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Why the *Trumpet*?

This world is fast running out of hope—and time. Still, most people live with the *illusion* that science and technology will save us. But just the opposite is true.

Herbert W. Armstrong wrote, “The principal contribution of science and technology has been the development of constantly more terrifying weapons of mass destruction. This has brought us to today’s number-one problem—human survival. Science and technology are not evil in themselves, but an important facet in a good civilization—if we had one. The evil lies in the materialistic concept—the ‘get’ approach to life instead of the spiritual ‘give’ attitude of outflowing love and concern for one’s fellow man.

“Modern science stands exposed as a false messiah—about to destroy us all!”

But there is hope.

Some of you have been reading the *Trumpet* for years. But many of you are new subscribers. Our newer readers might find it amazing that the *Trumpet* is barely ten years old (though we continue the work started by Herbert W. Armstrong in 1927). We’re still young—in fact, we only published our 100th issue in late 1999.

We have benefitted from advancing technology. From the beginning, the *Trumpet* has been completely computer-generated, although our first issue was little more than a photocopy of a word-processing document. So technology has quickly brought this magazine up to a level of quality that would make any newsmagazine proud. But there is more to this magazine than its appearance. You have, no doubt, already noticed that.

This magazine is unique. There is no other magazine on the planet like it.

You need to understand *why*.

The *Trumpet* is “a voice crying in the wilderness.” There are many voices in a wilderness of mass confu-

sion in the world today. That’s one of the drawbacks to living in the Information Age—there’s too much information. You hear a multitude of “voices,” but all have a false hope. There is one voice—and only one voice—that offers an awesome hope—a real solution to all of our frightening problems.

And you don’t have to guess about where that voice is. You can prove this message true, every step of the way.

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lems. That is what the *Trumpet*’s message is all about. And it comes at a time when human survival depends on it!

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This issue of the *Trumpet* gives you both. But there is more emphasis on the bad news. That is so you can respond in a way that will eliminate most of the bad news in your life now!

We are on the verge of a world full of hope, peace and an abundant life of endless joy. If you respond to this message, you have the unparalleled honor of helping to usher it in!



MIKE BEDFORD

“Modern science stands exposed as a false messiah—about to destroy us all!”

—Herbert W. Armstrong

members? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not" (James 4:1-2).

Emerging Realities

Nine months following the eclipse of the U.S. economy by that of the EU, journalists and news analysts still blindly assert that the U.S. is the world's leading economy! They still tout U.S. pre-eminence in weaponry while failing to realize the powerful, self-inflicted weakness of a nation boasting huge armaments, yet lacking the *will* to place its own troops in front-line battle positions that may risk the death of one of its soldiers. Americans still boast of global leadership in big business, failing to recognize that foreign powers have made drastic incursions into ownership of their assets and control of their cash, putting their national economy at great risk. They still tout leadership in higher education, ignoring the national dumbing-down of primary, secondary and tertiary institutions.

In fact, the new millennium has witnessed the U.S. passing its prime as the world's single greatest superpower and not even realizing it.

Such has been the fate of all great nations and all great empires. We recall that Nero fiddled while Rome burned. America follows in this wake.

As Henry Kissinger observes in his recently released book, *Does America Need A Foreign Policy?*, "At the apogee of its power, the United States finds itself in an ironic position. In the face of perhaps the most profound and widespread upheavals the world has ever seen, it has failed to develop concepts relevant to the emerging realities."

Signs are emerging that America will soon be outpaced—and outgunned—by a new kid on the block.

BY RON FRASER

THROUGHOUT HUMAN HISTORY, A process keeps repeating itself, over and over again, from epoch to epoch.

Great families become great clans. Great clans evolve into great tribes. Great tribes emerge as dominant nations. Dominant nations war against, overtake and absorb neighboring nations. Great empires emerge. They reach their apex of power and influence. Apathy, decadence and corruption set in as leisure increases. Great empires disintegrate—and the whole process then repeats itself, over and over again, generation to generation. And, it seems, man never learns the lessons that are encapsulated in this cyclical process.

At the dawn of the 21st century, a school of thought emerged, led by professor Francis Fukiyama of George Mason University, which claimed that history was dead. Behind his thesis was the argument that man had tried all forms of government, only to find that liberal democracy outshone them all. Therefore, he concluded, we had reached an era when the repetitions of history would now cease. Democracy had won the day.

While Fukiyama's claim that man has tried all forms of government known to him is correct, his conclusion that this now puts an end to history is quite erroneous. It simply denies

the reality of *human nature*. Human nature remains constant, though the methods of government imposed on man have changed from age to age. It is *human nature* that guarantees a perpetuation of the cyclical pattern of history, unless and until a superior power imposes its will on humankind to intervene and to arrest the process.

The Apostle James penned the following incisive words about the inevitability of human nature and the fruits it bears: "From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your

Is America Becoming ISOLATIONIST?



What are these emerging realities?

In their third-quarter forecast, U.S. think tank Stratfor Systems commented, "There is one theme dominating world events this year: the realignment of the post-post-Cold-War world, driven both by evolving U.S. policy priorities and by stark economic realities. Countries are re-evaluating their international relations due to the change in U.S. foreign-policy priorities following the start of the Bush administration, while the worsening global economic downturn is creating tensions as it hits different regions with different intensity and pace" (*www.stratfor.com*, July 3).

Watersheds



Churchill deliberating during World War II

Allied victory leading to descent of Iron Curtain

Dropping of **A-bombs** on Japan

Berlin Wall crumbles, uniting Germany

"Other nations fear the effect of Bush's rejectionism on the overall system of international agreements and negotiations that has grown up since World War II. *This fear is most pronounced in Germany*, where postwar independence and reunification are widely seen as being based on the international treaty system" (*ibid.*; emphasis mine).

Why single out Germany? We will see as this analysis progresses.

Watersheds

History contains numerous watersheds—great turning points in the flow of events. In his introduction to his dissertation on Churchill's leadership at the crux of World War II, au-

thor John Lukacs succinctly wrote, "Perspective is a component of reality itself" (*Five Days in London—May 1940*, p. xiii).

To gain a perspective of the forces that are shaping global alliances in these tumultuous times, one needs to understand the watershed events since the last world war and to recognize those events that are leading us inevitably towards the next.

The most significant of these watersheds, which became a fulcrum on which history has turned, was, as author Lukacs states, in the deliberations of Churchill, his cabinet and the British Parliament over a five-day period, May 24-28, 1940. Faced with an extremely strong defeatist element in his own party, a defeatist U.S. ambassador, Joseph Kennedy, and an isolationist government in the U.S., the watershed that saved the Anglo-American world and Western democracy from certain slavery under the Nazi

onslaught was the singular perspective of one man upon which the "hinge of fate" of unfolding history turned. "[I]n May 1940 Churchill was the one who did not lose it. Then and there he saved Britain, and Europe, and Western civilization" (*ibid.*, p. 2).

Four years later, the might of U.S. military force and the sheer dogged toughness of Russia, aided by the Russian winter, created the watershed of Allied victory. This led to the restructuring of Europe and the subsequent period of Cold War that followed the descent of the Iron Curtain dividing East and West.

A year later, in 1945, a devastating watershed occurred with the drop-

Pundits generally agree with this thesis, that current world events are being driven by the evolving foreign-policy priorities of the new U.S. administration. What are these priorities, and what effect are they having on the global scene?

Commenting on the first half-year of George W. Bush's presidency, Jim Hoagland opined in a *Washington Post* editorial, "In six months the Bush administration has rejected, in aggressively stated fashion, a half-dozen important global treaties and negotiations strongly favored by the rest of the world. Bush leaves a first impression that while his government is not deliberately isolationist, it is comfortable with being isolated" (July 29).

Pointing out that other nations fear the effect of the Bush administration's seeming rejection of the treaty system that has evolved among nations since World War II, Hoagland points to one leading nation whose fear is greatest.

marked the past few weeks. This period will be remembered as the end of the post-Cold-War period, and the beginning of a new era in international relations.

“Deteriorating relations with Washington led to headline-grabbing incidents with both great powers: the ongoing standoff over the EP-3E with China and the espionage tit-for-tat with Russia. Without that deterioration, these incidents would not have occurred. The United States would not have expelled hordes of Russian diplomats and the Chinese would not have intercepted the American spy plane, and if they did, they would have released it quickly. At stake is the international system’s composition” (*www.stratfor.com*, April 10).

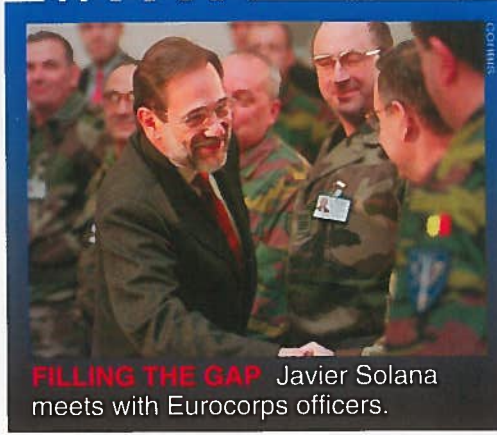
These are huge stakes—*global stakes!* It is about the composition of the *international system* that governs world business, communications, economy, social, political and military interaction.

It is most significant that, as these crucial events played out on the world scene—as the post-Cold-War period of the past decade passed and the world swung on this watershed into more dangerous times, with its global policeman, the U.S., increasingly abrogating its former self-assumed role—our editor in chief made a profound announcement to the dedicated supporters of the global warning effort which is manifest in this magazine. He declared that this world has entered its “last hour.”

Reference to this great watershed in the history of man was made by the aged Apostle John: “Little children, it is the *last time*: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the *last time*” (1 John 2:18). “Time” is translated from the Greek *hora*, which literally means *hour!* We are living in what God considers the LAST HOUR of this present world!

Let us consider three key events that have drastically hastened our entry into this most crucial time in the history of man, ushering in a time of unprecedented challenge to the survival of life on this planet.

Four great powers lead the struggle to find a new world order—China, Russia, the U.S. and the European Union. On the periphery are the Islamic nations, many so crucial to the guarantee of the flow of the world’s prime energy source—oil. Other



FILLING THE GAP Javier Solana meets with Eurocorps officers.

major nations must tag on to one of these players on the global scene or be left out of the equation.

The deterioration of relations between the U.S. and both Beijing and Moscow in the second quarter of this year has pushed the world over the threshold from the post-Cold-War period into this period of emerging new global alliances.

Kosovo

“The Kosovo war convinced both Beijing and Moscow the United States was out of control. The Chinese sincerely believe the bombing of their embassy was deliberate and were struck by Washington’s disregard for consequences. From Russia’s point of view, the war’s ending was intolerable. The United States, unable to invade Kosovo, used Russian diplomatic efforts to persuade the Serbs to capitulate. The Russians were marginalized from the beginning, their diplomatic efforts brushed aside” (*ibid.*).

What Russia and China took as an *insult*, the EU accepted as *opportunity*; opportunity to consolidate their foothold in the Balkans. This will eventually lead to them seizing that strategic trunk of land so crucial to the southern and eastward expansion of the Euroempire.

This incursion seemingly has the tacit approval of the U.S. As President Bush recently commented, “We ought to work with our European allies as the European Union begins to grow, or the defense community hopefully will grow over there, so that they get to carry the load of peacekeeper” (*www.cnn.com*).

Picking up this theme, Richard Betts, director of War and Peace studies at Columbia University, proposes handing the Kosovo mess over to the EU, involving “a plan for American

withdrawal over the course of, say, six months, and a declaration that policing the periphery of Europe is a perfect mission for a European Union currently groping toward an independent ‘defense identity’” (*The National Interest*, Summer 2001).

Such an exercise would supply the EU with a legitimate security role for their new rapid reaction force, which would time neatly with recent assertions made by the EU high representative and secretary general of the European

Council, Javier Solana. Pressing the need for the EU to fill the leadership vacuum created by the reduction of U.S. initiatives in European affairs, Solana claimed, during a speech in Athens on April 3, that the EU was experiencing a “renewed sense of leadership,” especially in the development of its common foreign and security policy.

“We are rising to the challenge. We are assuming our responsibilities,” he said. “Later this year, we shall announce a limited operational capability” for managing crises (<http://ue.eu.int>).

Richard Betts sums up an emerging view in Washington. “In material terms, however, there is no reason that a Europe whose collective resources exceed those of the United States, could not be expected to handle a neighborhood problem without us” (*op. cit.*, *The National Interest*).

Kyoto

A further push behind the EU bandwagon was given by President Bush when he declined to be a signatory to the Kyoto global warming protocol. “President Bush’s decision on Wednesday to repudiate a UN global warming treaty is the latest example of diplomatic disengagement by the new administration that is pushing the European allies to pursue their own more forceful foreign policy. ... In response, the 15-nation European Union is asserting itself in new ways. In some cases, it is playing a much stronger role in areas the United States has considered its domain” (Knight Ridder News, March 29).

Recalling an earlier warning of German reaction to the Bush approach to foreign policy, Knight Ridder further commented, “Germany has led the effort, working to strengthen economic

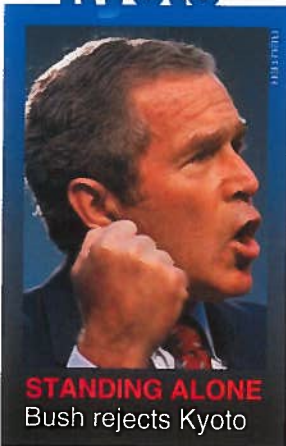
and political ties with Russia in a policy that Schröder says is aimed at forging a 'strategic partnership' between the two historic adversaries. ... Schröder believes that it is in Germany's interests to maintain close cooperation with its nuclear-armed eastern neighbor, experts said" (ibid.).

Clearly the current U.S. approach to foreign policy is pushing the EU toward strengthening an alliance with nuclear-powered Russia, which could prove a strategic nightmare for Washington.

The big-power view of the U.S.'s current emerging foreign policy has produced a growing desire to contain American power. Russia and China signed a "friendship cooperation" treaty in July, the same week the G-8 nations met in a summit conference and declared strong objections over the U.S. national missile defense initiative.

The view in Germany, as expressed in a leading daily newspaper, was even more strident two weeks later. "The list of agreements that do not pass muster with the United States is growing: the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty, a United Nations plan to restrict small arms and light weapons,

Kyoto



STANDING ALONE
Bush rejects Kyoto

the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, the Kyoto Protocol on global warming, measures to strengthen the 1972 Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention, and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. In some ways, the U.S. government led by

President George W. Bush finds itself in the company of countries that it has itself branded as 'rogue states'" (*Frankfurter Allgemeine*, Aug. 8). This sea of irritations in transatlantic relations has created a gulf between the U.S. and Europe that seems set to get even wider as the months go by.

As American influence weakens in key areas of foreign policy—Ireland, the Middle East, the Balkans, Russia, Southeast Asia—the EU is seizing the initiative to fill the leadership vacuum.

We have written much in this magazine predicting an EU takeover of the Middle East peace process. That is no longer a prediction. It is rapidly becoming *reality*. Watch now for EU intervention in Ireland, a key toe-hold for *crisis-creation and control* (the German master-diplomacy) in the British Isles.

Korea

A real sign of just how aggressive the EU has become in filling the global leadership gap created by the weakening of U.S. diplomatic involvement offshore occurred some months ago. After President Bush announced the freezing of talks with North Korea on halting its missile program, the EU quickly stepped into the breach, initiating moves to appoint a representative to Pyongyang and inviting North Korea to open a mission in Brussels. The formalizing of relations between the EU and North Korea will follow, no doubt to the detriment of those with the U.S.

Kosovo, Kyoto, Korea—three key issues where the U.S. is dropping the ball only to see it scooped up, on the run, by an increasingly aggressive EU leadership.

America First

In the clearest rendition yet of the political philosophy underlying the new U.S. administration, President Bush declared to leaders gathered in Europe for the G-8 summit, "First things first are the people who live in America." The reaction to this blunt statement was a combination of shock, horror, amazement and bitterness from the Euroclan.

"It looks like total unilateralism, saying 'we don't care at all what is happening in the rest of the world,'" says Michaela Honicke, a specialist on transatlantic relations at the German Foreign Policy Society in Berlin" (*Christian Science Monitor*, April 5).

"I see a potential decoupling between us, not over traditional foreign policy values, but on more fundamental sociocultural values," warns Dominique Moisi, an analyst at the French Institute for International Relations in Paris" (ibid.).

Other observations were similarly negative. "We certainly have a first impression that is pretty sobering,"



MOVING IN EU rep Goran Persson visits North Korea's Kim Jong Il.

says Guillaume Parmentier, director of the Paris-based French Institute on the United States. 'People realize that this administration is going to be more self-centered.' ... At a deeper level, the administration's new direction could take Europe and the U.S. down divergent paths, say some policy experts. From a European perspective, Washington's attitudes are 'anachronistic, provincial and arrogant,' Mr. Moisi says" (ibid.).

In a telling situation which reflected the reality of Condoleezza Rice's pre-election assertion that a Bush government would pull out of the Balkans, the U.S. sent no senior U.S. official to Macedonia when the latest Balkan crisis erupted. Yet EU foreign-policy guru Solana visited Macedonia five times during the crisis and initiated the grounds for a political settlement.

A few voices within the United States have been raised in concern over this apparent new American isolationism. UCLA Professor Tom Plate wrote, "In the past, U.S. internationalists worried about the possibility of a creeping American isolationism. Now the worry is about a creeping American unilateralism This inward-looking psychology, or pathology, is especially alarming to U.S. allies. They count on U.S. military security guarantees in the context of our explicit alliances with them. But the Bush administration's security philosophy seems to be more like the game of solitaire than bridge" (*Japan Times*, July 23).

It does not help this scenario for the Pentagon to be presently engaged in pursuing what is known as the Revolution in Military Affairs (RMA) theory. This theory postulates that the U.S. forget its traditional policy of being at a state of military preparedness such as

to be able to fight wars in two separate theaters simultaneously. It is based on the “star wars” theory.

“The RMA isn’t overtly ideological,” wrote the *New Yorker* magazine’s Nicholas Lemann recently, “but it makes for a good fit with a foreign policy that is suspicious of international alliances and prefers to see the United States act mainly alone and mainly to protect itself” (ibid.).

The Bob Deans Washington Bureau referred to the impact of the present administration on Europeans: “Even after two trips to Europe in the past six weeks to attend summits, Bush risks being seen as turning his back on a system of international cooperation that the United States largely forged and has used to leverage its influence around the world” (*Dayton Daily News*, July 27).

Filling the Vacuum

Among the great powers that currently wrestle competitively to fill the emerging global leadership vacuum is the one that, over half a century ago, the world sought to contain forever within its own national boundaries, never again to be let loose to wreak the carnage and havoc of which it had been guilty too often in European history—Germany.

In the early part of this year, following the successful railroading of votes to get what it wanted from the EU treaty talks at Nice, Germany found itself having to explain its aggressive new diplomacy. “Germany is explaining its new leadership stance in Europe as an effort to guarantee European stability and German moderation at a time when the country recognizes that its strength will grow rapidly. The expansion of the European Union eastward, eventually to include the Baltic states, moves the fulcrum of European power toward Germany so obviously that Berlin believes it cannot avoid preparing for a situation of palpably greater influence over the next decades” (*International Herald Tribune*, Feb. 1).

Realizing that not everyone has yet forgotten the sad and bloody history of Germanic power wielded across the European continent, the German government has sought to cloak its hegemonic endeavors behind a number of better-reputed institutions, in particular NATO, the UN, the G-8, the International Monetary Fund, and an institution of

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“The approach is described by [a high-ranking German] official as one of moderation and multi-lateralism. In fact, it appears to be a German effort, with its neighbors in mind, to place the growth of Germany’s power more deeply under the good auspices and within the reassuring limits of the EU, NATO and an American European presence” (ibid.).

The U.S. as Pawn

What is largely unseen by most who formulate and administer U.S. policy is the degree to which America is being used as a pawn in this restructuring of new global alliances—most particularly by *devious EU leadership*.

This German-led Eurocombine, in increasing alliance with Russia, which in turn is complicit with China, is working toward the future enactment of a policy of containing U.S. power.

In tandem with this covert effort is the German-led EU effort to drain every ounce of capital, cash, military support and business benefits from the U.S. to legitimize its expansion into a global power overshadowing all competitors on the scene.

The willingness of the U.S. to go along with this scenario is mind-boggling in its naïveté. The U.S. is just shoring up its old enemy so that enemy can come and hit it yet again in an effort for final victory. This will lead to that which was staved off over 60 years ago by just one man who “*did not lose*” the last great effort to enslave the Anglo-Americans, as he waited for others to gather the fortitude to join him. Winston Churchill stood alone in that crucial May 1940 watershed until two other great powers joined him in striving for and gaining the ultimate

victory over the forces which worked then and *are even yet at work now* to destroy the freedoms that Anglo-Americans have primarily guaranteed this world for the past 400 years. Where is such a leader in the free world today?

The Final Solution

There is a *final solution* to this world’s ills. Yet, it is not quite within this world’s grasp at this moment. This dangerous time we entered just months ago, the *post-post-Cold-War* era—this *last hour*—is but a small breath of time away from the event which will usher in that solution.

“This world trouble began in 1914, with World War I. There was a recess from 1918 until 1939. We are in a second recess now. But now at last we have nuclear energy. We have hydrogen bombs stockpiled in such power and volume that they could blast all human life off this planet several times over. There are other destructive weapons today in existence, any of which could erase humanity from the Earth” (Herbert W. Armstrong, *World Peace—How It Will Come*, 1978).

There remains but one form of government which man has yet to try. And he will never initiate it himself. It will have to be *imposed* upon him—by a power *higher* than man. To find out more about that coming universal, global power, continue reading this magazine. There is *no other source* that can reveal it to you. Here is the challenge our founder sent out to this world in his lifetime—and here is the *hope* that is promised!

“It’s time we face the hard, cold realistic FACT. Humanity has two alternatives: Either there *is* an Almighty, all-powerful GOD who is about to step in and set up THE KINGDOM OF GOD to rule all nations with supernatural and supra-national *force* to bring us PEACE—or else all human life will be obliterated (Matt. 24:22).

“The present ‘recess’ will soon erupt into *nuclear* World War III—called, in biblical prophecy, the ‘Great Tribulation’ (Matt. 24:21-22). But God will cut short that final supreme world trouble and send Christ again to Earth as *King of kings*, LORD of lords—to restore God’s *government* by the world ruling KINGDOM OF GOD AND TO BRING WORLD PEACE AT LAST” (ibid.). ◆



CHAOS IN GENOA Protesters take to the streets during the July G-8 summit in Italy.

The Summit Plummet

July's G-8 summit was plagued by protests—and short on answers. Is the new globalism working?

BY GARETH FRASER

SIDEWALK CAFES, GRAZING CATTLE, vineyards and the friendly smiles of the locals greet you as you drive through winding roads that connect the towns and villages of Italy's picturesque countryside. As a foreign traveler you can't help but be attracted to this aged European nation rich in geographic beauty, history and culture.

One such pocket of paradise is the seaside city of Genoa, known for its medieval palaces, courtyards, ornate abbots and halls. Consider the Palazzo Ducale, the former seat of government of the Republic of Genova. The building was constructed in the 13th centu-

ry in the heart of what is known now as the old city. The palace underwent reconstruction in the 16th, 17th and 20th centuries. Today, the palace is one of the largest modern cultural locations in Italy. It houses exhibition rooms, libraries, historical archives, bars and restaurants.

In late July of this year the Palazzo Ducale hosted the annual Group of Eight summit meeting. Far from being a political and cultural highlight, the summit saw the old city turned into a battleground and the palace a defended fortress. The Genoa summit revealed the deep divide between political ideologies and methods of global prosperity pursued by the world's largest and most prosperous nations. It also reflected human nature run amok in man's search for a better path to international utopia as we all asked the painful question, "Why can't we all just get along?"

Chaos in Genoa

"A happy result of the Group of Eight meeting would be an end to Group of Eight meetings," wrote William Pfaff of the *International Herald Tribune* July 26.

"Happier yet would be a serious reconsideration of the ideology of deregulation and free trade expansion, which drives globalism and inspires activists to wreck G-8 meetings." Two days of unprecedented violent demonstrations drawing over 200,000 protesters turned the normally quaint seaside city into a fire-bombed battle zone. The protesters' violent clashes with over 20,000 police resulted in one protester being shot dead, 231 injuries, 280 arrests and the Italian government being left with a damage bill of \$20 billion.

Putting on a brave face, the leaders denounced the violence and defended their agenda and right to meet, trumpeting the benefits of free trade and their "unified" approach to the underprivileged. However, global satellite transmission of fire, tears and blood in the streets of Genoa overshadowed the meeting and left heads of state scrambling to save face and declare the summit a success. After disagreeing on all major topics slated for discussion,

G-8 members grasped at the humanitarian card, focusing their attention on Africa's age-old poverty crisis.

"By making the reduction of poverty a focal point, the G-8 hoped to build crucial support from the developing world, which comprises a majority of the 142-member World Trade Organization, for a new round of trade talks" (*www.stratfor.com*, July 27).

For the first time, the G-8 invited select African leaders to Genoa for discussions on how to diminish the scourge of poverty casting its dark shadow over the continent. Britain's Prime Minister Tony Blair referred to the poverty talks as a "Marshall Plan for Africa." The leaders did not come up with *any substantial proposals for actually reducing poverty*. In short, they simply agreed to name a special envoy to convene with African leaders in the formulation of a detailed poverty-busting plan that would be released at next year's meeting in Alberta, Canada. Beyond debt relief and a pledged \$1.3 billion dollars to fight disease, the plan apparently is to focus on democracy, good governance, the rule of law and human rights.

As leaders departed Genoa, *they found themselves questioning the very structure and purpose of the annual meetings*. Speaking at a news conference, Canada's prime minister and host of next year's summit in Alberta, Jean Chretien, said, "I think the format of the summit should be changed. [The current structure of the G-8 meetings] is too big and has grown too much, so that we are now debating about everything, with long, long communiques" (*International Herald Tribune*, July 23).

What began in 1975 as a small meeting to discuss meaningful progress on global challenges has turned into a major political shindig, with each member amassing ever larger delegations, averaging about 350 each. This



BRAVE FACE Inside at the meetings.

History of the G-8



HOPEFUL BEGINNING At the 1975 G-8 summit in Rambouillet

IN NOVEMBER 1975, AT THE SUGGESTION of French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, a summit meeting was held at a sleepy chateau in Rambouillet, France. The meeting brought together the heads of state from France, the United States, Great Britain, Germany, Japan and Italy.

Born of the necessity for combining efforts to deal with the oil crisis, the meeting was intended as a one-time event. Attendees thought the exercise was so profitable that

they determined to meet every year to discuss the principal political and economic issues and their consequences on the global community.

Canada joined in 1976, and the European Community entered at the 1977 summit, making up the group formally known as the G-7. After the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 and the rapid collapse of the Soviet Union thereafter, Russia was offered membership to the exclusive club at the Denver meeting in 1997, making up what was renamed and we know today as the G-8.

Since that inaugural summit in Rambouillet, there have been 27 meetings of these leading industrialized nations. Issues discussed by the participating nations have included international business, employment, environment, crime, drugs, arms control and nuclear safety.

"[The] drastic increase in the importance of industrial capacity for national power has also accentuated the traditional distinction between great and small powers. The very term 'superpower' points to an unprecedented accumulation of power in the hands of a few nations, which sets these nations apart not only from the small ones but from the traditional great powers as well" (*Politics Among Nations*, p.135).

The leading industrialized nations in the G-8 account for over 65 percent of total global production. G-8 trade and investment with other nations has established the Group of Eight as the gatekeeper of developing nations' prosperity.

year the United States' delegation alone ballooned to 600!

In addition, the summits have become increasingly expensive for each host city. Last year Japan paid \$766 million to organize the summit in Okinawa. This year Italy's prime minister, media mogul Silvio Berlusconi, boasted of his government's thriftiness in spending \$110 million on organization and an additional \$20 million to repair the damage caused by the rampaging protesters.

Mr. Pfaff perhaps wrapped up this year's summit by aptly stating, "If everyone had stayed at home, including the reporters, think how much could have been given to the poor countries."

Power Shift

This small band of self-proclaimed saviors of the world's poor has come under scathing criticism over the sub-

ject of *globalism*. In political circles we are told today that globalism means progress, economic modernization and prosperity for all.

But globalism is clearly a double-edged sword. On one hand, it does encourage investment and the spread of industrial technology. On the other, it brings political and social upheaval and eventual ruin for local agriculture and industries that are non-competitive in the international market. The goal is to export to the greater global marketplace, make use of its large labor reservoir, take advantage of low wages and exploit foreign resources. Some see globalism as a reinvented form of British colonialism, enabling dominant players to spread their economic, social and cultural influence to the ends of the Earth.

"To be effective, a new dialogue requires wider participation and consen-

sus than that of the eight industrialized nations. The developing world, with its natural and human resources, growing market potential and [World Trade Organization] voting privileges, is more powerful than its current economic output would suggest" (op. cit., www.stratfor.com).

The potential for growth by exploiting the resources of developing countries has not been lost on the European Union. As reported in last month's *Trumpet*, it has outsmarted the other G-8 members by signing long-term agreements such as the 20-year Cotonou Agreement, penned this past June between 77 of the world's least developed countries and the EU. "[I]t is inevitable that the leading industrial nations should be identical with the great powers, and a change in industrial rank, for better or for worse, should be accompanied or followed by a corresponding change in the hierarchy of power" (*Politics Among Nations*, p. 134).

WHETHER YOU REALIZE IT OR NOT, THERE IS A POWER SHIFT GOING ON WITHIN THE WORLD'S LEADING NATIONS!

In addition, competitive animosity between G-8 nations is now increasing due to the global economic downturn, which the lead engines of growth—Europe, Japan and the United States—are all experiencing simultaneously for the first time since the end of the Second World War.

*The European Union has become a political, economic and growing military behemoth with a population and economy that have overtaken those of the United States. As U.S. foreign policy turns more inward, the reality of its waning influence worldwide becomes clearer to Latin America, Asia and Africa, who now all recognize federal Europe as the world's keynote speaker. As the U.S. has been retracting, Europe has been expanding (Deut. 28:44).

The EU is not just a political, economic and military phenomenon that has risen out of the ashes of World War II. This powerful beast, as it is referred

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WILLIAM PFAFF

to in Bible prophecy, is an integral component of the very fulfillment of God's plan of salvation for mankind!

As the final resurrection of the medieval Holy Roman Empire, the EU—led by a dominant, aspirant Germany—was prophesied to be religiously guided by the motherly Vatican State (Rev. 17:18). Other nations were prophesied to give their power and strength to this union (Rev. 17:13).

Changing Your Mind

"The heart [of man] is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9). No matter how noble French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing's motives were in establishing the Group of Eight summit meetings back in 1975, mere men cannot solve the problems faced by today's world (Rom. 3:17).

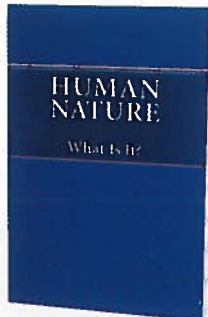
Despite man's ability to glean pictures from Mars, transplant hearts and develop amazing technological gadgetry, he is *unfit* and *unqualified* to get to the root causes of poverty, hatred, war, disease epidemics and moral depravity. Man's very nature is surcharged, manipulated and influenced by the prince of the power of the air—the god of this world—Satan the devil.

This human nature is broadcast to us from birth. Conquering human nature is the only way to true, lasting, abundant global prosperity.

But man cannot conquer Satan's nature and tune him out by his own power. He needs to access God's mind, nature and character (Rom. 8:7-11).

THE WAY IS OPEN TO YOU TO ACT NOW! Start today and take the necessary steps toward conquering this very nature within your mind. Take a stand with unbending resolve and determine to obey God and His law. Only when God's very mind resides within you will you be on your way to conquering human nature. Act now. Time is running out. The decision is yours. ♦

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Britain Dislodged Over THE ROCK

The EU, like a kind uncle, has been good to Spain, lavishing it with high agricultural subsidies and Europe's priciest road system. Will the EU now help Spain retrieve Gibraltar?

BY STEPHEN HILL

GIBRALTAR

SPAIN'S PRISTINE NEW MOTORWAY network has transformed driving within the country into a generally smooth, open-ended, go-anywhere-you-please experience.

But that impression comes to a rude halt when, after exiting the main road, Gibraltar eventually looms into sight. Then you come face to face with Britain's greatest natural fortress, the historically much-fought-over Rock—inescapable at the tip of the Iberian Peninsula.

For Spain, its presence is a reminder that won't go away.

That fact perhaps explains why, earlier, speeding along the south coast towards the controversial Rock, *Trumpet* contributor Daniel Frendo and I didn't spot one signpost saying Gibraltar—as

though it had been taken off the map! In fact, the towns signposted suddenly jumped from La Línea to San Roque, ignoring Gibraltar altogether.

The Passion

Surely the object of this vanishing act isn't a vain attempt to remove the Rock from the public consciousness completely, but rather to numb, slightly, the consciousness that it still hasn't returned to Spanish hands. It seems the Spanish attempt to bypass Gibraltar with one eye closed and blinkers on to avoid deep-rooted feelings of envy and anger.

Certainly, an overriding desire to boot the British out of Gibraltar pervades in many a Spaniard's consciousness. A few careless comments in a public place can excite contentious opposition. How niggled they are by the pink-skinned people, descendants of

ROCK of Ages

IN THE EARLY 1580s, AT THE height of Spain's Golden Age, King Philip II's phrase (later borrowed by the British) "The empire on which the sun never sets" became popular. But only seven years later, the British defeated the best of the Spanish fleet!

From that time on, until just after the Spanish lost Gibraltar 125 years later, the decline of Spanish dominance on the world scene was increasingly obvious, while the British were coming ever more to the fore.

In 1704 Spain lost Gibraltar by conquest to Great Britain, officially ceding the Rock to the British throne in 1713. For the inhabitants of the Iberian Peninsula, this was without doubt the most significant event in Gibraltar's long, turbulent past. In a sense, Britain's gains—first against Spain's armada and finally at Gibraltar—marked the beginning and the end of the downfall of the Spanish Empire.

A gateway of vital world importance since very early times, Gibraltar was anciently competed for and conquered by the ancient Phoenicians, the Greeks, followed by the Phoenicians of Carthage, and then the Romans.

On the African side of the narrow entrance to the Mediterranean, another rock rises above the level of the ocean. Together they became known as the Pillars of Hercules, beyond which was the "unknown" world.

On April 30, A.D. 711, an invading Moorish army from North Africa under Tarik ibn-Zaid landed on a rocky outreach at the western entrance to the Mediterranean with plans to subjugate the Visigoth kingdom of Spain. Tarik was soon to perceive that the Rock was, as it later became known, "the key to Spain," and wasted no time in putting it to use as the initial base in his planned northward thrust.

The Spaniards retrieved the Rock from the Moors in 1309. Then, they quickly lost it back to them in 1333. Like a yo-yo, though it was passed on to the Moorish leader of Granada in 1411, by 1462 it had returned to Spanish hands, and the Duke of Medina was made its protectorate right up to 1502 when it was formally incorporated within the domains of the Spanish Crown by Queen Isabella.

The British had long realized Gibraltar's strategic importance as an observation and control post, which is one reason why historically they have so tenaciously refused to give in over Gibraltar. A garrison of 6,000 of Britain's bravest under General George Elliot resisted one of the greatest sieges of history for 3½ years, when the combined force of 60,000 French and Spanish soldiers blockaded Gibraltar. Although the British defenders were able to get supplies in on several occasions, they were still plagued by scurvy, smallpox and near starvation. Through thick and thin, despite extreme hardship and danger, they fought and withstood. They were forced to carve a labyrinth of storage bays and tunnels within the Rock as they strove to reach more advantageous positions to set up gun placements from ever more inaccessible heights. Then, "During World War II, additional tunnels were cut—large enough to drive trucks through. More than 30 miles of tunnels lace the interior of the Rock—more than the total road mileage in the streets and roadways [in the town] itself" ("Gibraltar's Turbulent Past," *Plain Truth*, Sept. 1974).

Gibraltar was once dramatically VITAL to the British people. It was a symbol of PRIDE and POWER! But no more. We find ourselves in dramatically different times from the days when Britain would paint a heroic picture to the world defending what some modern politicians now see as "just a rock."

Now, in a world where a dominant Europe, supporting member Spain, is increasingly throwing its weight about, whispers are that Britain might be bullied into giving away Gibraltar!

Almost forgotten are the words of one of Spain's leading military men, the late Lt. Gen. Manuel Chamorro, who predicted in the late 1960s that the day Britain gives up the Rock would be the day it loses its major-power status. Today, it would be more realistic to ask whether Britain has any real world power at all!

Like a big nebulous cloud breaking up, becoming small and wispy and finally disappearing, most of Britain's "big power" status has long evaporated.



Queen Isabella



King Philip II

◆ GIBRALTAR

the kingdom which provoked the beginning of the end of Spain's Golden Age. Raiders who gate-crashed their way onto a corner of a strip of the Iberian homeland and, like an elusive stone in a shoe, won't go away.

Each time Spain fails to recover Gibraltar is another wounding blow to its sensitive national pride.

Frankly, such sentiments are understandable. How would the British feel if Spain had been sovereign owner of the White Cliffs of Dover for over 300 years?

Gibraltar is a symbol of the confrontation of two great nations at loggheads and the turn in their fortunes. One empire was fading fast, while its greatest enemy was starting the climb toward incredible blessings, wealth and power, the likes of which had never been seen before.

The Controversy

Back in 1967, eight years before his death, General Francisco Franco expressed his nation's posture with resounding clarity—a position that remains unchanged. While Spaniards may disagree widely on most important political issues, they agree almost unanimously on this: "Gibraltar is Spanish, and it is the task of every ruler and every citizen of this country to try for its return to the integrity of the motherland."

Spain wants Britain to show a willingness to begin the process of full restitution of Spanish sovereignty over the Rock, even if it should take decades. Britain's claim to the Rock, on the other hand, is based on 288 years of uninterrupted occupation, backed up by the 1713 treaty.

The British government has also committed itself to the wishes of the Gibraltarians, who desire to stay British. This is in part a political move by the British, because they think they'll always have the Gibraltarians on their side and therefore will never lose controlling influence in Gibraltar. In the memories of British leaders is the fact that in a 1967 referendum only 44 of the 12,182 voters cast their ballots in favor of Spanish rule.

The average Gibraltarian is quick to point out, though, that they are not anti-Spanish. It is just that they prefer British-type democracy. This, despite the fact that most bilingual Gibraltari-

ans speak better Spanish than English and prefer Spanish food.

For its part, the Spanish government has remained firm in its claim that the wishes of the people of Gibraltar are not the point in issue.

"Not without logic," wrote the *Plain Truth* in September 1974, "Spain asserts that the present inhabitants of Gibraltar are an imported population, and that the real Gibraltarians, whose descendants now live in nearby areas in Spain, were those Spaniards driven off the Rock in 1704 by the British.

"Britain retorts that Gibraltar has been British for some 270 years—longer than Spain held the Rock after its capture from the Moors in 1462.

"And so the controversy continues."

The Plot

Sick and tired of a "foreign" Gibraltar, with its historic enemy peering down on them in their own backyard while guarding the rich shipping lanes entering and leaving the Mediterranean, Spain, this time helped behind the scenes by Europe, is mustering up all the muscle it can to push Britain off the Rock of Gibraltar!

Will they be successful? While there are definite indications that tend to confirm they will, that remains to be seen.

What is certain though is that Britain will lose control of Gibraltar!

The *Trumpet* has a special scoop, which indicates that Britain is about to lose Gibraltar soon. The source of this inside knowledge and prediction is truly startling!

Increasing the Pressure

Recent pressure from Spain has definitely catapulted the Gibraltar issue towards a crisis point.

On June 26, the European Council instructed London to guarantee Gibraltar the right to vote in the next European Parliament elections, in 2004.

In 1999 Britain was taken before the European Court of Human Rights for not allowing the citizens of Gibraltar to vote in European elections, and was fined 74,000 euros. That's right! Corrected in its politics towards one of its own colonial enclaves by the growing clout of the EU!

Nevertheless, the British government up to recently was still dragging its feet over the issue. That technique had always worked in the past, when Britain had more political clout. Now, as Britain attempts to blend into the Union of nations, the old "queen of the waves" is regularly getting bullied about.



The EU committee, ready if necessary to take a corrective role again, has urged Britain to respect the court ruling and said it would examine the case again if London ignores its obligation. So what did Britain do? It had no choice. Rather than receive further stripes from its EU master, on July 26 it jumped back into discussions over the future of Gibraltar with Spain, under the terms of the 1984 Brussels Declaration.

The terms of this discussion are now firmly in Europe's playing field—just as Spain wants it.

One may ask: Why so much pressure on Great Britain from a nation that has been a minor power since the 1700s?

The fact is, Spain has been in the midst of a big industrial boom for several decades, enjoying an economic revolution since the mid-1960s. In 1964, Alfred Zanker, former economic correspondent in Europe for *USNews & World Report*, called Spain "the world's newest 'miracle' country."

As Franco lay on his death-bed, up-and-coming powers within the country opened sunny Spain up to tourism. It quickly became the "hotel of the world." Now, 40 million tourists visit

Spain in the summer months—that's one tourist for each citizen. More people go there for their holidays than anywhere else in the world.

With membership of the EU, Spain has quickly shot up to become a leading player in Europe. Europe is where its real strength lies, and the EU has become the prime tool in Spain's revived mission to retrieve Gibraltar.

With considerable new political and economic clout, it is only natural that Spain grab the opportunity to get Gibraltar back, as Britain slips further in decline. Rather than the other way round, today it is Spain talking about Gibraltar to Britain. And, quite frankly, now that Europe has started taking a hand in the matter, who is stopping them?

Will Britain listen and cave in under a little pressure? Will it have led to this—Britain handing over the Rock because of WORDS, THREATS and PRESSURE, when it successfully defended Gibraltar against the combined might of great nations in years past?

General Franco imposed a blockade on Gibraltar to try to get it back. He would have liked to have assured himself a popular niche in Spanish history by turning over the fortress to the Spanish people as a parting "gift" before his death.

Later, on entering the EU, Spain, a fledgling democracy, had to lift the blockade. As Gibraltar is British territory, and European law requires that all member countries have open borders with one another, it had no choice in the matter. In return, the British negotiators stated their willingness to discuss, for the first time, the tricky question of sovereignty.

Europe's diplomatic stance is that it is incongruous for Gibraltar to continue to be a bone of contention between two treaty partners in a major economic and military alliance. Surely, this gives the EU great leverage to oust Great Britain from Gibraltar.

Self-Determination

Meanwhile, Gibraltarians want a say over their own future. They argue that the Gibraltar question isn't one of choosing between British and Spanish supremacy, but rather one of self-determination. The citizens of Gibraltar want the right to decide for themselves. They want to keep open certain

advantageous ties with Britain but want more of a say over their future—with the same open borders and free trading rights other EU countries enjoy. Years of blockade have brought feelings of frustration and confinement to the inhabitants of Gibraltar, despite their relative prosperity.

Perhaps collectively Gibraltarians, from time to time, feel like a political chess piece moving in and out of stalemate.

Thus, they have recently increased their pressure by airing their appeal before the United Nations.

And it doesn't stop there. Gibraltar's Chief Minister Peter Caruana has not only been before UN committees to represent the colony's case on a number of recent occasions, but to the European Atlantic Group in the House of Commons as well.

On July 3, Gibraltar's parliament voted unanimously to ask the United Nations Decolonization Committee to visit the territory to boost their claim for independent recognition, and for Britain as the administering power to support such a move.

Great Britain, however, would rather sit back comfortably and maintain the status quo for as long as possible. There are a lot of business interests wrapped up in this financial haven.

Consequently, the European Council's instructions to the UK about the colony's voting rights were totally ignored in the British press the next day—June 27. Instead there were articles in the national dailies about increasing investment in Gibraltar and building a commercial center to attract more tourists and people from nearby towns! That is, until the European Court cracked the whip. Then, very quickly, Jack Straw, the British foreign secretary, agreed to resume talks with his Spanish counterpart, under the terms of the 1984 Brussels Declaration.

So at times, Britain, like Spain, can play the ostrich with its head in the sand over the Gibraltar conflict.

Britain should be especially alert just now, if it means to hold on to Gibraltar much longer. There are at least three wild cards that could play a vital role in deciding who ends up with the winning hand over the Gibraltar question.

Wild Card One

Wild card one is the dynamism within Europe in relation to the Gibraltar question itself.

German-dominated Europe is all about expansion of markets to the benefit of the Union. It has a vested economic interest in the untapped wealth awaiting economic exploitation in Africa. Gibraltar, Malta and Cyprus are vital, strategic stepping stones to these markets. But as long as the UK is outside the euro threshold, it is barred from being a full participant in these advantageous economic thrusts.



Straw

Quite simply, Britain being in control of Gibraltar means that the UK is in the way of the front line EU countries getting the sort of control they want. It is not surprising, then, that the leading EU country, Germany, shows itself generally supportive of Spain's plight.

One thing is clear. As a British enclave in Europe, Gibraltar is officially a part of the EU. So by pushing Britain into giving full European voting rights to Gibraltar, those pulling the strings in the EU are bringing the Gibraltarians closer to the Union. Imagine the situation if Britain did an about turn and left the EU. With their claim for self-determination granted, Gibraltar may decide it more in their interest to side with Europe than with Britain, especially if the Council of Europe gave them enough guarantees and incentives: a rabbit which they could easily pull out of the hat.

Moreover, if Britain were to lag behind economically in comparison to countries like Spain and Germany, for whatever reason, whether it be a membership or currency issue, then siding with Spain might quickly appear a more attractive option to the residents on the Rock.

Wild Card Two

Wild card two is Britain's Prime Minister Tony Blair, head of a nation lacking pride and will and garlanded with Europe's top Charlemagne Prize. Blair, in his way, is pro-European enough to allow his arm

to be twisted in "the interest of Europe," even in the face of staunch national opposition.

Could he be convinced that giving up Gibraltar is "the decent thing to do"? Or might he, given a suitable set of conditions, consider giving Gibraltar away a convenient gesture and a wise way of ridding Britain of another problem, while strengthening ties with Europe or gaining some short-term political benefit?

Does a weakened, Blair-led country have the will to haggle and butt heads over what many Brits, especially among the younger generations, now think of as just a rock? Is the Rock about to go the same way as Suez or Panama—given back without a fight?

Spain is deadly serious, especially since Britain rejected their 1997 offer of joint sovereignty over Gibraltar. On August 7, Gibraltar's 24-hour news service, *Panorama Online Daily*, reported in an article titled "'Spanish Secret' to Recover Rock," "The ruling 'Popular Party' in Spain says they have discovered a way to recover the Rock for Spain! 'The secret is to negotiate with the UK for Gibraltar to adapt its laws to those of the European Union. From that moment, the Rock will not be economically viable for the UK and they will have to give in,' said Guillermo Martinez Casan, spokesman for Europe in Spain's foreign affairs congressional committee." Sr. Martinez added that the high economic costs will make Britain give in sooner or later.

When Spain had Franco, in his words the aim was to make the Rock "a ruinous burden for the British taxpayer and a *grievous prison* for Gibraltar's inhabitants." Now, bereft of Franco,

Spain turns to a strong, German-led EU.

Can Prime Minister Blair withstand the slaps on the back, the cajoling, the masked threats, the sharp words, the underhand methods, the down-playing, the snide insults and the strategies of pressure bound to be applied to Britain over the Gibraltar question?



Blair

Might the majestic Rock, symbolic of British mastery and strength, pictured for centuries under British control as a lion guarding the entrance to the Mediterranean, soon bet-

ter be characterized as the UK's beached whale?

If the initiative comes to give back Gibraltar, it will probably surface from within the British leadership. After all, isn't that what happened when Her Majesty's government gifted Hong Kong back to China—softly, without a fight, hardly without a murmur?

Reading statements from books like Paul Einzig's *Decline and Fall*, written coincidentally in the late '60s and early 1970s during a time of socialist rule in Britain, can raise fears, now 30 years later: "If the Spanish Republic had not been overthrown before the war, Gibraltar would have been handed over on a silver platter to a socialist regime long before now."

The outcome that Gibraltarians fear most at the moment—complete withdrawal of British support—may yet prove to be the order of the day.

It wouldn't be the first territory to suffer a lack of resolve on the part of Britain. In fact, it would be one of the last, as Britain doesn't have many left!

Only Gibraltar and a few scattered remnants of what was the British Empire remain. Since the Second World War, mainly by peaceful means, Britain has lost most of its important sea gates, including Burma and Ceylon (today's Sri Lanka) in 1948, the Suez Canal in 1956, Trinidad and Tobago in 1962, Malta in 1964, the Maldivian Islands in 1965, Singapore (the "Gibraltar of the Orient") in 1971, and Hong Kong in 1997.

Many more territories than sea gates have been lost in the last few decades. And despite the immense value of these gates, their loss generally rests dull in the British public's consciousness.

Wild Card Three

This is where the danger of wild card three could come into play. In fact, it could already be at work!

In his zeal that Gibraltar should have the right of self-determination, Mr. Caruana is asking the UN to treat all remaining British colonial territories on a one-by-one basis with respect to the right for independent representation and self-determination.

This stands to drag other territories of the few remaining to Britain into the arena, making what happens to Gibraltar a precedent for other self-determination seekers.

Hong Kong handover



British retreat

Since the Second World War, mainly by peaceful means, Britain has lost most of its important sea gates.

Burma	1948
Ceylon (Sri Lanka)	1948
Suez Canal	1956
Trinidad and Tobago	1962
Malta	1964
Maldivian Islands	1965
Singapore	1971
Hong Kong	1997

It's almost as though, by adding other dependent British territories to their list, Gibraltar intends to give weight to their argument. This form of trying to involve the UN not only stands to further endanger Britain's ability to hold on to the very few territories it still has left, but angers Spain, because it attempts to take the problem-solving out of Europe's hands.

Spanish Foreign Minister Josep Pique warned that any British attempt to change Gibraltar's constitutional status would be perceived as a "grave, hostile act." He continued, "There are some worrisome movements under way in the sense of advancing toward Gibraltar self-determination. We have to send a very clear message to the Gibraltarians that if they continue down this path they are going to enter into even more confrontation with Spain."

These are just some of the dangers that Britain must be deft at side stepping or confronting if it has the will to hold on to Gibraltar much longer.

Our Scoop

But what is this special scoop, the insider information demonstrating that Britain is about to lose Gibraltar? You will probably find the source of this information surprising, if not startling!

Tucked within the Bible are the great promises God made to Abraham for his obedience and faith. One of

these promises was that his descendants should possess the great sea gates of the world. This tremendous promise was passed on down through Joseph's sons, Manasseh and Ephraim—the U.S. and Britain in modern times. The greater blessing was to go to Ephraim, who would become a commonwealth of nations. Between them they would share the sea gates of the world: "I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed [descendants] shall possess the gate of his enemies" (Gen. 22:17). The promises God gave Abraham are repeated elsewhere in the Old Testament (for example, Gen. 24:60; 26:1-5).

Herbert W. Armstrong, in *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, said, "These promises cannot be broken or annulled. Not if it be true that 'Heaven and earth shall pass, but my word shall NOT pass away.'"

Sadly, British leaders have no inkling of WHO GAVE them Gibraltar, and WHY IT WILL BE TAKEN AWAY!

Deuteronomy 28 tells us that Israel's blessings would be taken away and details the sort of curses they would face if they turned from God.

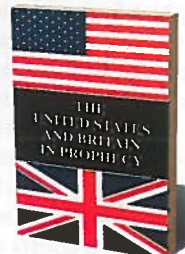
One third of your Bible is prophecy for this end time. Now, just before Jesus Christ's return, the prophecies are coming TRUE!

Tragically, the symbol of Gibraltar, just like the many other symbols of British and American pride and power, WILL BE BROKEN!

People scoff at prophecy from the Almighty God (II Pet. 3:3-4). But as astounding as it will be to many, God will bring ALL His prophecies to pass! (Isa. 46:11).

Though Gibraltar is only a small part of the picture, we still know Britain will lose it soon—and not in valiant defense after a long siege, but in utter ignominy—in helpless, foolish sacrifice—in disgrace and shame. ♦

To learn more about the future of the world's sea gates, we recommend you order a free copy of Herbert W. Armstrong's booklet *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.





ISRAELI POLICE guard Orient House in East Jerusalem.

◆ ISRAEL

Turning up the heat?

During August, Israeli-Palestinian relations reached their lowest point in the past decade. In a belated effort to break the stalemate, the Sharon-Peres government sent in the Israeli Defense Force (IDF) to take over Jerusalem's Palestinian Liberation Organization headquarters, Orient House. The Israeli government then sent letters to its nationals who were temporarily overseas advising of the prospect of a mass call-up of IDF reservists.

The tiny nation of Israel, condemned even by the United States for its recent aggressive acts of retaliation against Palestinian provocations, was signaling the prospect of being finally ready to act more decisively with its problem of West Bank security and even considering the prospect of more assertive action to contain its northern arch-enemy, Syria.

Is this just saber-rattling, or is it the real thing?

Powerful interests are seeking to influence the outcome of this Middle East scenario—the U.S., the European Union, the Vatican in particular.

Yet, at the very time Israel needs its big brother to scare off its enemies, the U.S. is stridently castigating Israel for its latest efforts at con-

taining the *intifada*.

Indeed, it is even seen to be backing off from direct involvement. As Palestinian analyst Ghassan Khatib recently observed, "I can't remember a period where the Americans were out of it in such a critical and dangerous situation as this one" (*Washington Post*, Aug. 7).

Is Israel ready for war?

Some analysts claim that "the chances are high for a major military explosion in the Middle East" (www.worldnetdaily.com, Aug. 1).

Yet even on the brink of the prospect of renewed Middle East war, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres continues to shuttle between Palestinian Liberation Authority (PLA) Chairman Yasser Arafat, Pope John Paul, and EU High Representative Javier Solana.

Herein lies the key. The immediate future of Israel will be decided not by the U.S. or even the United Nations. It will be a consensus between the PLA and Israel, inspired by the Vatican-EU combine, imposed and even enforced upon Israel by an army of "peacekeepers."

Such a force could well involve the new EU rapid reaction force. In the words of Solana, the new EU force will be able to deploy to its first missions "in a few months' time." Will one of its first missions be in the Middle East? Continue to watch for this crucial turn in world events.

◆ JAPAN

Angering Asia

Japan's brutal imperialist history still burns in the memories of its Asian neighbors.

On August 13 Japanese

Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi worshiped at Tokyo's Yasukuni Shrine—what many in Asia consider the "symbolic heart of right-wing militarism" (*International Herald Tribune*, Aug. 14).

"The visit, in the eyes of millions living in the countries that Japan conquered in the heyday of Japanese imperialism, reflected a nationalist and rightist spirit among Japanese" (*ibid.*).

Though Yasukuni means "peaceful country," the Shin-to shrine is where Japanese war dead are honored—including World War II Prime Minister Hideki Tojo and six other "Class A" war criminals hanged for their atrocities.

In Japan's postwar era, Yasukuni has been visited only once by a prime minister in official capacity: in 1985, when Nakasone Yasuhiro worshiped there. Public protest was so strong, however, that it remained his only official visit.

Though Koizumi, in a statement about this visit, said that "Japan should never again walk on the path to war," expressing his "deepest regret and remorse toward all the victims of war," his controversial visit caused an outcry across Asia.

China's Foreign Ministry said, "The Chinese government and people lodge their fierce anger and dissatisfaction." Protesters in Hong Kong burned Japan's wartime rising-sun flag and a photo of Koizumi. "We are expressing the strongest fury of Asians," one protester said.

North Korea said Koizumi had "insulted Asian people," (*International Herald Tribune*, Aug. 15). In South Korea, 20 men cut off the tips of their little fingers in public to protest Koizumi's visit. The Koreans still remember the 35-year-long Japanese occupation of their peninsula, which ended at

Japan's defeat in 1945.

In Japan, however, the smooth-talking Koizumi is by far the most popular prime minister since the war ended—his approval ratings still hover at an amazing 70 percent. He has rallied renewed vigor for the Liberal Democratic Party—and for Japanese politics in general.

His opponents warn that the popularity of the charismatic and even eccentric Koizumi is a sign that Japan's painful war history is repeating itself. They compare the new prime minister with Hitler and Mussolini. They describe his well-attended speeches as latter-day Nuremberg rallies.

Koizumi's shrine visit has opened a wound in Japan's relations with South Korea—



KOIZUMI is led by a Shinto priest to the Yasukuni Shrine.

one that is likely to force the United States to side with Seoul. The communist countries of north Asia (Russia, North Korea, China) will gladly exploit this tension in "an attempt to undermine Washington's military dominance of East Asia" (www.stratfor.com, Aug. 20).

This could cause Tokyo to reassert itself as an independent and militarily strong nation, "leaving Washington with a weakened alliance structure just as hostilities intensify" (*ibid.*).

Watch for a rise of right-wing militarism in Japan as it becomes a stronger and more independent nation—and the U.S. fades from the picture.

◆ ECONOMY

October slide

The world teeters on the brink of global recession yet again. Growth is faltering in the world's two largest economies—the European Union and the U.S.—and continues to evade the third, Japan.

The most recent worry centers on Latin America. Previous to the East Asian financial meltdown of the 1990s, it was Latin America that most threatened global economic stability. Now the wheel has turned, and once again it is Latino economies which scare stock traders around the world.

In a sign reflecting this fear, the IMF announced in August that it was granting a \$15 billion emergency line of credit to Brazil. At the same time, it prepared to speed up a \$1.2 billion loan installment for Argentina.

It was not so much these actions that set off alarm bells as it was the speed with which these announcements came. This was a reaction to Brazil's currency hitting historic lows coupled with emerging fears that Argentina would default on its \$128 billion debt and also devalue its currency, the peso.

The prospect of the Asian scenario repeating itself in Latin America is the new worry for global economists at the very time when those main engines of growth—the EU, the U.S. and Japan—are in trouble.

In a seeming head-in-the-sand approach to the problem, the German head of the IMF praised Brazilian and Argentinean efforts to bring their economies back on track. His praise belies the structural weakness of these

largest of the Latino economies.

Even as observers watched for a positive turnaround following the IMF announcements, a former official of the federation, Morris Goldstein, observed, "It's an indication that [IMF and U.S. officials] are very worried about contagion, worried about global risks and worried about weakness" (*Washington Post*, Aug. 4).

The onset of the northern autumn is traditionally a signal for a stock market slide. The global economy enters this fall very wobbly, facing the full implementation of the weak euro in January.

The next few months will prove crucial to the survival of the world's economic structure in its present form.

◆ U.S.

Diminished industry

The U.S. economy has suffered a gouging at its core. Today, amid questions over whether or not it is sliding into recession, "the nation's manufacturers are in full-blown depression. In the last year, 837,000 production jobs were lost, and more than 1 million since 1999" (*Los Angeles Times*, Aug. 12).

Yet this situation has not made headlines. Few economists seem concerned.

Why is manufacturing so important? The core of a nation's wealth has always been



INDUSTRY is on the decline in the U.S. due to economic woes.

founded on how that nation uses its natural resources.

The service sector also depends on this. But while service productivity "surged" by 2.8 percent since the first quarter of the year, manufacturing industries lost 49,000 jobs in July, and productivity fell by 0.2 percent.

Few have paid attention since, overall, productivity and growth have remained positive. Gerard Jackson, editor of the *New Australian*, believes that the Federal Reserve's relaxed policies over the last ten years, coupled with recent interest rate cuts, have severely distorted global investment patterns; Asia overinvested in manufacturing capacity while the U.S. went on a consumption binge.

No great nation has ever remained great without a strong industrial base. This carries special significance in the defense industry. Despite technological advancement, "No great power can survive unless it can defend its interests with top-of-the-line ships and aircraft. Yet, while the U.S. obsessed on e-mail, stocks and websites during the 1990s, other countries continued to develop defense-capable technologies" (*ibid.*).

Middle East Newline warned July 28 that the U.S. is on its way to losing its premier role in the world's aircraft market. The U.S. presently constructs half of the world's commercial aircraft—down from 90 percent in the 1960s.

U.S. obsession with consumption has left the country vulnerable to becoming dangerously dependent on other manufacturing nations.

◆ ABORTION

Right to die

Abortion has become, for some, a casual, everyday practice. So much so that recently a landmark decision was reached in what is known as the *Perruche case*, establishing in law a disabled child's "right not to be born"!

Last November a handful of French judges ruled on "a plea lodged by the families of three children—all born with physical deformities—who claimed that if doctors had not failed to spot the disabilities in the womb the pregnancies would have been terminated" (*Agence France Presse*, July 13).

And it hasn't taken long for the highly disturbing results of that fated ruling to be felt. Recently, meeting exceptionally in plenary session, the court's judges ruled that the precedent set by the *Perruche case*—in which a *mentally-retarded boy was awarded damages because he had not been aborted*—remained valid "as long as a causal link can be established with an error committed by a doctor."

This gives rise to the danger of doctors actually being encouraged to recommend abortions at the slightest

hint of a disability in order to avoid the risk of being sued later for malpractice!

As science makes another stab at playing with life and death, how dangerous it has become for some of the unborn, who, through no fault of their own, don't "meet the grade."



A CHILD now has the "right not to be born."

Coming Soon **A New** **WORLD ECONOMY**

When Jesus Christ finally establishes it, people everywhere will marvel at how efficient world government can be without overburdening taxes. **BY STEPHEN FLURRY**

to tell them they were making a huge mistake (1 Sam. 8:9).

In protesting, Samuel told them the manner in which their king would rule. He would recruit the most talented young people in the land for his own gain—filling positions in an ever-expanding bureaucracy. He would draft the most able-bodied young men for the army—to be his “instruments of war” (vv. 11-13). He would then apply burdensome property taxes—taking the best fields and vineyards from the citizenry (v. 14). He would introduce income tax and use the proceeds selfishly, giving it to his officers and his servants (v. 15). Even *laborers* would have to devote a portion of their time to the king’s services (v. 16).

In short, if they wanted a king like all other nations, they could have one—but they would end up being their king’s servants (v. 17).

Then, under the oppressive weight of big government, if the Israelites cried out to God, HE WOULD NOT HEAR THEM! (v. 18).

Even after this solemn protest from Samuel, Israel refused to heed God’s warning and instead chose for themselves a leader. They wanted to be just like other nations (vv. 19-20).

Israel Today

With that in mind, we should not be surprised by the unbelievable size of government today—or by its remarkable inefficiency and waste. America’s government, like every other administration on Earth, has its many flaws. But *we*, as a people, must remember—we chose it to be this way.

Indeed, from history we learn that human government has spent *much* of its resources either on war or in preparing for war. Here in the United States, it was the cost for World War I that prompted Congress to introduce the income tax.

Yet, even in times of peace, most human governments have not been able to curtail oppressive taxes, eliminate debt or even balance the budget.

In 1992, Martin Gross wrote a book titled *The Government Racket: Washington Waste from A to Z*. In it, he showed how our government had institutionalized massive waste—to the tune of \$275 billion per year. This best-selling book shocked American taxpayers and set off alarm bells within Washington.

WHILE APRIL 15 MIGHT BE the deadline for Americans to file their tax return each year, there is another deadline that is of far greater significance tax-wise. And most people are completely unaware of it.

It’s May 11—at least, last year it was. *Tax Freedom Day*. On that day, the average taxpayer finally earned enough to pay his or her total tax bill for the year. (Tax Freedom Day came later last year than ever before.) *Thirty-eight percent* of our annual intake GOES OUT to pay government expenses—federal, state and local. That’s

twice what it was during the Great Depression. After World War II, government consumed 22 percent of our earnings. During the Lyndon Johnson era, it was 30 percent.

Today—a whopping 38 percent.

The Economy Israel Chose

When ancient Israel demanded the Prophet Samuel to give them a king like their neighboring countries had, it angered him. In considering the matter in prayer, however, Samuel found that God would allow Israel to reject His government—but not without a stern warning. God told Samuel to “protest solemnly” to the Israelites—

It was about that time that an IRS audit revealed the Congress check-bouncing scandal. Between July 1988 and October 1991, more than 350 congressmen wrote 23,389 bad checks at the House bank, without sufficient funds in their accounts. This angered many American taxpayers as they perceived their congressmen felt above the law.

Politicians in Washington were understandably more contrite and open for change around the time Martin Gross's book hit the shelves. In the years following his book's release, Mr. Gross testified before Congress six times. Finally, it seemed, politicians were serious about exercising greater restraint and discretion in spending taxpayer dollars.

After the eight-year run of unprecedented prosperity that followed, you would think things got much better. Yet, in his follow-up book released last year, *The Government Racket 2000*, Gross estimated that yearly waste rose from \$275 billion to \$375 billion! This fact lends credence to the argument Gross makes throughout his book—that government today is far too big, spends way too much money and is making our societal problems worse.

Gross's greatest disdain is for politicians who juggle financial numbers to suit their own greedy pursuits. These are they who identified a \$161 billion surplus for 2000 and project that figure to balloon to \$413 billion by 2009—for a ten-year surplus of \$3.02 trillion. In America today, we have heard so much about this so-called surplus that many people now actually believe there is one.

Gross points to America's national debt as the bottom line. It was \$5.53 trillion in 1998, \$5.66 trillion in 1999 and today it is \$5.67 trillion. The amount of interest alone on this debt is increasing at an average of \$577 million per day!

To be as brutally honest as Martin Gross, there is no budget surplus. The reason the government has acquired all this extra cash, Gross explains, is that politicians are allowing the national debt to go up while they rob the Social Security trust fund.

Government officials simply cannot resist the temptation to spend now

what they should be saving for future generations. To date, we have "borrowed" almost \$1 trillion from the Social Security fund, replacing it with 100s that most politicians have no intention

of ever repaying. That is why Social Security has become such a hot topic in America's political arena. Honest politicians realize that at some point, there will be no money left for retirees.

A simple look at demographics tells us that much. Today, America's "wealth" is propped up by the fact that taxpayers are putting much more into Social Security than the government is paying out. And at the present

rate of "borrowing," by 2010 there will be \$4 trillion in worthless 100s sitting in the retirement fund. And 2010 is when baby boomers start retiring—meaning Social Security will begin paying out more than it takes in. At that point, the fund will either go bankrupt, robbing millions of Americans of their retirement investment, or the government will raise Social Security taxes—a far more likely prospect.

It's a sad economic forecast—and that concerning the richest, most prosperous nation in man's history. We could devote plenty more space in this magazine to the dismal, debt-ridden economies of other nations.

Man's system of government—not just in the U.S.—has forced upon our society exactly what the Prophet Samuel said it would—big government, endless war and oppressive taxes.

There are solutions to these worsening problems—but not the kind most people want to hear about. God is about to revolutionize this world's economy. When Jesus Christ returns to this Earth, He will bring about economic reform that will finally make a difference. The Bible reveals the economic policies of God's soon-coming Kingdom. These principles would bring about sweeping change even today, *if only man would put them into practice.*

A Clean Slate

Many prophecies describe the Great Tribulation and Day of the Lord to come upon the whole Earth just before

Christ returns. The devastation of these end-time events is truly hard to fathom. Isaiah 24 says God will turn the Earth upside down, making it waste and empty (vv. 1, 3). In verse 6, God says there will only be a "few men left." (Obviously, this prophecy has not yet been fulfilled—nothing like this has ever happened before.) Jesus Himself, in the New Testament, said it would get so bad that if God didn't cut it short, man would become extinct! (Matt. 24:21-22).

This gives us a picture of the kind of world Jesus will return to—one that is utterly devastated by the destructive force of modern warfare and the resultant disease and famine.

In Zechariah 14, God describes the final climactic battle to take place around Jerusalem when Jesus returns. God says He will "gather all nations" at Jerusalem (v. 2). "Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle" (v. 3). Jesus Christ will forcefully subdue man's final attempt to defy God. The Mount of Olives, verse 4 says, will actually split in two (another prophecy that has obviously not yet been fulfilled).

Now notice what the last part of verse 14 says about when this battle ends: "... and the *wealth* of all the heathen round about shall be GATHERED TOGETHER, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance." The positive side to all the destruction is that in one fell swoop, God will wipe away all the complex, debt-ridden, inefficient, wasteful and selfish economic systems of man. He will then gather all available wealth in one central location and start anew.

Man will also, at long last, be freed from the bondage of Satan's rule on Earth (II Cor. 4:4; Rev. 12:9).

This will be the fresh start man needs to begin to understand how God's economy will work.

Changing Man's Nature

Of course, it will take much more than a fresh start to change man's faulty systems of economics. Mankind will need to be re-educated according to God's law.

James 4 describes this present world as it operates under the deceptive sway of Satan. "From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your *lusts* that war in your members?" (v. 1). War, as we have already noted, is a primary contributor



BIRTH OF BUREAUCRACY Samuel anoints Saul king.

Qualified Leadership

IN AN INTERVIEW WITH Bryant Gumbel last year, Martin Gross expressed his extreme displeasure over America's inability to solve its many financial woes. "Listen, they [the politicians] talk to me and say, 'Mr. Gross, you're right,' and NOTHING HAPPENS. You know why nothing happens? Because there is no one in charge. *The politicians know politics and know nothing about government,*" he said.

He pinpoints the cause of this world's soon-coming economic collapse: **IRRESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP**. That's why, when Jesus came the first

time, He spoke about the Kingdom of God—God's family **GOVERNMENT**—to be restored to this Earth when He comes a second time. For the past 6,000 years, God has been preparing leaders to fill certain posts within that family government—leaders who know *everything* about **GOVERNMENT**.

One such example is Joseph. As a young lad, barely out of his teens, Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery. In Egypt, he ended up serving in the house of Potiphar. And yet, even in slavery, God says Joseph was a "prosperous man" (Gen. 39:2). Potiphar took

note of Joseph's wise stewardship and made him overseer of all that he had (vv. 3-4). God blessed Potiphar's house all the more as a result of the kindness he showed Joseph (v. 5).

Joseph was in a position not unlike politicians of today. He was given charge over much wealth and prosperity—and *none of it belonged to him*. God wanted to see if he could unselfishly handle the goods and riches of *another*—and do so with wisdom and prudence.

"And [Potiphar] left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not ought he had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was a goodly person, and well favored" (v. 6). Potiphar did not worry



JOSEPH in power in Egypt

about **ONE THING** with Joseph overseeing his estate. Joseph didn't drag him into debt. He didn't embezzle funds. He didn't write bad checks. He didn't covet all that his boss had. He didn't even cheat on Potiphar's behalf. He was a goodly, trustworthy, honest, hard-working finance manager!

Even Potiphar's evil wife could not diminish Joseph's

to crippling economies and escalating debt. And the root cause of all war, it says, is **LUST**. "Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, *because ye ask not*" (v. 2). James stresses the fact that God *wants* us to have material goods and prosperity, but on His terms—not ours.

But since the days of Adam, mankind in general has rejected this proposition and instead sought after wealth and riches on his own terms—and as influenced by Satan the devil. "Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?" (v. 5). The way of this world is simply the way of get. It's *natural* for human nature to covet. The Apostle Paul attributed "the love of money" as a *root cause* of evil (1 Tim. 6:10). It is this competitive nature in man that must change before economic reform will ever be able to last.

It should come as no surprise then, that the **GREAT FINANCIAL LAW** in God's Kingdom is found right within the Ten Commandments: "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's" (Exod. 20:17).

God's law prohibits covetous, selfish gain. It forbids the way of get. Breaking this Commandment violates the basic principle of God's way of life—the way

"For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."

I Timothy 6:10

of give. The way of give will underpin the economic system of tomorrow.

Property Ownership

When Jesus Christ returns to forcefully put down mankind's final rebellious assault, that victory will also mark the end of all war. According to Micah 4:3, man will convert all remaining war materials into farm equipment. It's easy to envision how this will radically change the world's economy. No more defense spending. No more multi-million dollar Marshall Plans to help rebuild nations ruined by war. And no more massive debt to pass on to our children!

Notice what else the Prophet Micah wrote about this millennial setting: "But they shall sit *every man* under his vine and under his fig tree; and none

shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it" (v. 4). God's economy in the World Tomorrow will revolve around land ownership, just as it did in ancient Israel (1 Kings 4:25).

In many ways, that's the way it was early in America's history. Historian Paul Johnson notes this about American life in the 19th century: "Never in human history, before or since, has authority gone to such lengths to help the common people to become landowners" (*A History of the American People*, p. 515). Back then, there was so much land that, in some cases, the government just gave it away. This helped develop communities and keep people spread out. It also kept the majority of Americans busy developing their own raw land!

While I do not mean to suggest that early life in America was utopian, as far as land ownership goes it was much closer to the way God will set up His society than anything else we see today. God **NEVER** intended human beings to bunch up by the millions, one on top of another—none of them owning land—crammed into over-crowded, crime-infested, heavily polluted cities. He wants everyone to have their own space on their own land so they can learn to

unblemished character. She falsely accused Joseph of seducing her, and Potiphar unwisely believed her and sentenced Joseph to a prison term. Yet, even in jail, Joseph was given charge over all the prisoners! "The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing that was under his hand; because the Lord was with [Joseph], and that which he did, the Lord made it to prosper" (v. 23). Joseph spent *two years* "prospering" in prison.

While in prison, the Pharaoh summoned him to interpret one of his dreams. Joseph gave him God's interpretation—Egypt was to enjoy seven years of prosperity, followed by seven years of famine (Gen. 41:25-30). Joseph advised Pharaoh

to appoint someone to oversee Egypt's agricultural economy so it could begin to prepare for the seven lean years (v. 33).

Pharaoh, like Potiphar and the jail-keeper before him, could immediately see that Joseph understood how to handle prosperity. He told Joseph, "Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt" (vv. 40-41).

As a slave, Joseph was placed in charge of Potiphar's belongings. As a prisoner, he oversaw the jail-keeper's responsibilities. Finally, Pharaoh placed him

in charge of all Egypt! Obviously, God was preparing this man for a special position in His Kingdom. Herbert W. Armstrong wrote about that in his book *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What it Will Be Like*: "Joseph became food administrator of the greatest nation on earth of that time—Egypt. Joseph was synonymous with 'prosperity.' ... He was made actual ruler for the pharaoh of the world's greatest nation. But his specialty was dealing with the economy—with prosperity. And what he did, he did God's way.

"It seems evident, therefore, that Joseph will be made director of the world's economy—its agriculture, its industry, its technology,

and its commerce—as well as its money and monetary system. These systems will be on the international level, the same in every nation.

"Undoubtedly Joseph will develop a large and perfectly efficient organization of immortals made perfect, with and under him in this vast administration. This will be an administration that will eliminate famine, starvation, poverty. There will be no poverty-stricken slums. There will be universal prosperity!"

The reason for this revolutionary change is that, finally, there will be a QUALIFIED and RESPONSIBLE leader at the helm of the world's economy WHO UNDERSTANDS EVERYTHING ABOUT GOVERNMENT.

beautify and maintain that little creation—like God does with His creation!

But that is not the way man's society operates. While land is still plentiful in the United States, it is certainly not as easy to get as it used to be, because of rising costs and excessive taxes. Americans today are actually penalized by the government for developing property: The more its value rises, the higher its taxes will be. At present, Americans pay approximately 2 percent of the property's value *every year* in taxes.

Another form of property tax is the Estate Tax (commonly called the death tax). If a wealthy landowner or business owner dies, heirs might have to pay taxes as high as 60 percent on the estate, which is why so many family-owned businesses do not make it as far as the second generation. In fact, according to Martin Gross, only 30 percent do—and of those, 13 percent make it to the *third* generation.

This is not God's way! Proverbs 13:22 says, "A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children" Prior to Social Security, oppressive taxes and buying on high-interest time payments, most Americans secured their old age through savings, property ownership and family.

Today, however, government programs have helped free adults from the

responsibility they have to their own children and grandchildren. Instead of encouraging adults to dream of retiring among family, the government, through all of these selfish programs, prods the elderly to "sell the farm" and spend the money on themselves. If that even means passing debt on to children, so be it. That, after all, is what the government does.

Things will be different in the World Tomorrow. In God's society, every family will own property. And God's law will ensure that everyone's property is well protected. The Eighth Commandment ("thou shalt not steal") is the great law that God instituted to protect all private property and possessions. No more property taxes or estate taxes. No more high-rise apartment complexes in polluted cities.

Every man will sit under his *own* vine and fig tree.

Honest Work and Honest Pay

Another godly economic principle is that of hard work. The Apostle Paul told the congregation at Thessalonica that "if any would not work, neither should he eat" (II Thes. 3:10). To the brethren at Ephesus, Paul said, "Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing

which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth" (Eph. 4:28).

In this age of welfare programs, deficit budgeting, labor disputes, declining health and overindulgence in entertainment, it's a wonder anything gets done. To be sure, many people work hard today. But overall, especially among the younger generation, we have seen a noticeable decline in work ethic.

God and Christ are not lazy. Both of them, it says in John 5:17, work! And fruits of their labor reveal them to be hard workers. For human beings to ever realize their full potential, God wants us to understand the great meaning and purpose behind productive, efficient LABOR. Jesus said, "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much" (Luke 16:10). Before God will offer us exalted positions within His family, He wants to see what we will do with WHAT WE HAVE NOW, no matter how small it might seem. Actually, IT IS SMALL when compared to God! "If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon [or money], who will commit to your trust the true riches?" (v. 11). If we haven't learned to be wise stewards with the money and goods God has given us now, Jesus said, how will we ever be ready for the true riches of His Kingdom? (v. 12).

The Laws of Tithing

Of course, government operations do cost money—even in God’s society. That’s where the laws of tithing come in to play. In Leviticus 27:30, God says, “And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the Lord’s: it is *holy* unto the Lord.”

God’s universal tithing system is ten percent. Everyone will pay that same rate. Deuteronomy 14:22 says we are to pay the tithe—or tenth—on our *increase*. In this way, God’s tax neither soaks the rich or oppresses the less wealthy. It’s an across-the-board flat tax that will encourage initiative and give people added incentive to produce.

In God’s income tax system, all tithes will be sent to headquarters (Deut. 12:6) where one UNIFIED administration, under the direction of Jesus Christ, will use the money for the good of all mankind.

In man’s system, however, many people pay up to 40 percent of their earnings—*just in income tax*. To illustrate how astronomical that figure is, consider this: In 1913, when Congress ratified the 16th Amendment—which permanently established income tax—politicians debated about whether or not they should cap the tax at 10 percent. In the end, they dismissed the discussion, saying it was *absurd to think taxes would ever rise above that level*.

God’s tax—in stark contrast to man’s—will never rise.

Welfare System

Even in the World Tomorrow, there will be some who come upon hard times. For them, God has a fail-safe welfare system designed to prevent them from descending into poverty. It’s described in Deuteronomy 15.

There will be some borrowing and lending in God’s society, but without interest, which means people will no longer make money on other people’s debts. Additionally, there will be a release from borrowed debt every seventh year (v. 2). Under this system, those who are able will lend knowing full well that *they may not ever receive their money back*.

And why would God institute something like this? “To the end that there be no poor among you” (v. 4; see margin in King James). God’s welfare system is de-

Avoid the Cash Crunch

Here is the most overlooked key to succeeding financially in the midst of today’s economic downturn.

BY ERIC ANDERSON

MONEY. UNFORTUNATELY, FOR MOST people, it is a constant source of worry—especially in these recessionary times.

Nearly everyone is struggling to make ends meet. Yet, at the same time, more people are borrowing more money to finance bigger homes, buy more cars and purchase more luxuries than at any time in mankind’s history.

According to a July 9 www.abcnews.com report, the typical American household now carries an average credit card balance of \$8,100—almost three times what it was ten years ago. Citizens are currently spending, on average, up to 20 percent of their incomes paying their debts.

Consumers in other Western nations too have gone on a massive borrowing binge in the last decade.

Financial worries seem to burden us on all sides—and rob us of real happiness and joy! Yet, Jesus Christ said He wants every one of us to truly prosper.

“I am come,” Jesus said, “that they might have life, and that they might have it MORE ABUNDANTLY” (John 10:10). In another place, He inspired the Apostle John to write, “Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest PROSPER and be in health ...” (III John 2).

If Christ wants everyone to prosper and live abundantly, then why are many of us wracked by debt and weighed down with financial worries?

There is a reason!

signed to eliminate poverty. Now keep in mind—the principle of II Thessalonians 3:10 still stands. If any man won’t work, he shouldn’t eat. God is not looking to give handouts to lazy people.

Notice *how* God keeps people from abusing his welfare system: “If there be *among you* a poor man of one of *thy brethren* within any of thy gates in thy land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother” (Deut. 15:7). The poor and needy are to be *dealt with on the local level*—preferably, WITHIN THE FAMILY. That way, it is easier to discern whether the individual in need really deserves welfare or if he is just being lazy.

Most likely, in the World Tomor-

row, these unusual cases will involve people who deserve financial assistance to get back on their feet. In that case, God says, “Thou shalt open thine hand wide unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need, in that which he wanteth” (v. 8). Compare this practical wisdom with the horribly inefficient way gigantic bureaucracies dole out billions of dollars to millions of people who have no intention of ever finding a job.

“Thou shalt surely give him, and thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him: because that for this thing the Lord thy God shall bless thee in all thy works, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto” (v. 10). That’s how lenders will be rewarded.





DIGITAL STOCK

What Most Don't Know

The late Herbert W. Armstrong taught for more than 50 years that the Holy Bible is the foundation of all knowledge—including the knowledge of how to properly manage money. Through much meticulous Bible study and research, Mr. Armstrong learned that the key to financial success is to realize an important biblical fact: **YOUR INCOME IS NOT YOURS!**

"You probably never realized this fact before—but it *is* a fact," he wrote on page 8 of his 1959 booklet *Ending Your Financial Worries*. "God Almighty the living CREATOR-RULER of the universe *claims it all*—every dollar—every pound—every franc—every mark. Your Maker who

gives you the very air you breathe tells you it *all* belongs to Him, not to you!"

Scripture is replete with proof of this vital understanding. Let's notice several important verses, most of which are referred to in Mr. Armstrong's booklet.

In Exodus 19:5, God Almighty says: "All the earth is mine" (Amplified Version from this point forward).

Through the inspired pen of Moses, we read, "Behold, the heavens and the heaven of heavens belong to the Lord your God, the earth also, with all that is in it and on it" (Deut. 10:14).

Yes, God Almighty owns this Earth and everything that exists or lives upon it! "For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle upon a thousand hills. ... The world and its fullness are mine," claims our Maker (Ps. 50:10, 12).

So, according to the Bible, "your" money—"your" income—rightfully belongs to God. "The silver is mine and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts" (Hag. 2:8).

Instead of making money on borrowers paying off high-interest loans, God will reward them personally for living by the law of give. In that way, it's as if the loans people give to the poor are actually made to God. As Proverbs 19:17 says, "He that hath pity upon the poor *lendeth unto the Lord*; and that which he hath given will he pay him again." God will repay those unselfish loans many times over!

Overseeing All Things

This is a financial principle man has never yet put into practice. It *really is* more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35). And when man finally begins to realize that in the World Tomorrow—after practicing on the indi-

vidual level—what sweeping economic reform it will bring upon all of society!

Proverbs 3:9 says, "Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase." It begins with tithing—giving the very best of our increase to God. Beyond that, however, the give way of life should trickle down into every facet of living. Honor God with all your substance! "So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine" (v. 10). God will give back—many times over.

God wants us, even now, as we prepare for our future in His family, to have as many possessions as we can possibly handle—not to serve our own selves, but so we might honor Him in

As Mr. Armstrong went on to point out, what we may earn in wages or receive as a return on investments is not really ours—that is, not until two prior claims on our income are satisfied.

One claim is taxes. Jesus said that Christians should "Pay therefore to Caesar the things that are due to Caesar ..."

"Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's."

(Matt. 22:21). But the first claim is GOD'S claim. Christ concluded that verse, "and pay to God the things that are due to God."

Once these two claims are met, God generously gives us that remaining portion of our wealth which we have earned by our thinking and our

labors. And, as we shall see, He promises to richly reward and bless us for meeting His terms!

God's Law Regulates Your Income

Some might consider it unfair to have to comply with God's claim on our earnings. But why should it seem wrong for God to direct that we give a portion of our income to Him? The governments of this world impose taxes on our income, and we quickly agree with their right to do so, if not with their means or amounts.

God is a God of love (1 John 4:8, 16). He knows our needs during this time of global economic uncertainty. Indeed, He has your well-being in mind. He is concerned for you; that is why He has made a LAW regulating your income.

God's law concerning what you earn, as Mr. Armstrong explained, is, in fact, a DEAL He has made with you. Consider it: God allows you to work on His Earth, to use a part of its resources, its forces and energies—or to work on or with that which others have extracted from this planet, in manufacturing, distributing, selling, buying, investing—whatever may be your occupation or profession—and so, you are, in all actuality, working in PARTNERSHIP WITH GOD!

all our substance. He wants us to have these things so we might be prepared for true riches!

David, in the psalms, wrote about those riches. He asked God in Psalm 8:4, "What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?" He answered that question in verse 6: "Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet." What purpose! The God who *made* all things (Ps. 24:1-2) wants to *give* all things to man!

Is it any wonder why God wants us to learn how to properly use material goods—to lead prosperous lives now? He wants to give us *all* material things later! ♦

“Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house, and prove me now by it, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.”

Malachi 3:10-11, Amplified Version

When we stop and analyze this, we are forced to admit that God truly supplies about 90 percent of everything we make or produce—and our own thinking, planning and working supplies, at best, only about 10 percent. Yet God doesn't claim 90 percent of the proceeds, or the income. Nor does He claim 50 percent, or even 30 percent or 20 percent.

God is *exceptionally generous*. He has reserved for His use only **TEN PERCENT** of your income. And after you have been honest in paying God's claim—His ten percent—to His chosen representative, then God has declared that the other 90 percent becomes legally yours. That's God's **LAW!**

How to Have More

Throughout the Bible, God makes it a law that the first tenth—or “tithes”—of every individual's income is to be paid to Him through His chosen servants.

Tithing has always been God's financial system and continues to be a binding obligation upon New Testament Christians. No other overall financial system is mentioned in the Old and New Testaments.

Tithing is such an important topic that we should briefly list the main scriptures one may turn to in explaining it.

In Genesis 14:18-20, we see that Abraham (who was not a Jew, but was the “father of the faithful”; one who feared God and kept His Commandments) tithed 400 years before ancient Israel was commanded to do so.

Leviticus 27:30 and Numbers 18:20-21 spell out the details of tithing and show how the people of Israel were to tithe in support of God's religious system. Even *after* Christ's death, the Apostle Paul called tithing, which was confirmed by Christ, a **LAW** (Matt. 23:23; Heb. 7:4-14).

Today, God uses the tithing system for the express purpose of proclaiming **HIS MESSAGE OF HOPE**—the very message Christ preached—to this unhappy, debt-ridden world!

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magazine, the *Trumpet*, is the **VERY WORK OF GOD**—and it is sponsored, financed and conducted God's way, as God directs in His Word. This work is funded and supported by a growing number of co-workers who believe in the cause and gladly give of their incomes to support it.

Every week we receive letters from our co-workers telling us how they have been blessed for supporting this work. Those who pay God's tenth are prosperous—not necessarily wealthy, but their needs are always supplied.

How You Can Prosper in Hard Times

Have you ever wondered why so many are experiencing financial difficulties nowadays, even in this economically advanced age? Today's problems were foretold centuries ago in a remarkable prophecy!

Notice what God asks through the Prophet Malachi: “Will a man rob or defraud God? Yet you rob and defraud me. But you say, ‘In what way do we rob or defraud you?’” And God answers, “You have withheld your **TITHES** and **OFFERINGS**. You are cursed with the curse, for you are robbing me, even this whole nation” (Mal. 3:8-9).

There is a definite cause for every effect. America has been the wealthiest nation on Earth for many years. Tragically, it is starting to slip into a second-rate status. The U.S. economy has already been eclipsed by that of the EU! Soon, national and individual bankruptcy will become a scourge to this nation. Personal and collective debt is already at an all-time high, and financial troubles are wrecking families. Families that should have a minimum of three to six months' income in savings in case of emergency instead have virtually no savings—and are plunging even deeper into debt.

And at the root of it all is the fact that people are robbing God!

How can you turn things around and begin to prosper in these increasingly difficult times?

Continuing in Malachi 3: “Bring all the tithes (the whole tenth of your in-

come) into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house, and prove me now by it, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer [insects and plagues] for your sakes ... neither shall your vine drop its fruit before the time in the field, says the Lord of hosts” (vv. 10-11).

That is God's **PROMISE!**

Why not put God to that test? Why not prove Him to see if He doesn't increase the value of your income in this period of looming recession so that your own 90 percent God gives you will be worth more than your whole income now?

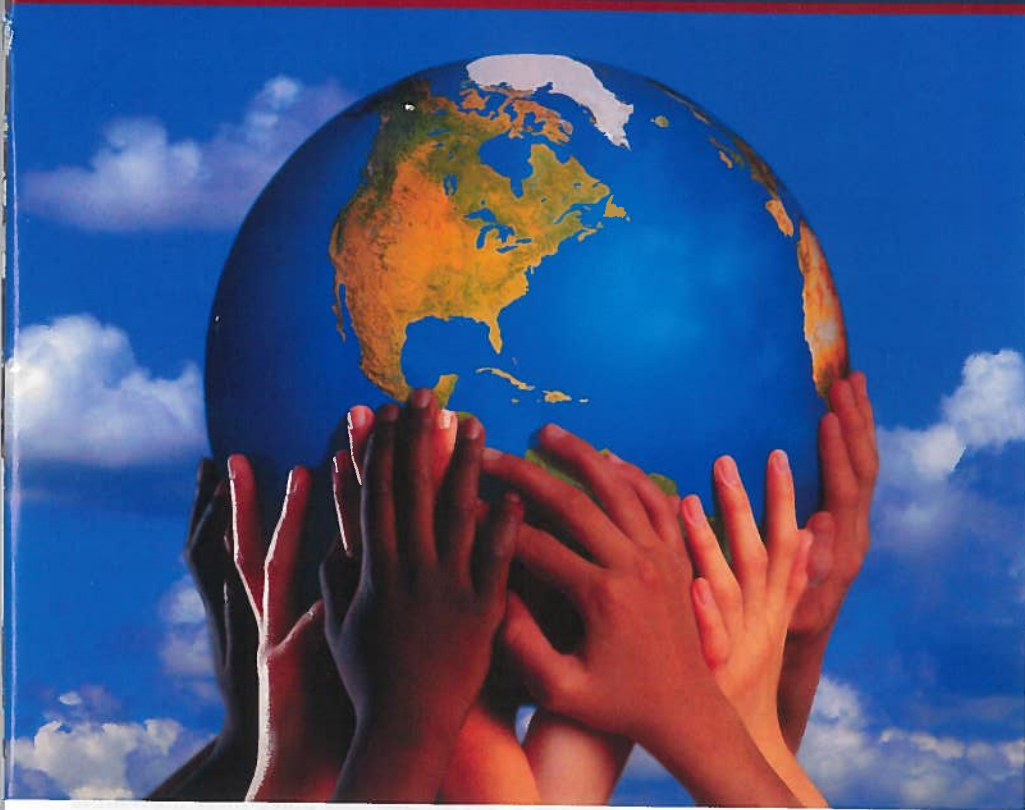
A Spiritual Blessing

God's system of tithing is a financial law. It is sure to bring financial blessings. More importantly, though, it is guaranteed to yield tremendous spiritual dividends!

Jesus said, “Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Matt. 6:21). That, too, is a law. If your treasure is in this world's entertainments and pleasures—if “your” money—**GOD's money**—is being spent only on yourself and your own needs and selfish desires, then your whole heart and interest is in this world and not in the Kingdom of God.

Jesus also said, “Seek [aim and strive after] first of all [God's] kingdom” (v. 33), and then all these material needs will be added to you besides. Seek God first and you'll prosper—even in hard times. Seek His Kingdom with all your heart, and your financial troubles will soon vanish; your life will become happy, full with assurance of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. ♦

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Coming Soon: Pure Language, Pure Thoughts

We take linguistic, cultural and religious confusion for granted. But it is all about to come to an end.

BY CARL HILLIKER

IN A MASSIVE COMPENDIUM TITLED *Ethnologue: Languages of the World*, editor Barbara F. Grimes has identified 6,703 distinct languages in 228 countries. She reports that these languages are further divided into 39,000 language names or dialects.

Have you ever stopped to consider how and why all these languages came to be?

It is hard to imagine today, but at one time "the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech" (Gen. 11:1). Such unity among all peoples may seem like a good thing—in fact, as

we will see, one day that is exactly what it will be. But the problem at the time was that people began to exploit that unity for terrible purposes.

Did God Create Confusion?

You may be familiar with the story of the tower of Babel. As the population began to grow once again following the great Noachian Flood, an evil leader named Nimrod convinced the majority of mankind that they could not trust God. "And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth" (v. 4).

This is the typical mistake man has continually made—desiring to exalt himself and his own ways above God and His ways. The worldwide unity of language only made this goal easier to pursue on a massive scale.

"And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now *nothing will be restrained from them*, which they have imagined to do. ... Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the Lord did there CONFOUND THE LANGUAGE of all the earth: and from thence did the Lord SCATTER THEM ABROAD upon the face of all the earth" (vv. 6, 9).

Babel means "confusion." Now, compare the Genesis account with 1 Corinthians 14:33, which clearly states, "For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace" How can we square this verse with the events at the tower of Babel?

We must realize that, apart from God, man's unrestrained imagination eventually brings forth many evils that cause confusion, misery and destruction. Had the Creator not intervened at the tower of Babel, mankind's advances in science and technology might long ago have brought the Earth to the brink of nuclear annihilation—a condition God wanted to delay.

The confusion at Babel led to the establishment of many diverse nations. This form of linguistic and national separation contributed to the wide diversity of cultures and religions that flowed from the evil imaginations of each one of these scattered groups of people.

It was out of love for mankind that God confounded the languages and scattered the nations. Why? They had already separated themselves from God. Now God wanted to restrain the power of evil leaders like Nimrod by keeping the people of this world so divided and culturally diverse that their evil imaginations would not become unified to the point of destroying mankind from the face of the Earth.

The scattering God performed at Babel was intended to prolong man's existence so that His plan for man could be fulfilled.

United We Stand ...

The United States of America was founded upon many biblical principles. The Ten Commandments are etched into the walls of many public buildings. From the beginning, the Founding Fathers made no apologies for the fact that America was to be a Christian nation. They believed their country was established by God's grace and with His divine protection.

The truth is, this nation, "under God," has indeed received many wonderful national blessings from God. Although we have never truly deserved these blessings, God has freely given them to us as a result of an amazing promise He made long ago to Abraham, the father of many nations that

still exists today. This promise was passed along and further defined to Abraham's descendants Isaac and Jacob. The United States forms a portion of the modern-day descendants of the house of Jacob—specifically, the tribe of Manasseh. (For a full explanation, write for our free booklet *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*).

One of the chief blessings from God, and a major reason behind the outstanding power and economic strength of the U.S., has been the consistent reliance upon ONE LANGUAGE AND ONE DOMINANT AMERICAN CULTURE throughout its history, in all its states and territories.

Until the last 30 or 40 years, every one of the millions of immigrants from distant lands who came to live in the U.S. was encouraged to become an "American."

Granted, the U.S. has always experienced the *presence* of many languages, cultures and religions, but all official business was conducted in English, and all laws and public culture were openly based upon "Christian" values.

From the beginning of our public education system, Christian values formed the mainframe upon which all the other studies relied. During the years of the greatest immigration to the U.S. from non-English speaking nations, the public schools played a major role in turning this nation away from linguistic diversity and multiculturalism toward a united American culture that existed "under God."

No other nation had ever been so successful at assimilating such a wide variety of people into such a great and powerful single nation. It was for this fact that America became known throughout the world as the great "melting pot."

... Divided We Fall

The unity of the once-common American culture is being rapidly compromised. The hippies of the '60s promoted a subculture that inspired that generation not only to reject the moral values of their parents, but to also wage an assault on the English language—developing a myriad of slang expressions and twisting and distorting the meanings of many common words. The phrase "generation gap" became the parents' frustrated excuse for their fail-



TOWER OF BABEL The birthplace of language confusion

ure to understand and accept their children's rapid shift from godly values.

The Bible asks a profound question: "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3). This once-proud nation not only survived 200 very tough years of history, it flourished! Why? By adhering to many fundamental biblical principles, this nation was blessed, and so was the world.

The common idea today is that teaching multiculturalism and diversity will make our nation great. Rather

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than expecting all immigrants to speak English, in 1999 U.S. schools spent over \$2 billion teaching children to maintain their parents' culture and speak in their parents' language.

Purchase just about anything that requires operating or assembly instructions today and it will be given in two or

more languages. Bilingual education has grown to the point where many families now claim racism and discrimination if their cultural and linguistic differences are not given preference. The rest of society is now being asked to cater to all personal language and cultural needs.

This concept of separate public languages is even spreading to the work place. Our government is now funding the lawsuits of many foreign-speaking workers against American employers who require their employees to speak English. The U.S. is *willingly inflicting ITSELF* with the age-old curse that GOD once placed upon a rebellious world at the tower of Babel.

Efforts to promote sensitivity to the feelings and circumstances of each culturally diverse minority group in society has actually been building even higher walls of resentment and distrust among all Americans. If that is not enough confusion, we also are making minority groups out of people with "special interests." The proliferation of special-interest groups that place their individual agendas above the interests of the nation are creating continual division and confusion that is weakening this nation.

Instead of being thankful and proud of the Christian heritage that our Founding Fathers provided, we are expected to reject it. In ways both subtle and outright, we are being taught that our nation's Christian heritage is somehow to blame for all society's problems. The old adage "divide and conquer" is rapidly coming to pass in our midst.

Global Rise of One Language

At the same time that America is becoming weakened by this push for bilingual education, multiculturalism and diversity, there is an ever-increasing push for unity and cooperation throughout the rest of the world.

Europe is attempting to become more and more unified. Part of that process has included discussions about adopting one international language.

English has become the unofficial international language of commerce and political diplomacy. The emergence of English is leading to greater economic, scientific and political cooperation among most developing nations.

While the United States is increasing its efforts toward bilingual educa-

tion, English is being taught in schools, colleges and universities worldwide. One can travel into any part of the world and nearly always find someone who can speak English. The tremendous growth of the World Wide Web is speeding up this process even more.

It seems that everyone can see the advantage of teaching English and cultural unity except for the new breed of educators and politicians within the United States itself.

The closer this world comes to a return to one common language and international cooperation, the closer mankind comes to being freed from the restraints God placed upon him at the tower of Babel and doing all that he imagines to do. And since man's heart has not been changed, the evil nature in man increasingly brings destruction.

As in the days of Babel, mankind will again exploit the unity of one language for evil purposes. According to the Bible, we are quickly approaching a time when world conditions will become so evil that if Jesus Christ did not intervene, mankind would destroy all human life (Matt. 24:21-22).

The good news is, Jesus Christ WILL ONCE AGAIN intervene. This time, He will personally return to Earth to establish the Kingdom of God worldwide. He will not be welcomed when He returns. The truth is, Christ will have to take the Earth by force (Rev. 19:11-16), but He will do so in order to save it from complete physical destruction.

Pure Language, Pure Culture

Micah 4 and Isaiah 11 vividly picture the time when the Kingdom of God will be established on Earth. This will become an era of unparalleled peace, happiness and prosperity! Jesus Christ will rule for 1000 years—one full millennium of global, utopian blessings.

During that time, Jesus Christ will completely reverse the curse established at Babel. The time setting for Zephaniah 3:9 is the Millennium. God promises, "FOR THEN WILL I TURN TO THE PEOPLE A PURE LANGUAGE, that they may all call upon the name of the Lord, to serve him with one consent."

God has always wanted mankind to have one "pure" language. But more importantly, God has wanted all mankind to serve Him with one consent.

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PLOWSHARES INTO SWORDS Zimbabweans wave their agricultural tools in the air, preparing to build their homes on white-occupied farmland.

"Hondo!" in Zimbabwe

President Mugabe's war on white farm owners reveals a nation whose "solutions" are worse than its problems.

BY MARK JENKINS

NEARLY 200 HUNDRED PEOPLE CHANTED in unison, "Hondo!"—an African word for war. They had come to claim the land by force.

They carried sticks and pangas, an African machete frequently used for cutting bamboo and small trees. Some carried guns. Their claim to the land came from the president of Zimbabwe himself, Robert Gabriel Mugabe, who has promised to seize the land of white farmers and distribute it to the black population of Zimbabwe.

The owners of this particular farm, Ian and Catherine Buckle, with their 7-year-old son, Richard, had purchased this land only ten years before from the same government that was now threatening to seize it. They had robbed no

one. Yet the Buckles now found their land and the surrounding farms of their neighbors filled with squatters and the continual threat of violence.

The police did nothing to help them. For six long months, the Buckles tried to wait the crisis out, to save the only home their son had ever known. But in the end, like so many other white farmers in Zimbabwe, they finally packed up and left the country. It was the only way out of this terrifying situation.

Catherine Buckle, author of *African Tears—The Zimbabwe Land Invasions*, wrote the following upon making the decision to leave her farm: "We all begin to feel more than a little like the Jews who were stripped of their human rights, their property rights and then their lives in Nazi Germany. We can only hope and pray that, for us, we can leave our land with our lives and can remain in the country of our birth and try to rebuild. Ethnic cleansing—such a strange term. How terrifying to be the victims of it. ..."

"For Zimbabwe I weep. What is to become of her and her people when, by this time next year, it won't be only diesel and paraffin we are queuing for but bread, sugar, maize meal, etc. There are now many farmers doing what we are doing. Agriculture has become untenable. There is no end in sight. There is no one that seems able to quell this insanity. How very sad that it has come to this."

The Buckles are just the tip of the iceberg. President Mugabe's government has approved the seizing of at least 5,200 farms in Zimbabwe (Deutsche Presse-Agentur, June 29). The Buckles were not even on this list. The fact that they are white-skinned was enough for the government to turn a blind eye to the invaders on their land. Other farmers have been beaten and even killed in these land invasions.

President Mugabe openly supports the invasions, saying that the forcible acquisition of thousands of white-owned farms would "complete the struggle for the complete decolonization of our country and our continent as a whole" (BBC, July 24). He has allowed this situation to escalate into a disaster, politically, economically and socially. The uproar of his own people has fallen on deaf ears.

Mugabe has answered the cries of protest from the international community by demanding millions of dollars in compensation from the United Kingdom. He blames Britain for creating Zimbabwe's problems; Zimbabwe, until 1965, was a colony of Britain. President Mugabe does not want Britain's support. He does, however, want their cash. The less Britain is involved in Zimbabwe, the worse the situation becomes, and the more blame Mugabe casts in their direction.

The results have been economically devastating to Zimbabwe. According to BBC News, both inflation and unemployment rates are over 60 percent—over half of the population simply has no work. There have been riots over bread. The most basic needs of citizens, black and white alike, are not being met.

Earlier this year, President Mugabe ordered the country's commercial banks to sell all their foreign currency to either the state-owned-and-operated national oil company or to the nation's central bank. This desperate measure was intended to help the government pay its overseas debts. This will force companies to pay foreign suppliers of goods and services in Zimbabwean dollars. "Exporters will be forced to accept the official exchange rate of 55 Zimbab-

we dollars to US\$1 instead of the market rate of 80 to 1" (BBC News, Feb. 11). At a time when Zimbabwe is already in economic turmoil, this spells absolute disaster.

At the same time, Zimbabwe faces the greatest health crisis in the world: More than a quarter of Zimbabwe's 14 million citizens are infected with HIV. No family has gone untouched by this calamity. The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) projects that Zimbabwe's average life expectancy would drop from 44 to 27 years within the next decade (*Excite News*, June 22). The death toll is on the rise. Millions of citizens will die in the next few years. In many ways, it is already too late to rescue the situation, and the steps that are being taken only highlight this reality.

At the recent summit in Genoa, Italy, "G-8 members wooed the developing world by inviting African nations to attend the summit as observers and by discussing poverty reduction measures, including debt relief, a global AIDS fund and education" (www.stratfor.com, July 27). The powers of the world certainly seem to want to help Africa, but the reality is that it is little more than a show of sympathy.

"Though the G-8 communique touted current debt relief programs, which total about \$53 billion, it failed to propose or support any new relief initiatives. Likewise, the communique pointed to its commitment to a \$1.3 billion global health fund to fight the pandemics of tuberculosis, malaria and HIV/AIDS that grip the developing world. But according to the *Financial Times*, these funds are merely a re-labeling of existing aid budgets, and the \$1.3 billion dollar pledge pales in comparison to the \$7 billion to \$10 billion annually that the United Nations says is needed" (*ibid.*). In other words, the African nations were promised money that they were already receiving, and no meaningful progress was made toward halting the death of millions and the collapse of the African nations.

How did things get so bad? Why has Africa fallen into such a horrific nightmare?

Blessings From God

Social, economic and political issues aside, Zimbabwe has many natural blessings: a stunning landscape, an ideal climate. There are numerous deposits of gold, coal and metal ores. The land is fertile and yields abundant cash crops. It has a self-supporting cattle and dairy industry. What a fantastic potential this country could realize!

In 1923, Zimbabwe, which was then known as Southern Rhodesia, was annexed under the British crown and became a part of the greatest empire the world has ever known. Certainly no empire has ever been blessed as the British Empire was.

The vast national riches and material blessings that both the British Empire and the United States have enjoyed are a direct blessing from God, because of the obedience of Abraham. In Genesis 17:4-5, God told Abraham, then called Abram, that he would become a father of many nations. Abraham's son, Isaac, passed these promises on to his son Jacob when he prayed over him: "Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine: Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee: cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee" (Gen. 27:28-29). These nations would have great wealth and fantastic material blessings given to them by God Himself.

When Jacob, who was renamed Israel, became old, he prayed over his two grandsons Ephraim and Manasseh, asking God to put his name—Israel—on them (Gen. 48:16). Therefore, when we read about Israel in prophecy, it refers to the descendants of Ephraim and Manasseh, not to the Jews, who are the descendants of Judah. In verse 19, we read that Manasseh "shall become a people, and he also shall be great: but truly his younger brother [Ephraim] shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude [or a commonwealth] of nations." In *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, Herbert W. Armstrong proved in detail that the promises made to Ephraim were fulfilled by the blessings bestowed on the British Empire. (We will give you a free copy of this booklet upon request.)



Mugabe

As a part of this “multitude of nations,” Zimbabwe was a direct recipient of those blessings that God made to Abraham so long ago. But in 1965, Ian Smith, then the prime minister of Rhodesia, unilaterally declared independence from Britain. This cut Zimbabwe off from the blessings of Ephraim. In 1979, bereft of international support, his nation bleeding from the imposition of heavy trade sanctions, and after years of intense guerrilla warfare led by Robert Mugabe, Ian Smith finally gave in, relinquishing control of the government to those he had been fighting.

Now, he too is a victim of the land invasions. On May 14, 2000, dozens of angry supporters of Robert Mugabe invaded Ian Smith’s 6,000-acre cattle ranch (*Guardian*, May 15, 2000).

Pride of Their Power—Broken

God prophesied that He would break the pride of Britain’s power, and that their strength would be spent in vain (Lev. 26:19-20). Britain has already lost its major strategic sea gates. Its possessions are but a pale shadow of what they once were, and they lost any claim to being an empire four decades ago.

In Hosea 4:17-19, God says, “Ephraim [Britain] is joined to idols: let him alone. Their drink is sour: they have committed whoredom continually: her rulers with shame do love, Give ye. The wind hath bound her up in her wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.”

Because of Britain’s sins, God has removed their national blessings, including the colonies that were once part of Britain’s vast empire. The entire world is suffering as a result. Nowhere is this more evident than in Zimbabwe.

Today, the leaders of Zimbabwe are the sworn enemies of colonialism. This is like flailing in the wind, since Zimbabwe has not had a leader of British descent since 1979. President Mugabe and other leaders are actually fighting the legacy of colonialism, fighting to tear down what was built during the colonial period. The white farmers, those British who have never called any place but Zimbabwe home, are being beaten and even killed because they are white and live on land that President Mugabe has promised to blacks. The leadership is fiercely destroying everything built over the last century. Every blessing



The Problem Spreads

RATHER THAN DECREASING IN Zimbabwe, the problems have only began to spread to Zimbabwe’s neighbor, South Africa. Holding the infamous reputation for the highest murder and rape statistics in the world, South Africa is witnessing an increasing number of deaths of white farmers as blacks move onto white farmland.

The greatest fear of white farmers in South Africa is that the example of land seizure set by Zimbabwe will become the accepted policy of South African Prime Minister Thabo Mbeke’s coalition government. With pressure mounting from hordes of blacks for the government to fulfill its election promise to house its huge population of homeless, it seems inevitable that South Africa’s white farmers will soon face a similar situation to that in Zimbabwe.

The current generation of Caucasians, whose forefathers pioneered civilized settlement in Southern Africa—worked the land, built the roads, developed the infrastructure, raised the health, education and welfare of the ethnic black population to unprecedented levels—seem destined to have their hands powerfully bitten by those whom they, for so long, have fed.

that remains is being taken from the Zimbabwean people against their will.

Consider the following passage from the article “Rhodesia to Zimbabwe: Peace at Last?” in the May 1980 *Plain Truth* magazine: “Often in the past the ascetic, intellectual new prime minister [Robert Mugabe] talked about expropriating white land holdings, nationalizing private industry, setting up a one-party Marxist state and dispensing with future elections as a ‘luxury’ his country could no longer afford. Now, however, bowing to reality, Prime Minister Mugabe forswears na-

tionalization and vows not to interfere with private property. Only presently unused farm land will be distributed to rural blacks—and present owners will be compensated for it. It is felt that Mr. Mugabe has not, down deep, disavowed his Marxist principles.”

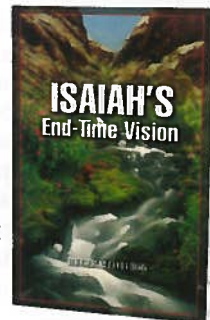
Now President Mugabe’s government is applying the “Marxist principles,” that the *Plain Truth* wrote about over 20 years ago. In his first-ever address to the commercial farmer’s union on August 1, Zimbabwe’s land minister, Joseph Made, shocked white farmers by directing that 90 percent of white-owned land would be taken over by ethnic black Zimbabweans. This represents an increase of 3.3 million hectares over and above the 5 million hectares originally indicated by the government.

The farmers in Zimbabwe still hold out hope that Mugabe’s presidency will finally collapse and the country return to some semblance of normalcy. This is, however, a vain hope, considering the legacy of post-colonial rule in the rest of the African continent.

Even if President Mugabe were removed from office today, it would already be too late for Zimbabwe. Their situation is far too critical to be solved internally, and the international community simply does not have a solution for the problems of Africa in general, much less that of Zimbabwe. But God does have a solution.

However hopeless things may appear now, Zimbabwe will prosper again—as will every other nation on the face of the Earth. Every man will have his own land: “But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it” (Mic. 4:4). The violence that families like the Buckles are experiencing today will be wiped away. “They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea” (Isa. 11:9). ♦

If this article interested you, we recommend you order a free copy of Gerald Flurry’s inspiring booklet *Isaiah’s End-Time Vision*.



Language *from page 25*

Let's not forget that the presence of diverse languages was a result of man's evil heart. A pure language will not be truly possible without a change in man's heart or mind. A pure language requires a "pure" religion. A pure religion requires pure thoughts. All these changes will require a vast re-education program.

That is the ultimate purpose behind the 1000-year reign of Jesus Christ—to change man's heart through the pure knowledge of God. Once this change of heart takes place, Isaiah 11:9 says, "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

The Earth shall no longer be in a state of confusion. Jesus Christ will rule with authority. He will not perpetuate division or tolerate every false idea or let people decide for themselves what is right and wrong. The whole world will live by the laws, statutes and judgments recorded in the Bible—the same Bible in our homes today.

God designed and intended diversity in race and certain elements of culture. But He never intended mankind to be *hampered* by multiculturalism and diversity. Millions of immigrants from all over the world will look to a new JERUSALEM, the headquarters city from which Jesus Christ will rule the world. They will no longer be taught in their native tongues or in their former cultures based on false religious ideas. They will all be expected to become true Christians.

Yes, there will continue to be many nations, but these nations will not be distinct as a result of diverse languages and a wide variety of political or religious ideas. The Kingdom of God will become a great "melting pot" that will eventually erase every form of injustice and lawlessness.

All mankind will finally learn there really is a God-ordained purpose to life. They will discover that there really are clear differences between right and wrong. All mankind will be trained to love God's law and live by it.

What about you? Can you enthusiastically look forward to a world like that? If so, the great God wants you to be preparing for it NOW! ♦



The Counterfeit Peacemaker

«It is always a great pleasure reading the *Trumpet*. I have never shown so much interest in the Bible in all my life, till I started reading your literature. Thank you so much for giving me the truth and bringing me out from the darkness.»

Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

I FIND THE *TRUMPET* POSITIVELY GREAT. IT coincides with some of my observations about world affairs, the present problems, and causes. I am 61 years young and have followed world/European history since I was a kid. I am not religious, but have seen other documents that reference sections of the Bible with respect to the future, and I find the correlations very interesting.

Mt. Prospect, Ill.

I AM CURRENTLY FINISHING MY FIRST COPY of the *Trumpet* and I want to express my sincere appreciation for providing such an informed news source, without the profit-motivated hidden agenda or ulterior motive which drives so many other news providers. Your periodical and its contents are a breath of fresh air and provide me with a sense of comfort in what is commonly an unsettling world. Thank you.

Alexandria, Va.

CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE STANDARD OF your articles drawing attention to largely ignored issues of vital importance. However, some conclusions baffle me. There is not-so-subtle implication that the U.S. and to a lesser extent Britain have the right to be top dogs and call the shots. This is a rather impoverished view of humanity, especially when taken from a Christian perspective. I see nothing sinister in Europe uniting and working in harmony. As a "superstate," Europe has a more principled and humane outlook on the world and its problems.

Balzan, Malta

From Paradise to Poverty

I AM NOW RESIDING IN MARYLAND, BUT AS A Filipino, I am not surprised by your article "From Paradise to Poverty," for I have witnessed the degeneration of my country. My heart aches for my once-beautiful country, which is now plagued by extreme poverty and chaos. I pity my brothers who are not yet born and will suffer all the con-

sequences of the ill-doings of their ancestors. But thanks for the hope mentioned in the article, that we can regain the paradise.

Baltimore, Md.

THANK YOU FOR FEATURING MY COUNTRY OF origin, the Philippines, in your July issue. I was fortunate to be a part of the audience who listened to Herbert W. Armstrong in his lecture series conducted at the Araneta Coliseum in Quezon City. He clearly outlined the causes of the problems that were confronting the country then, and called for a change of attitude. It was unfortunate, however, that his call for the Filipinos to return to God and obey His Commandments fell on deaf ears. In your article, "From Paradise to Poverty," your writer missed one vital factor that contributed to the sorry state of the country today. Strong religious interference in government affairs by the three major religious sects divided the Filipinos and created animosity among them.

San Diego, Calif.

I JUST FINISHED READING *THE UNITED States and Britain in Prophecy* and, needless to say, I don't think I have ever read a book that explains just what the Bible is all about in an easier manner. I even find myself able to talk to people about what it is saying, and people are getting very interested in it.

Greencastle, Ind.

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MARK JENKINS

A Warning of Hope

Christ said to preach “good news.” So why is the *Trumpet* so full of the bad?

THE WORD *GOSPEL* MEANS GOOD NEWS. AND WHAT FANTASTIC news it is. Peace and prosperity are about to fill the Earth. The knowledge of the Lord will cover the Earth as the waters cover the sea. Jesus Christ will set up His government, and Satan will be locked away where he can do no further harm to anyone.

Christ told us to preach the gospel, the good news of His coming Kingdom, to every creature (Mark 16:15). Why, then, does the *Trumpet* so frequently focus on the problems of the world? Why write about the seemingly limitless evil that exists today? Why dwell on the horrible times just ahead of us? Wouldn't our time be better spent telling about the wondrous times that are coming, shining a spotlight on the glorious Kingdom of God?

It would be nice to be able to do only that. It would, undoubtedly, be a popular message—but it would also leave the world without hope!

God gives the command to warn for a reason: He wants people to repent. In His loving mercy, God will do anything possible to spare us from the terrible times that are coming. A warning is the only hope anyone has of being spared.

The book of Jonah tells the story of a city named Nineveh that was about to be destroyed because of its sins. God sent a prophet, Jonah, to the city to warn of coming destruction. Initially, Jonah fled from that duty. Who would want to carry such an unpopular message? But as Jonah's example shows, if God's warning is not given—if the messenger does not deliver the warning God gives him—he just might end up in the belly of a whale. God requires that His warning be delivered.

Imagine if God had allowed Jonah to shirk his duty. What if Jonah had just given a message that talked only about the glorious future ahead, ignoring the warnings God had given? Nineveh would have been utterly destroyed, with every inhabitant looking for this fabulous future that God's prophet had told them about, but finding only the most terrifying destruction they had ever seen.

But what amazing results Jonah's warning had. The entire city's inhabitants, under the direction of their leaders, humbled themselves in sackcloth and ashes, fasted before God, and truly repented. The city was spared the horrible fate they had been warned about. This was—and remains to this day—the only time in history that a Gentile city has repented before God. What an example of hope they left for our time today.

What beautiful results the warning God sent had in Nineveh. Please write for a free copy of our booklet about Jonah.

The nations of the world today are in the same situation that the city of Nineveh was in nearly 2,800 years ago—filled with sin, and on the brink of destruction. The warning is being delivered. If even one nation would repent, God would spare it as surely as He did Nineveh. But the world has, unhappily, become so immoral that the chances of even a single nation turning away from its present course of destruction are pitifully

low. Although they are being given the chance to repent, the nations of this world probably will not. The world's leaders will almost certainly reject the forgiveness that God is offering them. But what about you?

The Bible gives only one example like that of Nineveh, but is FILLED with examples of *individual* repentance. And if we look to God for deliverance, He can protect us just as surely as He protected Daniel from the jaws of the lions. He can bless us in our individual lives as He did Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and so many others. The warning that you are receiving today fills your life with hope!

The Kingdom *is* coming. Imagine how much different things will

be when God's laws are obeyed. Swords will be beaten into plowshares. There will be no more war or poverty. Children will be able to play in the streets without fear, and the desert will blossom as the rose. Everyone will live the way of give, so competition, wrong business practices and other evils will be things of the past. Religious instruction will flow out from Jerusalem, given by Jesus Christ Himself—religious bickering will be eliminated, and the Church will finally have perfect unity. All nations will obey the King of kings.

At that point, there will no longer be a need for a warning.

But in order for this time of peace and prosperity to come, the sin that is on this Earth now must be wiped away. Mankind must see what dreadful results our 6,000 years of self-rule have created. The evil that exists today must be removed for mankind to truly live the abundant life, for the godly way of life to cover the Earth.

The horrors of the Great Tribulation will lead into the millennial rule of Jesus Christ, the greatest time of peace and prosperity that has ever been. Until then, both the message of God's soon-coming Kingdom and the warning simply *must* go out, as they did in Jonah's day. This warning is FILLED WITH HOPE!





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