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# SYRIA'S FALL: Another Key Prophecy Fulfilled

The Bible said it would happen. It also tells us what comes next.

**V**IRTUALLY OVERNIGHT, SYRIAN DICTATOR Bashar Assad's government has been toppled. Russia and Iran are shocked. The whole world has been astonished! Rebels were able to do in 13 days what they had not been able to do in more than 13 years.

Nobody expected this. Assad looked weak some years ago, but in recent years it looked like he had weathered the storm and was quite strong. Listen to the commentators and you see that they were blindsided by his sudden fall.

But *Trumpet* readers were not blindsided! THE BIBLE PROPHECIED THIS DRASTIC CHANGE IN SYRIA, and we have been saying for years that this would happen!

The commentators are also in the dark as to what will happen next. Many nations wanted to see Assad gone, but nobody knows what kind of government will replace him. Geopolitics commentator Ian Bremmer said, "Your guess is as good as anyone else's."

The Arab Spring of 14 years ago destabilized much of the Middle East and resulted in a range of outcomes and a dangerous level of volatility. Most of the countries involved have lurched toward radicalism.

World leaders and news commentators cannot tell you in advance where this crisis will lead. BUT THE BIBLE ALSO REVEALS THAT! But YOU can know Syria's future if you read what we have been writing, based on the Bible, for the past 80 years.

## Bible Reveals the Outcome

Back in 2011, during the Arab Spring uprisings, the Syrian public began mass protests against Bashar Assad. By mid-2012, the unrest in Syria had escalated into a full-blown civil war.

In my September 2012 *Trumpet* cover story, I wrote, "The eyes of the world are fixed on this explosive hot spot. Bashar Assad will be ousted shortly—but then what? You can actually know the outcome!" ("How the Syrian Crisis Will End," [theTrumpet.com/9737](http://theTrumpet.com/9737)). "Keep your eye on Germany," I wrote.

"Right now, Syria is Iran's most important regional ally. But that is about to change. ... Biblical prophecy reveals that, very soon, *Syria will no longer align with Iran*. It also shows that Germany will help cause this split."

I will explain to you the prophecies that informed that forecast later in this article. What is interesting in this case is that, as time went on, Assad regained control over his nation and the pressure on him to leave office subsided. Iran's support for Syria increased. It looked like what I had said was a false prophecy.

But it wasn't. We don't always know the exact timing of these prophecies or how exactly they will unfold, but they do give us clear guidance on what to watch for. Sometimes events seem to go in the opposite direction of what we might expect. But that doesn't mean the prophecy is wrong.

My view of how the Syrian crisis will end has not changed. I began thinking about this again last year. In May 2024, I said this in a *Key of David* program: "[W]hat will happen whenever Bashar Assad is no longer ruling Syria? At this time they have Russia there, propping him up. They're making slaves of the people, and [the people] don't want to be living under Assad. Millions of them have already immigrated, and many of them [are] in Germany itself. This alliance gives Russia a naval and air force base, just like it does the Iranians, where they can be right on the edge of the Mediterranean Sea, and in one of the most strategic places in the world .... But when Germany is allied with Syria, of course that's going to be taken away—and Germany and Iran will no longer have the Russians there ... to allow Bashar Assad to continue to rule. But Iran is losing Syria to Germany. It's happening even right now!"

I felt this subject was so important that I gave another *Key of David* program on it the same month and wrote a website article and a lengthy feature article ("Iran Is Losing Syria to Germany," August 2024, [theTrumpet.com/29734](http://theTrumpet.com/29734)). In that article I wrote, "Bible prophecy is clear: WITH OR WITHOUT ASSAD, SYRIA WILL BREAK WITH IRAN AND ALLY WITH GERMANY!"

Virtually no one else was expecting anything dramatic to happen there. The **ONLY** reason I was putting so much emphasis on Syria was *because of Bible prophecy*. That really shows you just how valuable prophecy is in understanding world events! In hindsight, it is clear God was directing this. He inspired those prophecies, and He was beginning to orchestrate events that would bring them to pass—though no analysts could recognize it at the time.

Syria is one of the most complex hot spots on the planet. However, what I wrote in 2012, I can write again today: “What we are seeing right now in Syria is a major biblical prophecy in the process of being fulfilled! What happens in Syria will lead to mighty nations changing course and the foundations of this world being shaken!”

That 2012 article pointed our readers to a prophecy in Psalm 83 that forecasts the future of Syria and other nations in the region. “This nation is an important part of the balance of power in the Middle East, and Psalm 83 prophesies that there is about to be a dramatic, violent shift in Syria’s alliances,” I wrote. “This will affect many nations and ultimately lead to an all-out war breaking out all over the Earth!”

“This prophecy reveals the outcome of the uprising in Syria. It also exposes the key involvement of a major outside nation—something we can already see developing.”

This has become clearer after what happened in December. Assad’s ouster has shocked the world—but what follows will be even more stunning. However, it is all prophesied!

### How Germany Backed Turkey

According to Psalm 83, Syria and several other Arab states will be allied with Turkey and Germany. This is very different from the Iran-led alliance described in Bible prophecy. These two confederations are opposed to one another. (Read Chapter 4 of my free booklet *The King of the South* for a detailed explanation.)

In Psalm 83, Edom represents modern-day Turkey, which has been allied with both Iran and Germany. Based on this prophecy, I noted back in 2012 that Turkish-Iranian ties would break *over Syria*. “Turkey has also been allied with Iran, but it too is going to side with Germany in the future! Why? Because it disagrees with what Iran is doing in Syria! While Iran supports the Assad regime, Turkey supports the rebels,” I wrote.

Turkey was actually the main driving factor behind the recent rebel uprising. This is certain to have angered Iran greatly. Clearly Turkey broke with Iran over Syria, which was a crucial ally of Iran’s. In losing that ally, Iran has lost much

of its ability to supply Hezbollah in Lebanon. Combined with Israel’s decimation of Hezbollah, this loosens Iran’s already weakening grip over Hezbollah. This is devastating for Iran.

Turkey isn’t the only one that wanted Iran out of Syria—Germany did too. This is a point of agreement between these two countries. (And remember, besides the two being NATO allies, Turkey is a favored trading partner of Germany. And Germany’s president calls it a “valuable friend.”)

In 2012, I also wrote that Syria would split with Iran and that Germany would help cause this split. I want to add something to that: **I BELIEVE TODAY THAT GERMANY’S BACKING IS THE MAIN CAUSE OF SYRIA’S FALL**. It did more than just “help cause the split”: It is the main reason the Assad government collapsed!

Turkey’s support for the Syrian rebellion was strongly assisted by German armaments.

Just before Turkey sparked this uprising, Germany resumed major arms exports to Turkey. “Germany and Turkey want to cooperate more closely again after years of restraint in the arms sector,” reported German public broadcaster ZDF (Oct. 19, 2024). On December 12, it was revealed just how big this deal is. A report by the Federal Ministry of Economics says Germany approved arms exports worth \$242 million to Turkey in 2024, the highest amount since 2006. This included \$83.7 million for weapons of war and \$158.7 million for other military equipment. *Handelsblatt* wrote, “The figures now published reflect a change of course in recent months. At the end of September, Green politician Robert Habeck’s Ministry of Economics announced that torpedoes, guided missiles and components for submarines were once again being approved for Turkey on a larger scale” (Dec. 12, 2024).

This massive influx of arms from Germany surely encouraged Turkey to spark this rebellion in Syria! Receiving arms from Germany is a game changer—and Germany has plenty of them! **IT IS ONE OF THE GREATEST EXPORTERS OF ARMAMENTS IN THE WORLD**. That is a stunning reality, especially when you consider that, after World War II, Winston Churchill and Franklin Roosevelt

said they were determined to **NEVER** allow Germany to rise up militarily again!

Keep in mind that Germany’s agreement to send major weapon systems to Turkey may just be an overt sign of much more going on behind the scenes.

It could very well be that events in Syria would not have been possible without Germany’s backing. We could say that **GERMANY** initiated this uprising! Based on Bible prophecy, I believe we can say this with certainty!

Germany and Turkey are very different countries, with different ideas in a lot of areas—but they are working together, and they are aligned in their thinking



on Syria. Turkey is certainly taking advantage of Germany's aid in helping these Syrian rebels. Both of them are looking for an advantage there—but it was all initiated by Germany.

“I have emphasized that we will continue to support Turkey, in dealing with the consequences of the Syrian civil war, and its highest numbers of refugees, both nationally and within the framework of the European Union,” German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said at a joint press conference with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan on Oct. 19, 2024. Scholz is looking after the interests of the European Union.

Germany's arms exports have been controversial since Turkey used German Leopard tanks for military missions in Syria in 2018. German defense electronics manufacturer Hensoldt has offices and staff in Turkey. It told Reuters that it has been equipping Bayraktar TB2 drones with its optical sensors since 2020. Hensoldt said it had also supplied two other Turkish drone manufacturers, Turkish Aerospace Industries and Lentatek. “Without these types of sensors, drones as we know them wouldn't work,” said Kelsey Gallagher, a researcher with Project Ploughshares, a Canadian peace research institute.

Because Hensoldt develops and manufactures ARGOS II by its subsidiary in South Africa, it claims to be free of any components governed by German export law or the United States' International Traffic in Arms Regulations. That means GERMANY IS EMPOWERING TURKEY SECRETIVELY!

These Turkish drones have become world famous. “The whole world is a customer,” the drone's designer told Reuters in May 2022. Before drones helped drive Russia out of Syria, they were used in Ukraine to fight against Russia!

IN SYRIA, THESE DRONES GAVE THE REBELS THE KEY ADVANTAGE OVER ASSAD'S TROOPS. THIS WAS A DECISIVE FACTOR. The rebels also learned from Ukraine's drone warfare, which Germany has heavily supported through various drone manufacturers.

In a statement published on Dec. 16, 2024, Assad himself named drone strikes as a key factor in the overthrow of his government: “I remained in Damascus, carrying out my duties until the early hours of Sunday, 8 December 2024. As terrorist forces infiltrated Damascus, I moved to Latakia in coordination with our Russian allies to oversee combat operations. Upon arrival at the Khmeimim Air Base that morning, it became clear that our forces had completely withdrawn from all battle lines and that the last army positions had fallen. As the field situation in the area continued to deteriorate, the Russian military base itself came under intensified attack by drone strikes. With no viable means of leaving the base, Moscow requested that the base's command arrange an immediate evacuation to Russia on the evening of Sunday, 8 December.”

Due to German secrecy, we can't know for sure what role Germany played in enabling those drone strikes, but it is one of few countries with the capability—and a history of surprises.

Certainly Germany was hoping and waiting for Bashar Assad to leave Syria. It appears that in the end it decided to hasten the process. It wanted that power, and it saw a way to make it happen. It was Germany's backing most of all that caused Syria's collapse!

### Watch Germany

In my 2012 article on Syria, I wrote, “America has been too weak to tame Iran and neutralize its allies, but Germany is moving in and filling that power vacuum. THE WHOLE WORLD OUGHT TO BE WATCHING WHAT GERMANY IS DOING IN THE MIDDLE EAST” (emphasis added).

The world is truly ignorant of this truth about the situation in Syria: This is giving Germany real power in the Middle East!

And prophecy reveals what will happen next. Germany is prophesied to gain far more power in the whole region!

European Union Commission President Ursula von der Leyen wrote on December 8, right after Assad's fall, “Europe is ready to support safeguarding national unity and rebuilding a Syrian state that protects all minorities.”

Chancellor Scholz stated, “Today we stand with all Syrians who are full of hope for a free, just and safe Syria. A political solution to the conflict in Syria is possible. With international partners and on the basis of the resolutions of the [United Nations] Security Council, Germany will make its contribution.” In truth, it is going to make more than just a “contribution”: IT WILL BE TAKING OVER THE MIDDLE EAST!

We can expect Germany to get far more involved—but probably

not under Scholz, who is on his way out.

While all eyes are on Syria as Iran and Russia lose their stronghold, watch Germany closely.

There is a lot of talk right now about Germany returning hundreds of thousands of Syrian refugees to Syria. The other important factor is that Syria needs other countries to help in its reconstruction. Neither Iran nor Russia is in a position to help rebuild the devastated country. Donald Trump has indicated that he doesn't want America to get involved.

But for years, Germany has prepared to intervene. Germany enjoys great favor in Syria. It also has the economic means to rebuild Syria's cities. The million-plus Syrians who live in Germany would support that rebuilding process.

In 2018, Volker Treier, then head of foreign trade at the Association of German Chambers of Industry and Commerce, told n-TV.de that German industry was just waiting for the political “starting signal.” “We have repeatedly received cautious inquiries from our member companies about Syria. Once the war is over, the German economy is generally prepared to help with the reconstruction of the country.”

That was over six years ago. German corporations have just been waiting for the opportunity to move into Syria and help rebuild the country. Now that opportunity is here.



Germany has been working with Syria for years. And Syria is now providing Germany a significant step toward gaining control of the Middle East.

After Assad fled the country, *Spiegel* wrote: “In the short-winded discussion about the possible return of refugees to their home country of Syria, an interesting strategic aspect is often overlooked these days: The new Syria could become a key partner for Germany in the Middle East region in the future. Taking in a good million Syrians during the civil war has automatically led to close ties between the two countries. Germany is now being shaped by Syrians, but this can also work in the opposite direction. In the long term, German influence in a new, modern Syria could be expanded, politically, culturally, but also economically. In the business world, this is called ‘return on investment.’

“This or a similar view is probably shared by those responsible in Berlin.”

Germany wants more than just economic success—a lot more.

Among all the nations that would like to get involved in Syria, Germany has several key advantages. The more than 1 million Syrians currently living in Germany is about 5 percent of Syria’s entire population! Many of these refugees, who do want to return home, want an alliance with Germany, not Iran. This is an important factor to consider.

The German Bundeswehr website states about these Syrians: “Many have educational qualifications that are well above the Syrian average. They have often gone on to obtain even higher qualifications in Germany. It is right to speak of Syria’s ‘future generation.’ In Berlin and Damascus, there is likely to be great interest in being able to use their strength, skills and contacts for Syria on Reconstruction Day. ...

“For the German economy, the personal contacts and close ties of many Syrians with their home country could become important door openers for new business relationships. This would give them a clear advantage over their international competitors when it comes to awarding contracts for reconstruction aid.”

Expect Germany and Syria to form an alliance shortly.

## Watch Iran

Events are moving quickly, and we need to watch this region closely. Iran is drawing down, and Germany is ready to move in! A key domino in triggering end-time events is about to fall.

Read the prophecy of Daniel 11:40 carefully: “And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over.” This is about a clash between radical Islam led by Iran and a European power led by Germany. (This is fully explained in *The King of the South*.)

“He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape. But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps” (verses 42-43). These verses show that Egypt, Libya and Ethiopia will ally *with Iran*. When Germany attacks, they will already be allied with Iran.

Regarding these verses, I wrote in August, “But a key nation currently allied with Iran is not mentioned here: Syria. Why?

Because of Psalm 83, we know that Syria will be allied with Germany after the attack on Iran. But I believe this momentous shift will almost certainly take place *before* Daniel 11:40 is fulfilled. This means we could see it happen very soon.”

This prophecy is being fulfilled before our eyes. And we can know what will happen next!

Psalm 83 also lists Gebal (modern-day Lebanon) and the Philistines (the Palestinians of Gaza and the West Bank). This prophecy specifically reveals that the Palestinians are joined with the “inhabitants of Tyre,” which is in southern Lebanon, the stronghold of the Hezbollah terrorists.

Many Arab nations oppose Iran, but Syria was its ally. Through it, Iran gained critical access to the Mediterranean Sea and a base to supply its terrorist proxies and to attack Israel. For years, Syria played a crucial role in Iran’s dominant presence in the Middle East. Through Syria, Iran had considerable control over Hezbollah and Hamas in Gaza. It appears that the breaking of Iran’s ties to these people will open the door for the Psalm 83 alliance to fully form.

Imagine what a geopolitical quake this will be!

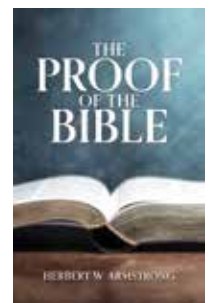
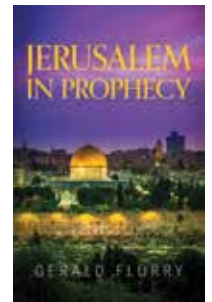
Prophecy is clear that Germany and Iran will clash spectacularly in the near future. Germany is now actively working to oppose Iran in the region. In so doing, it is building the Psalm 83 alliance that includes Syria.

This alliance is about to clash militarily with Iran! After Germany conquers Iran, it will, together with the moderate Arabs, have control over all of these nations that were allied with Iran. This will stagger the world. PEOPLE WILL SUDDENLY RECOGNIZE WHAT A SUPERPOWER GERMANY HAS BECOME!

Now, here is a crucial point: Prophecy does *not* indicate that this will be good news for the modern-day Jews in Israel. In fact, the opposite is the case. Though the Israelis are currently strengthening their ties with Germany, they really need to understand the warning in prophecy about what Germany is about to do. This is explained in detail in my free booklet *Jerusalem in Prophecy*.

Prophecy warns of terrible developments arising from these events. However, it is truly inspiring to realize that the omnipotent God foretold these events and is orchestrating them to bring His prophecies to pass! God is in ultimate control and is ensuring everything fulfills His purposes. Seeing His hand in fulfilled prophecy—and knowing where it will ultimately lead—is truly a blessing! As the late Herbert W. Armstrong often stated, PROPHECY IS THE GREATEST PROOF OF GOD’S EXISTENCE! (Request a free copy of his booklet *The Proof of the Bible*.)

And prophecy is very clear that all these events are a signal of the end of the age of man, the return of Jesus Christ and the beginning of a spectacular new age. If you understand prophecy, you can also understand God’s majestic plan. This is the only hope for mankind! ■



Syrian President Bashar Assad (right) welcomes Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi to his palace in 2023, during better times for their alliance.

# The End of the 'Axis of Resistance'?

Does Assad's fall mark the end of Iran's proxy alliance? **BY MIHAİLO S. ZEKIC**

AS OF DEC. 8, 2024, BASHAR Assad's regime in Syria is obsolete. Hamas and Hezbollah have been decimated by Israel. These were the main players in Iran's "axis of resistance" against Israel, the United States and the rest of the West. Is Iran's "axis of resistance" history?

## Breaking the Axis

The "axis of resistance" is Iran's portrayal of itself and its proxies as the united entity against "Western imperialism." Most of its proxies are Shia Muslims. Some, like Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad, are Sunni. Assad's Syria was socialist and secular. And for Iran's Shiite militias in Iraq, the "resistance" is against U.S. forces and influence there. Hezbollah, Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad and others are "resisting" Israel in the Palestinian territories. Yemen's Houthis mainly "resisted" Saudi Arabia.

The common goal shared by the members of this axis is to make Iran the ascendant power in the Middle East—using terrorism as its tool. Their belief, whether in pretense or reality, is that America, Israel and Saudi Arabia are

oppressive, foreign, blasphemous forces subjugating the Middle East, and that the only source of liberation from that bloc is the radical Islamist regime in Iran.

"Liberating" Jerusalem and the Holy Land from Israel remains one of the axis's most important goals, if not the most important. That is why Hamas

Hezbollah leaders. The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) whittled down the number of Hezbollah fighters by the thousands, destroyed its military infrastructure throughout Lebanon, and wiped out its leadership. Its execution of the September 2024 pager attack, incapacitating thousands of Hezbollah fighters, was a watershed moment in the history of warfare. The Houthis' attack on Red Sea shipping rallied the world not against Israel but against the Houthis. Israeli ships and planes struck Iranian military sites, including an important nuclear site, with apparent impunity. As icing on the cake, after Assad's defeat, the IDF destroyed much of the Syrian Army, including entire squadrons of fighter planes, and much of the Syrian Navy. In a little over a year, Israel has seen all of its most immediate threats either defeated or severely humiliated.

Syrian rebels took advantage of the chaos to finally uproot the Assad regime from Damascus for good—after nearly 14 years of civil war and massive assistance from Iran and Russia for Assad.

Israel may not have expected this big of a victory, especially over Assad.

## HEADLINES

**"With Assad's Fall, Iran's 'Axis of Resistance' Unravels"**

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Nevertheless, for Iran's current battle plan, it is catastrophic.

Syrian territory is Iran's link to Hezbollah in Lebanon. As Israel scored win after win, Hezbollah urgently needed supplies and intervention from Iran. Now, if any group, domestic or foreign, launches the final move to extinguish Hezbollah, Iran can do far less about it.

Iran's whole strategy against Israel depended on its proxies in Gaza, Lebanon and Syria. All those proxies have been nearly wiped out. Over the past 15 months, the entire western side of Iran's "Shia crescent" has been smashed. As the Institute for the Study of War put it, Assad's fall "marks the end of the greater Iranian project in the Levant for the foreseeable future," amounting to "the collapse of the axis of resistance's western front" (Dec. 10, 2024).

Is this the end of Iran as a regional power? Has the axis of resistance irreversibly been erased from the picture?

### Saving the Axis

The year 2024 was a disaster for Iran's proxies. But the *Trumpet* forecasts that Iran will recover with a hegemony in other nearby nations. More than that, we expect Iran to soon become one of the world's dominant powers.

Iran's military losses in Syria have been minimal. Tehran's regime still stands. Its Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps remains strong enough to stamp out internal opposition and threaten external enemies. It continues to develop its nuclear weapons program. Its economy remains massive compared to others in the region. It continues to receive economic, military and political support from Russia and China.

And Iran remains fixated on destroying Israel and taking Jerusalem.

The *Trumpet* has forecast since 1993 that "radical Islam, headed by Iran" would become "king" in the Middle East. In the decades since *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry predicted this, the world has seen Iraq fall, Iran

rise, terrorist proxies thrive, and other world powers—especially the U.S. under Barack Obama—accommodate and empower it further. Then came 2024. But the *Trumpet* still asserts that Iran will remain the Middle East's dominant power.

If Iran still wants Jerusalem but can no longer attack from the north, what is its next move?

After growing in power for decades, radical Islam has suffered significant setbacks in the Levant. But the story is different in a nearby region with a heavy



A Syrian rebel stands in front of a vandalized portrait of President Bashar Assad in the strategic city of Hama.

Islamic tradition: Northeast Africa. Iran already has links with terror groups in places like Somalia and Djibouti. But in north and east Africa, nations with strong Muslim traditions are experiencing instability that Iran could take advantage of.

Egypt had its own Islamic revolution in 2011, which quickly fizzled out. But the regime that replaced it faces bankruptcy and a collapsing economy. Ethiopia recently endured a brutal civil war (during which it depended on Iran for weapons). Libya is still in political paralysis and could become more chaotic at any moment.

Iran has tried to export its influence to countries like these before, but with limited success. However, the entire region is weaker today than it has been in years. If Iran is looking for new ground—in

the case of Egypt, ground that borders Israel—Northeast Africa is the place.

### The Axis in Prophecy

The *Trumpet* expects Iran to shift from attacking Israel from the north to attacking from the south. This is based on a prophecy in Daniel 11: "And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass

over. ... He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries; and the land of Egypt shall not escape. But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps" (verses 40, 42-43).



A crowd in central Damascus celebrates the fall of the Assad regime after more than 13 years of civil war.

This prophecy dates to the "end time"—our day. The principal characters are two power blocs: a "king of the north" and a "king of the south." The king of the north, as biblical and secular history demonstrate, is a German-led European power in the process of uniting today. (Our free booklet *History and Prophecy of the Middle East* elaborates.)

The other bloc, meanwhile, is located to the south of Europe. It has a pushy, provocative foreign policy. Verse 41



# TURKEY'S SACRED QUEST

mentions the glorious land, or the Holy Land, in the context of their clash—meaning the two blocs will fight over Jerusalem. Verses 42-43 suggest the king of the south would command a powerful alliance of proxies in the Middle East and Northeast Africa. Mr. Flurry has identified the king of the south as a radical Islamist bloc, *led by Iran*.

Until recently, Iran's axis of proxies consisted of Gaza, Lebanon, Syria, Yemen and Iraq. Daniel 11 mentions *none* of these as part of Iran's alliance. Instead, they are mentioned in another prophecy, Psalm 83, under the names of their ancestral peoples: the Philistines, Gebal, Tyre and the Hagarenes. There they are allied with Assur (Germany). Based on this prophecy, the *Trumpet* has forecast that Iran will lose its proxies *north* of Israel and instead focus on building a new alliance to the *south*.

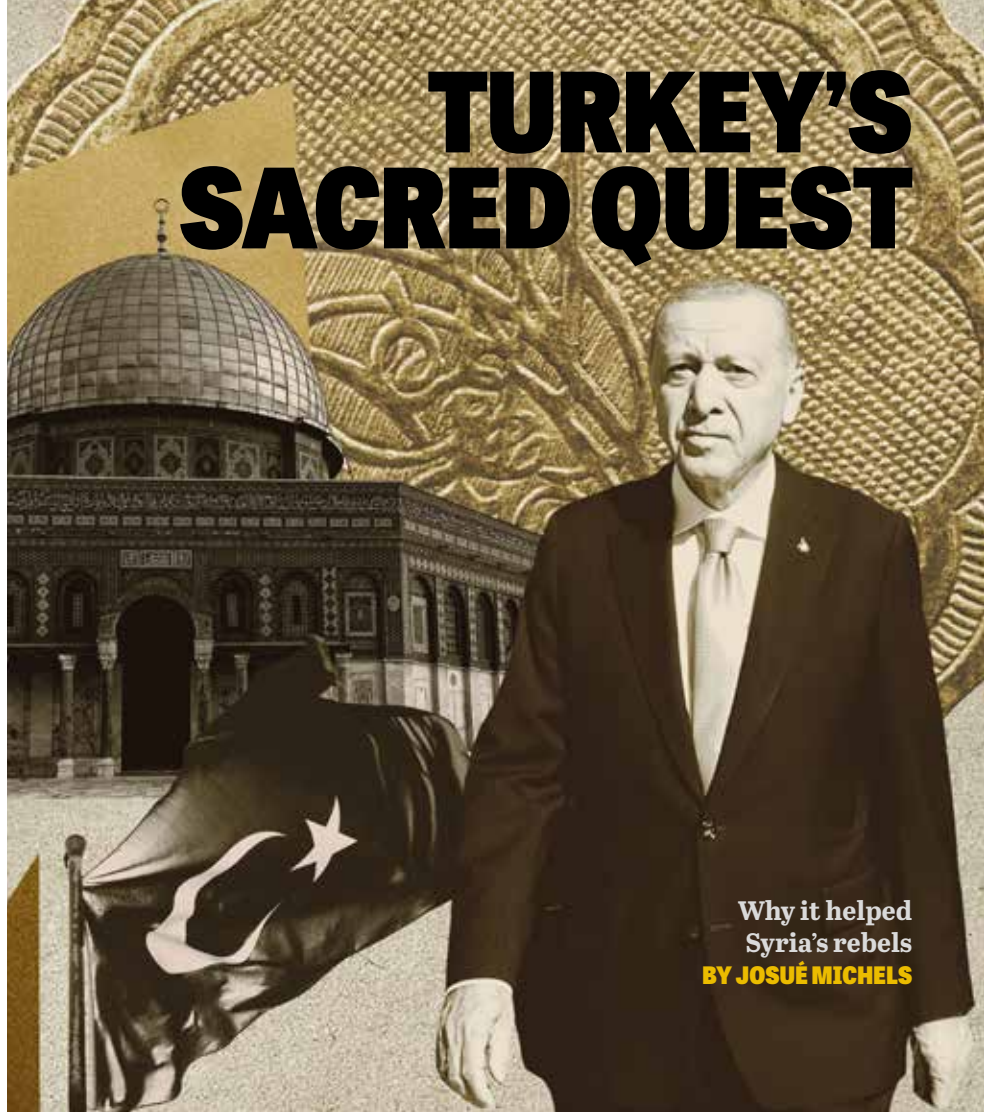
"Losing Syria will be devastating to Iran," Mr. Flurry wrote in our August 2024 issue. "Consider what happens if Germany wrangles Syria out of Iran's hands. The Iranian terrorist regime would rightly fear that its dominance in the region was under threat. It would be concerned about preserving its alliance with Lebanon and Gaza and the Arab nations. This may cause Iran to heighten its aggression around Jerusalem and the crucial trade routes while it still can. In short, SYRIA'S SHIFT AWAY FROM IRAN COULD TRIGGER THE EVENTS OF DANIEL 11:40!"

Iran lost this battle, but it is not out of the fight. It still has options, and retains its motivation to conquer Jerusalem. Bible prophecy tells us to expect Iran to surge back from its 2024 losses and accumulate power and aggression to the point that it sparks *world war*. ■



## What is Iran's next move?

Find out. Request *The King of the South*.



Why it helped Syria's rebels  
BY JOSUÉ MICHELS

**I**N 2012, *TRUMPET* EDITOR IN CHIEF Gerald Flurry wrote, "Turkey has also been allied with Iran, but it too is going to side with Germany in the future! Why? Because it disagrees with what Iran is doing in Syria! While Iran supports the Assad regime, Turkey supports the rebels."

This was exactly what happened in December: Turkey broke its alliance with Iran over Syria—just after it allied with Germany.

On Dec. 8, 2024, rebels supported by Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan overthrew Bashar Assad's regime, which was allied with Iran.

"Idlib, Hama, Homs and, of course, the ultimate target is Damascus," Erdoğan said on December 6. "Our hope is that this march in Syria proceeds without any accidents or troubles."

He got his wish. The next day, Erdoğan stated, "[T]here is now a new reality in Syria, politically and diplomatically. And

Syria belongs to Syrians with all its ethnic, sectarian and religious elements."

In helping to overthrow Assad, Erdoğan was helping to break Syria's alliance with Iran and Russia and opening up the possibility for a much different alignment of Middle East nations. This will involve Turkey's closest trading partner, the European Union, specifically Germany.

### Designs on Jerusalem

Erdoğan is willing to use brutal force to reshape the Middle East.

Mosab Hassan, a former Hamas supporter-turned-Israeli informant, warned on X, "Erdoğan is sharpening his knife to sacrifice Kurds, Jews and Arabs on his way to Jerusalem and Mecca. The new Jihadi-Turkish coalition is not good news" (Dec. 10, 2024).

Erdoğan has compared Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to Adolf Hitler and called Hamas a liberation group. "We must be very strong so that

Israel can't do these ridiculous things to Palestine," he said on July 28, 2024, as Israel Defense Forces fought Hamas terrorists in Gaza. "Just like we entered Karabakh, just like we entered Libya, we might do similar to them."

"What initially seemed like an empty threat is now becoming a more plausible scenario following the rebels' astonishing victory in Syria, where many factions supported by Ankara toppled the Assad regime in just 11 days," the *Jerusalem Post* wrote (Dec. 11, 2024).

"Turkey's growing influence in Syria aligns with Erdoğan's neo-Ottoman vision for the Middle East, as part of which Syria could transform into a Sunni Islamist stronghold under Ankara's auspices," the article continued. "Thus, it is plausible that Erdoğan either directly orders jihadist groups operating on the Israeli border to attack Israel or, at the very least, supports them in doing so. ... Israel was wise to mobilize tanks and infantry across the border for the first time in 50 years."

*Time* wrote in 2020 that Erdoğan's role model is Selim I, the Ottoman sultan who ruled from 1512 to 1520 and extended the empire to Syria, Egypt, Palestine and what is now western Saudi Arabia.

Jerusalem has always been a focal point of this empire.

The Ottoman Empire ruled Jerusalem from 1516 to 1917. In 2020, Erdoğan hinted that Turkey has more than just a bygone historical connection to the city. "In this city that we had to leave in tears during the First World War, it is still possible to come across traces of the Ottoman resistance. So Jerusalem is our city, a city from us. ... The issue of Jerusalem is not an ordinary geopolitical problem for us. First of all, the current physical appearance of the Old City, which is the heart of Jerusalem, was built by Suleiman the Magnificent, with its walls, bazaar and many buildings. Our ancestors showed their respect for centuries by keeping this city in high esteem."

He explained his alliance with Hamas terrorists this way: "We consider it an

honor on behalf of our country and nation to express the rights of the oppressed Palestinian people on every platform, with whom we have lived for centuries. With this understanding, we will follow both the Palestinian cause, which is the bleeding wound of the global conscience, and the Jerusalem case to the end."

Erdoğan has concrete goals for Syria and Jerusalem. While Turkey may be limited on its own to achieve many of its goals, the Bible reveals that it will commit a massive treachery.

"The sparse records of history, with other proofs, show that many of the descendants of Esau became known as

Arabs) and Germany (Assur) will form an alliance against the modern nations of Israel (primarily the United States, Britain and the Jewish state of Israel).

Germany is already in an alliance with Turkey; together they are prophesied to turn against Israel. Another specific prophecy is found in the minor prophets: "The book of Obadiah applies to the nation of Turkey," Gerald Flurry writes in his booklet on Obadiah. "Edom has a history of betraying the nations of Jacob, or Israel. The historian Josephus records that 20,000 Edomites, or Idumeans, were accepted as defenders of Jerusalem in A.D. 70. Once inside, they betrayed the

Jews by robbing and killing them—their own brothers!"

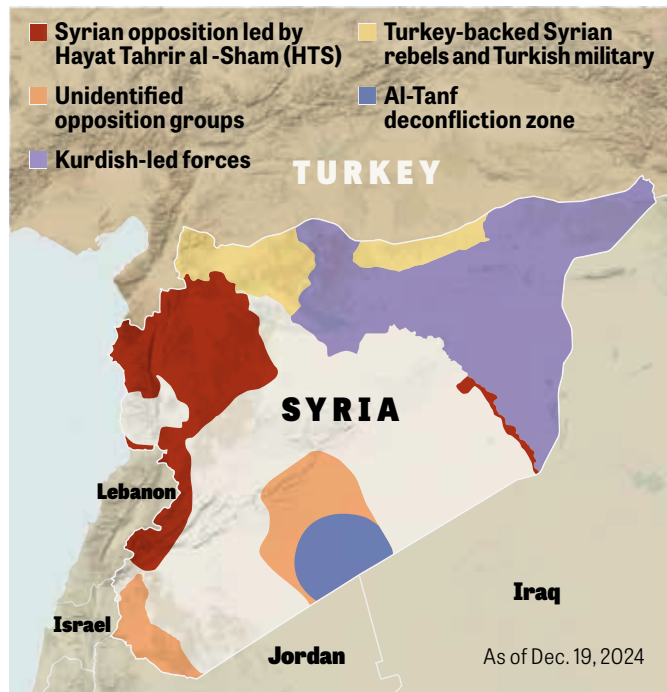
"For thy violence against thy brother Jacob ... thou shalt be cut off forever. In the day that thou stoodest on the other side, in the day that the strangers carried away captive his [Jacob's] forces, and foreigners entered into his [Jacob's] gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even thou wast as one of them" (Obadiah 10-11).

Today, Turkey is among those that seek to conquer Jerusalem. It is willing again to brutally betray the Jews.

The *Plain Truth* explained, "Obadiah's prophecy reveals that Edom (modern Turkey) will turn against his brother Jacob—against America and Britain, and also against the

Jews of the modern-day State of Israel in Palestine. Turkey will actively cooperate with Jacob's enemy! That enemy is prophesied as a final short-lived restoration of the ancient Roman Empire as 10 nations or groups of nations in Europe" (June-July 1980).

History is about to repeat itself on a much larger, much bloodier scale. ■



Turks," Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. "Therefore we must remember that prophecies pertaining to the latter days referring to Edom, or Esau, refer generally to the Turkish nation."

Psalm 83 reveals that, together with others, Turkey (Edom), Syria (Hagarenes), the Philistines (Palestinian



## Unlock prophecy

To understand world news today, you must know the identity of nations in Bible prophecy. As events hasten toward their prophetic fulfillment, ***The United States and Britain in Prophecy***, by Herbert W. Armstrong, reveals the biblical roots and future destiny of the world's major nations.

# HOW IMPORTANT IS PROPHECY TO YOU?

Most people ignore it—but it is a vital and exciting prod to spiritual success. **BY BRAD MACDONALD**



**A** TRANSFORMATIVE EXPERIENCE in my life came in 1989. I was only 11 years old, but I remember it like it was yesterday—the excitement, mixed with some anxiety. And I recall being in *awe* of God’s plan and of the Bible! It was a lightbulb moment for me in my relationship with God and the Bible.

The date was Nov. 9, 1989. It was around 6:30 p.m. on a Thursday evening. This was the usual time for my parents to watch the evening news, but this night was different. When I walked into the living room, the atmosphere was *electric*. The television volume was turned up, and Dad and Mum weren’t watching quietly. They were talking excitedly with each other, occasionally pacing between the living room and the kitchen, where the phone was, and calling family and friends. This went on virtually all night, right up until we went to bed.

*The Berlin Wall had fallen.*

That wall, with its heavy fortifications and shoot-to-kill Communist guards, had divided the capital of Germany for 28 years. It symbolized the Cold War between the Soviets, who built it and controlled East Germany, and the United States and Britain, who supported West Germany. It exemplified post-World War II Germany: conquered, divided, weakened and endangered.

The Berlin Wall’s collapse in November 1989 was a *major* world news event, a seismic geopolitical shift. It struck a fatal blow at the Soviet Union and would rapidly reshape Europe. It gripped the attention of people around the world—but for my parents and other members of the Worldwide Church of God, the fall of the

Berlin Wall was even more spectacular. Why? Based on the prophecies of the Bible, Herbert W. Armstrong had forecast for decades that Germany would reunite and that a unified Germany would come to dominate a European alliance.

## **A Consistent Forecast**

In the October 1985 *Plain Truth*, the newsmagazine Mr. Armstrong founded in 1934, he wrote: “Do not discount the possibility that this resurrection of the medieval Holy Roman Empire may start by some arrangement to reunite East and West Germany first.”

That biblical prophecy of the rise in our day of a multistate European empire, spearheaded by Germany and dominated by Roman Catholicism, was a keynote of Herbert Armstrong’s ministry for decades.

In a letter to supporters on June 10, 1980, he wrote: “It now looks entirely feasible that Yugoslavia may be included in this revived Roman Empire. Also the pope’s native Poland and Romania, and possibly Hungary. Add Austria, Germany, Italy, Spain, Portugal and France. There will be a union of 10 nations in the general area of the medieval Roman Empire in the NEW UNITED EUROPE. Probably Holland, Denmark, Norway and Sweden will not be included [in the final 10]. But Ireland may. Britain will not! ... I have been forecasting this revived ROMAN EMPIRE publicly since February 1934! Now it may go together SUDDENLY, RAPIDLY!” Note the detail in this forecast—made possible by details in biblical prophecy.

In a *World Tomorrow* transcript printed in the November-December 1954 *Plain Truth*, Mr. Armstrong said:

“Other prophecies in the Bible—too numerous to explain or expound in detail in this broadcast—warn us that the power which will invade us, and conquer us, unless we repent and return to GOD, is *not* the power we seem to fear most, but the one we least suspect: a *United Europe*, which our *own leaders* are struggling desperately to bring about—yes, a United European *empire* which automatically must eventually be headed by a revived Germany!”

“Maybe the unification of Eastern and Western Germany into a great German nation in the near future seems hopeless *today*,” Mr. Armstrong’s son Richard said after a visit to Germany. “But how hopeless will it look *tomorrow*? The politics of this world have a strange way of turning tail overnight. Often the world is *suddenly* confronted with what it thought to be the impossible” (*Plain Truth*, July 1953).

“To fulfill prophecy, it is probable that all Germany must reunite,” wrote Herbert Armstrong in the *Plain Truth* of August 1952. “This world *may* be on the very threshold of its most startling news event in 2,000 years!” He wrote that 37 *years* before the Berlin Wall fell.

Now let’s read what was written roughly 2,700 *years* before 1989: “O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation. I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets. Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy and cut off nations not a few” (Isaiah 10:5-7).

## FULFILLED

Dramatic world events that were foretold in Bible prophecy—such as (from left) the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989, Britain's decision to leave the European Union in 2016, and Donald Trump's miraculous near-miss of an assassin's bullet—are certain to grow more common in the time ahead.

Mr. Armstrong identified Assyria in this prophecy and many others as the ancestor to modern Germany. And he identified the “hypocritical nation” against whom Germany would be the rod of God’s anger as the modern descendants of ancient Israel, namely the United States and Britain. (These truths are proved in Mr. Armstrong’s book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*—free upon request.)

Mr. Armstrong understood the writings of Isaiah and other prophets to apply to Germany—and that, whether or not the news of the day indicated it, *Germany would reunite*.

When Germany reunited in 1989, my parents were exhilarated because they were seeing *the dramatic fulfillment of Bible prophecy*. An event God prophesied through Isaiah and other prophets—and through a man who served as His end-time Elijah (Matthew 17:10-11)—was being fulfilled in *real time* on their television screen!

What did this mean? It meant that GOD WAS REVEALING HIMSELF IN WORLD EVENTS! He was revealing that the Bible is filled with divine revelation and is the only *completely trustworthy* source of knowledge. He was underscoring the truth that Herbert W. Armstrong was His servant.

That fulfilled prophecy built confidence, faith and urgency in my parents. Understanding and believing Bible prophecy helped them spiritually, along with many other people.

And yet—shockingly—the very church that had taught those prophecies had abandoned them by that point! Mr. Armstrong had died nearly four years previously—in January 1986. The new leaders repudiated his teachings, which came directly from the Bible, and followed along with all the other churches that ignore this vital *one third of the Bible*.



A crowd celebrates as East German guards look on the day after East Germany began dismantling the Berlin Wall.

God recorded those prophecies to be understood and heeded! God’s true Church keeps the commandments of God and has the testimony of Jesus Christ, which is *the spirit of prophecy* (Revelation 12:17; 19:10).

The *Trumpet* magazine has picked up that dropped baton and continues to preach the prophecies and doctrines of the Bible as Mr. Armstrong did. That is why, in the pages of this publication, you can learn the true significance of world events and where they are leading. You can read tomorrow’s news today.

In today’s news, Berlin Wall-scale events are happening regularly! The pace of fulfilled prophecy is rapidly accelerating. You need to stay abreast of these developments and know what this means.

### Prophecy Proves God

What impact is fulfilled Bible prophecy having on your life *right now*?

Bible prophecy can be one of the greatest blessings in your life. It is not a mere side benefit. Learning about world events and studying Bible prophecy is part of being a true Christian and necessary to become truly converted and enter the Kingdom of God.

Becoming a true Christian is founded on a few basic questions. First: Does God exist? Then: Can we trust the Bible as the inspired Word of God?

You can answer these two questions by studying Bible prophecy and

watching world events. Have you used Bible prophecy to prove God’s existence? Have you used it to prove the Holy Bible is God’s Word?

Mr. Armstrong wrote in his booklet *The Proof of the Bible*: “If one, in the Bible, speaking and claiming to be God, can make prophecies and tell what is going to happen in the future to nations, to cities, to empires, then if it actually happens in every case, and without a miss, you’ll know *that* was a real God speaking. ... Yes, prophecy is a proof of God, a proof of the divine revelation of the Bible. Prophecy is a taunting challenge that the skeptic dares not accept!”

The *Trumpet*’s publisher and editor in chief, Gerald Flurry, wrote: “Prophecy is a major proof that God lives and works out His plan! Through the spirit of prophecy, we can prove where Christ is.” Then he made this electrifying statement: “THE NUMBER ONE REASON FOR PROPHECY IS TO SHOW THAT GOD RULES!” (*Unveiled at Last: The Royal Book of Revelation*; free upon request).

Here is another inspired statement through the Prophet Isaiah—a challenge God utters to anyone who would deign to utter prophecies that do not come from Him: “Let us hear what has happened in the past that we may ponder it, or show me what is yet to be, that we may watch how it turns out. Yes, let us hear what is coming, that we may be sure that you are Gods. Come, do something or other that we may marvel at the sight. Why, you are



People celebrate at Parliament Square on Jan. 31, 2020, the day the United Kingdom officially exited the European Union.



Donald Trump narrowly survives an assassination attempt in Butler, Pennsylvania, on July 13, 2024.

things of naught. You can do nothing at all!” (Isaiah 41:21-24; Moffatt translation).

Consider how astonishing it is that God actually foretells the future—and then brings it to pass as He has said! When you see prophecy of Scripture fulfilled—not once but over and again, time after time—that is proof of the omnipotent God!

One psalmist wrote, “The Eternal wrecks the purposes of pagans, he brings to nothing what the nations plan; but the Eternal’s purpose stands for ever, and what he plans will last from age to age” (Psalm 33:10-11; Moffatt).

However, this idea that God sees everything, that He is guiding world events, that world events are unfolding according to Bible prophecy, that a plan is being *orchestrated* from heaven—to most people, this is a *joke*.

What about you? Have you really studied the subject?

### ‘Prophecy Deceits’

Nearly 3,000 years ago, God prophesied, multiple times, that an *anti-prophecy attitude* would prevail in the “latter days.” That is the time we live in now.

God commanded Isaiah to record His prophecies: “Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever” (Isaiah 30:8). Then what did He say? “That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the Lord. Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits: Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us” (verses 9-11).

God foretold that people would *hate* Bible prophecy. They do not want to hear *truth*—certainly not hard truth.

*Prophecy deceits*, they say! This is one of the great sins of the people of modern-day Israel. And if you understand *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, you know that the United States and Britain *are* the modern Israelites. They flatly reject the Bible—certainly its prophecies.

Soon after the Berlin Wall fell, a Seattle radio station called the Worldwide Church of God (wCG), the church Mr. Armstrong had led. Here is what the church’s new leaders wrote about the exchange in a letter to ministers on Nov. 21, 1989: “The news director was well aware of the *World Tomorrow* program [which Mr. Armstrong started] and the fact that for more than 40 years the Church had been predicting the reunification of Europe in some form. He asked for on-air comments about whether the Church believed the opening of the Wall was the commencement of end-time prophetic events.”

What an opportunity to sound the prophetic trumpet! What an opportunity to put the spotlight on the Bible as the Word of God, on God the Father as the Revealer of prophecy, on Mr. Armstrong as God’s prophet and end-time Elijah! Yet what was the wCG leaders’ response? “We responded that it was premature to make statements like that, but that the Bible was very clear about a 10-nation consortium in Europe. We also pointed out that history shows that past episodes of European unification have not proven positive for the rest of the world and that the Church would continue to watch events very closely.” What a bland, weak statement!

How upsetting and disappointing that was to the God of prophecy! The Soviet Union was collapsing, Germany was uniting, the map of Europe was being

redrawn—the world was entering a *new era*. And the best that wCG officials could muster was to say it was “premature” to comment on the prophetic implications of these events!

The “prophecy not” spirit had taken hold of God’s own Church! You can read a prophecy of this very tragedy in Amos 2:11-12. God knew in advance that this lukewarm, lackadaisical mindset would infect His own people!

The “prophecy not” spirit was something Mr. Armstrong had recognized as a problem before he died. In 1984 he told members, *I wish I could get our ministers to talk about these prophecies! These prophecies need to be explained and proclaimed to our people!*

In his 2005 booklet *Prophecy Again*, Mr. Flurry commented on this statement: “His words disturbed me. I became more determined to prophesy as God commanded.”

After Mr. Armstrong died, church leaders moved away from a prophetic message, but Gerald Flurry held fast and continued to prophesy as Mr. Armstrong had done—and as God expects and commands!

### ‘Who Can But Prophecy?’

Here are some more questions a true Christian needs to answer.

The Bible says Christ is the Head of His Church (Ephesians 1:22; Colossians 1:18). “... I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it,” Christ said (Matthew 16:18). So that Church is still on Earth today. Christ is not the Head of several different, competing churches that have different doctrinal beliefs and different ideas about prophecy. “Is Christ divided?” (1 Corinthians 1:13). No, He is not!

So which church is Christ leading?

Believe it or not, Bible prophecy can also help you answer that crucial question.

Consider these profound words from the Prophet Amos: “Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets. The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord God hath spoken, WHO CAN BUT PROPHECY?” (Amos 3:7-8).

The world you live in has a “prophecy not” attitude; and that includes most churches. Even God’s own Church, when

## THE WORLD YOU LIVE IN HAS A “PROPHECY NOT” ATTITUDE; AND THAT INCLUDES MOST CHURCHES.

it began to turn away from Him, took on the same spirit. But God’s faithful people have a “who can but prophesy” attitude!

That was Mr. Flurry’s attitude toward Bible prophecy, and God has continued to “reveal his secret” to this man, the understanding of Bible prophecy that we need to comprehend the meaning of today’s events.

It is significant that Mr. Flurry’s first book, *Malachi’s Message* (1989), addresses this subject directly, and that his second booklet was on Amos, *The Lion Has Roared* (1991). Here we are, 35 years later, and God is still revealing prophecies from the book of Amos.

The book of Amos is *filled* with end-time prophecy. God has revealed a great deal from this book *since* Mr. Armstrong died in 1986, as we have approached the fulfillment of these passages.

### Identify God’s Church

Here is a prophecy from Amos that Mr. Flurry has drawn a great deal of attention to in recent years especially. It describes a confrontation between a high-ranking spiritual adviser to the national leader and God’s prophet: “Also Amaziah said unto Amos, 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. Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet’s son; but I was an herdman, and a gatherer of sycomore fruit: And the Lord took me as I followed the flock, and the Lord said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel.

Now therefore hear thou the word of the Lord: Thou sayest, Prophecy not against Israel, and drop not thy word against the house of Isaac” (Amos 7:12-16).

Notice how this entire exchange revolves around *prophesying*. The conflict is over the prophetic work being done by Mr. Flurry and the Philadelphia Church of God. It’s a battle between “prophecy not” and “who can but prophesy”! God’s true Church will be *known* for its work of warning based on Bible prophecy!

*Bible prophecy is crucial to the identity of God’s true Church.*

All Christians claim to follow Jesus Christ. And remember, in Revelation 19:10 the angel delivering a message from God says that “the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”

Mr. Flurry has pointed out that the commission to this present era of God’s Church is Revelation 10:11: “And he said unto me, Thou must PROPHECY AGAIN before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings.” If God’s Church today does not prophesy again, then we fail God and will suffer the consequences. Does *your* church have “the spirit of prophecy”?

### The Most Momentous Time

“THE SPIRIT OF PROPHECY REVEALS THE COURSE OF FUTURE WORLD HISTORY!” Mr. Flurry wrote in *The Royal Book of Revelation*. “That means you understand world news in advance! You grasp exactly what is happening on the world scene. You can fit it all into a time frame with the book of Revelation. ... It is through the spirit of prophecy that we see into the future—see God’s plan—where we and this world are going.”

Those who ignore prophecy are deceiving themselves.

We must not be ignorant of the times we

are living in! This is the most dangerous, most transformative, most important time in history. It is more significant than the Greek-Persian wars of the fourth century—more important than the rise and fall of the Roman Empire—more important than anything that occurred during the Protestant Reformation, the Renaissance, the Age of Enlightenment or the Age of Discovery—more significant than the Revolutionary War or the Civil War—more significant than the Second World War and the Holocaust. And it is much more significant than the fall of the Berlin Wall on Nov. 9, 1989.

It may not feel that way right now—but it will soon enough.

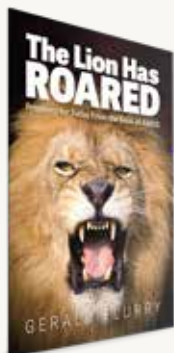
Do you know, *really*, what is coming over the next few months and years? Are you ready for it? Do you know, *really* know, that God exists, that He is real and present? Do you know that the Bible is God’s inspired Word—and trust it enough to build your life around it? Do you know where to find God’s one true Church? Do you believe and support God’s warning message, even when it gets uncomfortable? Do you know that Gerald Flurry is the man God is using today and to whom He is revealing His secrets?

God gives you *Bible prophecy* to answer all these questions.

God is revealing Himself *to you* through all these prophecies in the same way He revealed Himself to me through the fall of the Berlin Wall. God is revealing His prophecies to you *right now*, when the world is about to enter immeasurable suffering. He is doing this to encourage people to *repent* so that they won’t suffer. He is offering you the chance to seek Him while there is time.

Revealing these prophecies is one of the *greatest acts of love* God could possibly show you! He means for it to provoke ACTION on your part.

Will you use Bible prophecy the way He wants you to? To prove His existence, to prove His Bible, to prove His Church, to prove His government, to build *urgency*, to build *faith*—to do God’s work? ■



## ‘The lion has roared.’

How should you respond? When you witness fulfilled prophecy, do you have the urgency to support God’s message to humanity? Request and study *The Lion Has Roared* to increase your sense of urgency.



# AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CHURCHES OF GOD

If you have ever been associated with the Worldwide Church of God or one of its offshoots, I ask you to prayerfully read this letter.

BY GERALD FLURRY

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**H**ERBERT W. ARMSTRONG WAS PART OF SOMETHING great. He led the Worldwide Church of God, which was a work of miracles.

Do you remember that glorious history? Too many of God's people don't. God challenges us to always keep the big picture.

Over Mr. Armstrong's 55 years in Jesus Christ's ministry, the work blossomed. It started with nothing and grew into a huge, Spirit-led work that spread God's beautiful truth across the world.

Mr. Armstrong oversaw a work that was based on the principle of GIVE—which is what God's love is. By the end of his life, the Church was *giving* 8 million free monthly copies of the *Plain Truth* newsmagazine (which the *Trumpet* magazine is patterned after). We *gave* 6 million copies of *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, not to mention countless other magazines, newspapers, books, booklets, tracts and articles—all free. We made the *World Tomorrow* broadcast *freely available* on over 400 television stations.

Do you remember that history? God put our tithes and offerings to magnificent use, and we were happy to be part of such a noble cause.

The Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, which Mr. Armstrong founded in 1975, freely sponsored humanitarian projects including archaeological digs, schools and anthropological excursions. Its activities stretched from Bombay to Brussels, the Philippines to the Netherlands, Tokyo to Cairo. We hosted projects in Jerusalem, Jordan, London, Nepal and Okinawa. Why? Because Mr. Armstrong wanted to preach the gospel “for a witness unto all nations” (Matthew 24:14).

Using the international contacts Mr. Armstrong established through the cultural foundation, God opened doors for him to meet high-ranking officials around the world. Mr. Armstrong was invited to speak publicly on many occasions, and he took those opportunities to preach the gospel—to tell people about God's master plan and about their incredible human potential. These events opened the way for personal appearance campaigns, where he spoke to hundreds of thousands of leading people in various countries.

Do you remember that history?

In the WCG's hometown of Pasadena, California, we hosted the concert series, staged in Ambassador Auditorium, which attracted world-class performing artists and brought a

standard of excellence to the community. Physically, it was the crowning achievement of a work that over decades had built great resources to draw on for the betterment of mankind.

Under Mr. Armstrong, the Worldwide Church of God practiced the way of give—of godly character, generosity, cultural enrichment, true education—of beautifying the environment and caring for fellow man. Mr. Armstrong never deviated from his God-given commission, and the work prospered! His work acknowledged God's desire to have all men saved and brought to the knowledge of His truth (1 Timothy 2:3-6). It was an inspiring display of God's love for all mankind.

When Mr. Armstrong died, he was highly praised by leaders and prominent individuals from around the world. Even unconverted people could clearly see what a towering legacy of love and generosity he left behind, and they were deeply impressed by it. Certainly we in the Church all recognized on a much deeper level what he had achieved.

Do you remember that glorious history?

Now, did Mr. Armstrong do all that? Certainly he worked hard to implement God's law and government and to walk by faith. But was the work so powerful and effective simply because of Mr. Armstrong's intellect or advertising expertise? Did Mr. Armstrong swing open all those mighty doors?

**NO—THE GREAT GOD DID THAT!**

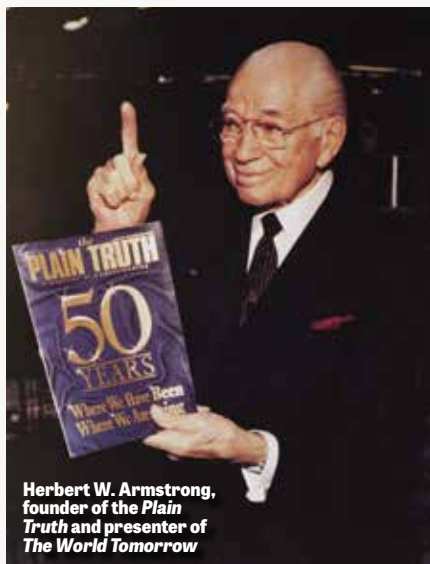
It doesn't take great spiritual discernment to recognize that GOD was behind that work—GOD was blessing that work—GOD was empowering and multiplying that work—as Mr. Armstrong submitted to Him. No *man* could have ever built such a marvelous and wondrous work in this satanic world. IT WAS BUILT AND SUSTAINED BY THE MIRACLES OF THE LIVING GOD!

### Family Education

What truly distinguished Mr. Armstrong's accomplishments was that they were all built upon the foundation of God's truth. God flooded Mr. Armstrong with biblical understanding, restoring *all foundational true doctrine* to His Church through that man. We learned and lived by the wonderful truths of God, and our lives were richer as a result.

Right at the heart of Mr. Armstrong's teaching was his instruction about the God-plane institution of *family* (Malachi 4:5-6). He taught us how to build beautiful marriages and to rear happy children. We educated our children with Youth Educational Services lessons; we provided our teens rich experiences through the Youth Opportunities United program—with its sporting events, talent shows and summer camps.

Do you remember what life was like in the Church under Mr. Armstrong? If you were applying God's family education, then you have personally experienced the blessings that come as a result! Do you remember that?



## DID MR. ARMSTRONG SWING OPEN ALL THOSE MIGHTY DOORS? **NO—THE GREAT GOD DID THAT!**

Mr. Armstrong died 35 years ago. BUT DID THE ALMIGHTY GOD WHO EMPOWERED HIS WORK DIE?

Is God too weak to do the same marvelous work today—simply because a *man* has passed from the scene?

**ABSOLUTELY NOT.**

### 'My Father, My Father'

When the Prophet Elijah was carried away in a whirlwind, his student Elisha was moved with emotion. "And Elisha saw it, and he cried, *My father, my father*, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces" (2 Kings 2:12).

Elijah was not Elisha's physical father. But he was his *spiritual* father because Elisha and the sons of the prophets came to God *through* Elijah. In that sense they were all his sons.

Some people didn't see the importance of Elijah's office, but ELISHA SAW THAT IT WAS THE ONLY OFFICE THAT COULD LEAD AND CARRY ISRAEL FORWARD! It was Israel's only hope—then and now! He saw that, ultimately, all Israel would be governed by the teachings of Elijah. His cry of "My father, my father" revealed a deep understanding and a beautiful attitude. This wholehearted devotion was a reflection of why God used Elisha to succeed Elijah. God loved his attitude.

Some people today scoff at such an attitude, but it is very biblical. The Apostle Paul told the Church members in Corinth, "I write not these things to shame you, but *as my beloved sons* I warn you" (1 Corinthians 4:14). Paul considered his followers to be his spiritual sons. Why? "For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus *I have begotten you through the gospel*" (verse 15). Paul was their spiritual father because they came to God through him. He called himself their spiritual father.



Mr. Armstrong said the same to all of those who came to God, either directly or indirectly, through him.

The original Elijah and the end-time Elijah held extremely important “father” offices for God. Like Elisha, the PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD recognizes this fact. This is the foundational issue that sets the PCG apart from any other Church of God group. If you follow the Elisha example in this respect, God will make you a king with a headquarters position forever. Why? BECAUSE THIS FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH POINTS US TO GOD THE FATHER.

Do you view Mr. Armstrong the way God does?

## The God of Elijah

After Elijah was gone, Elisha learned an important lesson. “He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank of Jordan; And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, *Where is the Lord God of Elijah?* and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over” (2 Kings 2:13-14).

If you study this account in the original Hebrew, you will see that the first time Elisha came up to the Jordan, he smote the water but didn’t speak—and nothing happened. Then he asked the important question, “*Where is the Lord God of Elijah?*” and smote the water, and the river opened up and he walked across!

Do you want to know how to do the work of God today? How to have doors open for you—even parting rivers, if necessary? Here is the formula. Elisha knew where the God of Elijah was, and he was following his spiritual father. So God parted the waters of the river for him, just as He did for Elijah.

Where is the God of Elijah today? WHERE IS THE GREAT ALMIGHTY GOD WHO DID THAT POWERFUL WORK?

Can you answer that question? Far too many of God’s people aren’t even *asking it!*

God did not die with Mr. Armstrong! Yet none of the scattered churches of God have that kind of power. They don’t receive and proclaim God’s revelation. They don’t have God’s government. And their works are, frankly, devoid of the kind of miracles and wonders that were almost *routine* when the work was led by Mr. Armstrong.

We MUST find and remain with the God of Elijah!

All baptized members of the Church of God during the Philadelphia era will be held accountable for the fact that they were with that God for so long. The tragic fact is this: Not only have most of God’s people left Him—most of them are not even *interested* in WHERE HE IS! If they wanted to know, they would submit to God’s government and end up in God’s true Church.

## The Work of the PCG

The Philadelphia Church of God, which prints the *Philadelphia Trumpet* news-magazine, has far fewer people than the WCG had in its heyday. But I challenge you to examine the miraculous work God is doing with this few!

The *Key of David* television program is broadcast to a potential audience of over 400 million worldwide. The *Philadelphia*

*Trumpet* magazine has a print circulation of over 200,000 and many more online through its website, *theTrumpet.com*, which receives more than 2.5 million visitors every year.

In addition to its flagship magazine, the Church publishes the *Royal Vision*, a Christian-living magazine; *Let the Stones Speak*, an Israel-focused news and archaeology magazine; *True Education*, which is directed toward the youth; and a 36-lesson Bible correspondence course in which over 100,000 students from around the world have enrolled.

The PCG has revived Personal Appearance Campaigns in the tradition of Herbert W. Armstrong, hosting over 50 campaigns in the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom. Over half of those campaigns came after we acquired a Gulfstream G450 jet in 2017, demonstrating how the work of the PCG continues to reach larger numbers with greater impact.

We have four regional offices around the world located in Canada, the United Kingdom, the Philippines and Australia. The headquarters of the Church is situated on a beautifully landscaped 170-acre property which includes a 22,825 square-foot Hall of Administration, Herbert W. Armstrong College facilities and Armstrong Auditorium, the crown jewel of the campus.

Armstrong Auditorium, with its Swarovski Strass® crystal-trimmed chandeliers, Baccarat crystal candelabra, Spanish marble, Azerbaijani onyx and world-class acoustics, is one of the finest performing arts venues in the world.

Through the Armstrong International Cultural Foundation, the PCG sponsors culturally enriching experiences, such as fine art performances and humanitarian projects abroad. The foundation sponsors archaeological excavations in Israel and has exhibited some of the most biblically important artifacts ever found in three exhibits, most recently the *Kingdom of David and Solomon Discovered*, in which we showcased the famous Tel Dan Stele.

Since 2001, our college has graduated 383 students, over 80 of whom are employed full-time or part-time in the Work.

And—most importantly—God has continued to bless us, as He did Mr. Armstrong, with new revelation. THE LIVING GOD DID NOT STOP SPEAKING TO HIS PEOPLE WHEN MR. ARMSTRONG DIED. He has continued to give us “present truth” (2 Peter 1:12) that builds on the foundation of the truth He restored through Mr. Armstrong. The PCG produces over 100 books and booklets,

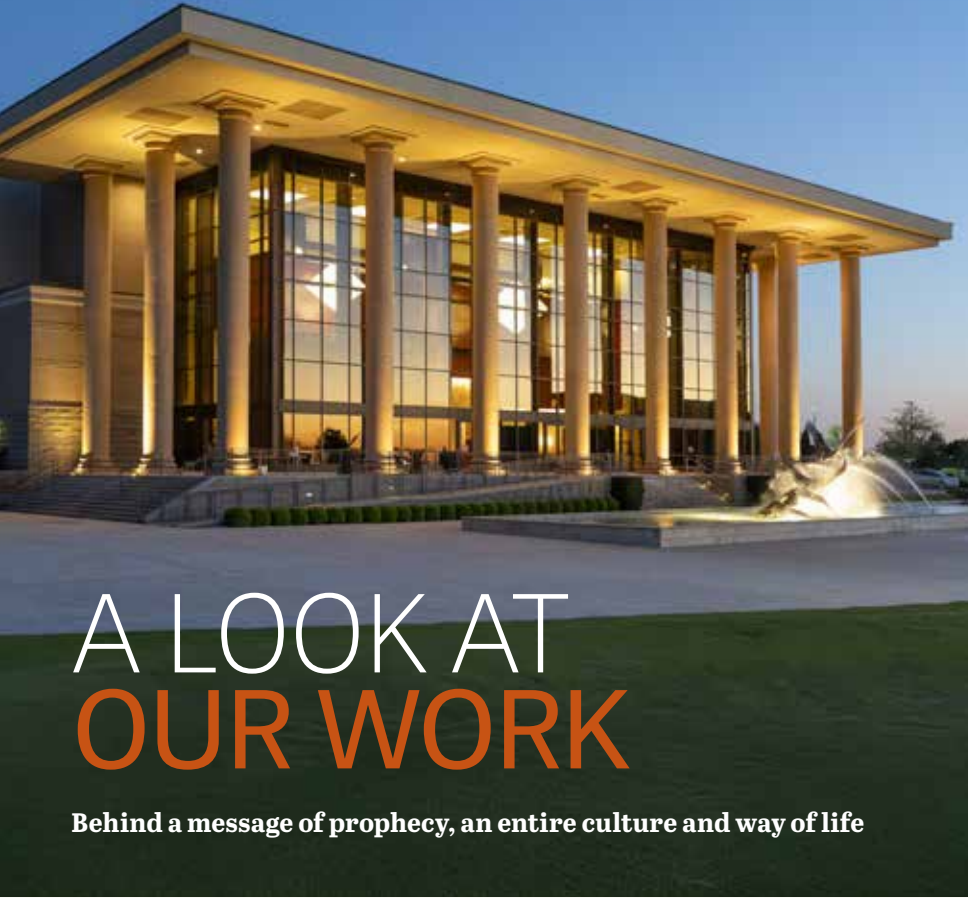
the large majority of which contain new biblical understanding from the great God.

*That is the single greatest proof that the God who inspired Mr. Armstrong is behind our work.*

We hope you can clearly identify the same miracles and blessings that built Mr. Armstrong’s work. MOST OF ALL, WE HOPE AND PRAY THAT YOU CAN RECOGNIZE THE WORK OF THE GOD OF ELIJAH!

Our time in this age of man is fast running out. God is growing much more urgent in trying to reach His sons who have turned away from Him, because eternal life hangs in the balance. We urge you to respond to Him!

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# A LOOK AT OUR WORK

Behind a message of prophecy, an entire culture and way of life

**T**HE PHILADELPHIA TRUMPET prides itself on publishing “tomorrow’s news today.” Basing our analyses on the sure word of biblical prophecy, we can highlight the often unseen significance of world events and regularly announce news in advance. In the now 35 years since the inaugural *Trumpet* issue, our record of accurate forecasts has grown quite substantial, a fact our longtime readers appreciate.

The *Trumpet* began almost immediately after its publisher, the Philadelphia Church of God, was founded on Dec. 7, 1989. The PCG also publishes *Royal Vision*, *Let the Stones Speak* and *True Education* magazines; the *Herbert W. Armstrong College Bible Correspondence Course*; and more than 100 books and booklets, as well as other publications. It also produces the *Key of David* television program and the *Trumpet Daily*, *Trumpet World*, *Let the Stones Speak* and other podcasts. It sponsors the Armstrong Institute of Biblical Archaeology, the Armstrong International

Cultural Foundation, Herbert W. Armstrong College, Imperial Academy, Summer Educational Program and the *Celtic Throne* dance show. Its headquarters campus is located in Edmond, Oklahoma, along with a nearby auxiliary ranch, and it has a second campus in Edstone, England, and offices in Australia, Canada, Israel and the Philippines.

A generation has passed since the PCG began, born in trauma after the death of Herbert W. Armstrong. Over the course of his 50-year ministry, dozens of original, long-lost biblical doctrines had been restored to the true Church of God. Through faith, obedience, experience, sacrifice and hardship, one prophecy after another and one doctrine after another were revealed and restored, ultimately summarized in his final book, *Mystery of the Ages*.

Led by Mr. Armstrong, the Worldwide Church of God (WCG) had grown to more than 100,000 members, broadcast *The World Tomorrow* on more than 400 television and radio stations, gave away

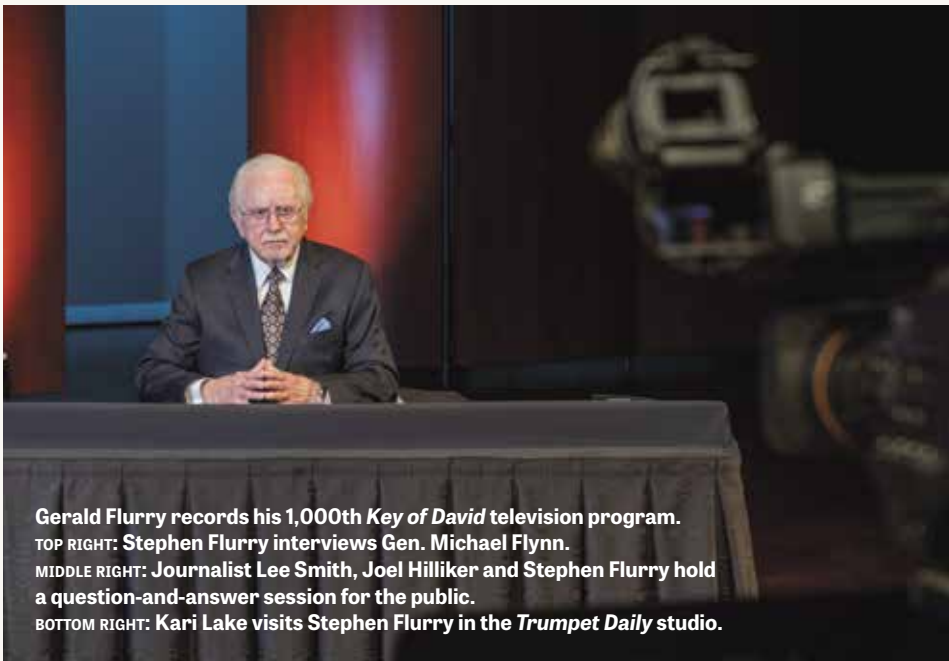
books like *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* to millions of readers, and sent the *Plain Truth* magazine to more than 8 million subscribers (more than *Time* and *Newsweek* combined)—all completely free. Mr. Armstrong had also established a cultural foundation, college, grade school and youth program. He had personally met more than 500 kings, presidents, prime ministers and other world leaders. After he died on Jan. 16, 1986, United States President Ronald Reagan’s condolences to the Church recognized that “Mr. Armstrong contributed to sharing the Word of the Lord with his community and with people throughout the nation. You can take pride in his legacy.”

Then came betrayal—not of a man’s legacy but of life-changing, precious, inspiring Bible truths that were restored through him. Mr. Armstrong’s successors promised to “follow in his footsteps,” yet they quietly and treacherously transformed the church’s teachings, deceiving, intimidating, silencing and excommunicating those who held on to foundational principles—much as radical leftists fundamentally transformed the United States from within—from the top.

Gerald Flurry, a WCG minister, held on to the biblical doctrines Mr. Armstrong had taught. WCG leadership summoned him to headquarters for it and fired him on Dec. 8, 1989. Walking away from the church’s grand headquarters campus that night, Mr. Flurry left behind a large church with worldwide operations and took with him only the doctrines and prophecies of the Bible—and faith in the God who inspired them.

A generation later, Mr. Flurry and the PCG still hold to those same teachings. And were this work larger or smaller than it is at this stage, the focus would remain the same as on Dec. 7, 1989: Prove the meaning of the Bible, love it, and hold fast.

Since 1989, one church has poisoned itself, and one has experienced exponential, nearly inexplicable growth, as briefly summarized on the following pages: publishing, broadcasting, mailing, answering, teaching, counseling, dressing and keeping, feeding, singing, dancing and celebrating. This is the effect. What remains is for you to determine, in good faith, the cause. **PHILIP NICE**



Gerald Flurry records his 1,000th *Key of David* television program.  
 TOP RIGHT: Stephen Flurry interviews Gen. Michael Flynn.  
 MIDDLE RIGHT: Journalist Lee Smith, Joel Hilliker and Stephen Flurry hold a question-and-answer session for the public.  
 BOTTOM RIGHT: Kari Lake visits Stephen Flurry in the *Trumpet Daily* studio.



## BROADCASTING

Every aspect and department of the PCG started extremely small. The Church's broadcasting department began with Gerald Flurry's first *God's Future World* program in 1991 on a small radio station in St. Louis, Missouri. In January 1993, *The Key of David* began airing on eight local television stations. It would go on to record episodes in the PCG studio in Edmond and on location in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East, North America and Oceania. Mr. Flurry currently records at Armstrong Auditorium (above), with about 10 staff members helping produce about 36 new episodes per year. The PCG established its own call center in 2000. In 2011, Stephen Flurry began broadcasting a program as well: More recently, the *Trumpet Daily* podcast has hosted Gen. Michael Flynn, Dinesh D'Souza, Kari Lake, Lara Logan and Lee Smith. KPCG 101.3 FM began broadcasting in 2015. The station now airs more than 21 hours of PCG-hosted talk radio per day, equating to about 470 total episodes across 11 programs over the past 12 months.

- Presenter Gerald Flurry has taped more than 1,000 *Key of David* programs.
  - *Key of David* episodes have been recorded in Edmond and on location in 20 countries.
  - During peak ring-ins, the program's literature request line is staffed by 144 PCG staff members and volunteers.
  - *The Key of David* broadcasts on about 700 over-the-air and digital stations in 46 states, Washington, D.C., the U.S. Virgin Islands, Australia, the Bahamas, Canada, Fiji, New Zealand and the Philippines.
- See pages 36-37 for station listings. ▶*



## PUBLISHING

Distributing *Malachi's Message* was the work of the Church in 1989 and early 1990, with the 12 initial members of the PCG mailing spiral-bound manuscripts to ministers and members of the Worldwide Church of God. The book identified the WCG leaders' deceitful repudiation of Herbert W. Armstrong and the Bible doctrines in *Mystery of the Ages*, and their willful destruction of the Church. More than 35 years later, Mr. Flurry has written 66 books and booklets explaining a range of prophecies, including *America Under Attack*, which identifies the deceitful leader behind the radical, mysterious, treacherous destruction of the United States. In late 1996, the PCG began publishing and freely distributing *Mystery of the Ages*. WCG leaders launched a six-year copyright lawsuit, losing at the district level, then winning on appeal—yet ultimately agreeing, on the 17th anniversary of Mr. Armstrong's death, to sell copyrights to 19 of Mr. Armstrong's works. The department publishes these and 96 other titles, as well as four periodicals; hosts *theTrumpet.com*, *pcg.church* and other websites; and e-mails the *Trumpet Brief*, *PCG Signposts* and other newsletters. It also helps produce various video content. About half a dozen staff members and dozens of volunteers have translated, published and recorded material into 10 languages; and audio recording staff and volunteers produce audio versions of the publications.

*Visit [theTrumpet.com/library](http://theTrumpet.com/library) ▶*

# 1 Donald Trump will return to the presidency

The Bible foretells a figure who leads a national revival in America (2 Kings 14:26-28; Amos 7:5-8). *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry identified Donald Trump as this leader in 2016. The prophecy about Mr. Trump was not fulfilled during his first term; therefore, Mr. Flurry said Mr. Trump would return. "Based on this prophecy alone, we can be sure God is going to return Donald Trump to power sooner or later," he wrote in the March 2021 *Trumpet*. God protected Mr. Trump from assassination and granted him victory.



# 10

## 2 Vladimir Putin will conquer more territory

When Russia invaded Georgia in 2008, Mr. Flurry wrote, "Russia's attack on Georgia in August marks the beginning of a dangerous new era in history. This was the first military strike of a rising Asian superpower—and there will be more!" (*Trumpet*, October 2008). Nine years later, Mr. Flurry noted that Russian President Vladimir Putin was the prophesied prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal (Ezekiel 38:1-2) and, therefore, would "probably conquer more nations of the former Soviet Union." Putin's current invasion of Ukraine is further proof of Putin's prophetic identity.



## 4 Britain will leave the European Union

Shortly after British Prime Minister Gordon Brown signed the Lisbon Treaty on Dec. 13, 2007, the *Trumpet* published an article titled "When Britain Leaves Europe." It boldly forecast: "The withdrawal of Britain from the European Union will be a watershed event in the annals of Western civilization." This watershed event happened in 2016, when the British people voted in a landmark referendum to leave the European Union. Bible verses like Hosea 5:7-13 prophesy that Germany will forcibly invade Britain in the end time; therefore, Britain could not be part of the German-led EU before this prophesied invasion.



## 3 The radical left will assault America's moral foundations

When liberals swept into both houses of Congress after the 2006 midterm elections, Mr. Flurry wrote that U.S. politics would be forever changed. Nancy Pelosi became speaker of the House of Representatives and brought "San Francisco values" to Washington. "San Francisco values will now permeate every major decision made by the American government," Mr. Flurry wrote at that time. Isaiah 3:9 prophesies that end-time America would "declare their sin as Sodom," and the lesbian-gay-bisexual-transsexual-queer agenda that has taken deep root in America has proved Mr. Flurry right. Even Republicans now accept same-sex "marriage" as normal.

## 5 China will take over more sea gates

Shortly before the United States surrendered the Panama Canal in 1999, the giant Chinese corporation Hutchison Whampoa took control of the American-constructed ports at each end of the canal. Mr. Flurry later wrote in his 2021 booklet *China's Dangerous Move Against America* that the Panama Canal is "the gate" that God promised to give the descendants of Abraham in the end time (Genesis 22:17). He said God was taking away "sea gates" from Abraham's descendants in America and Britain. Therefore, China and Europe would start seizing control of more choke points like the Suez Canal, Dardanelles and Strait of Malacca.

# FULFILLED BIBLE PROPHECIES

## 6 Russia will frighten Europe into uniting, rearming

In 2004, Mr. Flurry wrote, "Russian elections have recently moved President Vladimir Putin much closer to becoming a dictator. This strikes intense fear in Europe. ... The Russian election is triggering a fear that will hasten the uniting of the European Union." This forecast has proved true. Revelation 17:12 indicates that 10 European kings will turn over their power and might to an overarching political union. Russian aggression in Georgia and Ukraine has prompted European leaders to drastically boost their defense spending and political and military cooperation.



Leaders of Poland, France and Germany meet to discuss Ukraine.

Since its inception in February 1990, the *Philadelphia Trumpet* has relied on Bible prophecy to bring its readers tomorrow's news today. Here are 10 of the more recently fulfilled prophecies from the past 35 years.

## 7 Syria will break its alliance with Iran

After the Arab Spring started in 2011, Mr. Flurry wrote an article titled "How the Syrian Crisis Will End." "Biblical prophecy reveals that, very soon, Syria will no longer align with Iran," he wrote in 2012. "It also shows that Germany will help cause this split." This forecast was based on Psalm 83, which predicts that moderate Arab states will ally with Germany against Israel. A big part of this prophecy was fulfilled in 2024 when Iran pulled its troops out of Syria and Bashar Assad fled to Moscow. Now Germany is preparing to move in and fill the power void.

## 8 The Israeli-Palestinian peace process will fail

After a deadly stretch of four suicide bombings in nine days, Mr. Flurry identified the Middle East peace process as a "deadly wound." "Is the peace pact with the Arabs the Israeli wound that God refers to in Hosea 5:13?" he asked in the April 1996 *Trumpet*. "There would have been no peace pact if Judah would have trusted God instead of men. They would not be experiencing the flesh-shredding bombs if they trusted God." The Oct. 7, 2023, Hamas massacre and current Israel-Hamas war show that the peace process has in fact been a deadly delusion for the Israelis.



## 9 The Roman Catholic Church will turn the world against America

When Jorge Mario Bergoglio was elected pope in 2013, he immediately began attacking "trickle down" economics and "unfettered capitalism" as "a new tyranny." The *Trumpet* forecast in its March 2014 issue that Pope Francis would use socialist economics as a tool to turn the world against the United States. Revelation 18:3 describes a great false church in the end time that causes "the merchants of the earth" to ally with Babylon. In 2020, Francis launched the Council for Inclusive Capitalism with the Vatican. The partnership represents 200 million employees in 163 countries and has \$2.1 trillion in market capitalization. Its goal is to combat "unfettered capitalism" and the global superpower that espouses it, namely the United States of America.

## 10 Natural disasters will become more devastating

During the 1997-98 El Niño event, the *Trumpet* noted, "God uses these events to bring us back to obedience to His law—a law which will yield prosperity if obeyed." Since then, the cost of billion-dollar weather and climate disaster events in the United States has risen from \$39 billion per year to \$93 billion per year. Amos 4:7-8 say God will punish the United States and Britain with droughts and floods, and it is undeniable that so-called natural disasters in these two nations are getting more destructive and far costlier.



+10 MORE

- Iran will take over Iraq
- Disease epidemics will get worse
- The British royal family will fall
- South Africa will collapse
- America will move toward bankruptcy
- Race riots will intensify
- America will pay for its over-reliance on computer technology
- Egypt will ally with Iran
- Israel will turn to Europe
- Islamist terrorism will worsen

Gerald Flurry speaks during a Personal Appearance Campaign in Canada.

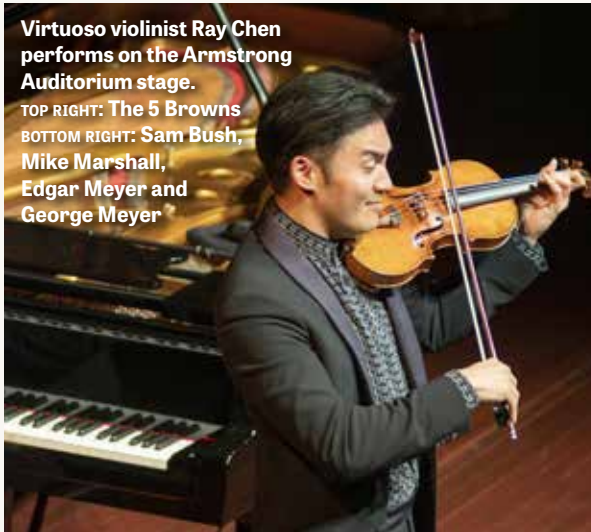


## CAMPAIGNS

Since 1994, Gerald Flurry has conducted 30 Personal Appearance Campaigns for *Philadelphia Trumpet* subscribers in a number of U.S. cities and a couple of international cities. Evangelist Stephen Flurry has presented campaigns in America and Europe. The pastor general also travels about 10,000 miles per year, visiting Church members and delivering messages. Since 2017, long-distance travel to holy day observances, as well as to deliver Personal Appearance Campaign lectures to *Trumpet* subscribers, has been on board the PCG's 2007 Gulfstream G450 corporate jet.

Virtuoso violinist Ray Chen performs on the Armstrong Auditorium stage.

TOP RIGHT: The 5 Browns  
BOTTOM RIGHT: Sam Bush,  
Mike Marshall,  
Edgar Meyer and  
George Meyer



## FOUNDATION

The PCG cultural foundation is patterned after the model established by Herbert W. Armstrong. Its first venture in 1996 was a charitable project that WCG cultural foundation leaders had abandoned in Jordan. Its first concert series performance, modeled after the WCG concert series at Ambassador Auditorium, took place in 1998. Since then, the foundation has hosted thousands of concertgoers for more than 150 performances, over 100 of which have been held in Armstrong Auditorium (above). Performers have included Renée Fleming, Branford Marsalis, Chanticleer, The Academy of St. Martin in the Fields, the Romeros Guitar Quartet, Joshua Bell, Kelli O'Hara, Brian Stokes Mitchell, the Canadian Brass, the Chieftains, The Vienna Boys' Choir, The King's Singers, Moscow Festival Ballet, The Eroica Trio and Russian National Ballet Theatre.

## DOING THE WORK

The PCG currently employs about 120 headquarters staff members in about 20 departments, along with approximately 60 part-time Herbert W. Armstrong College students, and about 45 regional office staff.

- **Agriculture** staff members farm, garden and ranch on the headquarters campus and nearby acreage to provide nutritious meat and vegetables.
- **Buildings and Grounds** builds and maintains campus buildings, infrastructure and landscaping.
- **Business Office** processes thousands of invoices, expenses and contributions, and manages legal requirements.
- **Custodial** crews clean more than 160,000 square feet of buildings.
- **Festival Office** plans the annual Feast of Tabernacles for thousands of PCG members.
- **Food Services** serves three meals per day to students, provides staff lunches, and caters for the concert series and hundreds of attendees at formal events and other activities.
- **Information Technology** maintains hundreds of devices on campus.
- **Information Services** develops and maintains dozen of websites and online tools.
- **Mail Processing** fulfills thousands of literature requests per week and manages a small print shop.
- **Online Marketing** promotes *The Key of David* and other initiatives.
- **Personal Correspondence** answers letters from readers and others interested in the work of the PCG.
- **Reception** includes half a dozen specially trained staff members.
- **Security** provides campus protection for staff, volunteers and equipment.
- **Translations** converts English-language content into 10 languages.



Gerald Flurry visits Church members in the Philippines.

The Church's primary commission is to deliver the warning and hope of Bible prophecy to the world. Its second commission is to care for members God calls into His Church. About 50 ministers serve and care for members, traveling long distances many weeks to deliver sermons, counsel members and new contacts, oversee events, and serve the work of the Church in other ways. A highlight at headquarters is the PCG ministerial conference held every two years.



Three scenes from Celtic Throne



P.E., a formal, commencement and a lecture



Playing and learning at Imperial



## CELTIC THRONE

Irish dance began as an extracurricular activity for a few Church youth in the early 2000s and has grown into something much bigger. In 2020, *Celtic Throne* premiered at Armstrong Auditorium, portraying the dance form's origin with King David in Jerusalem, and its migration, along with the Israelite people, to Ireland, Scotland, England and the United States. The show uplifts and delights audiences with a taste of godly, millennial culture and a hope-filled message. Over the course of five tours and 67 performances, the troupe has performed for a combined audience of some 35,000 concertgoers in 22 cities. In January 2025, its sequel, *Celtic Throne II: Psalter of Ireland*, debuted at Armstrong Auditorium, and is planned to go on tour later in the year. The Armstrong Dance troupe consists of more than 30 dancers ranging from age 5 to 25, some of whom have placed or won at Worlds, All Irelands, British and North American Nationals and other top Irish dance competitions.

Visit [CelticThrone.com](http://CelticThrone.com) ▶

## COLLEGE

Herbert W. Armstrong College was established in 2001 with fewer than a dozen students. Its second week of classes coincided with the September 11 terrorist attacks, a sobering experience that also emphasized the importance of Bible prophecy. The college graduated its first four-year students in 2006. Armstrong students learn agriculture, art, business, communications, economics, education, English, geography, history, home economics, international relations, music, nutrition, physical education, science, software, speech and theology, and have a busy extracurricular experience designed to teach an outgoing attitude of service. To graduate without debt, students work part time in PCG departments: Agriculture, Buildings and Grounds, Call Center, Cultural Foundation, Custodial, Editorial, Food Services, Information Technology, Imperial Academy, Online Marketing and others.

## ACADEMY

Established in 2008, Imperial Academy K-12 school graduated only one senior its first academic year. The following year it became an early adopter of online schooling, and today a total of 62 are enrolled in Edmond, with another 95 enrolled online. During the school day, classrooms are filled with children reading books, solving problems, memorizing multiplication tables, singing songs, reciting presidents, hatching chicks, experimenting with conductivity, learning the Bible, and more.

# UK-EUROPE-AFRICA

Work at the PCG regional office in the United Kingdom began in 1992 with the arrival of a minister and his wife from Australia, carrying little more than a list of names to mail *Malachi's Message* to. It would later expand to a professional office and sometimes contract back down to a minister's home or a converted office space with two desks and "standing room only." That changed dramatically in 2014 when the 24,000-square-foot Edstone Hall and its grounds were purchased. The building houses offices and other workspace for several staff members and a small number of Herbert W. Armstrong College students, and the grounds are being developed with an agricultural program.



UK-EUROPE-AFRICA  
Regional office: England



ENGLAND  
Congregational activity

# CANADA

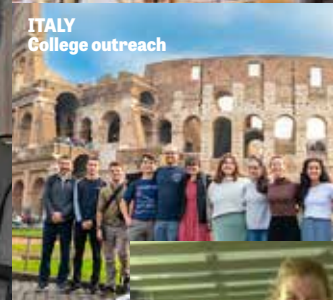
Staff and ministers at the Canada regional office promote *The Key of David* and the *Philadelphia Trumpet* and care for members scattered across thousands of square miles. The office fulfills mail and other literature requests and assists headquarters with translations, online marketing and other tasks.



CANADA  
Regional office: Ontario



SOUTH AFRICA  
Feast of Tabernacles



ITALY  
College outreach

# LATIN AMERICA

The Latin America region is operated from headquarters, with the regional director traveling to visit scattered members across South America and leading the Church's translations department. Translators at headquarters produce a large quantity of Spanish-language content, and the regional director coordinates with staff in Edstone and Canada and numerous volunteers to produce translations in nine additional languages.



LATIN AMERICA  
Regional office: Oklahoma



TOBAGO  
Feast of Tabernacles



COLOMBIA  
Feast of Tabernacles

## TIMELINE

**1989** Gerald Flurry and John Amos, his ministerial assistant, are fired. First PCG Sabbath service.

**1990** *Malachi's Message* first mailing. First *Philadelphia Trumpet*. Office purchased. First PCG baptism, Feast.

**1991** First radio broadcast. First *Philadelphia News*.

**1992** First ministerial conference. First youth camp. Office expanded. UK-Europe-Africa office established.

**1993** First *Key of David* television broadcast. First PCG literature translations.

**1994** First on-location *Key of David* programs.

**1996** Philadelphia Foundation established. PCG begins printing *Mystery of the Ages*.

**1997** WCG sues PCG for printing *Mystery of the Ages*.

**1998** First *Royal Vision* issue. First Philadelphia Foundation concert.

**1999** First Personal Appearance Campaign. First *True Education* issue.

PCG wins in district court. PCG prints more books by Herbert W. Armstrong. *Key of David* response nearly doubles.

**2000** First acreage purchased for campus. Call center established. WCG wins lawsuit appeal.



# JERUSALEM

An attractive building in a beautiful Jerusalem neighborhood houses the Armstrong Institute of Biblical Archaeology. Staff members on site help produce *Let the Stones Speak* biblical archaeology magazine and podcast, lead tours of the City of David and the Ophel, and coordinate archaeological exhibits at Armstrong Auditorium in Edmond, Oklahoma. The PCG and institute helped the late Dr. Eilat Mazar with six excavations (2006–2018) and helped publish excavation reports written by her and by her grandfather, the late Prof. Benjamin Mazar. After Dr. Mazar's death in 2021, the PCG purchased her library of archaeological and historical volumes and continues to participate in biblical excavations led by Prof. Uzi Leibner.



ISRAEL  
Jerusalem excavation



ISRAEL  
Regional office: Jerusalem



NEW ZEALAND  
Feast of Tabernacles



CANADA  
Congregational activity



THE PHILIPPINES  
Summer Educational Program



ASIA-OCEANIA  
Regional office: Australia

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- [HWACollege.org](http://HWACollege.org)

## ASIA & OCEANIA

The Philadelphia Church of God office responsible for most of the eastern hemisphere is located in Australia. Five staff members seek airtime for *The Key of David* and ways to promote the *Trumpet* and other literature; fulfill literature requests; plan services for the Sabbath, the Feast of Tabernacles and other holy days; and host the Summer Educational Program–Australia. Care for members in this part of the world often requires ministers to drive, fly or boat to their destinations.

### THE PHILIPPINES

The large number of Filipino PCG members enables the Church to operate a Philippines national office, which helps the regional office in Australia coordinate promotion of *The Key of David* and the *Trumpet*, plan services and staff Summer Educational Program–Philippines.

**2001** College established.

**2002** In-home literature request line established. First concert on PCG campus.

**2003** WCG sells PCG copyrights to 19 works by Herbert W. Armstrong.

**2004** Mail Processing Center opens.

**2006** Hall of Administration opens. First college graduation. First archaeological excavation.

**2008** Imperial Academy established.

**2010** Armstrong Auditorium opens.

**2011** First *Trumpet Daily*.

**2012** First archaeology exhibit. First original PCG musical, *Jeremiah*.

**2013** First concert at auditorium. *America Under Attack* booklet

published. Singles program established.

**2014** Edstone estate in England purchased.

**2015** KPCG.FM begins broadcasting.

**2019** Isaiah-Hezekiah archaeology exhibit.

**2020** First *Celtic Throne* performance

**2022** Jerusalem building leased. Armstrong Institute of Biblical Archaeology established.

**2024** *Kingdom of David and Solomon Discovered* archaeology exhibit opens

# 10 WAYS Russia's Invasion Changed Germany Militarily

Defeat in World War II dramatically changed Germany. Just as dramatically, those changes are now being reversed.

BY JOSUÉ MICHELS AND RICHARD PALMER

**T**HREE YEARS AGO, RUSSIA BEGAN ITS FULL-SCALE INVASION OF UKRAINE. EVERY single day since, the conflict has made headlines around the world. But in the thousands of articles about the conflict, the most important development has been largely ignored.

On Feb. 24, 2022, the day of the invasion, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote, “The most important nation to watch right now is Germany. How will it respond to Putin’s war on Ukraine? THIS UKRAINE WAR IS GOING TO SPEED UP THE RISE OF THE PROPHESED GERMAN-LED HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE!”

For decades, the late Herbert W. Armstrong warned that Russia’s aggression would stimulate Europe’s militarization. He was right, and in many ways Germany has already transformed. However, more dramatic changes are coming.



A German soldier trains in Lithuania.

## 1 BE FEARFUL

Russian President Vladimir Putin is obsessed with restoring the Soviet empire, and he controls the largest nuclear arsenal in the world. As Russia prepared its invasion, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization feared the worst, putting more than 100 warplanes and 120 warships on alert. Germany’s *Welt* wrote at the time that this was not just a dispute between Russia and Ukraine, but a “declaration of war on Europe.”

Germans fear Russia. After all, this is the power that perpetrated some of the worst brutalities of World War II against Germany, cut the nation in half, and subjugated East Germany throughout the Cold War.

After three years of warfare, Putin continues to pound Ukraine, and Russia is increasing its focus on militarization. For Europeans, this is terrifying. German Defense Minister Boris Pistorius warned the German Bundestag on Dec. 5, 2024: “Russia has completely switched to a war economy and provides the army with 1,000 to 1,500 tanks every year. That’s about twice as many as the five largest European countries combined have in

stock. For us, one thing is certain: Russia is the greatest threat to our security, and it will remain so for the foreseeable future.”

“The Russian armed forces are planning to grow to 1.5 million soldiers, which is more soldiers than in the entire [European Union],” Carsten Breuer, German chief of defense, warned in an interview with *Sueddeutsche Zeitung* on July 7, 2024. “We should take seriously what Putin has said in speeches and writings. If we take all the information together, an attack on NATO territory is possible in the next five to eight years.”

## 2 SPEND

Just three days after Russia’s invasion, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz announced that Germany would create a special €100 billion (US\$113 billion) fund for the German military. This allowed Germany to top up its military budget without usual budgetary constraints and spend more than 2 percent of its gross domestic product in 2024 on defense for the first time since 1990. In July 2024, Germany reported the second-highest defense expenditure for the year to NATO, amounting to nearly \$100

billion. Now, as the special fund runs out, additional funds are being debated.

“Germany is making national and collective defense its priority, which is a first since the Second World War,” Pistorius said on May 9, 2024. He also noted that military spending would continue to rise: “Two percent is our floor, not our ceiling. We have understood: The times of the peace dividend are over.” He backed that up with specifics on the armaments Germany is putting its money toward, both in domestic production and in defense contracts with other nations. He also spoke about increasing the Bundeswehr’s military preparedness, including bringing back some kind of military conscription. “We need to ensure our military staying power in a state of national or collective defense,” he said.

We are seeing the same trend in nations across Europe. As Mr. Flurry wrote in our September 2023 issue, “In 2022, Poland increased military spending by 11 percent, Sweden by 12 percent, Lithuania by 27 percent and Finland by a stunning 36 percent. These are immense increases that policymakers would have called outrageous before Russia sent all those

tanks and troops across Ukraine's border. Now many think that even these greatly expanded budgets are still not enough."

### 3 GO NUCLEAR

Russia's aggression has also triggered Germany to prepare for nuclear warfare.

In his March 15, 2022, article, "America Trusts Germany With Stealth Nuclear Fighters," Mr. Flurry highlighted Germany's purchase of U.S.-manufactured F-35 warplanes to carry U.S. nuclear weapons stationed in Europe. The U.S. "originally deployed these bombs and more to NATO nations in Europe during the Cold War," he wrote. "Are these bombs still necessary? Is it still worth the risk to leave nuclear weapons in nations that were America's enemies as recently as World War II? These questions apparently don't concern American leaders, who are now giving Germany the ability to put these bombs on a stealth jet."

Germany is also considering developing its own bombs. Though the country renounced nuclear weapons back in 1990, the Ukraine conflict has sparked debate over whether it should reverse that policy and build its own arsenal.

Germany almost developed its own atomic weapons in World War II under the Nazi regime. Today it has one of the most advanced economies and engineering sectors in the world. It possesses some of the world's most advanced uranium enrichment facilities. It produces the Panavia Tornado fighter jet, Dolphin-class submarine and other military platforms capable of delivering nuclear weapons. It also closely cooperates militarily and industrially with nuclear-armed France, and the two nations have discussed sharing its nuclear weapons.

### 4 FOCUS ON ARMS INDUSTRY

Just days after Russia invaded Ukraine, German arms manufacturers met with the government. "Companies now want to ramp up production quickly," *Handelsblatt* noted. "Airbus, for example, could supply military helicopters, Hensoldt radar systems, and Thyssen-Krupp Marine Systems (TKMS) could upgrade the fleet."

Immediately after the invasion, Rheinmetall shares rose by 5.4 percent to

€101.20. They have since exceeded €600. The German arms manufacturer also used lessons from the Ukraine war to improve its supertank Panther KF51. Together with Italy's Leonardo, Rheinmetall will develop a new version of the tank for the Italian Army. Rheinmetall is also opening new factories in Ukraine, Lithuania and Germany to drastically boost production of artillery shells and other munitions. Before the Ukraine war, Rheinmetall sold about 70,000 shells each year; in 2026, it wants to sell 1.5 million shells.

In the meantime, Rheinmetall's German competitor, Krauss-Maffei Wegmann, is working with France and Spain on a new Main Ground Combat System, which will feature a new main battle tank to replace the Leclerc and Leopard 2.

Germany, France and Spain also signed a framework agreement on June 17, 2024, for a Future Air Combat System, which will feature a new European fighter jet.

To speed things up, the German government adopted a new National Security and Defense Industry Strategy on Dec. 4, 2024. A Defense Ministry spokesman emphasized that current



"capability gaps" must be closed in joint cooperation "with partners in Europe and beyond." He noted that systems need to be developed that do not yet exist, "not even within NATO"—and must be produced in sufficient quantities.

*Handelsblatt* called on Germany to invest more in cybersecurity and other security- and defense-related technologies. It classifies information technology, communication technology, artificial intelligence, ammunition, naval shipbuilding, tanks and air systems as key sectors. "In view of the current threat situation," the paper states, "Germany needs to become defense capable as quickly as possible."

This is an extraordinary development considering how determined the Allies were to prevent German rearmament after World War II. In a February 1945 policy document, the Allies specifically warned against Germany rebuilding industry "that could be used for military production." Germany has come full circle. It is increasingly turning its industry into a weapons manufacturing powerhouse—but the world is unconcerned.

### 5 REORGANIZE

The *Financial Times* noted on April 4, 2024, that the German military is one of NATO's largest, with 182,000 personnel—yet "its sprawling structure left it ill-positioned for the strategic challenges faced by Berlin and its NATO allies."

This "sprawling structure" was no accident. When the Allies confirmed their postwar aims at Yalta in 1945, they specifically laid out their plan to "break up for all time the German General Staff that has repeatedly contrived the resurgence of German militarism." The Allies were so wary that when Germany was allowed a military again in 1955, it lacked the type of general staff most other militaries used.

But in April 2024, Germany announced the creation of a new central command that oversees all branches of its military, including a newly created fourth branch that specializes in cyberwarfare. The new central command combines two previously separate structures for domestic and foreign deployments. The unified command will enable Germany to act faster and help its government develop closer links with the military command. It also heightens the risk of Germany abusing its army at home as it did in World War II.

Germany's analysis of the war in Ukraine is a major reason for the new emphasis on cyberwarfare. In a visit to the Bundeswehr's Cyber Innovation Hub on Oct. 28, 2024, Pistorius said, "The battlefield has changed. Drones and artificial intelligence play a central role."

Germany is positioning itself to be NATO's leading power in cyberwarfare, including artificial intelligence.

Nearly two decades ago, Mr. Flurry wrote in "America's Achilles' Heel—and Germany": "I believe one key *end-time Bible prophecy* could well be fulfilled through the kind of cyberterrorism ...

described: “They have blown the trumpet, even to make all ready; BUT NONE GOETH TO THE BATTLE: for my wrath is upon all the multitude thereof” (Ezekiel 7:14). The trumpet of war is to be blown in Israel—mainly America and Britain. ... It seems everybody is expecting our people to go into battle, but the greatest tragedy imaginable occurs! Nobody goes to battle—even though the trumpet is blown! WILL IT BE BECAUSE OF COMPUTER TERRORISM?” (May 2005, *theTrumpet.com/1394*).

The world is dependent on electronic systems, and no military relies more on advanced technologies than that of the United States. It’s no coincidence that China is the only other major power to have a similar branch of its armed forces. China clearly sees the U.S. as its main enemy. Now Germany is pushing into the same battle space.

## 6 UNITE EUROPE’S MILITARIES

In response to Russia’s war, several European nations have willingly submitted their combat capabilities to German leadership. The following are three concrete examples of military integration of land, air and sea forces that occurred in direct response to Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.

*Swallowing the Dutch Army:* On March 30, 2023, the last Dutch combat brigade joined a division of the German Army. This cooperation has been decades in the making. It was made possible by German language-training in Dutch schools, joint exercises and the 24 Bundeswehr training facilities open to soldiers from other EU nations.

*Leading the largest air exercise:* In June 2023, “Air Defender 23” became the largest air force exercise in NATO history. It was led by Germany. U.S. Gen. Michael Loh told Deutsche Welle, “I’m not sure why it’s German-led, to tell you the truth. I know that Germany wanted to lead an exercise to test both its ability to host forces and also its ability to do full NATO interoperability.” Few know what Germany’s actual goals are.

*Swiftly integrating Finland:* Finland joined the NATO alliance on April 4, 2024. Within 10 days, it was included in a joint military exercise. Finnish, Portuguese and German forces in Standing NATO Maritime Group 1 were commanded by German Rear Adm. Thorsten Marx.

Our article “A European Army Already Exists” lists many more concrete examples of military integration (*theTrumpet.com/27567*).

In the March 1950 *Plain Truth*, Mr. Armstrong stated that “the nations of Europe, directly in the very SHADOW of the great Russian bear, are becoming disturbed, distrustful of America, and thinking more and more about UNITING themselves into a UNITED STATES OF EUROPE.” We see this increasing unification in Europe’s militaries.



## 7 MOVE EAST

In April 2024, Germany began establishing a permanent military base in Lithuania. “This is the first time that we have permanently stationed such a unit outside of Germany,” Pistorius explained. “We will create such a defense and deterrence architecture that no adversary from the east will even think about testing NATO’s Article 5.” Article 5 of the NATO treaty states that an armed attack against one of its members will be considered an attack against all of them.

Germany plans to man the base with 4,800 troops and 200 civilians by 2027 and form a new brigade that will coordinate with NATO.

Immediately after World War II, Germany was forbidden from having a military. In 1955, Western powers allowed it an army, but one designed only to defend itself against the Soviets—not one capable of deploying abroad. In 1995, German troops were stationed in Croatia in their first international deployment since World War II. Another taboo was broken, yet Germany was allowed to deploy only as part of coalitions, not by itself.

German military missions have increased since then, with Germany taking on more and more significant roles.

Now Germany is going it alone—and doing permanently. It will need to set up

the logistics and supply chains necessary to sustain such a deployment. It will have to improve at supplying its troops abroad, making the military much more agile.

In 2023, when the agreement was first signed, geopolitical analyst Peter Zeihan warned: “This reminds me of the last seven major wars that the Germans were in. There was a period of disarmament if they lost, and then it ended and the Germans started using military tactics again, and stuff got real really, really fast. So are the Germans our enemies? No, not today. Will the Germans start to see the world a little bit differently? Oh, yeah. And has that ever ended well? Oh, no.”

## 8 TEST WEAPONS IN UKRAINE

In February 2024, *Time* characterized the struggle in Ukraine as an “AI war lab.” Germany has sent various weapon systems to Ukraine, often months after Ukraine requested them. These deliveries didn’t fundamentally change the war—by design—but the more technical ones have provided Germany with valuable insights, specifically in the field of artificial intelligence.

One German company that got involved in the war early was Helsing. It has helped Ukraine develop and test AI drones. Its drone software has proved largely immune to Russian jamming. At the end of 2024, the company was commissioned to produce 4,000 strike drones for Ukraine, according to *Bild*.

An armaments insider told *Bild*, “The drone looks at the area itself, so to speak, recognizes where it is based on many thousands of markers, and thus helps the operator to stay on course even in adverse weather conditions or in bombed-out areas. Once the target has been found and the operator has instructed it, the drone flies itself to the target.”

These drones, *Bild* says, have up to four times the range of conventional Ukrainian kamikaze drones, are cheaper than their American and Russian counterparts, and contain enough explosives to destroy Russian tanks.

“We are in close dialogue with our Ukrainian partners and will be able to draw conclusions for the Bundeswehr on how this type of drone can be used effectively,” Pistorius noted. “This will also help us to develop our own drone capabilities.”

This is what supplying drone weapons to Ukraine is really about: Germany wants to develop its “own drone capabilities.”

In his article “AI and the End of ‘Mutually Assured Destruction’” ([theTrumpet.com/29022](https://www.theTrumpet.com/29022)), Mr. Flurry explained that “ultimately, this is not about Ukraine winning against Russia. Ukraine has become a ‘lab’ to prepare for much larger wars!”

Revelation 9 describes fearsome weapons to be used in a coming global war. Drone swarms may be part of them.

## 9 PREPARE THE PEOPLE

“Germany and the Bundeswehr must be prepared to respond to current threats and territorial defense in peace, crisis and war,” a Bundeswehr paper published September 2024 reads. “With this goal in mind, experts from all areas of the Bundeswehr are developing the military component of a national defense plan, the ‘Operations Plan Germany’ (OPLAN DEU), in a joint planning group comprising the federal government, the federal states and local authorities, the so-called blue-light organizations and industry. OPLAN DEU is a secret document that is continuously being worked on and updated under the responsibility of the Territorial Command of the Bundeswehr.”

In an astonishing way, GERMANY’S MILITARY COMMAND THAT ORCHESTRATED TWO WORLD WARS IS NOW PREPARING GERMANY FOR A THIRD WORLD WAR.

War preparations with civilian companies have already begun, a Nov. 18, 2024, *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* report reveals.

“We need to raise awareness of how important a well-prepared and resilient economy is for Germany’s civilian and military defense,” said Malte Heyne, managing director of the Hamburg Chamber of Commerce.

“If it were essential to avert serious dangers, the regulations would even allow the entire economy to be converted to a planned economy by the state,” said Bertram Brossardt, managing director of the Bavarian Business Association.

Germany is also considering a massive expansion of its bomb shelter network. Plans include converting various public and private facilities such as metro stations, car parks and basements.

The mindset of the younger generation

is being shaped to expect warfare. The government approved a draft law in November that will compel young men to answer a survey about their willingness to serve in the German military.

“In view of the military threat posed by Russia, a clear majority of citizens are behind the turnaround in defense policy and are specifically calling for a Bundeswehr that is fit for war,” notes military sociologist Timo Graf of the Center for Military History and Social Sciences of the German Armed Forces. He notes in a report that the belief that Russia’s foreign and security policy is a threat to Germany’s security has increased from 28 percent in 2018 to 66 percent in 2024.

## 10 GET A STRONGMAN

A change in conditions requires a change in leadership. German Defense Minister Christine Lambrecht faced that reality when she resigned on Jan. 16, 2023, less than a year after Russia invaded Ukraine. Her replacement, Pistorius, swept in with an active, bold approach and has been Germany’s most popular politician ever since.

But the war has also destabilized Germany’s governing coalition. It collapsed on Nov. 6, 2024. The Social Democrats and Greens wanted to declare a financial emergency that allowed them to get around the German constitution’s strict limits on debt, something the Free Democrats opposed. Scholz consequently kicked the Free Democrats out of his government, continued ruling with a minority in parliament, and was forced to open a path to new elections.

But long before that, it was already clear that Scholz wasn’t the right leader for the job.

When asked about Vladimir Putin in 2022, he said on a talk show, “What really scared me is this incredible emphasis on geopolitics in the thinking of the Russian president.” Even Neville Chamberlain never said he was *scared* of Adolf Hitler.

Greens politician Marina Weisband posted on X that Scholz’s interview “was like a punch in the stomach.” “[W]herever the world looks at him, you can see that he is so scared and overwhelmed,” she wrote.

With Putin’s continued dominance, and now Donald Trump’s return to the White House and the rekindling of

major conflicts in the Middle East, it is clearer than ever that Germany lacks a strong leader.

Mr. Flurry has consistently warned that Russia’s rise would help usher in this new strongman. After Putin invaded Crimea in 2014, Mr. Flurry wrote that the Bible contains a “major prophecy that Russia’s invasion of Ukraine will bring about ... the arrival of a strongman in Europe. A new leader is coming—a kind of Vladimir Putin. This is what Europe needs in order to bind together, to have the strength and unity of purpose needed to confront Russia” (May-June 2014).

“Europe’s new fear of Russia is going to play a major role in hastening the fulfillment of that prophecy!” he wrote.

The *Trumpet* believes this prophesied leader could be Germany’s former defense minister Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg. He is one of a few leading men who have called for a joint European military force for years. But this idea did not gain acceptance until the recent wars.

## A Modern Holy Roman Empire

Bible prophecy warns of the most shocking development in world affairs in the days ahead: the sudden rise of a European empire cast in the mold of the medieval Holy Roman Empire. This church-state combine, spearheaded by Germany, will possess unmatched military power and will use it to usher in an age of brutality unmatched in history. You can read a vivid, horrific description of this power in Revelation 17 and 18. (Also request a free copy of our book *The Holy Roman Empire in Prophecy*.)

Few people looking at Europe today would consider this scenario even a remote possibility. But when viewing events on the Continent in light of this prophecy, you can recognize the groundwork being laid, step by maleficent step.

The role that Russia’s aggression has played in hastening this process is unmistakable. Based on these prophecies, Gerald Flurry has been warning for more than 20 years that this would happen. Recent events underscore the accuracy of that forecast and prove the veracity and reliability of the biblical prophecies that informed it.

Watch Europe! Watch Germany! The most dramatic of these prophecies are yet to be fulfilled—but they will be soon! ■

# The Mystery of

The beginning of our civilization holds the key to solving our deadly problems today. Yet it is a mystery to the world.

BY GERALD FLURRY

**O**VER 25,000 PEOPLE DIE EACH DAY OF STARVATION, according to the United Nations. Some 795 million people are undernourished. Around 1 billion people live on less than \$2 a day.

How can we solve problems of such crushing magnitude?

Usually, our efforts fall woefully short. Mankind spends billions of dollars trying to address these problems, yet the basic numbers have remained virtually unchanged. Trends in rising food costs and decreasing production suggest the crisis is about to get far worse.

Starvation is only one of literally thousands of major problems plaguing civilization: sickness, disease, pollution, illiteracy, family breakdown, moral collapse, crime, corruption, slavery, racial hatred, religious tension, terrorism, warfare, the spread of WMD—the list goes on and on. It seems that for every crisis we tamp down, three more rise up in its place.

Our knowledge is not solving our problems. In fact, as our knowledge increases, so do our problems. Clearly, something is missing in our knowledge.

The reason we cannot gain ground on these civilization-destroying troubles is that we fail to confront their *real cause*.

That cause is rooted in the very *foundation* of our civilization—a foundation well documented in history.

Yet the majority of our most exalted decision-makers contemptuously ignore it. Even those few who study it do not understand how important it is in unraveling the most puzzling challenges facing mankind today. That crucial history actually holds the almost universally overlooked **KEY TO SOLVING OUR PROBLEMS**.

Believe it or not, that history can be found in *the first three chapters* of a book YOU UNDOUBTEDLY ALREADY OWN. You may even have multiple copies sitting on your shelf.

To understand the world you live in, you must go back to the beginning, the very foundation of civilization. You can find that in the book of Genesis, the first book of the Holy Bible.

## God's First Instructions

Genesis 1 describes God's creation of plant, animal and human life. That is important history. But just as important is this: After He created man, what did God teach him? What *message* did God have for man from the beginning?

In the next chapter, you will see that God's fundamental instruction involved *two trees*—the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2:9, 15-17).

Considering that God discusses this *immediately* after the creation of man, these two trees must be extremely important. God must have wanted man to understand this lesson first of all!

Yet this subject is a mystery to most people. How many people—even religious leaders—discuss this foundational subject? Jesus Christ said we are to live by every word of God (Luke 4:4), and that certainly includes the first three chapters of the Bible!

These two trees illustrate the *foundation* of the world that you and I live in today. **WE CANNOT UNDERSTAND EVENTS IN OUR WORLD IF WE DON'T UNDERSTAND THIS FOUNDATION.**

At the same time, this history shows very clearly how to solve our problems.

## The Tree of Death

Here was God's instruction to Adam: "And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (Genesis 2:16-17). Those are strong words. This tree caused *death*. You could call it the tree of death.

The tree of the knowledge of good and evil represented mankind taking to himself the ability to produce knowledge of what is good and evil, what is right and wrong (see Genesis 3:22). God told them plainly that this was the way that would lead to death! It represented the cause of all the unhappiness, suffering, contention, violence and death in our world!

# Civilization



Nevertheless, Adam and Eve ate from that tree. Sure enough, their lives were soon plagued with violence and death.

That act was the foundation of the world as we know it today! That is how our civilization started: with that seminal act of rebellion against God.

Today, mankind faces the threat of world war involving weapons that would annihilate humanity! Nobody has solutions—and it is because they have ignored this fundamental teaching.

## The Serpent's First Attack

Where did Adam and Eve go wrong? That is explained in Genesis 3. Satan the devil, in the form of a serpent, deceived Eve into taking of the tree of death.

Again we see the *foundational importance* of the two trees. Not only did God's *very first instruction* to human beings center on them, but so too did the *very first test* human beings faced. Satan used *one of those trees* to launch his first challenge to human beings and to discredit what God had taught them!

Satan knows how important this subject is. That is why he directly contradicted God's instruction about it, shrouding it in mystery. And believe it or not, that is why this subject is such a mystery to the world *even today*.

Satan contradicted God, and mankind followed Satan and ate from the wrong tree. Eve trusted Satan's lies rather than God's instruction, and she gave the fruit to her husband, who followed her in sin. They chose *their own* knowledge instead of God's—and that choice produced suffering and death, curses that have plagued us ever since (Romans 5:12).

Today, Satan the devil is doing to the world what he did to Adam and Eve. He is seducing us into choosing our own sick human reasoning over God's revealed understanding. Just look around at the problems that have resulted. You can plainly see what happens when people eat from the wrong tree.

Mankind, day in and day out, is tuned into Satan's broadcasts, as "the prince of the power of the air" (Ephesians 2:2). Herbert

W. Armstrong said he could not fully understand that concept until he understood the way radio and television broadcasts work. The way Satan operates is similar to the way a radio wavelength works. But rather than broadcasting in words, sounds and pictures, Satan broadcasts in attitudes, impulses and moods. Mr. Armstrong thoroughly explained this in Chapter 4 of his masterwork, *Mystery of the Ages*. Satan is able to

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reach mankind because we don't look to God and allow Him to empower us to defeat the devil!

Are you going to follow God, or are you going to follow the devil? That is what the two trees are really about.

## The Fruits of Eating From the Wrong Tree

God tested Adam's and Eve's character. He made them *choose* from which tree to take. God wants us to build character, and that requires *voluntarily choosing* God's way of life over the devil's.

The troubles we face are a result of *our choices*. God is allowing us to experience the bitter fruits of our wrong choices in hopes that we will recognize our error and then voluntarily seek out the fruit of the tree of life.

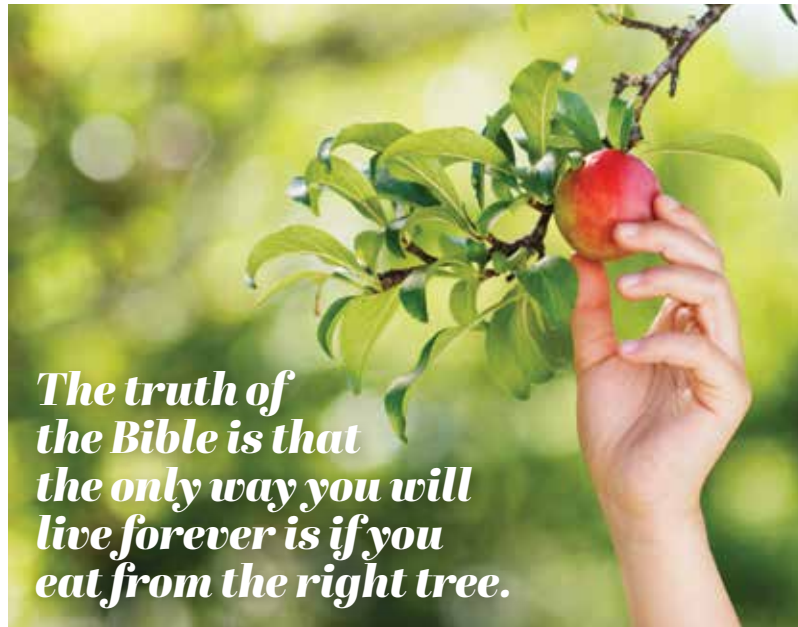
Satan appears as an angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:14), deceiving mankind (Revelation 12:9). But from the first murder, to every murder throughout the ages, Satan has been inspiring and stirring people to commit these heinous crimes and then lie about it, just as Cain did when God confronted him. Satan was there from the very beginning, influencing the very first family.

The first child born into Adam and Eve's family was Cain. He ended up killing his younger brother, Abel, and lying to God about it (Genesis 4:1-9).

YOU WOULD THINK ADAM AND EVE WOULD HAVE RECOGNIZED THAT ABEL'S BLOOD WAS SHED BECAUSE OF THEIR DECISION TO EAT FROM THE WRONG TREE! But they didn't. They just kept eating from the tree of death. That example illustrates how hard human nature is.

Look around. Our world is filled with similar evils: broken families, rebellious children. Why? Because people are eating from the wrong tree!

In a world with weapons of mass destruction, we face the grave threat of human extinction. In fact, Jesus Christ prophesied that He would have to cut this era of human rulership on Earth short just to prevent us from annihilating all flesh! (Matthew 24:21-22). Why have human affairs taken such a destructive course? It is all because we are eating from the tree of death.



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### The Tree of Life

Consider: God had *personally* instructed Adam and Eve, yet they *turned away from Him* and listened to the devil. That shows there is something wrong with the human mind! We like to congratulate ourselves for our intellectual and creative abilities, but clearly, apart from God, we are incomplete. There is something unstable in our reasoning.

That is why it is so critical to understand the *other tree* God offered Adam and Eve.

The tree of life represented the Holy Spirit of God—the very life-impregnating Spirit of the great Creator. It is the *essence* and *power* of God, which imparts the ability to understand spiritual truth (1 Corinthians 2:7-14).

God wanted mankind to eat from the tree of life so we could experience stability and joy—so our marriages and families could be happy—so we could live in peace with our neighbors and within ourselves. Eating from the tree of life enables us to solve our problems.

Genesis 3:22 records the truth that if Adam had taken of the tree of life, he would have *lived forever!*

Think about that! Many people believe they have an immortal soul inherent within them. That is false. The truth of the

Bible is that the only way you will live forever is if you eat from the right tree.

Do you want to live forever? Do you want eternal peace, happiness, joy and spiritual understanding?

### The Character of God

Mr. Armstrong wrote, “Had Adam taken of the proffered tree of life the whole course of civilization would have been entirely different. Peace, happiness, joy, health and abundance would have spread over the Earth” (*Mystery of the Ages*).

Once Adam made the choice to rebel against God, however, God had to cut him off from access to the tree of life (Genesis 3:22-24). That tree has remained inaccessible to the vast majority of mankind ever since.

2 Corinthians 4:4 says that “THE GOD OF THIS WORLD hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.” That’s right—*Satan* is the god of this world today. He has *blinded* this world to the truth of God. He has deceived this world, as he did Eve, into eating from the wrong tree! Yet people don’t even realize it. Those two trees are a mystery to them. This crucial understanding about the roots of our present civilization remains a mystery to them.

But it’s not a mystery to God. It’s not a mystery to God’s very elect. And it need not be a mystery to you. It simply requires believing what God has revealed.

Soon the *second* Adam, Jesus Christ, will return. He will kick Satan off the throne of the Earth and establish His Kingdom. At that time, He will open up access to the tree of life to all mankind once again.

Look again at the first chapter of Genesis. In verse 26, God says He made mankind *in His own image and likeness*. The word *likeness* means that we look like God. The word *image* means

He intends us to exhibit His very CHARACTER! He wants us to THINK and ACT like Him.

Building His character requires a *voluntary choice* to live God’s way. It requires *choosing* to eat of the tree of life and growing in the Spirit of God. It means *preparing* to enter the very Family of God.

What an exalted potential God has given human beings!

What could be more wonderful than becoming a spirit-born member of the God Family?

God wants to open the tree of life *to you*. He wants you to stay away from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, the cause of this world’s problems. He is saying, *I want you to eat from the tree of life and live happily—FOREVER!* ■

## Solve the mystery

This is the subject of Chapter 4 of Herbert W. Armstrong’s book *Mystery of the Ages*, “Mystery of Civilization.” Request a free copy of this life-changing book to study it more deeply.





# A Reason for Everything

But from where?

**H**AVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT *THE THINKER* IS thinking about? This famous statue is just sitting and pondering. But what is he thinking *from*? *The Thinker* symbolizes deep thought and contemplation rooted in philosophy.

What about you? What source do you think from? On what basis do you form opinions, make decisions and solve problems? Maybe you use a mix of ideologies, including your own reasoning. But how reliable is that? Is there a solid foundation you can anchor your thoughts on?

There is.

You may already believe on it, even know it quite well—but is the Bible your *source of thought*?

Herbert W. Armstrong, the great 20th-century theologian and educator, once said: “The Bible is the source I like to do my thinking from.” He used the Bible as the foundation for his thinking. Beyond this, he was diligent to ensure he had a Bible reason for everything he *did*.

For example, until 1927, Mr. Armstrong smoked tobacco. “Then, immediately after I was baptized, the matter of smoking had to be settled,” he wrote in his autobiography. “Of course the Quaker church, in which I had been reared as a boy, taught that smoking was a sin. But I had been unhappily disillusioned to see that in so many basic points the Bible teaching is the very opposite of what I had absorbed in Sunday school. ‘I’ve got to see the answer to the tobacco question *in the Bible!*’ I said to myself.” He found the answer, applied the biblical principles, and stopped smoking.

In 1930, while facing a slew of family trials, Mr. Armstrong beseeched God for the first time in fasting and prayer. “Not knowing *how* one ought to go about fasting and prayer, I first prayed and asked God to show me the way—to open my understanding. Then, since God speaks to us through His written Word, *I began to search the Bible for instruction* about fasting” (ibid).

When he conducted his first funeral service in 1931, he consulted the Bible. “I had attended very few funerals. I did not know what customary funeral sermons were like. I did not want to know. I felt it would only be a pagan ceremony. *I merely*

*prayed and asked God to direct me through His Word.* Soon I had a short sermon worked out from the Scriptures, reading certain basic scriptures on the subject of death and the resurrection, with a few brief comments expounding them” (ibid).

During the early years of the Armstrongs’ Christian journey, they received many miraculous answers to prayers for healing. But when Mr. Armstrong’s father died in 1933 after claiming the promise of healing, Mr. Armstrong was confused. Why was his father not restored to full health and strength then and there? “Through James God instructs us that if any lack wisdom, he shall ask of God—asking in faith, not wavering or doubting—and God promises wisdom shall be given. I prayed earnestly. I asked God for understanding. And *I searched the Scriptures for the explanation*” (ibid). And he found it.

When called upon to conduct a wedding ceremony in 1934, he was totally unprepared. “My first thought was to go to the pastor of some church in Eugene and ask him for his form of marriage ceremony. But on the heels of that thought flashed

in the next second the thought that I had found the Bible entirely different from modern-day religious beliefs, forms and ceremonies. I realized then that instead of going to men to learn how to perform a marriage ceremony, *I should go direct to the Bible.* Instead of learning from men, I should learn of God” (ibid).

You get the point. Mr. Armstrong looked for a Bible reason for everything he did. Do you?

If you don’t, you subject yourself to your own faulty human reasoning. That

source will quickly ignore truth, marginalize the Bible, and promote its own ideas. We live in a world that operates that way. And it doesn’t work.

What does work is the Instruction Book given to us by our Creator. Now, the Bible doesn’t contain *all* knowledge, but it is the *one right foundation* on which all knowledge acquisition must be based. The Bible should be the basis of religion, family, education, science, health, finance, agriculture and so forth. This is true in the broader sense of the world at large, but also on a very personal level.

It is easy to think you know what the Bible says, but unless you dust off that book and see for yourself, your assumptions are invariably wrong. “But shouldn’t people ask God for guidance? Should the living seek guidance from the dead? Look to God’s instructions and teachings! People who contradict his word are completely in the dark” (Isaiah 8:19-20; New Living Translation).

So how do you avoid the pitfalls of prejudice baked into human nature? How do you calibrate your mind to know right from wrong? What is the standard that should guide your day-to-day conduct? Read the Book. And find a Bible reason for everything you do. ■

**What source do you think from? On what basis do you form opinions, make decisions and solve problems? Maybe you use a mix of ideologies, including your own reasoning. But how reliable is that?**



## EUROPE

Across Europe, governments are failing. **German** Chancellor **Olaf Scholz** lost the support of the Free Democrats in November, then lost a vote of confidence in the Bundestag on Dec. 16, 2024, ending his coalition government after three years in power. New elections are scheduled for February 23.

**France's** government collapsed December 4 after its legislature passed a censure motion against Prime Minister **Michel Barnier** only three months into his term, making him the shortest-serving prime minister in France's Fifth Republic. The legislature had not brought down a government like this since 1962. The new prime minister, **François Bayrou**, faces the same legislature, split almost evenly between the far right, center and far left, and the same political paralysis. Moody's credit ratings agency rendered its assessment of the financial and economic ramifications by downgrading French debt from Aa2 to Aa3.

In **Spain**, Prime Minister **Pedro Sánchez**, who leads a minority coalition government, is facing fierce political battles, a corruption investigation into his wife, and demands by legislators for a motion of confidence.

Meanwhile, **Belgium** has been without a federal government for more than six months, **Austria** has taken more than three months to form a governing coalition, and the coalition in **the Netherlands** is shaky.

It is not unusual for some of Europe's 27 nations to be dealing with coalition chaos. But so many countries struggling simultaneously is unusual, especially since Germany, one

of Europe's most stable nations since World War II, is facing a chaotic political situation.

There are few in Europe who can step up and exert strong leadership. "In a crisis, Germany's elites may decide there is no time to appoint someone democratically—they could step in and select a leader quickly," *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote in our **January issue**\*. "But this man will hijack the whole alliance ...." Europe's paralysis is a crisis for Europeans—but for a strongman, it is a perfect opportunity.

A European strongman would take full advantage of Europe's undemocratic tendencies, which were most recently exposed in **Romania**. **Călin Georgescu**, who has no party and campaigned mostly on social media, shocked Europe by winning the first round of Romania's presidential election. However, TikTok was caught cheating in his favor, and a coordinated group of influencers that boosted his campaign was likely funded by Russia. This is concerning, but Romania's constitutional court took a far more concerning step: canceling the election entirely. Fresh elections will be held, and Georgescu will likely be barred from running.

The constitutional court's decision has vast implications. As one observer put it, "With such reasoning, every democratic election in the digital era could be canceled (if authorities don't like the outcome)." **Elena Lasconi**, who was to be Georgescu's opponent in the second round of the election, saw it as "the moment when the Romanian state trampled over democracy."

Europe's authoritarian tendencies are growing. You are about to see the loose confederation of independent European nations transform into an undemocratic, extremely powerful empire.

Read more in **A Strong German Leader Is Imminent**.

On Dec. 6, 2024, after 25 years of negotiations, the European Union and the Latin American trade bloc MERCOSUR signed a massive free-trade agreement. The EU already conducts more trade with MERCOSUR than the United States, second only to China. The new deal involves nearly 800 million people, extends European bureaucracy into Latin America through climate requirements and other regulations, and gives the German industrial machine access to cheap raw materials.

Mr. Flurry wrote in 2019: "This trade agreement will impact the whole world! It is going to affect your life dramatically."

The agreement still faces a number of high hurdles before it can go into effect: It must be ratified by EU member states.

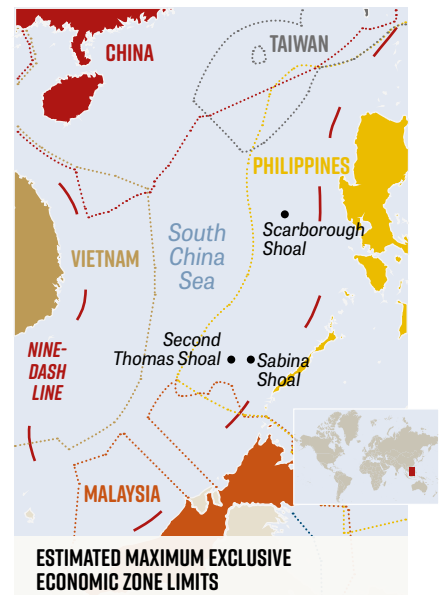
"Before Europe can be closely tied to Latin America, something will have to change," Mr. Flurry wrote. "The current politically and religiously disunified EU will have to become a politically, militarily and religiously unified Holy Roman Empire. Latin America is already quite united in its religion; the Holy Roman Empire will have to become united in its religion as well. And the only way to remove the division is by reducing that union to 10 nations" (ibid).

*Plain Truth* founder Herbert W. Armstrong forecast that Latin America would work with this new Holy Roman Empire. The October 1957 *Plain Truth* stated, "Latin American nations will join in with the European revival of the old Roman Empire."

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## ASIA

Russian agents are stealing children from **Ukraine** and putting them up for adoption in **Russia**. The Yale School of Public Health Humanitarian Research Lab reaffirmed this in a report published Dec. 3, 2024. The report provided further evidence of the already thoroughly documented systematic deportation and relocation of Ukrainian children by Russian forces. Since the conflict expanded into a full-scale war in February 2022, more than 700,000 children have been sent to various locations in Russia, according to its own Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Russians claim they are taking the children in a spirit of humanitarianism, to protect them from the violence in Ukraine—unleashed by Russia. But according to the textbook definitions by the Geneva



Conventions and the International Criminal Court, kidnapping children is a genocidal war crime.

**South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol** declared martial



law on Dec. 3, 2024, the first time in almost 50 years that this state of emergency has been invoked. The nation is a constitutional republic, and Yoon claimed he was thwarting some members of the opposition who had aligned with Communist **North Korea**. However, the move was likely designed to help him evade the looming prospect of impeachment. The law would have banned all political activity, restricted the media, and allowed arrests without warrants; but thousands of protesters and politicians massed outside the National Assembly building, clashing with police and the military. After fighting their way into the building, members of Parliament voted 190-0 to demand the order be reversed, which Yoon accepted. On December 14, Yoon was impeached, denounced even by some members of his own political party. Korea's political upheaval is part of the worldwide trend

of failing human government. We are in an era of eroding freedom and increased corruption and instability.

As democracy in South Korea teetered, the Communist regime in **China** doubled down on its efforts to dominate the South China Sea. On Dec. 2, 2024, a Chinese helicopter provoked Philippine fishermen in the West Philippine Sea's Rozul Reef, the latest in a long series of Chinese agitations against **the Philippines**. In September, a record number of Chinese warships entered Philippine waters. In October, Chinese ships harassed Philippine vessels with water cannons, and the Chinese Navy conducted its first dual aircraft carrier exercise in the South China Sea. China's continuing belligerence in the region portends worse to come. The Bible prophesies that China will help to push the world into war. Learn more in "**China Is Steering the World Toward War.**" ■

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## MIDDLE EAST

The International Criminal Court issued arrest warrants for Prime Minister **Benjamin Netanyahu** and former Defense Minister **Yoav Gallant of Israel** on Nov. 21, 2024. The court's press release stated the warrants are "for crimes against humanity and war crimes committed from at least Oct. 8, 2023, until at least May 20, 2024, the day the prosecution filed the applications for warrants of arrest." The court alleges the two men had committed "starvation," a war crime that has never before been prosecuted. Russia has admitted to using starvation as a weapon against Ukraine, yet the court has not issued arrest warrants for Russian leaders. The court also implies that Israel controls all of Gaza's borders when Egypt also shut its border with Gaza.

Most of Israeli society, including Netanyahu's political enemies, decried the court's decision as biased and nonbinding.

The warrants impose real obstacles for Netanyahu. Most nations legally recognize the legitimacy of the court, so they are now obliged to arrest Netanyahu if he enters their territory. This complicates his ability to travel abroad and conduct diplomacy.

Israel and **Hezbollah** terrorists in **Lebanon** implemented a ceasefire on Nov. 27, 2024. The agreement mandates that Israel and Hezbollah slowly disengage from southern Lebanon while the Lebanese Armed Forces ensure that Hezbollah does not rearm. It also allows Israel to reenter Lebanon to enforce the ceasefire if the Lebanese government does not fulfill its part. Despite subsequent skirmishes, the general premise of the deal has held up.

Israel had decimated Hezbollah's leadership and numerous weapons, assets and fighters in southern Lebanon. Hezbollah's sponsor, **Iran**, has been weakened not only in Lebanon but also in **Syria**. This makes it harder for Iran to supply Hezbollah, much less rebuild it after such disastrous defeats. Rather than attacking Hezbollah in Lebanon with more incursions and strikes, Netanyahu agreed to the ceasefire and has called on the Lebanese people to rise up and push Hezbollah out of their country.

Psalm 83 prophesies that Lebanon (Geba/Tyre) and Syria (the Hagarenes) will ally with Germany (Assur). For this to happen, Iran had to be pushed out of both countries. Now watch for Germany and Europe to move in. ■

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# ANGLO-AMERICA

The wars in Ukraine and Israel, the United States-Mexico border crisis, the political division surrounding the 2024 U.S. presidential election and many other calamities have people worried. So while the book industry is stagnating, Bible sales are red-hot. According to Circana BookScan, Bible sales in America were up 22 percent through the end of October, meaning that the total for 2024 likely surpassed 16 million. One Bible publisher told the *Wall Street Journal* that the surge is due to interest from Generation Z.

Not all Christian denominations are benefiting equally from

America's renewed interest in the Holy Bible. A survey of Orthodox churches published last summer found that parishes across America saw a 78 percent increase in converts in 2022 compared to before government coronavirus lockdowns. The vast majority of these new converts are men, so some are predicting a sex divide in American religion in which women remain in Protestant denominations but men gravitate toward Orthodox churches.

"The feminization of non-Orthodox forms of Christianity in America has been in high gear for decades," Orthodox priest Josiah Trenham of Saint Andrew's Orthodox Church in Riverside, California told MSN. "Men are much less comfortable, and they have voted with their feet, which is why they're minorities in these forms of worship. Our worship forms are very traditional and very masculine."

This shift toward "masculine Christianity" may end up helping both Donald Trump and the U.S. Republican Party. As radical leftists, including many who view themselves as religious, have promoted same-sex "marriages" and transgender bathrooms, Generation Z men hunger for instruction about biblical

manhood. For guidance from the Creator of masculinity, as revealed in His instruction book, the Holy Bible, request your free copy of **Biblical Manhood**.

Meanwhile, America's presidency plunged to a new low when Joe Biden unconditionally pardoned his son Hunter of any and all crimes from Jan. 1, 2014, to Dec. 1, 2024. The research group Marco Polo compiled a 630-page analysis of one of Hunter's laptops, documenting 459 violations of state and federal laws, including 191 sex offenses, 128 drug offenses and 140 business crimes. These crimes also implicate Joe Biden and seven other members of the Biden family. Biden is trying to prevent the entire Biden family from being exposed as criminals.

On Dec. 9, 2024, the United Nations Statistics Division published data showing that America's manufacturing industry is now only half the size of China's. On December 11, the *Asia Times* reported that the U.S. Navy's amphibious fleet faces significant maintenance challenges that threaten its combat readiness. Unless the U.S. changes direction quickly, it will collapse into domestic chaos as foreign enemies besiege it (Deuteronomy 28:52).

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Somebody left a *Trumpet* issue in the nail salon, and I asked if I could take it with me. Everything that I read about Trump has come true.

**Barbara Osusky** PRESCOTT, ARIZONA

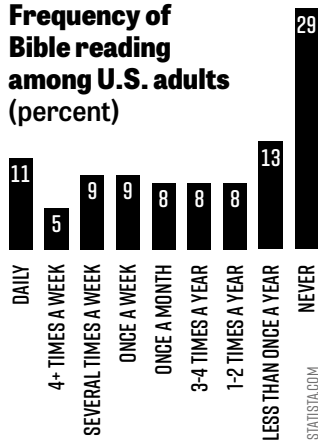
I have copies of the *Plain Truth* from when I started reading in 1965. I still have them, and most of the write-ups by Herbert W. Armstrong are quite insightful. I'm a long-time subscriber, and I really look forward to getting the *Trumpet* issues.

**James Bard** INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI

I've finished reading *America Under Attack*, and I've been sharing your number with other people so they can request a copy. The result of this past election tells me that a lot of people are no longer believing what they've been told by the media.

**Charles Kramer** EASTMAN, WISCONSIN

## Frequency of Bible reading among U.S. adults (percent)



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# Please Remember This Magazine

It may be a matter of life or death.

**L**OTS OF PEOPLE SAY THEY BELIEVE IN A GOD OF LOVE. THEY readily recognize God's love in sending His Son to pay for the sins of mankind. But the God of the Old Testament seems to be different: all plagues and punishments and prophecies.

This magazine focuses on biblical prophecy. So much of that prophecy involves tragedy and violence.

*Can you recognize the God of love in those prophecies?*

Throughout history, people have considered God's prophecies to be unloving. They rejected His prophets and oftentimes executed them. They rejected their warnings, as many still do today.

Jesus Christ condemned hypocritical religious leaders who said, "If we had lived in the days of our ancestors, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets" (Matthew 23:30; New International Version). These same men were plotting to kill Christ!

In verse 34, Christ prophesied that people would continue to reject God's message: "Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and *some of them ye shall kill and crucify ....*"

Christ attracted great crowds and healed countless people. But at the end of His ministry, how many people actually followed His teachings? Only 120 (Acts 1:15).

Why is prophecy—so hated by human beings—so important to God? God *is* love (1 John 4:8). Through His Word, God loves us by showing us how to live happy, meaningful, abundant lives. Anything contrary leads to misery and death (Deuteronomy 30:19; Proverbs 10:17). Human beings always seek happiness their own way, contrary to God's way. As a loving Father, He warns them of what their actions are leading to.

*Prophecy is God's way of showing you the end results of your actions.* For disobedience to His way, He prophesies suffering and death. For obedience, He prophesies joy and long life! It is a matter of cause and effect.

In the Old Testament and New Testament, God prophesies catastrophic suffering and death because of widespread sin. Jesus prophesied about it as a time of "great tribulation." These prophecies are certain, but so too are prophecies describing a small group of people whom God will *protect* during that ordeal (e.g. Revelation 12:13-14). These individuals have *heard* God's warning, *accepted* His correction, and *turned from* the way of death. The God of love has no need to inflict the Great Tribulation on them.

The *Trumpet* goes to hundreds of thousands of people, but only a handful have *committed* themselves to God's way of life. Yet we at the *Trumpet* have tremendous hope because of a prophecy in Revelation 7. Just after this New Testament book prophesies the unprecedented mass-scale suffering of the Great Tribulation, it prophesies this: "After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes .... These are *they which came out of great tribulation*, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (verses 9, 14).

Even during the horrifying period of Satan's greatest wrath, the God of love will bring out of the Tribulation a multitude *so great it cannot be numbered*. They will have accepted God's correction, *repented*, and been spiritually washed by Christ's shed blood, and God will protect them.

Undoubtedly, these will be people who are familiar with God's warnings. They will be *people like you*, who read God's prophecies in the Bible and in the *Trumpet*, but who do not act on them until they see some of the worst prophecies actually happening. They will witness the nightmarish fulfillment, step by step, of what they had read: economic disaster, encirclement by enemies, civil war, cities destroyed by weapons of mass destruction.

They will finally recognize that the *God of love* warned them.

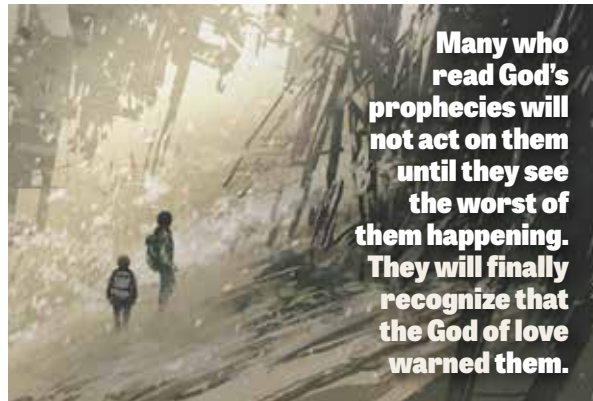
They will turn to Him in heartfelt repentance. When they do, God will mercifully protect them from further harm. They will live to see the fulfillment of an even greater prophecy: the return of Jesus Christ and the dawn of the Kingdom of God.

If you continue to subscribe to the *Trumpet*, watch the *Key of David* television program, and order books and booklets but do nothing *personally* about the warn-

ings of Bible prophecy, you are actually described in Ezekiel 33:30-33. God tells His prophet, "And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not" (verse 32).

Which choice will you make? If you heed the warning of God's prophet today, you can be protected. But we ask that if you choose to *ignore* it, *do not forget it*. When you experience it, remember this prophecy from the God of love: "[W]hen this cometh to pass, (lo, it will come,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them"! (verse 33). That means you.

We hope and pray every day that you will be among those who repent *before* the Tribulation that Jesus Christ prophesied. But if you do not, *remember this message*. Remember, God warned you in an attempt to protect you. Remember, even *during* that Tribulation, if you repent, He will protect you along with the rest of this great multitude. This is a sure promise, prophesied by the God of love. ■



**Many who read God's prophecies will not act on them until they see the worst of them happening. They will finally recognize that the God of love warned them.**



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**NORTH CAROLINA**  
**Anderson** WASV-LP-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WNGS-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun  
**Asheville** WASV-LP-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WLOS-NEST 7:00, Sun; WNGS-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WYCW 9:00, Sun  
**Bowling Green** WBKO 12:30, Fri  
**Charlotte** WAXN 3:00, Sun; WAXN 10:00, Sun; WCCB 5:00/10:30, Sun; WHKY-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WMYT-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WVEB-LD-NEST 7:00, Sun  
**Durham** WDRH-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WLFL-NEST 7:00, Sun; WNCB-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WRDC-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WTVD 6:30, Sun  
**Fayetteville** WDRH-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WLFL-NEST 7:00, Sun; WTVD 6:30, Sun  
**Greensboro** WMYV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WXLV-NEST 7:00, Sun  
**Greenville** WCTI-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WJGC-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WJGC-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WNCT-DT 9:30, Sun; WYDO-NEST 7:00, Sun  
**Hickory** WHKY-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**High Point** WMYV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WXLV-NEST 7:00, Sun  
**New Bern** WJGC-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WJGC-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WCTI-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WNCT-DT 9:30, Sun; WYDO-NEST 7:00, Sun  
**Raleigh** WDRH-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WLFL-NEST 7:00, Sun; WRDC 10:30, Sun; WRDC-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WNCB-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WTVD 6:30, Sun  
**Salem** WMYV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**Washington** WJGC-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WJGC-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WNCT-DT 9:30, Sun; WYDO-NEST 7:00, Sun  
**Winston-Salem** WXLV-NEST 7:00, Sun  
**Wilmington** WECT 6:00, Sun; WSFX-TV 6:30, Sun  
**Winston** WMYV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**NORTH DAKOTA**  
**Bismarck** KXMD 8:30, Sun  
**Dickinson** KXMD/KXMC-DT2 8:30, Sun  
**Fargo** KCPM-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KXJB 8:30, Sun  
**Minot** KXMD/KXMC-DT2 8:30, Sun  
**Valley City** KXJB 8:30, Sun  
**OHIO**  
**Akron** W27DG-D-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WIVX 8:30, Sun; WIVX-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun  
**Chillicothe** WWHO-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**Cincinnati** WKRC-NEST 7:00, Sun; WOTH-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WSTR-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**Cleveland** W27DG-D-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WEKA-LD-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WIVM/WIVX 8:30, Sun; WIVX-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WUJW-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WUAB 7:30, Sun  
**Columbus** WOGB-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WSYX-NEST 7:00, Sun; WWHO-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**Dayton** WKEF 10:00, Sun; WKEF-NEST 7:00, Sun; WRGB-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**New Philadelphia** WIVD-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun  
**Steubenville** WBWO 9:30, Sun  
**Toledo** WNNW-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**Youngstown** EYTV 11:30, Sun  
**Zanesville** WBZV 9:30, Sun  
**OKLAHOMA**  
**Ada** KTNB-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Lawton** KAUZ-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Oklahoma City** KBZC-LD-BUZZR 5:30, Sun;

KOCB-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KOKH-NEST 6:00, Sun; KWRW-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun  
**Tulsa** KMYT-TV 5:30, Sun; KQCW 9:30, Sun; KTUL-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KTUO-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KUOC-LD-BUZZR 5:30, Sun  
**OREGON**  
**Bend** KTVZ-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Eugene** K44J-D-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; KMTR-COMET TV 5:00, Sun  
**Medford-Klamath Falls** KTVL-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KTVL-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Portland** KATU-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KUNP-NEST 7:00, Sun  
**Yakima-Pasco-Richland-Kennewick** 6:30, Sun; WYEB-LD-NEST 7:00, Sun  
**PENNSYLVANIA**  
**Altoona** WHVL-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WJAC-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**Erie** WSEE-DT/WICU-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Johnstown** WHVL-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WJAC-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**Philadelphia** WDPN-TV-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WPSG-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WPSG-NEST 7:00, Sun; WTXF-TV-BUZZR 6:30, Sun  
**Pittsburgh** WOSG-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WPKD 9:30, Sun; WPNT-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WPNT-NEST 7:00, Sun; WPTG-CD 6:30, Sun; WPTG-CD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun  
**Scranton** WSWB-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WSWB-NEST 7:00, Sun  
**State College** WANT/WWCP 8:30, Sun; WHVL-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WJAC-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**Wilkes-Barre** WSWB-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WSWB-NEST 7:00, Sun  
**RHODE ISLAND**  
**Providence** WJAR-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**SOUTH CAROLINA**  
**Anderson** WLOS-NEST 7:00, Sun; WYCW 9:00, Sun  
**Charleston** ECIV 8:30, Sun; WCBDDT 9:30, Sun; WCIV-NEST7:00, Sun; WLOW-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun  
**Columbia** WACH-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**Florence** WPDE-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WTNG-CD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WWMB-DT 9:30, Sun; WWMB-NEST 7:00, Sun  
**Greenville** WASV-LP-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WLOS-NEST 7:00, Sun; WNGS-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WNGS-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WYCW 9:00, Sun; XXXX-BUZZR 6:30, Sun  
**Hardeeville** WTGS-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**Myrtle Beach** WPDE-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WTNG-CD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WWMB-DT 9:30, Sun; WWMB-NEST 7:00, Sun  
**Rock Hill** WMYT-TV-BUZZR 6:30, Sun  
**Spartanburg** WASV-LP-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WLOS-NEST 7:00, Sun; WNGS-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WNGS-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WSPA 12:00 p.m., Sun; WYCW 9:00, Sun  
**SOUTH DAKOTA**  
**Rapid City** KLCO-DT 8:30, Sun; KRPC-LP-FAMILY TV 8:30, Sun; KRPC-LP-RETRO TV 9:30, Sun  
**Sioux Falls-Mitchell** KRPC-LP-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KSFY-DT 8:30, Sun  
**TENNESSEE**  
**Chattanooga** WDNN-CD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WOOT-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WOOT-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun  
**Jackson** WNB3 8:30, Sun  
**Kingsport-Johnson City** WLF3-BUZZR 6:30, Sun  
**Knoxville** WKXN 1:30 p.m., Sun; WKXN-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WKXT-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun  
**Memphis** KPMF-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; WHBQ 5:30, Sun

**Nashville** WJNK-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; WNAB-NEST 6:00, Sun; WWHL-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; WLXP-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; WWHL-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun  
**Spring City** WOOT-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun  
**TEXAS**  
**Abilene** KTXS-DT 8:30, Sun; KVII-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun  
**Amarillo** KLKW-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KVII-DT/KVIH-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Austin** KGBS-CD-NEST 6:00, Sun; KTBC-BUZZR 5:30, Sun  
**Beaumont** KA0B-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KBTU-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KBTU-TV-NEST 6:00, Sun; KFDM-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Brownsville** KCWT/KNVO-DT 8:30, Sun; KGBT-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun  
**Corpus Christi** K33QP-D-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KRIS-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Dallas** KDFA 7:00, Sun; KDFI-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KFWD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KTXD-NEST 6:00, Sun; KTXD-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun  
**El Paso** KFOX-NEST 9:00, Sun; KFOX-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KTSM 7:00, Sun  
**Fort Worth** KDFI-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KDFW 5:00, Sun; KFWD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KTXD-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; WFAA 5:30, Sun  
**Harlingen** KCWT/KNVO-DT 8:30, Sun; KGBT-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KTFV-CD-NEST 6:00, Sun  
**Houston** KIAH-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KTXH-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KVQT-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun  
**Laredo** KLD0-TV-NEST 6:00, Sun; KYLX 8:30, Sun  
**Longview** KDKJ-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KLNK-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; KLNK-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KYTX-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Lubbock** KLKW-DT 8:30, Sun; KYML-BUZZR 5:30, Sun  
**Lufkin** KLNK-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; KLNK-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; **Midland** KWAB-DT/KWES-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Nacogdoches** KLNK-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; KLNK-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; **Odessa** KWAB-DT/KWES-DT 8:30, Sun; KWWT 5:30, Sun  
**Port Arthur** KA0B-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KBTU-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KBTU-TV-NEST 6:00, Sun; KFDM, 2:05, Sat/8:30, Sun  
**San Angelo** KTXE 8:30, Sun  
**San Antonio** KMYS-NEST 6:00, Sun; K0BS-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KRTX-LP-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; KRTX-LP-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun  
**Sherman** KTEB-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Sweetwater** KTXS-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Tyler** KDKJ-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KLNK-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; KLNK-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KTRF 11:30, Sun; KYTX-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Victoria** KVCT-DT3/KWVB 9:30, Sun  
**Waco** K20KJ-D-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KZCZ-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KZCZ-LD-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KWKT 6:30, Sun  
**Weslaco** KCWT/KNVO-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Wichita Falls** KAUZ-DT 8:30, Sun; KFDX 6:00, Sun  
**U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS**  
**Charlotte Amalie** WVXF 6:30, Sun  
**UTAH**  
**Salt Lake City** KBTU-BUZZR 4:30, Sun; KJZZ-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; KMTI-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; KUTO-LD-FAMILY TV 8:30, Sun  
**Paiute-Richfield** KSVL-LD-RETRO TV 9:30, Sun  
**VERMONT**  
**Burlington** WFFF 10:00, Sun; WPTZ-DT 9:30  
**VIRGINIA**  
**Abingdon-Meadowview** WLF3-BUZZR

6:30, Sun  
**Bristol** WCYB-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**Charlottesville** WVIR-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Dryden-Big Stone Gap-Norton** WLF3-BUZZR 6:30, Sun  
**Grundy-Vansant** WLF3-BUZZR 6:30, Sun  
**Hampton-Norfolk** WSKY 9:00, Sun  
**Harrisonburg** WVIR-DT 9:30, Sun; W29DH-D-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**Lynchburg** WSET-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**Newport News** WTKR 6:30, Sun  
**Norfolk** WAVY-NEST 7:00, Sun; WTKR 6:30, Sun; WTVZ-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WVBT 6:30/10:00, Sun  
**Richmond** WRLH-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WUPV 6:00/10:30, Sun; WWBT 1:30, Sat  
**Roanoke** WSET-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**WASHINGTON D.C.**  
WJLA-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WMDE-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WTTG-BUZZR 6:30, Sun  
**WASHINGTON**  
**Kennewick** KORX-NEST 7:00, Sun; KUNW-CD-NEST 7:00, Sun; KVVU-CD-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KVVU-CD-NEST 7:00, Sun  
**Pasco** KEPR-DT 9:30, Sun; KORX-NEST 7:00, Sun; KUNW-CD-NEST 7:00, Sun; KVVU-CD-NEST 7:00, Sun  
**Richland** KEPR-DT 9:30, Sun; KORX-NEST 7:00, Sun; KUNW-CD-NEST 7:00, Sun; KVVU-CD-NEST 7:00, Sun  
**Seattle** KCPQ 7:00, Sun; KUNS-NEST 7:00, Sun; KYMU-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun  
**Spokane** KREM 6:00, Sun  
**Tacoma** KUNS-NEST 7:00, Sun; KYMU-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun  
**Yakima** KEPR-DT 9:30, Sun; KORX-NEST 7:00, Sun; KUNW-CD-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KUNW-CD-NEST 7:00, Sun; KVVU-CD-NEST 7:00, Sun  
**WEST VIRGINIA**  
**Bekley** WVVA-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Bluefield** WVVA-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Charleston** WTPZ-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WVAH-NEST 7:00, Sun; WVAH-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun  
**Fairmont** WVUX-LD 6:30, Sun  
**Huntington** WVAH-NEST 7:00, Sun  
**Oak Hill** WVVA-DT 9:30, Sun  
**Parkersburg** WCWP/WOVA-LD2 9:30, Sun  
**Wheeling** WBWO 9:30, Sun  
**WISCONSIN**  
**Appleton** WCWF-NEST 6:00, Sun  
**Eau Claire** WXOW-DT/WQOW-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Green Bay** WCWF 10:00, Sun; WCWF-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; WCWF-NEST 6:00, Sun  
**La Crosse** WXOW-DT/WQOW-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Madison** WKOW 5:30, Sun; WMSN-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun  
**Milwaukee** WTAS-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; WTAS-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; WTSJ-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; WVTU 10:30, Sun; WVTU-DT2-COMET TV 7:00, Sun  
**Rhineland** WAOW/WYOW 8:30, Sun  
**Superior** KDHL-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Suring** WCWF-COMET TV 7:00, Sun  
**Wausau** WAOW-DT/WYOW-DT 8:30, Sun  
**WYOMING**  
**Casper** KCWY-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Cheyenne** KGWN-DT 8:30, Sun  
**Jackson** Riverton KCWY-DT 8:30, Sun

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American Crimes Network Nationwide 10:30, Sun

**BUZZR** Nationwide 6:30 ET, 5:30 CT,  
4:30 MT, 3:30 PT, Sun

**GETTV** Nationwide 6:30, Sun

**TBD** 8:30 ET/PT, Sun

### NATIONWIDE CABLE

**CHARGE** 6:30 ET/PT, 5:30 CT, 7:30 MT, Sun

**COMET** 8:00 ET, 7:00 CT, 6:00 MT, 5:00 PT, Sun

**CW PLUS** 9:30, 6:30 ET/PT, Sun, 8:30,  
5:30 CT/MT, Sun; 5:30, ET/PT, Mon-Thurs,  
4:30 CT/MT, Mon-Thurs

**FAMILY** 7:30 ET, PT, 6:30 CT, 8:30 MT, Sun

**NEST** 7:00 ET/PT, 6:00 CT, 9:00 MT, Sun

**RETRO** 8:30 ET, PT, 7:30 CT, 9:30 MT, Sun

**This TV** 6:30, Sun

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### NATIONWIDE CABLE

**VISION TV** 4:30 p.m. ET, Sun

**CHCH** 11:30 ET, Sun

### ALBERTA

Medicine Hat CHAT 8:30, Sun

### BRITISH COLUMBIA

Kamloops CFJC 9:00, Sun

Prince George CKPG 9:00, Sun

Vancouver CHEK 8:30, Sun; CHNU 11:30,

Sun/10:00, Tues; KCPQ 7:00, Sun

Victoria CHNU 11:30, Sun/10:00, Tues

### MANITOBA

Winnipeg CITT Joy TV 11:00, Sun

### ONTARIO

Toronto WUTV 10:30, Sun

Windsor WKBD-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun

### QUEBEC

Montreal WVNY 10:30, Sun

## CARIBBEAN

**BAHAMAS** FOX W Chan. 216, 10:30, Sun

## AUSTRALASIA

### AUSTRALIA

Nationwide Channel 10 6:30, Sun

### FIJI

Nationwide MaTV 9:00, Sun

### PHILIPPINES

Nationwide GMA 5:30, Sun

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Nationwide TV3 8:00, Sun

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