of them. It did nothing to help Donald Trump for some years.

Recently, however, we have seen a definite change. The court has made some landmark rulings that are highly favorable to Mr. Trump.

In *Trump v. United States*, decided on July 1, the court ruled in accordance

with the Constitution that a president has legal immunity for all official acts (sidebar, page 10). Leftists screamed that the court was giving Trump immunity to be a *criminal*—even, some argued, to *execute* his political enemies! That is absurd. This ruling aimed simply to stop the endless lawfare being unjustly waged against this man. If a president can be prosecuted for constitutional actions, then his detractors would be dragging him into court all the time and even jailing him for doing his job!

But with this decision and others, the Supreme Court *helped* Trump and made his return to the presidency far likelier—even inevitable.

Believe it or not, this development actually fulfills prophecy.

## 'The Kingdom's Court'

Amos 7 is a prophecy for today. It uses the prophetic name *Jacob*, the name of one of the biblical patriarchs before he was renamed *Israel* (Genesis 32:28). Our free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* explains how *Israel* in biblical prophecy applies to the modern nations descended from ancient Israel. And as I prove in my book *America Under Attack* (request a free copy), this prophecy applies specifically to America.

Amos 7 describes a religious figure

named Amaziah who approaches the king of the land, Jeroboam, with a condemning report against God's prophet. He insists that the prophet's message is undermining the king in the eyes of the people (verses 10-11).

I explain in detail how this passage applies to the United States in *America Under Attack*. The most important detail to note here is that this "king" is a prophetic reference to Donald Trump. He is an end-time antitype of King Jeroboam II of ancient Israel.

In this prophecy, Amaziah confronts the prophet directly, saying, "O thou seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there: But prophesy not again any more at Bethel: for it is the king's chapel, and IT IS THE KING'S COURT" (verses 12-13).

This is a crucial passage. "The king's chapel" denotes a place of worship belonging to the leader. This refers to the evangelicals, Catholics and other religious people who strongly support President Trump. "The king's court" uses a different word for "king" and is better translated *kingdom*. The Wycliffe translation renders it "house of the realm." This is *the nation's* court. It is not following the leader, but it favors him.

In *America Under Attack* and various articles in recent years, I wrote that I believed "the king's court" was probably the U.S. Supreme Court, though I did not state this dogmatically. Recent events, however, have removed the uncertainty. "THE KING'S COURT" IS FOR CERTAIN THE SUPREME COURT!

Most of the events in this prophecy have not yet been fulfilled, which I take as proof that Donald Trump must return to the presidency (article, page 1). I have also said that this detail in verse 13 implies that the Supreme Court will play an instrumental role in bringing Trump back. "I believe this prophetic account in Amos 7 implies that there is a conservative advantage in the Supreme Court, one that favors Jeroboam," I wrote in *America Under Attack*. "This could work to help fulfill this prophecy."

NOW, THIS ASPECT OF AMOS 7:13 IS A FULFILLED PROPHECY—a spectacular, wonderful prophecy! I am going to edit "I believe," "implies" and "could" out of that book. As far as I am concerned, the Supreme Court *has* brought Trump back to the presidency and has ALREADY FULFILLED THIS PROPHECY.

This is a specific, profound prophecy that has been fulfilled before our eyes!

## Absolving Trump

The 2020 election was stolen from President Trump, consolidated by the instigation of violence at the Jan. 6, 2021,

## SUPREME COURT: Support the Chief Executive

In the *Trump v. United States* case decided on July 1, the Supreme Court held 6-3 that presidents have absolute immunity from prosecution for official actions taken within their constitutional authority. This clarifies and confirms the constitutional authority of the presidency.

The media zoomed in on the phrase "absolute immunity" and published headlines like "The Supreme Court Puts Trump Above the Law," but constitutionally there is nothing controversial about it. The U.S. "constitutional structure of separation of

Donald Trump of "conspiracy to defraud the United States" because he "attempted to use the Justice Department to open sham election crime investigations." Yet as chief law enforcement officer of the U.S., the president has every right to use the Justice Department to investigate allegations of voter fraud. *Trump v. United States* makes it almost impossible for Smith to convict Trump for "conspiracy to defraud the United States."

Chief Justice John Roberts's majority opinion notes that "Article II of the Constitution vests 'executive power' in 'a president of the United States of America.'" This obvious statement affirms that the president is the sole source of executive power in the federal government. He cannot usurp Congress's legislative power or the court's judicial power, but he is the repository of executive power and unaccountable to lesser executive officials such as the attorney general.

The first time Donald Trump was elected president, federal officials loyal to Barack Obama tried to subvert his agenda while hiding behind the false notion that they were acting as a constitutional check on the president. The *Trump v. United States* ruling clarifies that, constitutionally, federal officials have only as much executive authority as the president delegates to them. This means that when President Trump inevitably returns to the presidency, he will return to a more powerful office that is effectively immune from unconstitutional lawfare. **ANDREW MILLER**



John Roberts (right) was President Trump's first Supreme Court pick.

powers" makes the president responsible and accountable for enforcing federal laws. If a president takes action to fulfill this constitutional obligation, of course he is immune from prosecution. As the Constitution provides, Congress can impeach the president, or the Supreme Court can declare his actions unconstitutional. But a special prosecutor has no authority to arrest the chief executive.

Department of Justice Special Counsel Jack Smith is currently trying to convict

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Capitol protest, and protected by the media. Legal warfare was waged and is being waged against President Trump in an attempt to portray him—or even convict him—of instigating an insurrection. It has been more than 3½ years, and STILL no news network—not even the main “conservative” networks, Fox News and Newsmax—will touch this story. So much of the left’s criminality remains to be exposed. The world needs to know what truly happened at the highest levels of our government. A great deal of it is exposed in *America Under Attack*.

On June 28, in another crucial decision, the Supreme Court ruled on *Fischer v. United States*, saying that the Department of Justice inappropriately used a law to unjustly prosecute about 300 January 6 protesters (sidebar, page 11). Those protesters were not guilty of insurrection or even of “disrupting an official proceeding” under that law. For the same reason, President Trump is not guilty of insurrection or even “disrupting an official proceeding.”

The same day, the Supreme Court handed down its decision on another case with dramatic implications: *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo*. This ruling nullified a 1984 Supreme Court decision involving the “Chevron deference doctrine,” which allowed executive branch agencies to not only make regulations based on laws passed by the legislative branch, but also to *interpret* those laws and regulations independent of the legislature or judiciary (sidebar, page 12). It was basically the “swamp” ruling for the swamp. The Chevron doctrine allowed unelected technocratic experts to make, judge and execute laws. These arrogant “experts” possessed frightful power—without any authority

granted in the Constitution. Under their regulations, many, many people were convicted of dubious “crimes” and punished.

The Supreme Court, with its decision in this case, dealt a deadly blow to this out-of-control “fourth branch” of government. It effectively corrected one serious problem that has contributed to the epidemic of lawlessness in America.

## SUPREME COURT: Justice for January 6 Protesters

In the *Fischer v. United States* case decided on June 28, the Supreme Court ruled 6-3 that the Department of Justice used an irrelevant law to prosecute Americans who protested the 2020 election at the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021.

Joseph Fischer attended the rally that day and entered the Capitol building around 3:25 p.m., after Congress had gone into recess. The Department of Justice charged Fischer and more than 300 other protesters with “obstruction of an official proceeding” under the 2002 Sarbanes-Oxley Act, a law passed in response to Enron Corp. employees’ destruction of evidence of accounting fraud. The possible sentence was up to 20 years in prison.

The Supreme Court’s majority opinion held that the Department of Justice applied the statutes of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act far too broadly. Since the protesters merely trespassed on Capitol grounds—many of them after Congress had gone into recess—and destroyed no records or documents, they should have never been charged under this law.

This ruling also favors Donald Trump. Department of Justice Special Prosecutor Jack Smith convinced a grand jury to indict Trump on four charges relating to January 6, two of which cite the same statutes used in Sarbanes-Oxley. But if

Fischer and the other protesters should have never been charged with “obstruction of an official proceeding,” then the same is true for Trump. This ruling drastically weakens Smith’s case and exposes how leftists in the government have twisted the law to keep Trump out of the presidency.

As many conservatives have noted, on January 6, the only way President Trump could expose what had happened in the 2020 presidential election was for the “official proceeding” of congressional certification, as provided for by law, to continue undisturbed while representatives and senators introduced and debated the



evidence of election fraud. The riot at the Capitol was not intended to keep Trump in the presidency, but to force him out. The only ones who benefited from the chaos at the Capitol were radical leftists trying to keep evidence of election fraud from being uncovered. This is the real reason prosecutors like Jack Smith keep going after the January 6 protesters. This case gives Trump a chance to win reelection and finish the election fraud investigations he started.

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The court’s favorable rulings in these cases are part of a *broader trend* that I now recognize is forecast in the prophecy of Amos 7.

### Where Is Barack Obama?

The first six verses of Amos 7 have two visions of God’s prophet intervening to ask God to hold off serious devastation of the nation. Again, this is directed specifically at America, and clearly God is fiercely angry. Many other prophecies speak of a time of unprecedented suffering about to befall the U.S., which Jesus

Christ calls a time of “great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be” (Matthew 24:21). At the beginning of Amos 7, the threat of this divine punishment is looming large.

As I explain in *America Under Attack*, the first six verses address the time when *Barack Obama* is the man in power. Though he was succeeded for one term by President Trump, Obama still did serious damage to Trump’s tenure in the presidency. Then Obama stole the 2020 election and reclaimed

# SUPREME COURT: 'Deep State' Unconstitutional

In the *Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo* case decided on June 28, the U.S. Supreme Court held 6-3 that executive branch agencies may no longer interpret their own application of a law. It struck down the "Chevron deference" doctrine, a 1984 Supreme Court decision that allowed executive agencies to interpret ambiguities in their own statutes and to demand that courts defer to those interpretations. This new ruling decreases the power of executive agencies and returns power to the legislature and the courts, and may increase the power of the presidency over the rest of the executive branch. It is an enormous step toward dismantling the so-called deep state that has taken over the nation.

Under the Constitution, Congress makes laws (Article 1), the president enforces them (Article 2), federal courts judge the application of federal laws to specific cases

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(Article 3). Most powers are reserved to the states (Article 4) or to the individual citizen (Amendments 1-10). Yet the federal government now dominates the states, the executive branch dominates the federal government, and bureaucratic agencies dominate the executive branch, including, to a large degree, the presidency.

This bureaucratic state is nowhere sanctioned in the Constitution, yet it has amassed legislative, executive and judicial powers within itself and exerts more control over U.S. citizens than the other three branches.

"The deep state is, in fact, a very real thing," geopolitical forecaster George Friedman wrote in 2017. "This entity is called the civil service, and it was created to limit the power of the president. Prior to 1871, the president could select federal employees. ... Carl Schurz, a German-born Union Army general, proposed the idea of a nonpolitical civil service."

Schurz's plan was meant to create a professional civil service and limit political favoritism, yet it ended up creating an entire fourth branch of government that was neither elected by the people nor accountable to them. Progressive presidents like Woodrow Wilson and Franklin Roosevelt dramatically increased the size of the civil service even as Congress continued to delegate more regulatory authority to these bureaucracies.

Government records show that since 1976, the people's elected representatives in Congress have passed 12,340 laws. Meanwhile, the Internal Revenue Service, Environmental Protection Agency and other executive departments and agencies have issued 215,405 rules and regulations. For every law passed by elected representatives, unelected bureaucrats add 17 regulations. The U.S. has evolved away from a constitutional republic into a technocracy run by bureaucrats and intelligence agents.

This is what makes the *Loper* ruling so significant. If and when implemented, it will help force the bureaucratic state back into its constitutional place: enforcing laws passed by Congress. The ruling does not completely dismantle America's fourth branch of government. Yet it does mean that executive agencies now have to prove Congress gave them authority to make a particular ruling, rather than expecting that the court system will automatically defer to their micromanagement of the nation. It moves the nation back toward the original constitutional model where elected representatives of the people in Congress make laws, judges appointed by elected officials determine their application in specific disputes, and the president enforces them, with full control over those who assist him. **ANDREW MILLER**

control by using Joe Biden. Since 2021, America has been living through what is effectively Obama's third term.

God is angered by the damage this man and his fellow radicals are inflicting. *America Under Attack* explains how Satan the devil is using this man, a modern type of the evil Seleucid king Antiochus IV Epiphanes, to destroy America from within, from the top.

Jacob—or America—was "small" (verses 2, 5) because Obama ruled! His goal was to destroy this nation.

But it is important to realize: The problem is not merely caused by a group of radicals at the top. God *allowed* them to gain power "by reason of transgression" (Daniel 8:12)—BECAUSE OF THE SINS OF THE PEOPLE. Millions of Americans *support* what this man has done, and those with the power to stop him have been too weak! God's assessment of the nation as a whole is that we are a "sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity ... [T]he whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint" (Isaiah 1:4-5). We must come to see this reality as God does!

The beginning of Amos 7 shows how God planned to bring terrible punishment on Israel but decided not to at that time. Then in verses 7-8, He says, *I'm going to give them one last opportunity to repent, and that's it!*

God is using our work to warn them! You can prove that by reading our magazines and online articles, by studying our booklets and books, and by watching our television programs.

When you understand who the modern fulfillment of Jeroboam is, the fact that the first part of this chapter is discussing Barack Obama is clear. But it is conspicuous that *this man is never mentioned directly* in the prophecy, though that is exactly who it is talking about. Why the omission?

I have come to realize that the reason God does not mention this modern-day type of Antiochus in this passage is that HE IS BEGINNING TO SILENCE THIS MAN! Barack Obama's power is *diminishing* before our eyes.

The devil was using this man to do terrible things to the United States of America and even to a number of the other nations that have descended from ancient Israel. Mr. Obama has had control of Hollywood, academia, media, technocrats

and powerful corporations. These have helped him and his army “cast down the truth to the ground” (Daniel 8:12). In a related prophecy in 2 Kings 14:26, his destructive work is forecast to wreak bitter affliction on the nation!

Barack Obama has wielded so much power—during his presidency, against Donald Trump’s presidency, and through Joe Biden’s illegitimate presidency. God is deeply bothered by how Satan used this man to destroy America from the inside! And now, He has begun to put a stop to it. That man is going down fast; he is being exposed and silenced!

Verse 27 of 2 Kings 14 says, “And the Lord said *not* that he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven: but he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.” It was actually *Satan* using Obama and his followers to try to blot out the name of Israel in America and other nations—and God stopped him in a specific way: “by the hand of Jeroboam.” God used a modern King Jeroboam II against this modern Antiochus. That happened to a certain degree in Trump’s first term. And while Biden has been president, God has exposed a great deal more of their lawlessness. He has prepared the way for Trump to resume power, and at the same time, He is beginning to take away Obama’s power and to silence him!

A big part of silencing Obama will be the return of Donald Trump to the presidency, which I have forecast ever since the 2020 election coup.

God prophesied that He would save America, temporarily, by the hand of Donald Trump. Satan and Obama are raging against that and trying to bring him down. But as I said on June 1, “DONALD TRUMP IS NOT GOING TO BE ASSASSINATED”! (article, page 1). God says President Trump is indeed coming back.

Now God is also using the Supreme Court and “blotting out” *not Israel*, but the work of Satan and his man. He is not the same as he was; things are changing before our eyes.

Obama has been able to manipulate and use Biden. But now, finally, we are starting to see some opposition within the Democratic Party. Leading Democrats, like those at the *New York Times*, are showing signs of being at loggerheads with Obama.

Obama is being silenced. He has not *yet* been silenced, but these verses (Amos 7:7-8, which flow from verses 1-6) show that in the end, he will be *totally silenced!* He is not mentioned anymore in the Bible as far as I can see. He set out to *blot out* the name of Israel, and now God is giving him a taste of his own evil: God is blotting out his power and silencing him. By the end of verse 8, he is *totally* out of it. We will see this even more plainly in the time ahead.

### ‘In the Midst’

Amos 7:10 describes Amaziah the priest telling Jeroboam, “Amos hath conspired

against thee *in the midst* of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words.” This modern Jeroboam is the “king,” and he is “in the midst” of the house of Israel.

Now note: In verses 7-8, God says He will use a plumbline—a measuring device—to mete out *destruction* “in the midst” of America. This is *also* talking about a ruler of Israel—though here he is not named.

Both Barack Obama and Donald Trump are “IN THE MIST” of Israel (America); both have ruled Israel, which is what this chapter is about. “*In the midst* is emphatic,” *Lange’s Commentary*

## SUPREME COURT: Trump Back on the Ballot

In the *Trump v. Anderson* case decided on March 4, the United States Supreme Court ruled 9-0 that only Congress, not the states, can determine eligibility for federal office under Section 3 of the 14th Amendment, overruling attempts by the state of Colorado and other states to block President Donald Trump from the ballot.

The U.S. Constitution establishes that any natural born citizen who is at least 35 years of age and has lived in the country for at least 14 years may run for president. The only exception is if representatives in Congress invoke Section 3 of the 14th Amendment, find that a candidate engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the U.S., and pass legislation to bar that candidate from office.

In December 2023, the Colorado Supreme Court ruled on the case *Anderson v. Griswold*. It held that Trump’s actions surrounding the Capitol protests on Jan. 6, 2021, constituted engagement in insurrection. Trump was, therefore, ineligible for federal office under the 14th Amendment, and the Colorado secretary of state must exclude him from all ballots within the state.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled Colorado’s decision unconstitutional. It noted that that

law says only elected representatives in Congress can bar someone from office due to insurrection or rebellion, not four activist judges on the Colorado Supreme Court.

Many Democrats were upset, but the fact that it was a 9-0 decision shows that even

Attorney Jason Murray speaks outside the Supreme Court where he argued against allowing Donald Trump on the Colorado presidential ballot.



liberal justices like Elena Kagan, Ketanji Brown Jackson and Sonia Sotomayor understand that the Colorado Supreme Court does not get to prescreen political candidates for federal office like the Guardian Council of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The Colorado Supreme Court ruling was one of the more radical and dangerous of several attempts to keep Trump from the presidency, but “the kingdom’s court” struck it down, leaving it to American voters and their representatives to decide who is eligible to run, who should be nominated, and who should win. **ANDREW MILLER**

notes. But verse 8 describes terrifying plumblin destruction *from God* “in the midst” of Israel. GOD is destroying the work of this leader!

There has been an end-time Obama Antiochus destroying America from within, from the top. But here it is *God* destroying *this Antiochus!* There is no Obama Antiochus after the eighth verse. There is no mention of Antiochus because—thanks to the Supreme Court and other developments—that man has been silenced. Amos 7:9 shows that the Obama Antiochus is gone. I see no place in the Bible where he returns.

### Watch Obama

After Joe Biden’s terrible performance in the June 27 debate, Barack Obama posted on X: “Bad debate nights happen. Trust me, I know. But this election is still a choice between someone who has fought for ordinary folks his entire life and someone who only cares about himself. Between someone who tells the truth, who knows right from wrong ... and someone who lies through his teeth for his own benefit. Last night didn’t change that, and it’s why so much is at stake in November.”

First of all, Biden and Obama do not tell the truth to the American people about much of *anything*. They lie routinely, just like the devil! (John 8:44). They are willing to say or do *anything* to maintain power. Obama always accuses others of exactly what he is guilty of.

More importantly, Obama’s message suggested that the November election is the big thing, but I don’t believe that is the big thing in his mind at all. I BELIEVE HE HAS A CIVIL WAR OR A RACE WAR IN MIND, POSSIBLY AIMED AROUND THE INAUGURATION OF DONALD TRUMP. His big goal has *always* been to blot out the name of Israel! That means America especially, but also Britain and the Jewish state in the Middle East.

Obama has also caused a lot of destruction in other nations that descended from ancient Israel (all explained in *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*).

In March, he visited the British prime minister prior to a United Nations vote, and they worked together to vote against Israel. Obama wants to cripple the Jewish state even as the Jews fight for their lives after Hamas’s abominable October 7 massacre last year. He has helped to transform Canada through his support of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, another radical liberal. With China’s help—and especially with the help of Satan’s power—Obama has helped to make Trudeau dictator of Canada. Shortly after Obama visited Australia in March 2023, around 400,000 immi-



grants flowed into that nation, which has a population of only 25 million; the number of immigrants is expected to reach 750,000 next year. *Millions* are pouring over the borders of Australia, Canada, Britain and the United States. And so many of them are *young, fit, military-age males* from all over the world, including enemy nations of America, like China! These aliens are attacking America by trafficking drugs, smuggling children and sex slaves, perpetrating rape and murder. Many conservatives believe the plan is to make Democrat voters out of all these illegal immigrants. But OBAMA HAS ANOTHER PLAN: to bring in SOLDIERS who can sow division, violence, confusion, terrorism, race war and *civil war* in America, as well as these other nations! That is the known plan of the Communists, and many of those helping him are Communist.

Can you recognize the seriousness of this crisis? Obama’s goal is to *blot out* the name of Israel! He has succeeded to a frightening degree—but now he is quickly losing his clout, and his power is going to diminish further. I think it will happen in a short time because events are moving fast.

### A Prophet’s Warning

Amos 7:8 describes God preparing plumblin destruction “in the midst of my people”—He is silencing the Obama Antiochus. Verse 9 says, “And the high places of Isaac shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste ...” The “high places of Isaac” refers to a falling away within God’s true Church, which occurred in this end time (starting in the mid-1980s; request our free book *Raising the Ruins* to learn about this). The “sanctuaries of Israel” include the worldly churches in America, of which many will ally with Donald Trump. And the verse concludes, “I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword”—not against Jeroboam himself but against *the house of Jeroboam*.

So by this point in the prophecy, Jeroboam (President Trump) is prominent and the political Antiochus (Barack Obama) has been silenced.

Then “Amaziah the priest of Bethel” enters (verse 10). (*Bethel* means *house of God*. But it has become corrupt.) This is a *spiritual* modern-day Antiochus—a man who destroyed most of God’s own Church from within, from the top. He is going to come on the scene to help Jeroboam. Watch for this prophecy to be fulfilled soon.

This man will warn the president, “Amos [a type of a modern-day prophet] hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words.” This means the prophetic warning message of God’s true Church is out there. People know about it and have problems with it. “For thus Amos saith, Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of their own land” (verse 11). Amaziah presents a false account of God’s message. The modern-day Amos warns that God will attack the *house of Jeroboam*—not Jeroboam himself. But his message indeed says America and the other



modern nations of Israel will be destroyed, millions of people will be killed, and survivors will be led away captive. Ezekiel 5 and other scriptures prophesy that *two thirds* of the hundreds of millions of people in America, Britain and other Israelite nations will be killed, and the last third taken captive! This is the message of God that Amaziah and Jeroboam dislike.

Amos 6:9-11 is kind of an introduction to Amos 7. It describes 10 men in one house all dying; others must take out the corpses and burn them, including their bones. Verse 11 describes God smiting people with terrible destruction, and the terminology used suggests unimaginable devastation, such as nuclear warfare and radiation! That is the horror our nations are facing!

GOD'S TRUE CHURCH MUST WARN THE WORLD—ESPECIALLY AMERICA, BRITAIN AND JUDAH—OF WHAT THEY WILL FACE IN THE NEAR FUTURE IF THEY DON'T LISTEN TO GOD AND REPENT!

In Amos 7:12-13, the wicked priest commands God's prophet to leave the country because he has offended the people, the religious leaders and even the court, all of which are loyal to the Jeroboam leader. Again, this represents a great turn of events!

At that time, God's very elect will be exiled—but other scriptures show that they will then be taken to a place of protection from the unimaginable devastation that will follow soon after.

### A Prophet's Warning

One way or another, God is going to use Jeroboam—Donald Trump—to save America for a short time. And one way or another, God is going to deliver a warning message to this man through a modern-day prophet. This is the **LAST TIME** God will pass by and offer this man and the people of America and other Israelite nations an opportunity to repent. Failing to heed that message will result in the worst suffering ever on Earth!

The pace of earthshaking events in America and in the world is quickening dramatically. It is bewildering and stunning to many people. But God gives us extraordinary insight showing just how involved He is in shaping these events and where they are leading. Keep your eye on further developments, especially

## DISTRICT COURT: Jack Smith Was Illegally Appointed

The *United States of America v. Donald J. Trump, Waltine Nauta and Carlos De Oliveira* case was decided on July 15. Department of Justice Special Counsel Jack Smith was prosecuting Donald Trump for allegedly possessing classified documents without authority. U.S. District Court Judge Aileen Cannon dismissed the case on the grounds that the office of special counsel itself is a violation of the U.S. Constitution.

Smith filed 37 felony counts against Trump in Florida federal district court on June 8, 2023, alleging that Trump mishandled classified documents after leaving the presidency. On June 27, 2023, a superseding indictment added three more charges. Trump argued that the Presidential Records Act gave former presidents the right to take home classified documents. But Cannon dismissed the case before it went to trial on grounds that "Special Counsel Smith's appointment violates the Appointments Clause of the United States Constitution."

Judge Cannon made this ruling after reading the July 1 Supreme Court ruling on *Trump v. United States*. By a 6-3 majority, the justices decided that a president has "absolute immunity from criminal prosecution for actions within his conclusive and preclusive constitutional authority," thus invalidating much of Smith's case.

In his concurring opinion, Justice Clarence Thomas made a vital point. "The constitutional process for filling an office is plain from this text," he wrote. "The default manner for appointing 'officers of the United States' is nomination by the president and confirmation by the Senate." This called into question the entire practice of attorneys general and the Department of Justice

in America, to see how they continue to fulfill this prophetic picture of Amos 7. **GOD IS LAYING IT ALL OUT TO SHOW US OUR SINS AND DRIVE US TOWARD REPENTANCE!**

We must *repent* if we are to become God's sons. The Creator of the universe calls us His sons. He wants to give us that universe to rule forever.

appointing special counsels to prosecute

certain cases, a practice started in 1875. "Whether the Special Counsel's office was 'established by law' is not a trifling technicality," he continued. "If Congress has not reached a consensus that a particular office should exist, the executive lacks the power to unilaterally create and then fill that office. ... And there are serious questions whether the attorney general has violated that structure by creating an office of the Special Counsel that has not been established by law. Those questions must be answered before this prosecution can proceed."

U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland appointed Smith as special counsel on Nov. 18, 2022, to oversee criminal investigations into Donald Trump, but Cannon agrees with Thomas that, since the office of special counsel, a powerful position, is not confirmed by the Senate, Smith's involvement is unconstitutional.

Smith has appealed Cannon's ruling to the 11th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, so the question as to whether or not the office of Special Counsel is a violation of the Constitution will soon receive closer examination. In the meantime, Donald Trump will be able to continue campaigning for office without undue influence from Smith's prosecution. The landmark *Trump v. United States* case signals that the Supreme Court believes in upholding the Constitution's separation of powers, so now the court system has to explain why a private citizen hired by a leftist attorney general has authority to prosecute a former president. **ANDREW MILLER**



**GOD IS RE-CREATING HIMSELF IN MAN!** As Herbert W. Armstrong said, "This is almost unbelievable, but it's true!" That is God's ultimate goal, and the purpose for which He is shaping all these events today. Respond to God's warning and fulfill the transcendent purpose for which you were created! ■



# Our Democratic Order Is Unraveling

As much as it is extolled today, democracy is producing some odd, even undemocratic results. **BY RICHARD PALMER AND JOEL HILLIKER**

**D**EMOCRACY IS CONTINUALLY hailed as the ideal form of government. Even dictators like Vladimir Putin and Nicolás Maduro hold elections to pretend that they hold power by the will of their people. Kim Jung-un wraps himself in a cloak of legitimacy by calling his tyranny the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

In the United States, the political left are so intent on avoiding the danger that Donald Trump poses to “our democracy,” they have tried to impugn, impeach and imprison him—whatever is required to prevent him returning to power by popular (democratic) vote.

Political scientist Francis Fukuyama called democracy “the end-point of mankind’s ideological evolution.” He predicted “the universalization of Western liberal democracy as the final form of human government.” Internationally, it is hailed as humanity’s salvation. Another political scientist, Jack Levy, wrote that the “absence of war between democratic states comes as close as anything we have to an empirical law in international relations.” Spread democracy, and world peace flourishes.

By an odd coincidence, a couple of opinion polls have found that the same percentage of

Americans—74 percent—believe in democracy as believe in God.

While the West still believes in democracy as an abstract principle, most are disappointed with it in practice. Only 10 percent of Americans say democracy is working very well or extremely well in the U.S. Nearly half say it is not working well. Just over half say that “people like you” are not represented by the government and that Congress is doing a bad job upholding democratic values.

What is the real problem? Is democracy flawed? Or does the problem lie within us?

## Who Chooses the Choices?

Up until July, America seemed set for a Joe Biden vs. Donald Trump rematch. And the nation’s preferred candidate: *neither*. Forty-five percent of Americans said the match-up was bad for the country. Only 29 percent saw it as good.

This is not an American phenomenon. In Britain’s elections, held on July 4, both left- and right-wing candidates had negative approval ratings. More voters said both are indecisive, untrustworthy and weak than those who described them with the opposite positive characteristics.

In a monarchy, a limited number of entitled members of the royal family have the chance to rule. But democracy

has the entire talent of the nation to choose from. Why, in country after country, are people forced to choose between options that few want?

On July 21, after behind-the-scenes pressure from Barack Obama and others, Joe Biden announced that he would not seek reelection. Shortly afterward, Biden endorsed Vice President Kamala Harris to succeed him. But *no voters* chose Harris to run for president. Democrats will have to vote for a candidate nobody asked for. (And if President Trump hadn’t tilted his head at the moment he did, the same might have been true of Republicans as well.)

Clearly an election cannot be a contest among every adult in the country. A process is needed to pare down the options. And in country after country, that process has gone terribly wrong.

## How Do You Vote?

A democracy has to present its citizens with choices and then tally up the votes. Seems simple enough. Yet here we meet more problems.

In 2019, Britain chose between Conservative candidate Boris Johnson and Labour candidate Jeremy Corbyn. A center-left leader would have had a good chance of winning that election. Yet somehow Labour had chosen an out-and-out Communist. Corbyn suffered a



terrible defeat with barely more than 10 million votes and resigned in disgrace as the Conservatives swept to power in their best result since 1987.

This July, Labour’s vote share sank further: They barely eked out 9.7 million votes. Their support was down half a million voters compared to the 2019 election—but this time, astoundingly, *they swept to power in a landslide*. Winning fewer votes, they still won two thirds of the seats in Parliament.

Meanwhile, Reform UK, a brand-new party, had a very good year. They came in third place with 14.3 percent of the vote. This impressive figure won them 0.7 percent of the seats in Parliament. Another smaller party, the Liberal Democrats, won 11.6 percent of the vote—but won 14 times as many seats as Reform.

Is this really democracy?

Britain has a relatively simple voting system: first past the post. Each constituency holds a race. The person who finishes first may have received only 30 percent of the vote. But if his rivals each receive less than 30 percent, he wins. This election, the right-wing vote was split between the Conservative and Reform parties. In vote after vote, they came in second and third place. But across two thirds of the country, Labour came in first, handing them the majority.

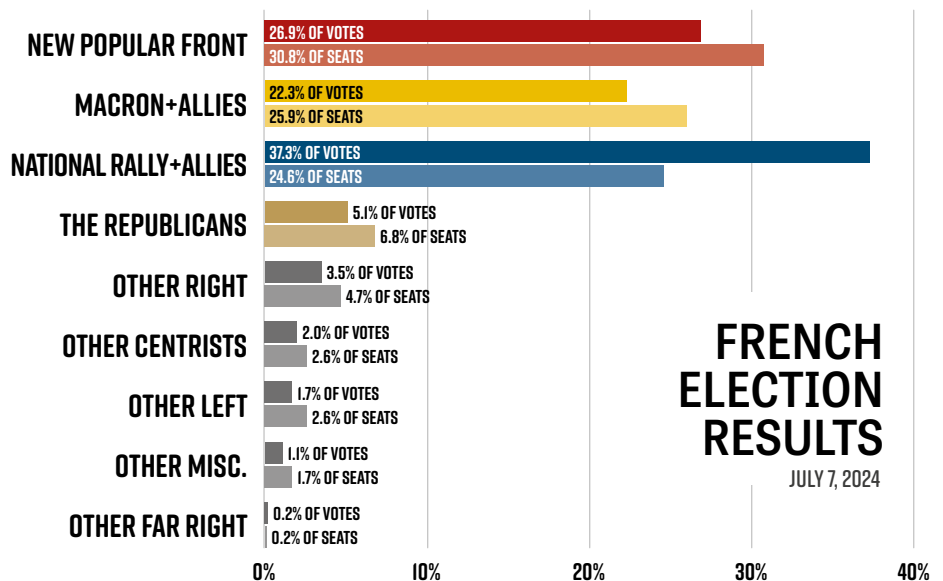
First past the post is a relatively simple system. Perhaps a more complex system could solve the problem?

France also held elections around the same time, and its system is much more elaborate. If a candidate wins more than 50 percent of the vote, he takes a seat in the National Assembly. But if no one crosses that threshold, the candidates who got more than 12.5 percent of the vote go through to a second round.

This system is specifically designed to prevent what happened in Britain. If most voters want someone on the right, that vote may be split between several

candidates in the first round. But they will come together in the second, uniting behind the most popular of their preferred candidates.

Elections for European Parliament were held across Europe June 6 to 9. In France, the far-right National Rally won a shock victory, winning 31 percent of the vote. President Emmanuel Macron’s party won half that. After this massive defeat, Macron called early national parliamentary elections, perhaps hoping moderate voters scared by the June results would vote in much more consequential national elections. But in round



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one, Macron's bid to defeat National Rally failed. Once again it won, with just over 33 percent. Ipsos projected the National Rally would win between 230 and 280 seats out of 577.

Round two was held on July 7. Again National Rally increased its vote share and got more votes than any other party, with 37 percent of the vote. But in terms of *seats in the Assembly*, it came in third. The party that got the most seats was the New Popular Front—despite winning only 25 percent of the vote.

How did National Rally win first place in the popular vote but third in number of seats? *Tactical voting*. Members of the mainstream right and almost-mainstream left collaborated. In each race, if the right was best placed to win, the left withdrew its candidate—and vice versa.

France—the country of *liberté, égalité, fraternité*—now faces three choices: far right, far left or paralyzing gridlock (article, page 20).

Perhaps a different system would fix the problem? Award seats strictly in proportion to the number of votes each party receives: 10 percent of the vote gets you 10 percent of the seats. Simple and democratic, right?

The Netherlands runs its elections exactly this way. On July 2, Dick Schoof was inaugurated as prime minister. How many people voted for him? No one. He didn't stand for election, led no party, and won no votes.

The Dutch held an election in November 2023. First-past-the-post systems discourage voting for smaller parties: A vote for a party polling around 5 percent is a vote wasted, as it will probably not get any seats in parliament. In the Netherlands, that is not case. In last year's elections, the winning party, the PVV, had only 23.5 percent of the vote. Fifteen different parties won seats in parliament. It took four of the largest coming together to achieve a majority.

These four parties disagree on many fundamental issues and couldn't agree on any party leader becoming prime minister. The only way they could form a government was to pick an outsider. Leaders and policies were decided not by voters but by backroom deals. After six months of talks, what finally emerged was a prime minister and political program that no one voted for.

Three very different election systems all produced the same result: something that's not exactly democratic, and a government that most people did not vote for.

This is not a problem that a simple rearrangement of the system can fix. Every setup has downsides. Every system can be gamed by tactical voting. A system designed to give the people what they want fails at doing even that.

## The History of Democracy

Democracy has a short, spotty history. Prior to modern times, only two significant states (which left detailed records)



came close: the Greek city states and the Roman Republic. Yet neither was a democracy by modern standards. In Greece, only a handful of citizens could vote. Rome also disenfranchised many; the votes of the poor were worth less than those of the rich, and high birth carried enormous privilege. (Even in early America, only 10 to 20 percent of the adult population were eligible to vote.)

Nevertheless, the lesson is clear: In both Greece and Rome, the democracies were spectacular failures.

In the Greek civil wars between Athens and Sparta, the Athenians' democracy made an utter muddle of its war efforts. Top military leaders were continually put on trial by their own people. Some fled or defected to avoid punishment. It was a war run incompetently by a committee of hundreds, ending in defeat by the authoritarian Spartans.

And this was hardly Athenian democracy's only failure. It ultimately turned society into "a chaos of class violence,

cultural decadence and moral degeneration," historians Will and Ariel Durant wrote. It was "corroded with slavery, venality [bribery and corruption], and war." They called democracy "the most difficult of all forms of government, since it requires the widest spread of intelligence, and we forgot to make ourselves intelligent when we made ourselves sovereign" (*The Story of Civilization*).

The Roman Republic succeeded where Athenian democracy failed: in the crucible of war. But in 133 B.C., it began to fall apart. Infighting among politicians resulted in the deaths of several prom-

inent leaders. The republic descended into civil violence. Assassinations became common, then rebellions and uprisings. Around 60 B.C., Gnaeus Pompeius Magnus (better known as Pompey), Marcus Licinius Crassus and Julius Caesar formed a private agreement to control the political process. This, according to Mary Beard, "for the first time effectively took public decisions into private hands. Through a series of behind-the-scenes arrangements, bribes and threats, they ensured that consulships and military commands went where they chose and that key decisions went their way" (*SPQR: A History of Ancient Rome*). The three men famously fell out, and civil war erupted. This time, the conflict would determine who would effectively become Rome's first emperor: Caesar or Pompey. Democracy was already dead.

## Modern Democracies

The founders of America did a remarkable thing: They pondered all history's

examples and sought to devise a government that would avoid the traps and troubles that have shipwrecked nations and empires. Most presciently, because of their education in the Bible they recognized that the real enemy of good governance and national longevity is human nature. Thus they sought above all to constrain this evil. They created a government with very limited powers, one that would afford the people an unmatched level of individual freedom and responsibility. They devised a system that harnessed the strength of a monarchy (in the president), elements

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of oligarchy (with state and national legislatures made up of representatives), and limited elements of democracy.

America's founders were cautious in applying democratic elements. Only certain leaders were chosen by vote, at certain intervals. The extreme tendencies of the masses were filtered through an electoral college. Voting was restricted to men who were considered responsible and able to rightly exercise that power. Yet still, by historical standards it was a remarkably universal democracy.

This form of government has safeguarded unparalleled freedom and has released an outpouring of productivity and creativity. The founding principle of freedom was applied to trade as well, and the free market has helped to lift more people out of poverty than any other single force in history. This democratic experiment has proved especially long-lived and successful.

And yet, as inventive as the founders were in working to bridle human nature, human nature has proved itself far more inventive. The separation of powers, the checks and balances they established to limit the problems caused by a bad king—though they made America remarkably resilient despite some bad leaders—are increasingly being wielded as weapons for nakedly political purposes. In recent years, a shocking level of entrenched corruption within

governing bodies has been and is being exposed, and the government is at absolute war within itself.

Beyond that, ultimately, democracy is subject to the same peril that monarchy is: An incompetent ruler can make life unlivable. In a democracy, the “ruler” is the people. The more wicked the people become, the more rapidly governmental and social stability turns to dust. And the more democratic a government, the more volatile.

As Herodotus said, “The mob is altogether devoid of knowledge.” People can be very foolish. They can vote for politicians who promise benefits at the expense of the national good. Besides racking up massive debts, this can mean neglecting areas of spending that don't give immediate returns, such as defense. This weakness almost saw democracy wiped out in World War II.

Enjoying broad freedom also gives human nature more room to stretch out. Far too often, people descend into excesses and evils. America's founders knew that preserving freedom depended on the religion and morality of the people. Today, Americans have largely dismantled these pillars of society. We broadly celebrate perversions and sins that were barely imagined in previous generations.

Democracy may in fact be, as Churchill said, “the worst form of government, except for all those other forms that have been tried from time to time.” This is supposedly the peak of human achievement in governance, and it is a wreck! Few look at the political muddle in Washington today and see a system worth emulating. Many nations are surrendering freedom in favor of a single strongman—a 21st-century king.

For 6,000 years man has been writing these lessons in government, mostly through suffering and oppression—and by showing WHAT DOES NOT WORK.

### **Why the Flaws**

It's not a coincidence that among the most prominent examples of modern democracies are the U.S. and Britain. Biblical and secular history reveal them as the descendants of ancient Israel—the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham to make of his descendants “a great nation” and “a company of nations” (Genesis 12:2; 35:11). (For proof of this, request

a free copy of Herbert W. Armstrong's book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.) Among these blessings was a comparatively just system of government.

Free government coupled with prosperity enabled God's true Church and work to thrive. God ultimately fulfills His plan through His Church (e.g. Galatians 4:25-26). To His Church, God granted the Holy Spirit, the power that makes growth in real character possible (Romans 8:6-9). It is through the Holy Spirit that human nature is changed.

“Up to [the founding of ancient Israel], mankind had been denied spiritual knowledge and fulfillment from God,” Mr. Armstrong wrote in *Mystery of the Ages*. “God now decided to give them knowledge of His law—His kind of government—*His way of life!* He was going to prove to the world that without His Holy Spirit their minds were incapable of receiving and utilizing such knowledge of the true ways of life. He was going to demonstrate to them that the mind of man, with its one spirit, and without the addition of God's Holy Spirit, could not have spiritual discernment—could not solve human problems, could not cure the evils that were besetting humanity. ... [T]he intellectuals and scholarly of this world feel that, given sufficient knowledge, human carnal man could solve all problems. God let many generations of ancient [and modern] Israel and Judah prove by hundreds of years of human experience, that the *best* of humanity, without God's Holy Spirit CANNOT SOLVE HUMAN PROBLEMS AND EVILS!”

God raised up the nation of Israel to represent *Him* (Deuteronomy 4:7). And the great lesson God wants man to learn since the expulsion from the Garden of Eden is that *not one human form of government apart from God, even if blessed by God despite itself, is going to bring utopia.*

Democracy's modern failure then is a sign that humanity is about to learn this lesson. Plenty more has to happen before the lesson becomes crystal clear. But God is letting society fall apart for a reason. Ultimately, this is also one step further in *getting mankind to really know Him*. Once that happens, God promises a government that *will* solve man's problems, leading to the freedom that he craves. ■



# Chaos in France— Opportunity for Germany

Watch to see who fills Europe's political vacuum. **BY RICHARD PALMER**

**A**FTER SNAP ELECTIONS gave a surprising victory to the radical left in July, France was left with no idea how to form a functioning government.

This is the largest nation yet to be crippled by democratic paralysis. The Netherlands, after its elections in November, took nearly six months to form a government. Belgium took more than 16 months after 2019, and following its latest elections in June it could take even longer. After the European Union's June elections, the European Parliament is relatively evenly split between opposing parties, and it's hard to see how they can approve anything even remotely controversial.

A leaderless Belgium is hardly a global crisis. But a leaderless France could transform Europe. Ninety years ago, a divided France enabled Nazi Germany to take over the Continent. What will happen this time?

## Humiliation

French President Emmanuel Macron suffered a humiliating defeat during the EU's parliamentary elections on June 6 to 9. The National Rally won the largest share of the vote. This party is usually described as far right, though far left would be just as accurate. Whatever you call them, they're outside the norm of French politics, and for decades, parties on the left and right, which disagree

about everything, have united to keep National Rally candidates out of office.

This time, National Rally received 31.5 percent of the vote. Macron's party got less than half that.

Rather than spend the rest of his presidency as a lame duck with questionable or clearly absent public support, Macron called snap elections. The European Parliament exists mostly to give the EU the semblance of democracy; the result of the people's vote in June, or at any time, makes very little difference. But Macron was calling a "real" election, gambling that voters would abandon the National Rally and keep the "adults" like him in power. All Europe paid close attention.

On polling day, June 30, the first-place winner was announced: National Rally. This formerly fringe party increased its vote share to more than 33 percent. It seemed set to storm to power.

But this was merely the first round of voting. Only candidates who win more than 50 percent in their district can take a seat in Parliament. In the vast majority of cases, no one managed this, so those who received votes from more than 12.5 percent of the electorate went through to a second round. The future of France, and of Europe, hung in the balance.

In the second round, National Rally increased its vote share even more, to 37 percent. But thanks to tactical voting, it came in third place. If a right-wing candidate was best placed to win, the left withdrew, and vice versa. So almost by accident, the New Popular Front won the election and 180 of the legislature's 577 seats, despite winning only a quarter of the vote.

In a world that is constantly talking about the importance of "democracy," this was a remarkable illustration of the bizarre results that emerge from the idiosyncrasies of election rules supposedly enacted to carry out the will of the people.

The National Rally, again, was kept out of power. But at what cost?

### **Rise of the Left**

This is far from a major defeat for the National Rally. It still won 143 seats, much fewer than it had hoped for but still a significant improvement over the 89 seats it held before. The real prize is the presidency, which is up for grabs in 2027. And despite being on the losing end of strategic voting by other parties, the National Rally is well positioned to seize that prize.

For now, however, the alliance of left-wing parties that formed the New Popular Front is the most powerful force in France.

The largest party in the New Popular Front alliance is led by Jean-Luc Mélenchon. Following the election, he demanded to be appointed prime minister. But there is a problem: Mélenchon is as radical as the National Rally.

He's an old-fashioned socialist. He wants France's already socialistic system of welfare and workers' rights expanded further. His most popular policy is

to reverse the pension age increase, bringing it back down from 64 to 60. And he wants a 90 percent tax rate on all income above €400,000—which is a compromise from his earlier demands for a 100 percent tax.

On the international front, Mélenchon regards both NATO and the EU as too right wing and wants out of both. He is also pro-immigration, drawing support from France's Muslims, who also appreciate his party's opposition to Israel and support for Palestinians.

His stance has pushed French Jews into a surprising position. The National Rally is a rebrand of an older party, the National Front. Its leader was Jean-Marie Le Pen, father of the current leader, Marine Le Pen. The elder Le Pen was regularly in trouble for Holocaust denial, with statements like, "I'm not saying the gas chambers didn't exist. I haven't seen them myself. I haven't particularly studied the question. But I believe it's just a detail in the history of World War II."

Marine Le Pen distanced her party from that past, even kicking out her father. But has the party really changed?

Mélenchon is so radically socialist that, despite what Le Pen and National Front had stood for in the past, many French Jews are voted for the National Rally for the first time.

As radical Islam has grown more menacing, as the world reeled in the aftermath of the Oct. 7, 2023, Hamas massacre, as France was shocked by the rape of a 12-year-old Jewish girl in Courbevoie simply because she was Jewish—Mélenchon denied that he or his party were anti-Semitic. Yet now that his party has come in first place, he is demanding France recognize a Palestinian state.

### **Bismarck's Herring**

There is another country Mélenchon doesn't like: Germany.

A decade ago, he published a book titled *Bismarck's Herring*, in which he warns that the "German empire is back." "She has become a danger to her neighbors and partners," he writes. "I denounce her arrogance and so-called 'model,' imposed for her profit alone. A monster is born across the Rhine."

Mélenchon accurately points out how Germany gained power across the whole EU during the eurocrisis. Back then, he

wanted France to stick it to Germany by printing billions of euros, giving the French state more cash and effectively robbing German savings accounts in the process by decreasing the currency's value. He is in no position to take such a drastic step today, but the socialist policies he champions will be reflected to some extent in the new French government. And France cannot afford them.

France is over \$3 trillion in debt, equivalent to 110 percent of the nation's gross domestic product. In June, the European Central Bank found the country in violation of the EU's spending rules. The Montaigne Institute estimates the New Popular Front's spending package would cost \$195 billion a year. "It is exorbitant and would destroy everything we have achieved over the last seven years," said outgoing Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire. "The immediate risk is a financial crisis."

A key indicator of how much people are worried about a European country is how much extra they have to pay to borrow money, compared to safe, low-debt Germany. In the lead-up to the election, this difference in borrowing rates between France and Germany was the highest since the 2011 Greek debt crisis. Borrowers and investors were afraid that National Rally would win, lower the pension age, and weaken the French economy even further. Now, even bigger spenders are the victors.

Greece running out of cash was a crisis for Europe. The French economy is 13 times the size of Greece's. Compared to the rain shower of the Greek crisis, a French debt crisis would be a hurricane.

### **Germany's Opportunity**

France's election result is a clear and present danger to Germany. More French spending risks a currency crisis, and one of France's most powerful leaders wants to deliberately attack the German economy.

But Germany also has an opportunity.

Mélenchon and his leftist radicals have considerable power in Parliament, but they are far short of the 289 seats needed for a majority. No party or coalition comes close.

The French president nominates the next prime minister, but he needs the approval of the legislators in the

National Assembly. It's hard to see anyone receiving such approval.

President Macron has said he will not work with the National Rally. He is also trying to split the New Popular Front, saying he will not work with Mélenchon and his party, La France Insoumise (LFI), but will work with the rest of the alliance. But those two groups control 213 of the 577 seats. There is not much left to work with.

"France will probably be ungovernable for some time to come," wrote John Keiger in the *Spectator*. "... France now is confronted by paralysis and institutional crisis. France has had 16 constitutions since 1789. Jean-Luc Mélenchon and LFI have been calling for a sixth republic for years. That moment may be approaching" (July 7).

Politico put it more simply: "Governing France will be hellish now."

Ironically, Mélenchon's victory may accelerate what he fears most: *German domination of Europe*. With France paralyzed and an anti-German crusader waiting in the wings, Germany may decide it must act quickly to further cement its dominance of Europe. Macron has already shown himself willing to empower Germany if it suits his interest.

When the 2008 global financial crisis began, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote: "The crisis in Greece is a forerunner of a whole rash of similar crises set to soon break out across Europe. They will provide the catalyst for the EU's leading nation, Germany, to rise to the fore with solutions of its own making. Biblical prophecy declares that the result will be a European superstate with Germany at the helm. And that is not good news for America, Britain and the little nation called Israel" ("Did the Holy Roman Empire Plan the Greek Crisis?", [theTrumpet.com/5809](http://theTrumpet.com/5809)).

France could be about to start another act in this crisis.

The euro ties Germany's fate to other countries. When countries like Greece and Cyprus fell into financial trouble,

Germany stepped in and bailed them out—and also took control of their spending, essentially running much of the country.

A French bailout would be much more painful. While France is divided, Germany could instead use this as an opportunity to establish control over all Europe's spending, preventing the need for an expensive German-funded bailout.

Germany's current government may not be farsighted enough to seize that opportunity. But the euro was created to push countries toward the European superstate that voters have never wanted. It ties their economies so closely together that some form of common control over taxes and spending is inevitable; otherwise, a country that is reckless with its spending—as we have seen in Greece, Italy and elsewhere—imperils those that are much more careful.

### History Rhymes

Before World War II, it was France's political divisions that allowed a much more united Germany to tear through the European continent politically, then literally. On paper, France's military was much larger, better funded and more experienced. Most viewed it as Europe's dominant military power. The sun may have never set on the British Empire, but that was also true of the French Empire, with its 80 million inhabitants and 4 million square miles of territory.

Mélenchon's New Popular Front is not a single party, but an alliance of like-minded parties. It is a callback to a similar alliance in the pre-war age: the Popular Front.

Popular Front leader Léon Blum became France's first socialist leader in 1936. His election was enabled by similar national division. His anti-Semitic opponents used the slogan "better Hitler than Blum." Both extremes were repugnant, yet many felt they had to pick a side to check the greater evil.

As Adolf Hitler seized control of the Rhineland, annexed Austria, then Sudentenland, then the rest of Czechoslovakia, Europe's most powerful army did nothing, paralyzed by internal divisions and consumed by political violence.

Today, Germany has a larger economy and population than France, and in recent years has spent more on its military. But rather than taking over Europe through armed force today, it is taking over through politics and economics.

With Britain out of the EU, if any nation were to oppose Germany's vision for Europe it would be France. It could rally the nations of Europe's indebted south in a coalition that Germany would struggle to oppose.

Yet once again it is too consumed with infighting. And Macron would rather empower Germany than cede power to his rivals. "Better Scholz than Le Pen" is not as terrifying a slogan as "Better Hitler than Blum," but it hands Europe to Germany just the same.

Bible prophecy describes major changes coming to Europe. Those changes are happening already, although few are paying attention.

Revelation 17 describes a "beast," or empire, led by a woman, biblical symbolism for a church. This empire rises and falls seven times. Only Europe has boasted an empire strongly influenced by a church that has repeatedly risen and fallen throughout history.

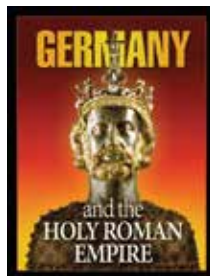
In this last, modern incarnation, 10 kings, or groups of nations, "have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast" (verse 13). They combine forces, give their strength and power to this revived Holy Roman Empire, and become a powerful conquering force.

France has played a key role in this European empire in the past. Napoleon modeled his regime both on ancient Rome and Charlemagne's Holy Roman Empire. France today will indeed be one of the nations that contributes its considerable strength to the new Holy Roman Empire. But history and Bible prophecy show that Germany will be the lead nation, and a German will be the top ruler.

Germany will soon come out on top of this revived Holy Roman Empire. France's instability gives Germany a powerful reason and opportunity to fast-track that pivotal prophetic moment. ■

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# Treachery on Parliament Hill

Explosive allegations of foreign interference are the tip of a deadly iceberg. **BY ABRAHAM BLONDEAU**

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**E**LECTED OFFICIALS ACROSS THE country are working for Communist China. A heavily redacted report reveals that municipal, provincial and federal officials have been compromised by foreign governments. The National Security and Intelligence Committee of Parliamentarians' June 3 report reveals that elected officials have been using the powers entrusted to them by the Canadian people to advance the agendas of our adversaries.

In many ways, this report is shocking; but in other ways it highlights the treachery that took hold in the Canadian government generations ago. This report is just the tip of the iceberg.

At the center of the controversy is Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Since at least 2018, intelligence agencies have been sounding the alarm about foreign interference by malevolent actors, yet nothing has been done.

The Trudeau government has turned a blind eye to treason because that is

precisely what has enabled the prime minister to stay in power. This scandal exposes the fraud behind the mirage of Trudeau's integrity—and of democracy in Canada. It is also connected to some explosive Bible prophecies being fulfilled right now.

## Redacted Allegations

In the 84-page report, the most common phrase is: "Content was deleted to remove injurious or privileged information." All specific examples have been removed to "protect sources and methods." But even the remaining generalities show that the Trudeau government is riddled with foreign interference.

"First, a foreign actor offers the influential Canadian money or other favors," the report states. "This may include direct payments, cash, in-kind campaign contributions, investment in their region, all-expenses-paid trips to the foreign country, or promises of an employment opportunity or a paid position requiring little to no work after leaving public office. This is intended to build a sense of debt or reciprocity. Second, once the Canadian accepts the foreign government's money or another favor, the foreign actor uses it as a 'bargaining chip' to gain leverage over their target."

If this sounds familiar, it is because the *Trumpet* has been exposing the family of Joe Biden and other United States politicians who have enriched themselves through exactly the same processes. Foreign interference is most effective not by openly opposing Canadian interests and Canadian leaders, but by enriching or coercing Canadian leaders to oppose Canadian interests.

Here are some highlights from the report:

- Main sources of foreign interference: China, India, Pakistan and Iran
- At least one member of Parliament purposely met with a foreign agent to divulge important intelligence.
- Foreign intelligence agencies, including the Chinese Communist Party's United Front, created "clandestine networks" around political figures, business people, staffers and donors to alter policies and other decisions.
- Chinese government operatives were in contact with at least 11

candidates and 13 campaign staffers during the 2019 election.

- There is evidence that at least one political staff member passed intelligence to the Chinese Communist Party.
- In elections where one political party is very likely to win, foreign agents have advanced certain preferred candidates to be nominated by the party and therefore placed into Parliament.
- Chinese Communist Party missions have also attempted to manipulate election officials and their finances to alter election results after the votes are cast.
- The Trudeau government was first briefed on these allegations in 2018, but took no action, allowing compromised individuals to remain in Parliament.

These activities represent a thorough infiltration of democratic processes, primarily by the Chinese Communist Party.

Why does Trudeau refuse to unmask the conspirators? How do you know your representative in Parliament isn't compromised? How do you know the last two federal elections weren't massive frauds? Why did the winner of the elections, Trudeau, not take any actions to stop Chinese foreign interference? These vital questions need to be answered because this is *treason*.

The report makes this incredible admission: "These are particularly concerning examples of behavior by a few Parliamentarians. *Some may be illegal, but are unlikely to lead to criminal charges, owing to Canada's failure to address the long-standing issue of protecting classified information and methods in judicial processes*" (emphasis added). Do not expect justice under the current regime!

Despite broad acceptance of the fact that *treason* is occurring, the claim is that these actions do not meet Canada's legal threshold for treason, which requires intent to cause violence, war or regime change. Other legal punishments under the Security of Information Act, Section 121 of the Criminal Code (about "undue influence") and the Conflicts of Interest Act would amount to a slap on the wrist. The best we will see is treasonous members of Parliament opting not to run for reelection or, at most, being expelled.

This is a sharp contrast to the

authoritarian crackdown by Trudeau on conservatives and everyday Canadians like the Freedom Convoy protesters, for example. If you honk horns and protest against Trudeau's edicts, you pass his legal threshold for a national existential threat. Your bank account will be frozen, and you will be beaten by police and imprisoned without a warrant. Not so for members of Parliament actively working for China.

This information report covers only 2019 through 2024. The truth is, foreign interference infected Canadian democracy long before that.



Canadian Prime Minister  
Trudeau visits U.S.  
President Obama at the  
White House in 2016.

### Legacy of Treason

China and Canada have a relationship that stretches back to the 1880s. Christian missionaries from Canada, especially from the Methodist and United Church of Canada, were prolific in China. They lived there; their children were born there. That missionary generation of Canadians ("Mish Kids") was fluent in Mandarin, understood Chinese culture, and most importantly, were friends with the founders of the Chinese Communist Party. Some of the most important Mish Kids were Oskar D. Skelton (founder of External Affairs Canada), Lester B. Pearson (ambassador and prime minister), Vincent Massay (governor general) and Hume Wrong (ambassador to the U.S.). Some were ambassadors to China, like Ralph Collins, Charles John Small, Chester Ronning and Arthur Menzies. From the very beginning of Canada's foreign-policy trajectory, China has had significant influence.

By World War II, many Mish Kids had powerful positions within the Canadian government. They almost singlehandedly steered Canada toward warm relations with the Communist Chinese. Many of them actively aided Mao Zedong's conquest of China.

This intensified when Pierre Elliott Trudeau became prime minister in 1968. He had visited Mao's China in 1949 and returned with a strong admiration for it; the stage was set for Trudeau to become Mao's most important tool. When Trudeau officially recognized Communist China in 1970, it was part of

a broader strategy by the Communists to help coax U.S. President Richard Nixon into rapprochement.

Paul Lin, an intellectual from China, was a professor at McGill University and a known agent of the Chinese Communist Party. He became close to Ivan Head, Trudeau's foreign-policy adviser. Head would call Lin for advice, and then call the prime minister to advise him!

However, the ultimate nexus of foreign interference was the establishment of the Canada China Business Council. Founded by Paul Desmarais Sr., Canada's foremost billionaire, as well as by Pierre Trudeau and the Chinese Communist Party, it was and is a tool to increase economic ties with China. In practice, it has given the Chinese Communist Party influence over the Liberal Party of Canada, whose upper echelon all have financial ties to the Canada China Business Council. Billions of dollars are at stake in this economic partnership.

Desmarais was personal friends with many members of the Politburo in China, including Zhou En-lai. As the founder and CEO of Power Corp., Desmarais built an internationally diverse company worth billions. For 50 years, the Desmarais family has been the dominant influence in Canadian politics. Paul Desmarais wielded his power to intimidate members of Parliament and even American presidents (Bill Clinton and George W. Bush), to help Niklas Sarkozy win the French presidency, and to influence five prime ministers of Canada into a pro-CCP agenda. This is why Canada was the first

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nation to normalize relations with China after the Tiananmen Square massacre. Desmarais is the George Soros of Canada.

Justin Trudeau is the chosen one of the Laurentian elite, the ruling class of Ontario and Quebec, to continue this lucrative business model of treason.

### **Pattern of Treason**

The Desmarais family has not only brought Chinese influence into Canada's ruling elite, it has also helped import a far more sinister and deadly form of foreign interference.

When Justin Trudeau first sought the office of prime minister, a new system of politics was brought into Canada. Gerald Butts, Trudeau's chief adviser, worked with the campaign team of Barack Obama to establish an "Obama pattern" of elections. The Liberal Party adopted the systematic voter profiling and targeting that Obama used in 2008 and 2012. Since Trudeau's election victory in 2015, Obama has had several meetings with the prime minister and continued to endorse Trudeau through his myriad

of scandals: black face, the SNC Lavalin affair, WE Charity, and more.

The Desmarais family backed Canada 2020, a think tank that brought Obama to Canada in 2019 to help establish Trudeau's governmental policies. The Obama pattern has become a hallmark of Trudeau's government, adopting and pursuing the same ideological objectives as the former U.S. president. This trend was obvious in Obama's June 29, 2016, address to Parliament in which he advocated that both America and Canada have open borders: "Borders mean something. But in moments like this, we are called upon to see ourselves in others, because we were all once strangers. ... So as Americans and Canadians, we will continue to welcome refugees, and we can ensure that we're doing so in a way that maintains our security. We can and we will do both." Since that speech, Trudeau has drastically increased immigration to historic levels. Obama ended with the declaration of societal transformation: "How fortunate, how privileged we are to have the opportunity to now, ourselves, build this world anew." Obama and Trudeau want to *build this world anew*.

The foreign interference report reveals that the Trudeau government immediately began shaping Canada's intelligence agencies to *operate the exact same way as Obama's did in 2016*: "Canada's strategic response to foreign interference in democratic processes and institutions must be understood in the context that brought the issue to the fore. As noted earlier, Russia carried out an influence campaign aimed at the United States in the 2016 presidential election with the goal of undermining public faith in the U.S. democratic process and discrediting the candidacy of Hillary Clinton. ... This influence effort was complemented by targeted cyberhacks and the release of materials damaging to the Clinton campaign."

The truth is the Russians didn't target the Clinton campaign or interfere in 2016. That entire narrative is a lie. The Obama administration interfered in the 2016 election with the Trump-Russia hoax, with the intelligence agencies playing a pivotal role. The report states: "These events shaped Canada's early efforts to counter foreign interference in its elections."

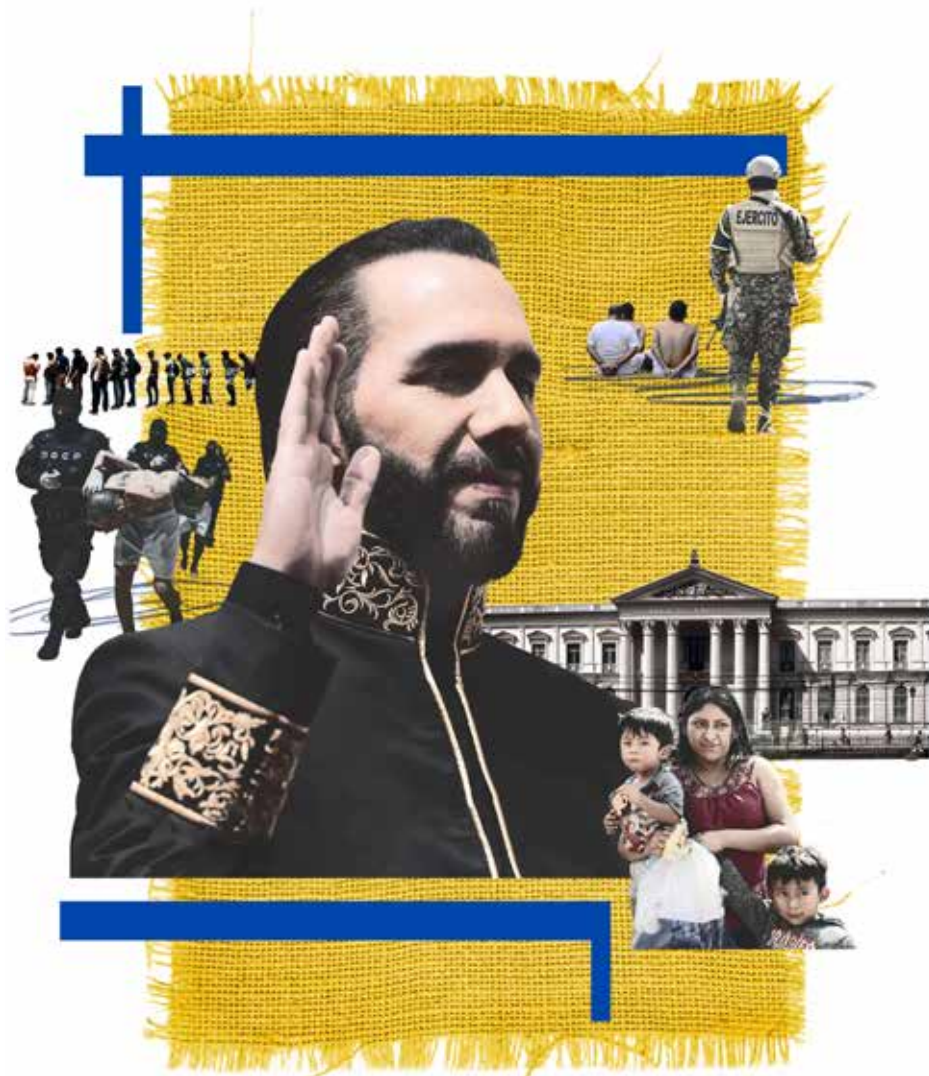
This passage is revealing! It means Trudeau and the Canadian intelligence agencies wholeheartedly support Obama's treasonous coup against Donald Trump. It also means all of the foreign interference measures and intelligence directives given by Trudeau to the Canadian Security Intelligence Service and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police were not intended to stop treason, but to make sure it tightened his grip on power. Subsequent events prove this is exactly what has happened.

This is the Obama pattern. *It is a pattern of treason.*

This is why Trudeau allows China to help him win elections, and why he is likely planning to steal the next federal election set for October 2025. After all, that is what Obama would do, and is still working to do. Despite the Conservatives holding a 20-point lead and 68 percent of Canadians indicating they think Trudeau should step down, who needs voters when you have traitors in high places?

The Bible warns us of these conditions! "[I]n the last days perilous times shall come" (2 Timothy 3:1). What makes them so perilous? "Traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God" (verse 4). God has warned us of arrogant traitors who love personal benefit more than any semblance of fearing God. At the leading edge of these treacherous and perilous times is the prophesied Antiochus (read *America Under Attack* to learn more). Barack Obama's pattern of treason extends beyond the borders of the United States. He has led the fundamental transformation of the Western world.

The Communist interference from Obama, Trudeau and China is causing bitter affliction in the modern nations of Israel. The radical left is losing its grip on power. Tyrants like Obama and Trudeau have evaded accountability for years, but that is changing. God is exposing this treason to show how hopeless the governments of man are. Everything in Canada is broken to teach us that only the government of God can give us real peace, justice and prosperity. These perilous times end with Jesus Christ returning to establish a Kingdom of hope and replace the pattern of treachery with one of righteousness. ■



# How a ‘Philosopher King’ Transformed El Salvador

What has been accomplished under Bukele’s leadership can help us contemplate another Ruler who will bring peace—not just to one small nation but to the entire Earth. **BY JEREMIAH JACQUES**

“IT’S A MIRACLE. IT’S A MIRACLE.” This is how Salvadoran President Nayib Bukele described the radical transformation his nation has undergone in recent years.

“We were literally the murder capital of the world,” the 43-year-old leader said in a June 5 interview with Tucker Carlson, “and we have turned it into the safest country in the Western Hemisphere.”

These statements may sound like exaggerations. But the facts show that they

are accurate. The main question is not *if* this transformation happened but *how*.

## ‘The Real Government Was the Gangs’

For much of this century, El Salvador suffered twin crises of corrupt politicians and extreme gang violence.

Government officials failed to confront the brutal MS-13 and Barrio 18 gangs, and even established formalized negotiations with their leaders. This resulted in gangs gaining de facto control of parts of the nation. For

many Salvadorans, there was no higher authority in their area than the gang members, whose drug dealing and violence sent the number of murders to a peak of 6,640 per year—or 18 per day. For a nation of only 6.2 million people, this is a gut-wrenching rate: around 105 murders per 100,000 individuals.

That’s higher than the intentional homicide rate in Haiti, South Africa, Jamaica and every other nation on Earth.

Most of El Salvador’s people were appalled by the drug dealing, violence and other lawlessness, and desperately wanted change. Thousands fled the nation each year, fearing for their lives and for their children, who were at risk of being recruited, killed or worse. Sara Leon was among those who fled the country, along with her 6-year-old daughter. “If the gangs saw a cute girl, they abducted her, abused her, and killed her,” she told *Time* in February. “I didn’t want that to happen to my daughter.”

Bukele said, “[T]he real government was the gangs,” so bringing an end to the unspeakable evil seemed like “an impossible task.”

Yet he was determined to try.

After a reasonably successful three-year stint as mayor of the small town of Nuevo Cuscatlán, Bukele ran in 2015 for mayor of San Salvador, the capital and largest city. This is where most of the nation’s violence was concentrated, and he campaigned on promises to combat corruption and gang crime. And he won.

As mayor, Bukele led a program to “have a light on every corner of San Salvador,” and installed thousands of surveillance cameras in crime-ridden areas. He also aimed at the roots of the problem, creating a scholarship and a sports program to give San Salvador’s young people opportunities that would steer them away from gangs. He donated his entire salary each year to the scholarship.

The measures yielded some notable results, including a reduction in El Salvador’s overall murder rate. It was inspiring to see.

But Bukele was just getting started.

In 2019, at age 37, he ran for president. He campaigned on promises to intensify and expand his fight against crime and to accomplish nothing short of ending gang violence nationwide. His track record as mayor and fulfilled campaign

promises resonated with a slim majority of the people. With 53 percent of the vote, he broke the two-party system that had corruptly ruled the country for 30 years, and he became the youngest president in El Salvador's history.

When Bukele took office, nearly 70,000 gang members were active and in control of much of the nation. Corruption, murder and all manner of violent crime were rampant, and the economy languished, partly because gangs forced business owners to either pay *renta* or suffer violence.

On June 19, 2019, just days after his inauguration, Bukele announced a multiphase plan to eradicate the gangs. And it would start that very night at midnight.

### The Official Plan and the Real Plan

One component of the plan was to work with international intelligence agencies and internal organizations to investigate corrupt Salvadoran politicians and other gang financiers. "As long as we don't go after those at the top who are financing these crimes, we won't be able to stop them," Bukele said.

He sat down with every official in his executive branch and told them they would each be investigated: "You can see that everyone here is from the executive branch ... that I oversee, except for one person: the attorney general. He's not part of the executive branch, but he's here for a simple reason: I want to ask him publicly to investigate everyone sitting here. Retroactively and into the future."

He continued: "I want to be remembered as the president who didn't steal and didn't let anyone else steal, either. And the one who put whoever stole in prison."

Another major part of Bukele's plan was to build up both police and army forces, and reorient the army toward crime-fighting. Both policemen and soldiers were also armed to the teeth, equipped with more advanced gear, and legally empowered to arrest suspects without warrants, including both gang members and their collaborators. Law enforcers were authorized to use whatever force was necessary to subdue them.

The plan included a phase called "extraction," during which security forces would mobilize nearly all their manpower

to surround a certain city or area. In Bukele's words, these forces would then "extract the terrorists" who were "hiding within the communities, without giving them the slightest possibility of escape."

The plan called for a thorough overhaul of El Salvador's prisons, which had often functioned as gang headquarters. Incarcerated gang members could no longer communicate with members on the outside. All prison cash flows were halted. Corrupt prison guards were made to take their place among the inmates and were replaced by law-abiding men.

Bukele told the people of El Salvador that they must elect more congressmen who would support him so the plan could be implemented with greater strength. "We needed a huge majority in Congress," he said, "because we not only need to approve laws, we need to get all these [corrupt politicians] out. And the only way to get it out democratically, and respecting the rules of the system, is if we get a huge, immense majority in Congress."

In the 2021 elections, the people gave him not just a congressional majority but an unprecedented *supermajority*. The war shifted into overdrive.

In March 2022, Bukele said the fight would further intensify under legal acknowledgment that El Salvador was in

and corrupt politicians were exploiting.

In formulating his plan, Bukele also remained mindful of the roots of the problem. He created and expanded programs to combat poverty and unemployment, and to give young people more educational and athletic opportunities.

All of this is what he calls "the official plan." And since taking office, President Bukele has led his security cabinet, police force and army in relentlessly implementing it. But he says the reason he has succeeded where so many of his predecessors failed was not because of this official plan but because of what he calls "the real formula."

"It was an impossible task" because "they were everywhere and they were killing randomly," he said. "I basically said, *Well ... we're looking into an impossible, impossible mission here, so WE PRAYED ... several times ... for the wisdom to win the war*" (emphasis added).

"There's a spiritual war and there's a physical war," he said, and "if you win the spiritual war, it will reflect into the physical war ... [O]ur impressive victory was because we won the spiritual war very, very fast."

Having this "real formula" apparently empowering the human efforts has produced remarkable results. "Our murder rate is 2," he said, which is down



a "state of emergency." This was a measure normally used only for brief periods after catastrophes, such as earthquakes. But legislators aligned with Bukele to approve the measure, and this "state of emergency" has been extended every month since. In this modified emergency framework, detainees are denied legal defense and minors are tried as adults, which closes legal loopholes that gangs

a stunning 98 percent from the peak. "We're safer than Canada, safer than Chile, safer than Uruguay, safer than the U.S., safer than any country in the Western Hemisphere."

Bukele also says that he and his security cabinet specifically prayed to have as few law-enforcement and civilian casualties as possible. After imprisoning some 70,000 gang members, the count

for slain police and soldiers is eight; slain civilians, zero.

“It’s a miracle,” he said. “It’s a miracle.”

### El Salvador Today

El Salvador today is still no Shangri-La. A significant portion of the population still lives in poverty. Access to quality education and good employment remains limited. Almost 2 percent of the adult population is behind bars, the highest incarceration rate on Earth. And there are concerns about violation of civil liberties in society and human rights abuses in the prisons. There are also fears that in Bukele’s zeal and determination, more than a few innocents were arrested and convicted and are currently imprisoned wrongfully in abysmal circumstances.

These are serious concerns and problems. But for the overwhelming majority of El Salvador’s law-abiding citizens, there is no other way to describe the improvements resulting from Bukele’s leadership than as a miracle. And in February, an astounding 84 percent of those people voted to give him five more years at the nation’s helm to preserve and continue the dramatic transformation.

This landslide victory makes Bukele arguably the most popular elected official on Earth. It also shows that his people’s approval of his methods, despite any concerns of overreach, could scarcely be more enthusiastic. “He is the best that God could have sent to this country,” Salvadoran Gesenia García told *Time*.

Many Salvadorans who had previously fled the nation are now returning, including Sara Leon, who had fled with her daughter. “If he’s a dictator, may we have a dictator for 100 more years,” she said on election day, overwhelmed with emotion. “May he stay in power.”

Many other leaders in Latin America and beyond are also looking to Bukele in hopes of replicating his success in their nations. Political scientist Steven Levitsky summarized the sentiment: “Everybody wants to be a Bukele.”

Bukele playfully describes himself as a “philosopher king” and the “world’s coolest dictator.” But in seriousness, he claims that all of his accomplishments have happened in accordance with Salvadoran law. “We have never not respected a single rule,” he said. “It’s not

like all these rules were, you know, these rules are not given by God. These rules were written by people. But still, we respected all the rules.”

Millions in El Salvador and around the world are inspired by the “miracle” that has been accomplished under Bukele’s leadership, and they eagerly anticipate his future achievements.

There is a simple law of cause and effect. There are laws that can bring about peace, and if we follow them it will bring peace—individually and nationally. Bukele’s predecessors failed



to enforce the nation’s laws, and the effects of their leadership were horrendous beyond words. But since Bukele caused them to be rigorously enforced, and since he appears to have requested divine assistance in doing so, the effect was a remarkably more lawful, safe and peaceful society.

### Foretaste of the Future

At the same time, though, we know that Bukele and El Salvador’s transformation are merely a somewhat bright spot—perhaps even tragically temporary—in a dark, unstable world. Injustices from the past cannot be undone. Injustices in the future are inevitable.

Yet this dramatic transformation, however imperfect or temporary, can help us contemplate another Ruler who will soon use all force necessary to *perfectly* eradicate rebellion and to establish *lasting* peace. “And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite

the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron ...” (Revelation 19:15).

This future Ruler will not just be asking for assistance and wisdom from God, He *is* God. And He will enforce a perfect law in order to bring not imperfect improvement but pure and universal peace—not just to one small nation but to the entire Earth.

In his booklet *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like*, the late Herbert W. Armstrong wrote about this radiant future: “Christ, the King of kings. Perfect in character, absolute in honesty, integrity, faithfulness, loyalty and trust; filled with outgoing concern for the governed—their welfare and salvation; total knowledge, understanding, wisdom. Perfect love, mercy, patience, kindness, compassion, forgiveness. Yet possessing total power, and never compromising one millionth of an inch with His perfect law—which is the way of love. He will enforce God’s law—God’s government on Earth. He will compel haughty, carnal, rebellious humans to yield in complete submission to God’s government.

“No one will be deceived—as the vast majority of mankind is today. All will know the truth. No more religious confusion. Eyes will be opened to the truth. Humans will become teachable. People will start living God’s way—the way of outgoing concern for others—the way of the true values—the way of peace, of happiness, of well-being, of joy.”

This future peace will be infinitely beyond anything any person could accomplish, and it will leave no man, woman or child behind. It is inspiring beyond words to contemplate. ■



## This world will soon transform, but not by man.

To get a sneak peek at what real utopia will look like, request your free copy of Herbert W. Armstrong’s booklet *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like*.

# A Revolutionary Form of Government

It is based on a perfect law, administered by leaders of perfect character. **BY JOEL HILLIKER**

**T**HROUGHOUT HISTORY, PEOPLE HAVE realized that society needs government. Every man for himself descends into chaos. Yet human governments bring *their own* problems.

The major reason this world's systems of government fail is that they are concocted and administered by human beings under the sway of Satan the devil. Not only has Satan subjected humanity to oppressive, inept, selfish governments for millenniums, he is deceiving us into hating and rejecting *all* forms of authority—*especially* God's government.

But God's is the only form of government that will truly work. Let's study some of the specifics the Bible teaches us about God's form of government.

## The Author of Government

In his book *Mystery of the Ages*, Herbert W. Armstrong called God the "Author of government." God is the supreme and only perfect Lawgiver (James 4:12), and "[t]he very fact of law presupposes government," he wrote. "Government is the administration and enforcement of law by one in authority. This necessitates authoritative leadership—one in command." Even between God the Father and Jesus Christ, the Son clearly spoke of how the Father holds higher authority (e.g. John 14:28).

"The government of God is of necessity government from the top down," Mr. Armstrong continued. "It cannot be 'government by the consent of the governed.' Its laws originate and are handed down from God—never legislated by the people—never dictated by the governed how the government over them shall rule them. ... [T]he government of God is based on the law of God, which is the way of life of outflowing love, cooperation, concern for the good of the governed. And this law of God produces peace, happiness, cooperation through obedience."

The Bible reveals that that law can be summarized by the one word love—subdivided into love toward God and love toward neighbor (Matthew 22:36-40). "Jesus magnified this law by showing how



its principle expands to cover virtually every possible human infraction. ... [I]t is so perfect that, by applying its principle, it is a complete law" (ibid).

The principle of God's government is based on the fact that *God* is at the top. It is government *for* the people, but it is not *by* the people. The authority emanates from God, and He delegates it to whom He chooses in order to administer and enforce His law.

In Deuteronomy's first four chapters, Moses delivered a sermon to the Israelites about their history. Deuteronomy 1:9-10 show how Moses

was acting as God's sole representative, administering His government, but the job was too big for him. God's solution was to create an organized system of leaders working under Moses in a pyramidal structure (verses 13-15). This is the pattern for God's government throughout the Bible. The pyramidal government structure *alone* doesn't make it God's government—plenty of worldly organizations use that. What makes it God's government is that it has *God* at the *top!*

To implement that government, each individual in office must be a righteous person who exhibits godly character. Many people have come to believe that the character of a leader doesn't matter—what matters is that he or she knows how to lead. To God, this notion is ludicrous.

Throughout the Bible, God concerns Himself with *character most of all*—not talent, not charisma, not ambition, not some magical "ability to lead" (e.g. 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9.)

When Jesus Christ was training His disciples for government positions, on at least one occasion they began to bicker politically about who should have a higher office. Jesus took the opportunity to show them how utterly different, and entirely *unselfish*, God's government is. He said, "In this world the kings and great men lord it over their people, yet they are called 'friends of the people.' But among you it will be different. Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant. Who is more important, the one who sits at the table or the one who serves? The one who sits at the table, of course. But not here! For I am among you as one who serves" (Luke 22:25-27; New Living Translation). Godly leadership is *service*. Those who implement it live and govern according to God's law of love. If they prioritize their own interests, they are breaking that law (Matthew 22:36-40).

In Deuteronomy 17:14-20, God gave some laws for Israel's monarchy. Verse 15 shows that the king was to be *God's choice*. God didn't institute anything like democracy. Verse 17 underscores God's concern with the *character* of the ruler. He wanted the king's heart turned to Him, not led astray by lust for women or riches, susceptible to corruption (see also 1 Timothy 3:2-3). Such weakness disqualifies an individual to lead, in God's eyes.

In Deuteronomy 17:18-20, God commanded that the king must be a diligent student of His law, which makes sense

not own or run businesses that compete with businesses run by private industry. God's government facilitates wealth creation rather than interfering with it.

God's government does not legislate new laws. God has only about 600 laws. Man's governments constantly create new laws. A godly administration has no legislature. In ancient Israel, if Moses needed guidance in a matter he could not discern from the existing law, he appealed to God, who gave him judgments in accordance with the existing law. That's how God's government works.

the divine Christ, who reads and knows men's hearts, their inner character, and abilities or lack of ability. You'll find a description of Christ's supernatural insight into the very character of others in Isaiah 11:2-5. ... Think of it—no money wasted on political campaigns. No splits in political parties with quarreling and hatreds. No political parties!"

Christ and His governing Family will bring about this utopia through two basic courses of action, Mr. Armstrong continued: "1) All crime and organized rebellion will be put down by force—divine supernatural force. 2) Christ will then set His hand to reeducate and to save, or spiritually convert, the world."

On the first point, the most important step Christ will take is to depose and imprison Satan the devil, "the god of this [present] world," whose evil influence manifests itself in human nature in all of mankind's interactions (2 Corinthians 4:4; Revelation 20:1-2). His removal will immediately change the course of the world. But whatever of man's stubbornness and unteachability remains, Christ will confront by ruling with a "rod of iron" (Revelation 19:15).

As for the second action, once human nature is eliminated God will be able to write His law on people's hearts (Jeremiah 31:33; Hebrews 8:10; 10:16). "When God's laws are in our hearts—when we love God's ways, and in our hearts want to live by them, human nature will be put under subjection—people will want to live the way that is the cause of peace, happiness, abundance, joyful well-being!" (ibid).

With the Prince of Peace overseeing a government of righteous, incorruptible leaders administering a perfect law of love, with satanic broadcasts stopped and true education universal (Habakkuk 2:14), with all individuals worldwide developing a loving, personal relationship with the one and only true God, a truly utopian world will result! Scripture amply describes life brimming over with agricultural abundance, efficient economies, universal literacy, robust health, satisfying work, elegant cities, spectacular architecture, clean energy, happy families and harmonious communities. God's government will produce all these conditions and lead all human beings to fully realize their incredible, God-given potential! ■

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since God's government is a system of administering and enforcing God's law.

This is essentially the extent of what God's government will do when God establishes it soon across the Earth: 1) educating people in God's law; teaching people how to lead happy lives and to prosper and be blessed—individually, in their families, with their neighbors and in their nations; and 2) administering and enforcing God's law, ensuring justice among the people by judging according to that law. (This involves bringing criminals to judgment and protecting the people from outside aggressors. Within God's nation, this ultimately includes destroying any foreign aggressors.) Within a church or nation, God's government also operates a centralized system of worship.

The purpose of God's government is extraordinary for its beautiful *simplicity*.

### **What God's Government Does Not Do**

God warned in 1 Samuel 8 that a human-led government would be oppressive. It would introduce burdensome taxes, becoming bloated and centralized. *God's* government is far more generous, far less intrusive and far more interested in the prosperity and happiness of the people. Consider some things God's government *does not* do—things that become very problematic when governments do them.

God's government does not manage people's money—neither for health care nor retirement. God's government does

James 4:12 says there is one Lawgiver: God. Governmental positions under the Lawgiver are administrative—administering the law of God that already exists.

God's government is simple: It teaches the law, and it administers and enforces the law. That is why it can operate on such a limited budget. It stays out of people's business as they strive to keep the law. In the Millennium, people will tithe and give offerings the same as God's people do in God's Church today. Wealth will grow. Justice, equity and peace will spread.

### **The Beautiful Fruits**

Jesus Christ is about to return and take His place as King of kings, governing all the Earth. You can read about this in the wonderful prophecy in Isaiah 9:6: "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." What wonderful titles! What a wonderful picture of the blessing this government will be.

The Bible is full of beautiful prophecies describing conditions that will result when this government is restored. Mr. Armstrong describes these in inspiring detail in *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like* (free upon request).

"Now notice just how the new world government will function!" he wrote. "All officials will be appointed—and by



# Worn Down? Here's Where to Find Strength

## The way to overcome weariness

**A**RE YOU FEELING TIRED, STRESSED, WORRIED, WORN down? Then this is an opportunity to learn a valuable lesson and apply a life-changing spiritual principle. *When you are weary, you must go to GOD for strength.*

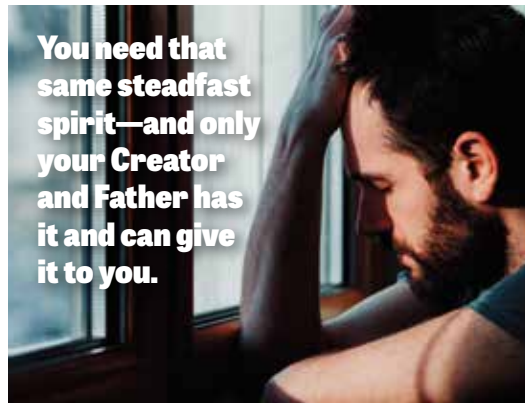
“[L]et us not be weary in well doing,” the Apostle Paul wrote in Galatians 6:9. Paul knew our natural tendency to start strong, then relax, then grow weary, exhausted, lacking spirit. Even true Christians experience this. But God wants us to do well, to “do good unto all men” (verse 10)—not temporarily or in short bursts, but steadily, consistently. The Christian life is not about relaxing and coasting but about sustained effort and constant growth.

“[F]or in due season we shall reap,” Paul continues in verse 9, “if we faint not.” The word *faint* is related to releasing, as if unloosing a tightened bowstring. God wants us to commit so wholeheartedly that we keep working, faint not and ultimately reap a wonderful, *eternal* harvest.

Why do we grow weary in well-doing? If you are “well doing” rather than floating along the path of least resistance, there will be times when you begin to feel the limits of your physical and mental energies. If you are battling your human nature, worldliness, the pulls of an ungodly society, and temptations from the devil, then the battle in your *mind* is crucial. Often, weakness enters when we allow our minds to focus on ourselves, putting our energies toward the “flesh” (verse 8). We grow weary when our priorities are off.

But there are laws of physical, mental and spiritual success that you can apply.

Herbert W. Armstrong, who lived a long, demanding life of striving to “do good unto all men,” knew from experience that these laws of cause and effect are revealed in the Bible. In a booklet titled *The Seven Laws of Success*, he wrote that the first such law is to have the right goal, and the right goal is not making the flesh comfortable but rather doing the will of your Creator. Keeping your eyes on that goal can help power you through tremendous challenges! The second law, he wrote, is *proper education*, and the third is *good physical health*, which is required for clarity and energy of thought. The fourth law is *drive*. The idea



that mentally prodding and *driving* yourself with strong determination will wear you out is false: As Mr. Armstrong wrote, you will *rust* out far before you *wear* out—if you keep the third law. The fifth law is *resourcefulness*—finding a way around obstacles. The sixth is *perseverance*—sticking with it to the end.

“Then comes the most important of all, the seventh law, which is the guidance of, and faith in, and reliance on God the Creator,” Mr. Armstrong wrote (*Worldwide News*, Nov. 15, 1982). This is the law that most people, even the most “successful” by worldly standards, ignore. But the reality is, the strength you need for *true* success can come only from God!

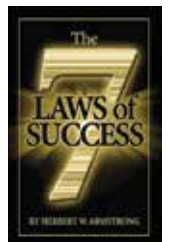
You were born to develop the mind of your Creator. And this is a remarkable quality of His: “Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary?” (Isaiah 40:28). Yes, God is eternal and immortal—yet think of all the disappointments He has experienced throughout history. Think of the ingratitude, injustice, wickedness and horrors He has witnessed and been subject to. Think of the many times He has seen someone start strong, then weaken and proceed to ignore, neglect and betray Him and others. Such experiences are wearying, dispiriting, exhausting. Yet God never gets overwhelmed, never becomes jaded or cynical, never withdraws. He is always ready for a fresh battle, always ready to step out and risk another love relationship with another potential son.

You need that same steadfast spirit—and *only* your Creator and Father has it and can give it to you. Once you believe and obey Him, you will find an *unlimited supply* of such power. You will be connected to the Being who fuels trillions of stars, who sustains the entire universe!

Read His wonderful promise: “He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint

and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint” (verses 29-31). “These verses constitute a PROMISE from God, and I apply them and RELY on God to keep His promise!” Mr. Armstrong wrote. “Many times when people ask me, ‘How do you do it?’ or ‘What’s your secret of such youthful vigor and such long life?’ I just tell them, ‘Read the last four verses of Isaiah 40. You’ll find it there!’ Of course God expects us to do our own part, He does for us what we *can’t* do for ourselves! But when you put both together—*your own best* and add to what God can do that’s beyond what you can do—you’ve got a combination that PAYS OFF!” (ibid).

Never resign yourself to weakness, negativity and failure. Believe God’s promises. Obey Him. If you stick with Him, He will stick with you. Go to God for your strength! ■



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# WORLDWATCH

## EUROPE

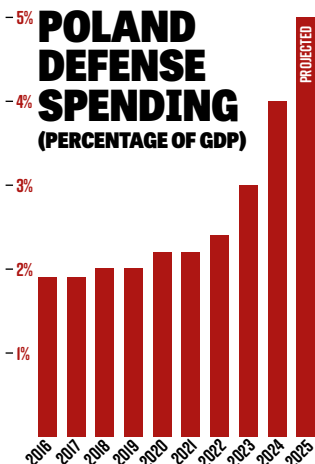
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Europe is looking east. Poland has announced it will once again boost its military spending, this time by 10 percent, making it NATO's highest defense spender in comparison to the size of its economy. It has ordered thousands of new tanks, fighter jets and artillery pieces and a new air defense system.

Perhaps because of this, France and Germany are eager to cement good relations with Poland. Germany managed to maneuver Poland's more right-wing, German-skeptic government out of power last year, installing former European Council President Donald Tusk as prime minister. Tusk is cementing his hold on power by prosecuting his predecessor's men.

French President Emmanuel Macron and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz are reviving the so-called Weimar Triangle to take advantage of this. The three are working together to spread the European Union's influence in Eastern Europe. Scholz met with Tusk in Warsaw on July 1.

The Bible pictures the rising, modern European empire as a statue with two



legs—symbolizing an eastern and western component. Developments in Poland are helping to build the eastern leg. Read our Trends article “Why the Trumpet Watches Europe’s Ongoing Unification Project.”\*

Meanwhile, Germany has been discussing military reform. Defense Minister Boris Pistorius laid out reforms on June 12, taking a step toward conscription. Young men will have to answer a questionnaire about their interest and ability to serve. The military will use this to select recruits for six months of service, with the option to voluntarily extend their service to two years.

German weapons exports increased by 30 percent in the first half of 2024 compared to the same period last year, according to data published by the Economics Ministry on June 30. Between January 1 and June 18, Germany exported over \$8 billion worth, equivalent to 60 percent of 2023’s total (\$13 billion). Two thirds of those exports went to Ukraine. Saudi Arabia also entered the top five of German weapons importers. Germany stopped selling arms to Saudi Arabia in 2018 due to the murder of Saudi journalist Jamal Khashoggi, but it resumed sales after the Oct. 7, 2023, Hamas terrorist attack on Israel.

“Germany also needs to beef up its own armaments,” former Defense Minister Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg told Catholic magazine Herder Korrespondenz. “We need European and German armed forces that—embedded in NATO—are able to effectively defend against external attacks or deter them from the outset. In case of doubt, even without the [United States],” he said.

How much rearmament is \* Find links to freely access all the articles and booklets referred to on this page at [theTrumpet.com/go/ww2409](https://theTrumpet.com/go/ww2409).

necessary? Guttenberg said: “Enough to deter a potential aggressor in advance from taking military action, as he would otherwise have to fear a military defeat.” To achieve this goal, Europe needs “conventional equipment for air, sea and ground” as well as “first-class cybercapabilities, state-of-the-art missile defense shields, space presence and—unfortunately—also sufficient nuclear deterrence potential.”

Watch for Germany to continue to rise as a dominant military power.

## MIDDLE EAST

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Following President Ebrahim Raisi’s death in a helicopter crash on May 19, Iranians elected Masoud Pezeshkian as their new president on July 5. The real power in Iran lies with Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. But while Khamenei sets Iran’s general direction, the president directs day-to-day policy. Pezeshkian is now one of the Middle East’s main movers and shakers.



**TOPSHOT** Law enforcement members watch as the Thompson fire burns over Lake Oroville in Oroville, California, on July 2. A heat wave is sending temperatures soaring, resulting in red flag fire warnings throughout the state.

## ASIA

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On July 8, Russia fired 38 missiles at civilian targets in five Ukrainian cities, its largest strike in months.

Ukraine’s forces intercepted 30 missiles, but eight broke through defenses, at least one of which struck the largest children’s hospital in Ukraine. The strikes killed 42 civilians, including five children, and injured more than 150. As Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote in our May-June 2023 issue, “The Russia-Ukraine War is giving the world a vivid picture of the scale

of evil Putin is willing to commit. ... Putin is an evil, ruthless, vindictive agent with Soviet-style methods of psychological warfare, assassination and war. He has disgusting and devastating policies that are sick to the core and even satanic!” (“The Ukraine War Will Not Start World War III!”)

China’s companies are helping Russian firms develop attack drones for use in its war against Ukraine, according to a July 3 Bloomberg report. China has also supplied Russia with satellite imagery for military use, as well as significant quantities of militarily useful

Campaigning as a reformer, Pezeshkian supports Iran's hijab laws, yet says the government has gone too far in enforcement. Pezeshkian has said he wants to open up Iran to the West. He has called for reviving the 2015 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action nuclear deal. To this end, he appointed **Abbas Araghchi**, architect of the old deal, as his foreign minister.



**Pezeshkian**

The old deal all but ensured Iran could acquire nuclear

weapons while unfreezing billions of dollars in sanctions relief. Iran could be looking for a similar deal, perhaps before **Donald Trump** returns to power. Or it may be presenting Pezeshkian as a more moderate face for a Trump administration to work with.

Daniel 11:40 predicts an end-time clash between “the king of the north” and “the king of the south.” In his booklet *The King of the South*, Gerald Flurry explains this to be a war between a resurrected European Holy Roman Empire and radical Islam, led by Iran. Iran has grown to provoke Europe and the West at large through its terror sponsorship and other means. Iran has a lot of power, but has yet to reach its Daniel 11:40 apex. Expect it to continue waxing stronger and more aggressive despite any so-called reformist leadership.

Fourteen Palestinian factions signed the **Beijing Declaration** on July 23 under mediation by Chinese Foreign Minister **Wang Yi**. China has yet to release the agreement's text, but Wang stated the agreement is a “historic moment for the cause of Palestine's liberation.” He said, “The standout highlight is

consensus around establishing an interim national reconciliation government to manage Gaza after the war.” Photographs from the meeting show representatives from **Fatah** and **Hamas** attended.

Lebanese outlet Al Mayadeen received a copy of the Beijing Declaration and said that “the participants agreed to form a temporary national unity government after the approval of Palestinian factions and the president of the Palestinian Authority. This government will exercise its authority ‘over all Palestinian territories,’ including the **West Bank**, [Jerusalem] and the **Gaza Strip**.”

Fatah, which controls the **Palestinian Authority**, and Hamas fight each other almost as much as they do **Israel**. A reconciliation bringing Hamas into the PA would be a game changer in Israel's war against terror and would put Hamas on the doorsteps of thousands of Israeli settlers in the West Bank and Jerusalem. The *Trumpet* expects West Bank politics to get more radical (read *Jerusalem in Prophecy*).

With Israel's success in the Gaza war, media reports indicate **Hamas is looking for a new**

**headquarters—and that place might be Iraq**. Much of Hamas's top political leadership lives in **Qatar**, but Qatar is reportedly getting fed up with Hamas and is forcing it out. The Institute for the Study of War reported July 9 that Hamas has begun transferring equipment to Baghdad. Meanwhile, the *National*, a paper of the **United Arab Emirates**, claimed the Iraqi government is supporting the move.

On paper, Iraq is a U.S. ally. U.S. forces remain in Iraq helping the government fight terrorism. Yet Iraq has no apparent problems in giving Hamas safe refuge—even as U.S. troops have been killed fighting other Iran-backed forces there.

In our December 1994 issue, Mr. Flurry wrote an article titled “**Is Iraq About to Fall to Iran?**” Saddam Hussein ruled, and Iraq was the region's biggest bully; Iran was a pariah state with relatively little power. Yet Mr. Flurry's prediction from nearly 30 years ago, based on Bible prophecy, has proved to be accurate. Despite America's best efforts to prevent it, Iraq has fallen under the sway of Iran and the forces of radical Islam. ■



semiconductors, ball bearings, trucks, excavators and machine tools for tanks. With previous assistance, China has managed to avoid explicitly violating Western sanctions that outlaw providing Russia with lethal aid. But Bloomberg said the new attack drone plan is “a sign that Beijing may be edging closer to providing the sort of lethal aid that Western officials have warned against.” For decades, the *Trumpet* has highlighted Bible prophecies showing that Russia and China will become full military allies in the near future and form the largest military the world has ever seen,

as explained in our free booklet *Russia and China in Prophecy*.

New satellite imagery published on July 2 shows that **China is expanding its network of electronic spy stations on Cuba**. The development worries many Western observers since the bases could give China advanced eavesdropping capabilities just 100 miles from the United States' coast in Florida, and just 70 miles from Naval Station Guantanamo Bay.

The new imagery follows evidence last year that China and Cuba are building a joint military training base on Cuba's northern coast, which “could provide

China with a platform to potentially house troops permanently on the island and broaden its intelligence gathering, including electronic eavesdropping, against the U.S.,” the *Wall Street Journal* wrote.

Meanwhile, **China and Russia are also strengthening their position in Venezuela and Nicaragua**. Like Cuba, these nations border shipping routes that America depends on. In March 2019, the *Trumpet* cautioned: “If these Latin dictatorships become staging grounds for Russia and China, a coalition of nations could potentially cut off U.S. access



to the Panama Canal and seal off the Straits of Florida and the Yucatán Channel,” which “could cripple the U.S. economy by restricting its access to oceanic shipping” (“**Preparing to Storm America's Castle**”). As alarming as such an attack on America may sound, Bible prophecies in Deuteronomy, Ezekiel and Isaiah show that it will soon take place. ■

The United States Supreme Court made several rulings in its latest term that handed wins to Donald Trump and conservatives (article, page 9).

Yet its ruling on **Murthy v.**

**Missouri** on June 26 also allowed Joe Biden and other radical liberals in the federal government to continue ongoing efforts to censor social media posts. The suit cited evidence that the U.S. government pressured social media companies to censor posts from conservatives and others, a fact confirmed by the release of the Twitter Files. However, the majority ruling in **Murthy v. Missouri** was that the plaintiffs lacked “standing” for bringing the suit in the first place because they were not personally injured by this activity.

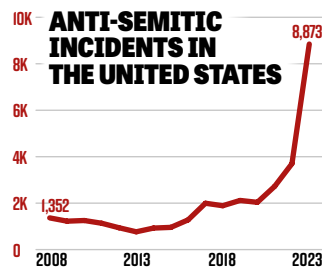
This ruling allows the federal government to keep censoring social media users in the lead-up to the 2024 presidential elections. And many nongovernmental organizations are willing to help the federal government.

More than 200 organizations, researchers and journalists have called on Big Tech to “increase platform-integrity efforts to protect democracy in 2024.” On May 15, the Media Research

Council revealed that at least 45 of these signatories have accepted cash from one or more organizations connected to radical liberal activist billionaire **George Soros**. He gave these organizations \$80,757,329 between 2016 and 2022 for their help in censoring conservative talking points.

Daniel 8:12 prophesies that a host of bureaucrats, intelligence agents, media moguls, and tech entrepreneurs will cast truth to the ground in the end time. This is being fulfilled in Silicon Valley.

Meanwhile, the radical left has gone beyond allowing millions of illegal aliens in the U.S. by actively recruiting these aliens to become police officers. **New legislation went into effect on June 6 allowing police departments across Washington state to hire illegal aliens as long they were 16 years old or younger when they entered the country.** Washington is home to more than 14,000 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival recipients, so state lawmakers hope recruiting these recipients into local police



forces will help offset staffing shortages. Since federal laws exempt active and retired police officers from state and local gun control laws when carrying off-duty and in restricted areas, any illegal alien hired by the Seattle Police Department will have more access to gun privileges than the average citizen.

Deuteronomy 28:15, 43-44 prophesy that aliens and strangers will “get up above” the citizens of end-time Israel, while the citizens themselves “come down very low.” Today, Democrat officials are seeking out foreigners who broke U.S. law to enter the nation illegally to help them enforce their will on American citizens. We also see Columbia University administrators openly mocking Jewish students for their concerns about anti-Semitism at pro-Hamas rallies while creating “safe-spaces” for every minority concerned about microaggressions.

Leftist professors hate biblical precepts that promote the rule of law; individual freedom and accountability; limited government; stable families; freedom of religion, speech and property; and other principles that trace back to the Jews and the ancient Israelites. In other words, they are trying to blot out the name of Israel (2 Kings 14:27).

## FEATURED FEEDBACK



Both the *Trumpet* and *Royal Vision* are absolutely excellent! I've never found an issue where I looked up the scriptures and you were off the mark or giving personal opinions in the articles.

**P.M. Coyle** COLOMA, MICHIGAN

I've been reading your magazine ever since I was living back in Jamaica. It's been over 50 years, and at that time it was called the *Plain Truth*. I find it very, very informative.

**M. Johnson** FAYETTEVILLE, GEORGIA

I have the July issue here, and it is full of great information. I see your offer for *Mystery of the Ages*, and I am so thrilled and anxious to get it. Then I saw *Nuclear Armageddon Is 'At the Door'*, and that is so appropriate for what we are living through now.

**Betty-Lee Taylor** HENDERSONVILLE, N.C.

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# 'The Lord Almighty's Not Comin' Down'

Pride goes before destruction,  
a haughty spirit before a fall.

THESE ARE HEAD-SPINNING DAYS IN AMERICAN POLITICS. Suddenly Kamala Harris is being treated as the most exciting politician in world history. It happened so fast, we can easily forget that just a moment ago, the Democratic Party was being held hostage by a man with an advanced case of disease. It's not the disease you are thinking of, and it affects not just one man but our whole system of government.

Immediately after Joe Biden's disastrous June 27 debate with Donald Trump, top Democrats started calling for him to withdraw from the presidential race. A rapidly swelling chorus said he was too old, too frail, too senile to be the Democrat nominee.

The criticism did not faze Biden. A week after the debate, he sat down with ABC's George Stephanopoulos and tried to put to rest concerns about his obvious cognitive decline. This interview made things worse. It provided another clear look at Biden and was a stunning picture of a disaster unfolding at the highest levels of government.

Stephanopoulos pressed Biden on his mental fitness. Biden insisted he was fine. Stephanopoulos pointed to surveys showing public skepticism. Biden said he didn't believe the numbers. When showed polls in which he trails Trump, Biden dismissed them. He said people also counted him out four years ago, yet he still won.

Apparently, Biden has lived in a world of lies for so long, he believes them. He thinks the public loves and reveres him. He is convinced his economics, domestic policy and foreign policy have been unmitigated successes. "I'm the guy that put NATO together .... I'm the guy that shut Putin down. ... I'm the guy that put together a South Pacific initiative with AUKUS. I'm the guy that got 50 nations ... to help Ukraine. I'm the guy that got Japanese to expand their budget," he boasted.

Biden has been ensconced in the Washington, D.C., swamp since 1973. He has proved himself willing to say and do *anything* to advance his own interests. This made him vulnerable to corruption. Enemies of America, both foreign and domestic, used him for their own purposes. He surrounded himself with opportunists, flatterers, liars and deceivers—people who told him what to do and then assured him he was doing a bang-up job. And Biden proved to be a perfect puppet for Barack Obama to continue his fundamental transformation of America.

But very suddenly, the whole charade was exposed.

The most stunning moment in that interview came when Stephanopoulos asked if Biden would step down if it was clear he couldn't win. "If the Lord Almighty came down and said, 'Joe, get outta the race,' I'd get outta the race," Biden said. "The Lord Almighty's not comin' down." *But what if you lose?* Stephanopoulos asked. His extraordinary response: He's willing to lose "as long as I gave it my all and I did the goodest job as I know I can do. That's what this is about." For Biden, it was all about Biden, and God Himself could not tell him otherwise.

This man is the product of a corrupt system that somehow propelled him to the nation's highest office. Joe Biden has long exhibited imperviousness to self-reflection, to honest criticism, to learning from failure; a lack of self-awareness; and the presence of monumental vanity. America's power in the world is cratering, and he still fancies himself the only man who can do the job.

The leftists, Obama in particular, are being exposed. All of them thought "the Lord Almighty's not comin' down." They were sure they could get away with their crimes indefinitely. Now their deceptions are returning to haunt them. The consequences of their chicanery are biting. Their grip on power is slipping. They

are running out of aces to draw from their sleeves and rabbits to pull from their hats. And they are growing increasingly desperate as they face the prospect not just of defeat but of reckoning—of being brought to justice for their crimes.

All is unfolding with the exquisite irony of an implausible movie script. And as much as Republicans may relish these developments, it is crucial that we recognize the grander forces at work.

Put crudely, God is rubbing the noses of these people in their own filth.

Yet they seem to be learning nothing.

It is growing clearer and clearer that

they will lose power, just as *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry has asserted for nearly four years now. The question is not whether they will repent so much as how rabid their destructive reaction will get.

This nation has suffered immeasurably, and in some ways irreversibly, at the hand of these frauds. Why has God allowed it? Because He is *cursing* this nation for its sins. The corrupt political class, the sycophantic media, the complicit business class—the economic decline, the political polarization, the loss of civic cohesion—these are curses, allowed or directly imposed by God on a materialistic, vain, selfish, rebellious people.

Donald Trump's presence in the plot is bringing it all to the surface. But we must acknowledge that even his return to the presidency—which is now more obviously certain—will not reverse the nation's underlying moral and spiritual slide.

Only *true repentance* can truly turn these curses into blessings for America.

The reality is, the Lord Almighty *is* coming down. The day of reckoning is approaching for all of us.

Right up to the end, Joe Biden stubbornly held his ground to the doom of his party. Will *America itself* make the same mistake, failing to recognize its ungodly trajectory and *repent*? ■







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