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United States President Donald Trump argues with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy in the Oval Office on February 28.

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Does Donald Trump Know the Way to Peace?

**The president wants to be known as a peacemaker.
But there is only one way to achieve real peace.**

PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP HAS ACCOMPLISHED SOME extraordinary, admirable things. He has showed steely courage in resisting very evil forces in America. In fact, God has used this man to give the country some relief from these destructive influences. I have praised President Trump over the years for these courageous actions.

At the same time, President Trump has made some serious mistakes, and I have pointed these out as well. This is part of my responsibility to warn.

Most of these mistakes revolve around one issue: PEACE. President Trump has done a lot of great things for America. But he has a serious blind spot when it comes to peace negotiation and international diplomacy.

This is a deadly weakness—one that, if he does not turn it around, will destroy the United States.

“My proudest legacy will be that of a peacemaker and unifier,” President Trump said in his inaugural speech. “That’s what I want to be.” His push for peace in the Middle East and Ukraine shows that these are not empty words.

To his credit, he has the courage and audacity to take on man’s greatest and most urgent problem: human survival. If we cannot bring peace to the world, we will destroy ourselves with the weapons of mass destruction we have.

Peace is a noble goal, but if it is pursued the wrong way, that effort ends up achieving the opposite!

Peace With Putin?

On July 31, 2015, candidate Trump said publicly, “I think I would just get along very well with Vladimir Putin.” He repeated this several times throughout his campaign.

At the time, I was deeply disturbed by those comments.

“THE CLOSER OUR PRESIDENT AND OUR NATION GETS TO PUTIN, THE FURTHER IT GETS FROM WHAT IS GOOD AND WHAT IS RIGHT—THE FURTHER IT GETS FROM GOD!” I warned in 2017. “That is deadly dangerous! Putin will stay true to his character and prey on President Trump and America as he has preyed on others. And we will deserve it for having cozied up with him.”

Since his reelection, Trump has made similar comments about Putin. After talking on the phone to the Russian president for 90 minutes, he said, “I think he wants peace. I think he would tell me if he didn’t. ... I trust him on this subject.”

Does Putin—a man who has repeatedly invaded former Soviet countries—really want peace?

Since that call, President Trump has repeated Russian lies about the Ukraine war, accusing Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of starting the war, and of being a dictator. I am not defending Zelenskyy. There is evidence he has been involved in Biden family corruption; if he is, he should be brought to justice. But comparing Putin and Zelenskyy, who is the dictator?

On February 28, it looked like Mr. Trump’s views may have been changing. He invited Zelenskyy to Washington to sign a mineral rights agreement. Under the deal, Ukraine would sign over billions of dollars’ worth of mineral rights to the United States. This would have given the U.S. a presence in eastern Ukraine against Russia, and much of the money made from those minerals would have been reinvested into Ukraine for reconstruction. The agreement was supposed to be a foundational prelude to a larger peace settlement with Russia.

Yet in an Oval Office meeting, Zelenskyy accused Trump of underestimating the Russian threat and leaving Ukraine vulnerable to further attack. Trump accused Zelenskyy of being disrespectful and ungrateful to Ukraine’s largest patron. Zelenskyy was escorted out and no deal was signed. Zelenskyy *was* disrespectful, but he was correct that Vladimir Putin only keeps his end of the bargain when pressured by superior force. It appears President Trump and many in his administration do not see this as clearly as they should.

The current ceasefire plan also does nothing to hold Russia accountable for its crimes. Instead, U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio held a conference with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov in Saudi Arabia on how to restart economic cooperation once the war concludes.

The Russo-Ukrainian War is showing the world the scale of evil Putin is willing to commit. Russia is inflicting terrible atrocities against Ukrainians. It is deliberately bombing civilian structures, including apartment buildings, hospitals and schools. It is laying mines in areas it retreats from, putting innocent lives at risk. It has forcibly taken nearly 20,000 Ukrainian children to Russia and is paying Russian families to adopt and “reeducate” them, a crime that international law labels as genocide. The European Union’s justice commissioner says that 65,000 suspected war crimes—violations of international

law—have been reported since Russia launched its invasion. Most of the world can recognize the wickedness of such acts.

This is all being directed by Vladimir Putin. This man has been working to rebuild the Soviet empire for years, including taking over territory from former Soviet states. But in Ukraine, he is encountering real resistance for the first time, and he is showing himself willing to keep escalating the brutality to achieve his goals.

One Russian journalist called Putin “a supersize model of the KGB.” Putin has supplied enormous support to the suicidal religious extremist regime ruling Iran, including its nuclear weapons program. In Chechnya, an Islamic separatist region of Russia, Putin lashed out in warfare that killed more than 80,000 of his own people! He has crushed Russia’s independent media and taken control of it, including allegedly ordering the murder of dozens of journalists. He is also widely considered responsible for the 2004 poisoning of Ukraine’s opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko.

Putin is an evil, ruthless, vindictive agent with Soviet-style methods of psychological warfare, assassination and war. He has disgusting and devastating policies that are sick to the core and even satanic!

I have been saying for years that Putin fills a critical role in Bible prophecy. Read about this in my free booklet *The*

Prophesied ‘Prince of Russia.’ Prophecy shows that when men like Putin rise, the world is entering a dangerous time!

We all must recognize this reality. Yet most people don’t believe God and fail to see clearly the evil that human beings are capable of.

Trump believes he can negotiate with Putin, giving him sections of Ukraine and expecting this to pacify him. THAT REVEALS A TOTAL LACK OF COMPREHENSION OF THE MAN HE IS DEALING WITH.

President Trump called Putin a man he “got along really well with.” Is that true? Is that wise? Should *anyone* get along with an evil man like the prince of Russia?

CAN GOD GET ALONG WITH THE DEVIL?

Peace in the Middle East?

Another misguided attempt at peace in Mr. Trump’s first term was the so-called Abraham Accords.

In late 2020, the Jewish state of Israel forged peace agreements with three Arab states—the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Sudan. At the time I wrote, “We all want peace. But sadly, these recent peace pacts have a deadly flaw.”

In striking the deal with the U.A.E., Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu referenced Psalm 29:11: “... the Lord will bless his people with peace.” I wrote, “The question is, are these world leaders seeking peace God’s way? Mr. Trump and Mr. Netanyahu are talking about Abraham, but they are not talking about what Abraham did and how he lived!” (*Trumpet*, January 2021).

Abraham was so faithful and obedient, he was willing to sacrifice his and his wife’s only son, Isaac, because God commanded



Does Trump Want an Iran Nuke Deal?

A woman in Tehran walks past a banner depicting Iranian missiles.

Echoes of the Obama administration **BY MIHAİLOS.ZEKIC**

DONALD TRUMP CALLED IT “ONE of the worst and most one-sided transactions the United States has ever entered into.” Benjamin Netanyahu said it was “a bad deal that will ... inevitably lead to war.” Gerald Flurry called it “the worst foreign-policy blunder in American history.”

These all referred to President Barack Obama’s nuclear deal with Iran, the 2016 Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action. The deal unfroze billions of dollars in sanctions in exchange for Iran curbing

and it could pursue weapons again after waiting only nine years for the deal to expire. The deal also did nothing to prevent Iran’s unfrozen billions from going to its terrorist proxies, such as Hamas and Hezbollah.

Americans never asked for such an inexplicable, treacherous deal with an enemy that has vowed to destroy it and its ally Israel, but President Obama ramrodded it through. President Trump reversed the insanity and withdrew the United States from the agreement in 2017.

its nuclear program. Iran *did* scale back its progress in nuclear enrichment. But it also maintained nuclear sites that it blocked inspectors from entering and continued work on its ballistic missile program—

Yet in the early days of his second term, Trump announced on Truth Social his plan to make a deal with Iran: “I want Iran to be a great and successful country, but one that cannot have a nuclear weapon. Reports that the United States, working in conjunction with Israel, is going to ‘blow Iran into smithereens,’ ARE GREATLY EXAGGERATED. I would much prefer a verified nuclear peace agreement, which will let Iran peacefully grow and prosper. We should start working on it immediately, and have a big Middle East celebration when it is signed and completed. God bless the Middle East!” (February 5).

The president reiterated his desire for an agreement with Iran in a Fox News interview that aired February 9. “You can’t allow them to have a nuclear weapon,” he said. “But there are two ways of stopping them: with bombs or with a written piece of paper, and I’d much rather do a deal ... that’s not going to hurt them. And I think they want it, too.”

How far will the Trump administration go in pursuing a “verified nuclear

it. Abraham placed his entire trust and confidence in God. For this he is described as the father of the faithful (Romans 4:19-22). To have true peace, we need the faith of Abraham.

In your own life, if you emulate Abraham's example and follow his faith, you can have peace and hope that is a million times greater than any deals being worked on in the Middle East.

Having peaceful relations with other nations is a good goal to pursue, but not at the expense of trusting in God for protection.

Sadly, Mr. Trump has continued to bring a flawed approach to peacemaking in the Middle East. Even before taking office, he pushed Israel into signing a deal with Hamas, releasing hundreds of terrorists and murderers in exchange for hostages. This deal gives an *illusion* of peace while undermining real peace!

The way the president pressured Netanyahu into accepting a ceasefire deal with Hamas was shameful ("**President Trump Betrayed Israel**," *theTrumpet.com/30891*). He is determined to prove he can end the war. But there are times when threats arise that must be FOUGHT AGAINST. To negotiate your way to a solution is to make a deal with the devil!

The way he dealt with Hamas was, just like with Putin, *dealing with the devil*. This type of "peace" is not of God's doing. It is a monumental mistake!

It seems President Trump is realizing what a mistake that was. He has since given Netanyahu the freedom to abandon the ceasefire and resume its war on Hamas. On March 5 he posted, "I am sending Israel everything it needs to finish the job; not a single Hamas member will be safe if you don't do as I say." We will see what happens. If Israel wants to survive, IT MUST WIN THAT WAR!

At the same time, President Trump also says he wants to do A DEAL WITH IRAN over its nuclear program. If he does, that will be yet another deal with the devil! Any deal will expand Iran's ability to spread its evil terror across the Middle East. It threatens to unleash more "October 7" massacres (sidebar, below).

Empowering Germany

Amid these peace efforts, President Trump says he wants to scale back America's presence in Europe. He is pushing NATO nations, especially Germany, to take more responsibility for defending Europe and the world.

He is being more aggressive about it now, but this was his message for Europe throughout his first term as well: *You must step up militarily*. He complained that America was paying too much for NATO and that Europe wasn't pulling its weight. Combine that NATO spending with the defense spending of EU nations, and Trump was advocating nothing short of a military transformation in Europe!

Now he is going even further, insisting that NATO countries spend 5 percent of their gross domestic product on defense. If EU nations do this, they would be spending around \$1.1 trillion on their military—far more than the U.S. does!

At the same time, President Trump has broached making a deal with Russia and China in which all three nations cut defense spending in half. If both of these plans are enacted, Europe would become the world's dominant military superpower!

Russia and China are *not* going to cut military spending. But Europe is already responding to Trump's decisions with *urgent*

peace agreement"? Opting to end Iran's nuclear program with a "piece of paper" ignores the reality of Iran's fixed goals.

Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, does not care if his people starve under foreign sanctions. For him and his regime, arming the world's most powerful Islamist state with the world's most powerful weapon is more than an ambition; it's a religious obligation. The regime's worldview is predicated on perpetual war with America and the West, as stated starkly by the regime's founding father, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini: "We do not worship Iran, we worship Allah. For patriotism is another name for paganism. I say let this land [Iran] burn. I say let this land go up in smoke, provided Islam emerges triumphant in the rest of the world."

The only motivation the Iranians have to sign a paper limiting their nuclear program is if it enables them to continue their perpetual war more successfully than an open dash toward reaching their nuclear ambitions. That is why Khamenei signed the Obama deal.

President Trump pulled America out of the 2016 deal because he could see its flaws. But it appears he does not realize how committed Iran is to its course and how it would take advantage of *any* agreement signed with the West.

The *Trumpet* analyzes events in Iran through the lens of a prophecy in Daniel 11. It reveals that a "king of the south" (radical Islam, led by Iran) and a "king of the north" (Catholic Europe, led by Germany) will clash in a war that will explode into World War III.

Iran is "the *king* of the south"; it is the Middle East's unrivaled hegemon. Verses 41-43 reveal that this king of the south will command a much larger empire in the Middle East than it currently controls. Today, Iran leads radical Islam, sponsoring terrorism through Hezbollah, the Houthis, Iraq's Shiite militias and its own military and paramilitary forces. Yet some of its main proxies, such as Hezbollah in Lebanon and Bashar Assad in Syria, have largely slipped away. Iran is not yet as powerful as Daniel 11 describes.

The first Trump administration

marginalized Iran on the world scene. But now it appears Trump wants to *boost* Iran's power—if he could get a deal, like Obama before him, that superficially makes Iran look like a "normal" country.

When the Trump administration pressured Israel to accept a ceasefire deal with Hamas in January, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote: "[W]e cannot ignore reality. We must recognize this deal for what it is: a disturbing sign of America's lost power in the Middle East, a red flag about the president's approach to international affairs, a warning about the reliability of America's alliance with Israel, and a terrible harbinger of far worse curses to come on both nations!" (*Trumpet*, March 2025).

The same can be said of pursuing another nuclear agreement with Iran. Time will tell what course President Trump takes. But one thing is certain: the Bible prophesies that Iran's rise will be catastrophic for world peace. Any help the Trump administration gives Iran is at America's and the world's peril. ■

calls for military build-up! (“Up in Arms,” page 12). And the U.S. is fine with that.

Speaking at the Munich Security Conference on February 14, Vice President JD Vance said, “[T]he threat that I worry the most about vis-à-vis Europe is not Russia, it’s not China, it’s not any other external actor. What I worry about is the threat from within. The retreat of Europe from some of its most fundamental values: values shared with the United States of America.”



JD Vance told Europe’s leaders, “I fundamentally believe that we are on the same team.” The truth is, the Europeans are fundamentally not on the same team as America. Europeans are actively working against American interests.

Vance is right to worry. He was right about much of his criticism of Europe. But then Vance told Europe’s leaders, “I fundamentally believe that we are on the same team.”

Is it true that Europe and America are on the same team?

Europe’s representatives hated Vance’s speech. But they *loved* the speech by Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, full of platitudes about the EU and China being “partners, not rivals.” Deutsche Welle noted that Wang “used a more accommodating and reconciliatory tone to address Europeans.” So Europeans are willing to look past the fact that China has 2 million of its own citizens in concentration camps, spies intensively on its own citizens, and forbids free speech. China doesn’t criticize the EU, so Europeans will overlook the problems and build their relations.

The truth is, the Europeans are fundamentally NOT on the same team as America! Europeans are siding with China and actively working against American interests. Does it make sense for the Trump administration to be encouraging a massive European arms buildup?

Prophecy shows that America’s efforts will backfire spectacularly. The superpower prophesied to destroy and dethrone America and supplant it as the world’s dominate superpower is a German-led European alliance!

A World of Beasts

We are entering dangerous times. The Prophet Daniel prophesied about these “times of the Gentiles.” God inspired Daniel to write a book of prophecy that is intended to be understood only in this end time (Daniel 12:4, 8-9). This is critical to understand. He revealed to Daniel which Gentile powers would rise to dominate the known world—all the way from his time until Jesus Christ’s Second Coming. And He revealed amazing details about the leaders of these empires.

Daniel made intriguing, astonishing statements about these mighty leaders. Think deeply about these statements! God tells us that these mighty military-political leaders have the minds of wild beasts!

Daniel said, “Thou, O king, sawest, and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible” (Daniel 2:31). Daniel 7:7 describes the same power as being “dreadful and terrible.” Yes, these great world-ruling empires are terrifying! They think,

speak and act like hungry beasts of prey to weaken nations. They enslave, kill and shock the world with their grotesque deeds!

THE LEADERS OF THESE GREAT POWERS NO LONGER HAD THE MINDS OF HUMAN BEINGS. THEY HAD THE HEARTS OF WILD, RAVING BEASTS! That is why these empires are called beasts: They were ruled by men who took on the mind of a beast!

There is a crucial spiritual dimension to their transformation. These men who became so brutal had given themselves over to an evil spirit. Such beastly thinking is inspired by Satan the devil!

A Worldwide Church of God publication, *The Holy Roman Empire*, said the beast power was like a wild animal. That is an attempt to water down the truth! A rabbit is a “wild animal”! *This* is a terrible BEAST!

These dreadful beasts conquer and enslave entire nations. That is what these beasts do. But modern America likes to think of them as harmless wild animals. Our Israelite nations think like that because of their broken wills. They fear to face the extremely unpleasant truth. It is only a matter of time until they wake up to the harsh reality. These beasts only go away when they themselves are conquered.

President Trump does not see these powers for the beasts they are. This is a deadly weakness. The beast power rising up in Europe right now will destroy the United States!

How Do We Survive?

Donald Trump is authoring some dangerous foreign-policy failures. But one effort that could be a notable success is his push to regain control of the Panama Canal. This vital strategic asset would help secure the United States.

Giving America the Panama Canal is one of the best blessings God bestowed on America. The canal has served the world for over a century. It was a great gift from God through an outstanding leader, Theodore Roosevelt, BECAUSE HE FEARED GOD. God rewarded us because of that fear in one man!

“This is at the heart of everything,” I wrote in our March *Trumpet* issue. “If America wants to gain the Panama Canal back, we must *fear God*. We must *show* God we fear Him—not just *say* we do or *ACT* like we do, but truly *show* that fear by obeying Him and enlisting His help!” (“[How America Won and Lost the Panama Canal](https://www.thetrumpet.com/30895),” *theTrumpet.com/30895*).

This is the lesson Donald Trump needs to learn. America has departed from God today, both Republican and Democrat. God says if we want to be great, we will be great only by fearing and obeying Him.

That article shows how America’s construction of that canal is the fulfillment of a prophecy God gave to Abraham. We should look into the Bible and be led by Abraham’s example of faith. He looked to God for deliverance like few other men ever have. God would give our nations the victory today—He would give us peace and security—if we just followed Abraham’s example.

God hasn’t changed since the days of Abraham. He will reward Abraham-level faith in a nation or an individual. The only way to permanent peace, collectively and individually, is to follow the faith of Abraham and trust God.

President Trump is bracing for economic conflict. But there are dangers he doesn't recognize.

BY RICHARD PALMER

EVEN BEFORE TAKING office, United States President Donald Trump was preparing for war—trade war.

“Tariff,” he said, “is the most beautiful word in the dictionary.”

“We’re going to be a tariff nation,” he told Americans during his campaign. “It’s not going to be a cost to you. It’s going to be a cost to another country.” The rest of the world had been taking advantage of America for years, and he promised to get the money back.

President Trump is thinking strategically. He knows his tariffs could prompt trade-related retaliations from other countries.

Thus, he also focused on the Panama Canal, one of the world’s most important choke points and the fact that China de facto controls it. “We have been treated very badly from this foolish gift that should have never been made,” he said. “And Panama’s promise to us has been broken.” “We didn’t give it to China, we gave it to Panama, and we’re taking it back,” he said.

He also zeroed in on the importance of Greenland “for the protection of the free world.” When asked about both locations, he said, “We need them for economic security.”

The Panama Canal is vital to U.S. trade with the world, and even trade within itself, for ships sailing between the East and West coasts. Greenland dominates North Atlantic trade, a role that made it an important asset in World War II and the Cold War. In making Panama, Greenland and the Gulf of America into major issues immediately upon taking office, President Trump is clearly thinking of worst-case scenarios. If other countries impose tariffs, restrict



shipping routes, or apply even more aggressive pressure, he knows he must keep vital supplies flowing to the U.S.

But Donald Trump is not the only one thinking strategically.

Made in China

China has been gobbling up ports and other strategic bases for decades. Generally it has not been the Chinese military acquiring or conquering these assets, but rather huge Chinese businesses buying them up.

The trouble is, there’s no such thing as “private business” in Communist China. Even massively wealthy businessmen have been “disappeared” if they refuse to cooperate with the Chinese Communist Party. CCP members sit on the boards of directors of the state’s major businesses. Big business can be quickly transformed into major military assets. Industrialized ports can become militarized industrial ports. Civilian ships are built with military use in mind. Even

standard businesses all serve China’s strategic interests. By trading goods around the world and establishing itself as a key part of the global supply chain, China has amassed a lot of power—which it uses to threaten other nations.

A Chinese firm operates ports at both ends of the Panama Canal. China has financed the construction of many more ports across the region. Just this year, China announced it has finished a new \$3.6 billion mega port in Peru that will sharply increase the amount of trade between China and Latin America. For the first time, massive modern container ships can dock directly on South America’s Pacific coast. This enables China Ocean Shipping Co. (COSCO), a firm owned directly by the Chinese regime, to open a new shipping line and cut transit times from 40 days to 23. This opens up closer relationships economically, politically and, potentially, militarily.

China is rapidly expanding the quantity and quality of its strategic economic and military bases around the world. It has reclaimed 3,200 acres of land on the Spratly Islands in the South China Sea, built an airfield and missile launch sites on Fiery Cross Reef, and stationed 10,000 troops on the islands. It has taken control of the Port of Hambantota in Sri Lanka, opened a base in Djibouti, and built, financed or operated 100 ports across Africa. It has poured billions into Gwadar, Pakistan, including the recent construction of an airport that can serve 400,000 passengers per year. This is an unusually large facility for a port city of only 90,000 people. Gwadar is clearly becoming a major military base. Meanwhile, China is building ships at break-neck speed. It is building economic and military power as fast as it can.

Donald Trump sees clearly what China is doing. But there is another power expanding its economic and military strength that he does not see.

Return of the Empire

The European Union is gearing up for a trade war too. Some of its preparations are quite publicly visible, such as preparing retaliatory tariffs on American goods. But it is also shoring up its influence in Latin America.

The European Union and the Latin American trade bloc MERCOSUR signed a free-trade deal on Dec. 6, 2024, after 25 years of negotiations. This process took so long that many gave up on it ever getting over the finish line. But *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote in 2019, “This trade agreement will impact the whole world! It is going to affect your life dramatically” (theTrumpet.com/18522).

The deal creates a free-trade area of nearly 800 million people and gives the German industrial machine much-needed access to cheap raw materials. It will bring Latin America and Europe much closer politically. And it will give Europe yet another reason to unite behind a strong leader and come together as a superstate.

Beyond that, it imposes a lot of EU regulation on Latin America. It will lead to MERCOSUR drawing politically closer to the EU as they copy many of its laws. This will mean a lot of U.S. products getting shut out. Goods made for an American market often don’t conform to EU regulations. American businesses are free to set up smaller, more expensive production lines that conform to EU rules, but it will add to the cost.

MERCOSUR consists of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay—with Venezuela suspended from the group—and several other associate countries. The EU does more trade with this bloc (about \$115 billion annually) than the U.S. does, but it remains second to China.

The bloc is a key source of lithium and copper, both of which Germany needs as it shifts to battery-powered cars and high-tech industries. Germany specializes in producing cars, industrial machinery and chemicals, all of which are subject to high tariffs in Latin America. Some parts of MERCOSUR have tariffs of 35 percent on cars or 20 percent on machines. Under the trade deal, those tariffs would be phased out over the next couple of decades. So not only will German industries have steady flows of inexpensive materials to work

with, but their finished goods will also become much cheaper to millions more consumers and businesses.

MERCOSUR and EU negotiators did finally reach an agreement, but there is still an imposing roadblock: Before it goes into effect, the trade deal must be ratified by EU member states. Ratification is not a foregone conclusion as it will put some major pressure on the EU.

If you know what to look for, you can see the world’s most powerful blocs preparing for a major economic clash—and worse.

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Another Dangerous Cuba Deal

On January 9, President Joe Biden was scheduled to take his final international trip before Donald Trump’s inauguration—traveling to Italy to meet with Pope Francis. Wildfires in California changed his plans, but he still called the pope on January 11 to award him the Presidential Medal of Freedom “with distinction.” The pope is the only person Biden ever honored in this way, and one of only five since 1990.

“Above all, he is the people’s pope—a light of faith, hope and love that shines brightly across the world,” Biden’s statement said.

Meanwhile, the Vatican was brokering a significant move, pushing it through with the blessing of Joe Biden just before he left office.

We have been here before. In 2014, following a personal appeal from the pope, Barack Obama announced that the U.S. would restore diplomatic ties with Cuba after 53 years. The Vatican had worked behind the scenes for months, hosting secret meetings and using cardinals as go-betweens. In his booklet *Great Again*, Mr. Flurry writes: “For America, this was a disgraceful surrender.”

The Catholic Church tried it again just before Biden left office. Biden announced that the U.S. would no longer consider Cuba as a state sponsor of terrorism, and he revoked a national security memorandum President Trump put in place in 2017 that restricts

financial transactions with organizations linked to the Cuban government.

When he returned to the presidency, Mr. Trump quickly reversed both actions. But the deal still brought the Catholic Church and Cuba closer together, and created U.S. vulnerabilities.

Have the pope and the Vatican really supported freedom and been a friend to America?

One of the pope’s most consistent messages is that climate change is deadly—and that it is America’s fault. Rather than acknowledging capitalism as mankind’s most successful economic system for lifting people out of poverty, the pope has called capitalism “a new tyranny.” He has called for the U.S.-led global financial system to be replaced with a socialist system. To help do this, he has said that “there is urgent need of a true world political authority.”

If American capitalism is a “new tyranny,” that would suggest the pope is justified in fighting it. And if you look at his statements and actions from the very beginning of his reign, you can see that is exactly what he has been doing.

Meanwhile, Francis has been far less critical of Cuba’s Communist government. He said, “I am a Communist, and so too is Jesus.”

This message from the Vatican did not begin with the current and quickly fading pope. Cardinal Agostino Casaroli, who died in 1998, pushed for rapprochement of Communist regimes, while the Vatican’s secretary of state once said, “Catholics who live in Cuba are happy under the socialist regime.”

There is more to this message than merely a push for freedom of worship for Cuba’s Catholics. As the largest island in the Caribbean, Cuba is one of the world’s most strategic pieces of real estate. As Mr. Flurry writes, “For the Catholic Spanish Empire, Cuba was the single strategic port that served two entire continents” (*ibid*).

Fight for Sea Gates

Donald Trump, China, the EU and the Vatican are all making moves to control strategic choke points. These choke points go far beyond tariffs, increased prices and scarce goods. They can block the flow of materials and goods—and cut countries off from world trade.

The Bible warns that we are heading for a major escalation of trade war.

“The Bible prophesies of a deadly economic *siege* that is going to strike America,” writes Mr. Flurry. “It will cause one third of the terrifying damage that will be suffered in the Great Tribulation. THAT SIEGE IS ABOUT SOMEBODY CONTROLLING ‘TRADE ROUTES’—SO IT IS NOT DIFFICULT TO SEE HOW CUBA COULD PLAY A STRATEGIC ROLE IN THAT.

“The German-led European Union is the seventh and final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire—that same Holy Roman Empire which, centuries ago, used Cuba so powerfully to fuel its wars. If the present resurrection were to move into Cuba again, it would be well positioned to carry out these kinds of attacks. The advantage is that it can do so within a cloak of secrecy, since Cuba is essentially a police state with tight controls on information. Think of the control that it could have. Think of how valuable Cuba has been to America’s enemies in the past! You need to watch what is happening in Cuba” (ibid).

Europe in particular will have to make major changes to become the kind of dominant power the Bible prophesies it will be. Those changes *will happen*—and happen quickly.

“Before Europe can be closely tied to Latin America, something will have to change,” wrote Mr. Flurry. “The current politically and religiously disunified EU will have to become a politically, militarily and religiously unified Holy Roman Empire. Latin America is already quite united in its religion; the Holy Roman Empire will have to become united in *its* religion as well. And the only way to remove the division is by reducing that union to 10 nations” (*Trumpet*, March 2019).

Europe’s ongoing political paralysis and international divisions present major obstacles to ratifying the MERCOSUR deal and cementing this alliance. “If this massive trade deal is finalized this year, then I believe we will see the current 28-nation European Union pared down to the prophesied 10-nation superpower this year as well,” Mr. Flurry wrote (ibid). They failed to finalize the deal in 2019—but it is finalized now and awaiting ratification. The MERCOSUR trade deal is one more motivation for

Europeans to seek a strongman and for European elites to dispense with national sovereignties and the restrictions of democracy to create a stronger central government over the core of Europe. Could we see the 10-nation superpower emerge this coming year?

Besieged!

In Genesis 22:16-18, God told Abraham that He would multiply his descendants “as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore.” These descendants, He said, would “possess the gate of his enemies.” Rebekah, Abraham’s daughter-in-law, was told, “[B]e thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them” (Genesis 24:60). What, in the context of “thousands of millions,” could the Bible be talking about? What gates affect millions of people? What is the closest thing international relations has to a “gate”?

This has to be about sea gates.

The Bible says that *one people* would dominate the world’s passageways, especially its maritime choke points. And this is exactly what we saw happen with Britain and America.

But the Bible also prophesies that Britain and America will *lose* these gates. In Deuteronomy 28:52, God tells the recipients of these blessings that if they fall away, they will be besieged “in all thy gates.” The gates they once owned will be slammed shut on them.

Isaiah 23 describes a maritime alliance between *Chittim* (China) and *Tyre* (European merchants). “Considering that China now possesses most of the world’s strategic sea gates (at one time held by Britain and America), the German-led Holy Roman Empire will need to form a brief alliance with the Asian powers identified in Isaiah 23 (Russia, China, Japan—the ‘kings of the east’),” Mr. Flurry wrote in the *Trumpet*’s July 2016 issue (theTrumpet.com/13880).

Deuteronomy also pinpoints one of America’s and Britain’s core problems: “And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land: and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which the Lord thy God hath given thee” (verse 52).

“We trust in our walls today,” wrote Mr. Flurry. “We trust in our own power. We don’t look to the God who gave us that power. And God is taking that *personally*! God gave America and Britain those sea gates. He made Britain the greatest empire this world has ever seen, and America the greatest nation on Earth. We ought to acknowledge where our prosperity has come from. We ought to ask for forgiveness for using these blessings in a sinful way” (*Trumpet*, March 2019).

This is the only sure solution. President Trump’s focus on sea gates reflects a stronger will and clearer view of the danger in the world. But that is not enough to save America. The nations are preparing for trade war on a level Americans cannot conceive of. If Americans repent now, God can once again bless the nation with protection. If not, God will use the suffering that results to get through to America and all mankind.

God is bringing an end to the epoch when nations scheme, plot and ultimately war against each other. The war that nations are preparing for right now will lead to the end of man’s rule over man and to the establishment of the permanent, peaceful rule of Jesus Christ. ■

America the besieged

There is an enemy rising that not even President Trump is prepared for. But it is ushering in a great hope. Learn about this coming danger in Herbert W. Armstrong’s free book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.



Germany Is Looking for a New Charlemagne

A horrifying empire is rising with the same evil spirit behind it.

BY GERALD FLURRY



“THE PRO-NAZI LINE IS GAINING a strong foothold in Germany and Europe. It is accelerating at a mind-dizzying pace. Most of the world ignores it, but that won’t make it go away. On the contrary, this negligent attitude encourages it tremendously.”

I wrote those words in 1998 after a far-right party received 13 percent of the vote in a German state and the mainstream parties adopted their talking points (“**Nazi Spirit Soars in Europe**,” *theTrumpet.com/86*).

Look where we are today! In the last German federal elections, on February 23, another far-right party, the Alternative für Deutschland (AfD), came in second place *nationwide* with an astonishing 20 percent of the vote. This party has some troubling associations with Nazism! Leaders in this party have encouraged people “to be proud of the achievements of the German soldiers in two world wars” and have called German Holocaust remembrance a “stupid coping policy.”

The AfD is pushing for independence from the United States. This is a very popular, mainstream position among Germans that will have frightening consequences. The AfD also wants Germany to have closer relations with Russia. This is reminiscent of the years leading up to World War II.

U.S. presidential adviser Elon Musk has been encouraging the AfD to keep growing. At one of their party rallies, he told them to be proud, not ashamed, of German history. He doesn’t understand history. He *certainly* doesn’t understand Bible prophecy, or he would never make such a statement.

The AfD came in a strong second place to the conservative Christian Democratic Union (CDU), which secured 28 percent of the vote. It was clear that voters wanted drastic change from the previous left-wing government—a coalition of Social Democrats, Greens and Free Democrats. All three parties were big losers in this election. The Social Democrats achieved its worst result ever, and the Free Democrats didn’t even gain enough votes to make it into parliament.

Germany has been plagued by weak leadership for many years now. But Germany and Europe really need *strong leadership*—especially given what Russia is doing, as well as China, North Korea and other nations, and the many economic and other problems they are facing. This leadership crisis has been heightened by the pressure the Trump administration has been exerting.

The U.S. Confronts Europe

Germany’s coalition collapsed on Nov. 6, 2024, almost immediately after Donald

Trump was declared the winner of the presidential election. Germany’s leadership crisis is directly linked to Mr. Trump’s comeback.

Since then, in the lead-up to the election in Germany, this fact has become more pronounced. America is threatening to withdraw its troops from the Continent and demanding drastically increased military spending from Europe.

The weekend before its elections, Germany hosted the Munich Security Conference. At the conference, U.S. Vice President JD Vance told European leaders truths they didn’t want to hear. “[T]he threat that I worry the most about vis-à-vis Europe is not Russia, it’s not China, it’s not any other external actor,” he said. “What I worry about is the threat from within. The retreat of Europe from some of its most fundamental values: values shared with the United States of America.”

European leaders reacted emotionally—offended, frustrated and angry. “If I understood him correctly, he compares conditions in parts of Europe to those under authoritarian regimes,” said German Defense Minister Boris Pistorius. “That is not acceptable.” President Donald Trump “wants to destroy Europe,” an anonymous senior EU diplomat said. “The trans-Atlantic alliance is over.”

On the same trip, Mr. Vance and U.S. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth spent

much of their trip prodding European countries to more than double their military spending.

Americans don't realize what empire they are empowering!

In a televised roundtable on election night, CDU chancellor-candidate Friedrich Merz criticized U.S. "intervention" in the German election campaign: "The interventions from Washington were no less dramatic and drastic and ultimately outrageous than the interventions we have seen from Moscow. We are under such massive pressure from two sides that my top priority is to create unity in Europe.

"My absolute priority will be to strengthen Europe as quickly as possible so that, step by step, we can really achieve independence from the U.S.A. I would never have believed that I would have to say something like that on television. But at the very least, after Donald Trump's statements last week, it is clear that the Americans—at least this part of the Americans in this administration—are largely indifferent to the fate of Europe.

"I am very curious to see how we are heading towards the NATO summit at the end of June, whether we will still be talking about NATO in its current form or whether we will have to establish an independent European defense capability much more quickly. That is my absolute priority, and I have no illusions at all about what will come out of America."

Mr. Merz not only wants a militarily strong Europe—he also announced that he wants *nuclear* independence from the U.S. and a share in Britain's and France's nuclear bombs.

These demands are bold and audacious. But French President Emmanuel Macron has, in principle, already agreed to nuclear sharing.

Years ago, the late British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said, "Germany's national character is to DOMINATE" (emphasis mine throughout). Once Germany has strong leadership, it will inevitably dominate. This has been its history! Our booklet *Germany and the Holy Roman Empire* proves this and takes you back long before the first coming of Christ. Germany's name at that time was *Assyria*, and it appears in many *end-time* prophecies referring to modern-day Germany.

The truth is, it is not just the AfD that is causing the Nazi spirit to soar. Almost everywhere in Germany, we are seeing a dramatic revival of the old empire! We see this in its desire for a strong independent military. We see it in the anti-America rhetoric from the mainstream and the far right. We see it in the increased attacks on Jews, minorities and politicians. And we see it in the longing for a strong authoritarian leader.

IT IS URGENT THAT WE UNDERSTAND WHAT IS HAPPENING IN EUROPE—ESPECIALLY GERMANY!

While Germany lay in ruins and ashes after World War II, Herbert W. Armstrong had the crystal-clear, prophetic vision to see that Germany would rise again, when nobody else thought it would. In fact, the victors asserted they would ensure the Germans didn't rise again militarily, but they failed to do that.

Mr. Armstrong knew that another great power would come on the scene—the greatest resurrection ever of the Holy Roman Empire, prophesied in Revelation 17. As everybody was saying Germany would never rise again, Mr. Armstrong was proclaiming around the world that it *would* rise again, stronger than ever!

Bible prophecy says the Holy Roman Empire is going to emerge out of the current European Union, but it will be pared down to 10 kings (Daniel 2; Revelation 17). The Bible's prophecies are always fulfilled!

History rings clarion alarm bells about the Holy Roman Empire. Its past is full of intolerance, conspiracy, betrayal, bloodshed, executions and other nightmares. But what happened historically is only a foretaste of the carnage this final resurrection is prophesied to inflict! And it will not be friends of America, Britain or the Jewish state.

Another holocaust is coming! The Jewish people, Americans, Britons and the whole world need to be warned!

On the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, Elisha Wiesel, the son of Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel, wrote an article in *USA Today*. In the midst of rising anti-Semitism, when the butchers of Hamas are considered partners

in negotiation, he asked a penetrating question: "Will we continue giving moral credibility to voices who say that the tiny nation of Israel is the villain for refusing to die?"

He quoted what his father told Ronald Reagan on national tv: "The issue here is not politics, but good and evil. And we must never confuse them, for I have seen the SS at work, and I have seen their victims." That is history we ought never to forget. The Bible warns that it is about to be repeated—and much worse. We must have God's protection to ensure that it does not happen to us!

For decades, we have been warning about the rise of Germany and the Holy Roman Empire. Soon, they are going to catapult the world **SUDDENLY** into another world war! That is a very negative prophecy, but there is great hope directly linked to it.

Longing for Charlemagne

There is one big problem with all of Friedrich Merz's goals: He will have to achieve them in a weak coalition, probably with the Social Democrats—the very party he opposed in the election campaign and that suffered a historic loss.

This is why democratically elected leaders have repeatedly failed to meet



new challenges. This is why Germans long for radically *different* leadership. They are **DESPERATE** for a strong leader—a modern Charlemagne.

In fact, **ALL OF EUROPE** is longing for a Charlemagne!

Every year the international Charlemagne Prize is awarded to an individual who has worked to unite Europe. **THE TROUBLE IS, AMONG ALL THOSE LEADERS OF EUROPE TODAY, NONE HAS THE PRES-TIGE OF CHARLEMAGNE!**

The Bible, however, reveals that Europe will get a new Charlemagne who is going to HIJACK what will become the Holy Roman Empire. The German people will come to realize that there is a great danger in that. An evil spirit will get control of Europe's next emperor.

History shows us what that means.

"In the year 782, Charlemagne, the king of the Franks, became THE MILITARY CHAMPION OF THE PAPACY, stepping into the vacuum created by the separation of Constantinople and Rome, and defending the papacy from the Lombards who kept threatening it," David N. Samuel wrote. "Pope Leo III crowned Charlemagne emperor in Notre Dame Cathedral in 800. The future of Europe was bound up in that event, and THE ALLIANCE BETWEEN THE PAPACY AND GERMANY HAS BEEN OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE EVER SINCE" (*European Union and the Roman Catholic Influence in Britain*).

Throughout the centuries that followed, Germany was Europe's greatest perpetrator in instigating bloodshed.

The *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* noted: "This ruler, who is still present in many places in Frankfurt today ... is by no means undisputed. Charlemagne, who was crowned emperor in Rome in 800, has gone down in history as a power-obsessed and cruel, indeed as a butcher of the Saxons, whom he subjugated and converted to Christianity" (Jan. 22, 2021).

On May 8, 1997, former German President Roman Herzog received the Charlemagne Prize for his efforts to unite Europe. In his acceptance speech, Dr. Herzog said, "For 1,000 years, the destiny of our continent has revolved around the choice between a cohesive or a fragmented Europe. Charlemagne, after whom our prize is named, made his own particular choice: the first

unification of Europe. At such an hour, the truth must be told: Only by wading through a sea of blood, sweat and tears did he reach his goal."

THERE WAS A LOT OF TRUTH IN THAT STATEMENT ABOUT HOW CHARLEMAGNE TOOK OVER EUROPE. HE DID IT VIOLENTLY AND KILLED MANY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE!

Charlemagne was one of Adolf Hitler's heroes. He too argued that Charlemagne's violence was necessary to unite the German people. Professor and renowned German medieval researcher Johannes Fried told *Die Welt* in 2014 that Hitler praised Charlemagne in "preparation for his own violent actions, praising Charlemagne was a legitimization strategy."

Charlemagne was the man the Third Reich really looked to. He is also the man that Europe looks to today.

German leaders are seeking a new Charlemagne. They want a strong leader



GERMANY IS UNDERGOING A PROFOUND TRANSFORMATION. Terrorists are butchering German children, citizens are attacking politicians, and economic crises are driving people to desperation. Anti-Semitism has surged in the past two years, fueled by right-wing extremists and violent Islamists.

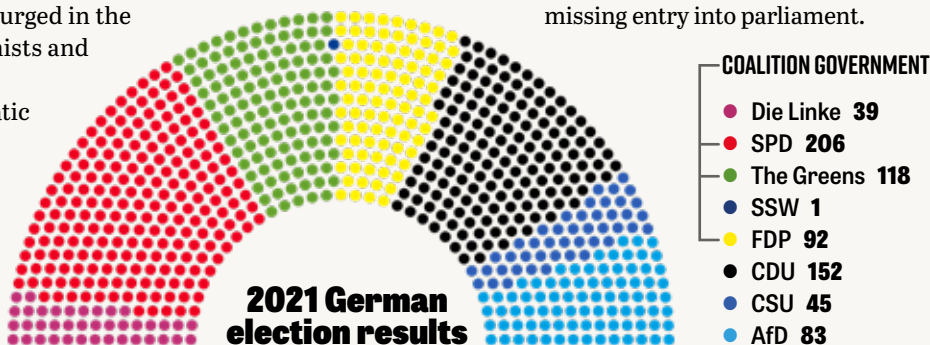
German voters responded to these dramatic changes in the February 23 elections.

In 2021, the whole north of Germany was won almost exclusively by the liberal Social Democrats (SPD). In 2025, almost every district was won by either the conservative Christian Democratic Union (CDU) or the far-right Alternative für Deutschland

(AfD). While the AfD previously won only a small section of Eastern Germany, this time it won almost all of it. It is now the largest party in all five former East German states. Meanwhile, for the first time, the far-left party, Die Linke, won districts in the former West and became the biggest winner in Berlin (20 percent).

The winners: The conservative parties (CDU/CSU), led by Friedrich Merz, improved their vote share by 4.4 percentage points, securing 28.5 percent of the vote. The AfD came in second, doubling its vote share to 20.8 percent. Die Linke also nearly doubled to 8.8 percent. Sahra Wagenknecht Alliance (BSW), a new populist party, attained 4.97 percent. However, missing the 5 percent threshold, it did not secure any seats. Die Linke is the successor to the East German Communist Party, and BSW recently split off from Die Linke; combined, that is nearly 14 percent to the extreme left.

The losers: The previous coalition partners combined—the SPD, Greens and Free Democratic Party (FDP)—lost close to 20 percentage points. The SPD was the biggest loser, with a 9.3 percentage point drop to 16.4 percent—a historic defeat. The Greens dropped to 11.6 percent. The FDP suffered a fatal setback, dropping to 4.3 percent and thus also missing entry into parliament.



over Europe. THE FACT THAT EUROPE'S ELITE TODAY AND HITLER OF OLD REVERE THE SAME MAN IS A DANGEROUS SIGN!

Hitler Was Satan-Possessed

Adolf Hitler was a weak little man, but when he got up to speak, he had tremendous POWER! In his book *The Psychopathic God—Adolf Hitler*, Robert G. L. Waite wrote: “This thundering demon was not there before A limp, little man changed into a force of overwhelming POWER”

Where did Hitler get this power? He got it from Satan the devil who POSSESSED him! That's what your Bible says, and you will see it happen again.

When he gave those powerful speeches, it was a sight to behold. Hitler said, “Neither a military nor a civilian personality could replace me. ... I am convinced of the strength of my brain and my resolution. ... The fate of the Reich is

dependent entirely upon me.” Hitler had more power than a normal man.

Hitler became Satan-possessed by worshipping the bloody history of the Holy Roman Empire. “He insisted ... that his early years in Vienna were absolutely *crucial* to his career because ‘at that time I formed an image of the world and a view of life which became the foundation for my actions I have had to change nothing’” (ibid). In Vienna he saw the crown jewels of the Holy Roman Empire. He wanted the power they symbolized. He wanted to be like Charlemagne—only stronger.

“Albert Speer, who knew Hitler best during World War II, was convinced that the führer's intellectual development stopped with the world as he had known it in Vienna in 1910” (ibid). That is amazing. Even as a teenager he was fascinated and mesmerized by those crown jewels. Something was happening to him, and

he didn't even know what it was. He was very deceived.

In Vienna, Hitler came to believe that the Germans, not the Jews, were the chosen people of God. This thought isn't biblical; it comes from Satan the devil. The Germans are also a great people, and God will use them mightily in the future. But we must expose Satan's deceit.

The imperial crown, the orb of empire, the scepter and the imperial sword were in Vienna for 140 years; Hitler returned them to Nuremberg. After taking the insignia of the First Reich, he called his empire the Third Reich. “At the presentation of these symbols of imperialism, he solemnly vowed that they would remain in Nuremberg forever” (John Toland, *Adolf Hitler*).

He was fascinated by what happened in Vienna. Winston Churchill thought Hitler developed his worldview later in Munich, but that's not true. He got

Winning the Young

The extreme left and right are especially popular among young people. Die Linke won the most voters ages 18 to 24, securing 25 percent; among young women it was first, with 35 percent.

In the same age group, the far-right AfD was most popular among men, gaining 27 percent of the vote; it won 21 percent overall in the age group, second behind Die Linke. The AfD also won most voters ages 30 to 44, with 26 percent. If this trend continues, the far left and far right will soon be competing for first and second place.

Why the stark difference between the generations?

Back in the June 1998 *Trumpet*, Gerald Flurry warned of this trend. Regarding a far-right party's gains in Eastern Germany, he wrote: “Thirty percent of the young people under 30 years of age voted for these pro-Nazis. Many young people said they ‘wanted a new man with NEW IDEAS.’ Or is it a new man with *old ideas* that they desire? Hitler also had an enormous appeal to Germany's youth. This age group knows less about their own history.”

An entire generation has been born since the fall of the Berlin Wall. They have no memory of growing up in a divided country or under Communist rule. They take private property and free

speech for granted and thus happily vote for the far left that seeks common cause with Communist nations and wants to plunder the wealth of the rich.

Almost nobody living in Germany today has a living memory of the Holocaust. Thus they are little concerned when AfD party members question Germany's Holocaust memorials, and they cheer when AfD leaders say Germany should rise above its past.

But Germany's past is repeating itself in the present.

Troubles Rising

German politics are drifting to violent extremes. In 2023, Germany saw 60,028 politically motivated crimes. Of those, 28,945 were right wing (a 23 percent increase from 2022) and 1,270 were violent. Left-wing crimes contributed 7,777 cases (an 11 percent increase), of which 916 were violent. This marks the highest level since the government started tracking more than 20 years ago.

Last year the Federal Criminal Police Office recorded 4,923 crimes against members of parliament, public officials and elected representatives, compared to 4,047 incidents in 2023.

In 2023, there were 2,378 attacks on refugees in Germany registered, almost double the number in 2022.

In 2022, authorities recorded 2,641 anti-Semitic offenses; in 2023, the number more than doubled, to 5,671. Provisional figures for 2024 indicate a similarly high level, with 5,177 registered crimes. Of these, 1,165 were attributed to the political right; another 926 fell under the category of “foreign ideology.”

These alarming trends echo the darkest chapters of history and serve as a stark warning—not only to the German people but to the entire world. ■



everything he wanted in Vienna with those crown jewels.

Among all the relics of this empire, Hitler coveted the crown of Charlemagne most of all.

The same crown jewels fascinate European leaders to this day. In 2018, these crown jewels were featured in a special exhibit correlating with Austria's presidency of the European Council that year.

European parliamentarian Otto von Habsburg once said, "We do possess a European symbol which belongs to all nations equally. This is the crown of the Holy Roman Empire, which embodies the tradition of Charlemagne." How true! That European crown is that of the Holy Roman Empire, a crown that sits in a museum in Vienna. And oh, Hitler loved that! Charlemagne was his hero!

Habsburg added: "The [European] Community is living largely by the heritage of the Holy Roman Empire, though the great majority of the people who live by it don't know by what heritage they live." That is amazing!

Revelation 17 reveals that, after World War II, this empire went underground. To this day, they don't talk about it much publicly. Surely they know Herbert W. Armstrong prophesied about it; his powerful message reached millions around the world. He warned many people what would happen to Germany and how they would again lead that Holy Roman Empire.

Mr. Armstrong is no longer alive, but he left a lot of literature about the rise of the last resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire, the one that Jesus Christ would destroy at His Second Coming! That is why the leaders of the Holy Roman Empire hide what they are doing.

The descent underground was itself prophesied. It is a shame that the world won't pay attention to what Bible prophecy says!

All seven heads of the Holy Roman Empire have been diabolical and destructive. Millions died in the Middle Ages, as you can prove from history books. We have to be careful because it's

going to rise again SUDDENLY. We should not be caught unawares.

Possessed Leader Prophesied

Germany is about to be transformed by the emergence of a strong leader who will have the same spirit that possessed Charlemagne and Hitler.

Habakkuk 1:6-8 prophesy, "For, lo, I raise up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the breadth of the land, to possess the dwellingplaces that are not theirs. They are terrible and dreadful: their judgment and their dignity shall proceed of themselves. Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves: and their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from far; they shall fly as the eagle that hasteth to eat." This refers to the Holy Roman Empire.

(Prove that with our free booklet *Habakkuk*.)

Verse 11 tells what happens in the mind of the leader of this last Holy Roman Empire: "Then shall his MIND CHANGE, and he shall pass over, and offend, imputing this his power unto his god." This man thought he worshiped the great God, but it was actually the god of this world! (2 Corinthians 4:4). That

satanic spirit that empowers him causes this nightmarish mind change.

Daniel 8:23 also speaks about this new Charlemagne: "And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up." This is the new Charlemagne, a powerful leader who will *shock the world* just as that Holy Roman Empire did many times in the past!

"And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power ..." (verse 24). What other power did he have? The power of Satan the devil! This is a man POSSESSED by the devil! "[A]nd he shall destroy wonderfully [mightily], and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people" (verse 24). This refers to God's own lukewarm

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GERMANY IS MOVING FAST to rearm. The nation held elections on February 23. It has yet to agree on a coalition—but on March 4 it agreed to what would be one of the biggest increases of the German military since the end of World War II.

Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin have, between them, shocked Germany into action.

United States Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth traveled to Europe on February 10 demanding that European powers boost their spending—not to 2 percent of their annual economic output as President Trump demanded during his first term, but to 5 percent. Vice President JD Vance supported that message at the Munich Security Conference February 14-16, accusing Europe of turning its back on democracy and free speech, and warning that there would be no more support from America if this was the case.

Finally, on February 28 Donald Trump and Volodymyr Zelenskyy held their explosive meeting, arguing and shouting over each other in front of the



UP IN ARMS

Angry at Trump, the Continent is unifying and militarizing with haste.

BY RICHARD PALMER

press. Shortly afterward, Trump cut off aid and then intelligence from Ukraine.

Much of this is understandable. The U.S. does shoulder the burden of Europe's defense. It has spent millions propping up Ukraine. It seems clear that Hunter Biden and other Biden family members had corrupt dealings in Ukraine that its current leaders have not exposed.

Nevertheless, these moves are terrifying Europeans. They are realizing they cannot rely on the U.S., and that without America's protection they are naked and vulnerable in a dangerous world.

Germany Goes Nuclear?

Even before Germany's elections, Friedrich Merz, Germany's likely next chancellor, gave a bold speech. "We need to have discussions with both the British and the French—the two European nuclear powers—about whether nuclear sharing, or at least nuclear security from the [United Kingdom] and France, could also apply to us," he said.

Politico noted that this marked "a huge shift in position" and "a major strategic shift for Germany."

These are themes that French President Emmanuel Macron has brought

up repeatedly, but that Germany has been coy about. In 2020, after one such outburst, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote, "A clear trend is taking place: President Macron demands what Germany wants. I don't believe Macron would ever say what he said unless Germany approved of it. He acts as a sort of puppet to Germany!"

"Imagine if a German chancellor gave a speech like Mr. Macron did, demanding that all Europe support Brussels' dictates," he wrote. "Germany wouldn't dare make such a proposal right now! But it is definitely in Germany's interest—and Macron is the one pushing for it!"

Now, Germany dares.

In his election victory speech, Mr. Merz continued with this theme. "My absolute priority will be to strengthen Europe as quickly as possible so that, step by step, we can really achieve independence from the U.S.A."

That is a stunning statement from a German leader—and, again, reminiscent of statements from Macron.

Unsurprisingly Mr. Macron was quick to respond. Within days, a French official told the *Telegraph* they could easily send a military jet with nuclear

bombs to Germany, and that such an action might also pressure Britain to share its nuclear missiles. Then Mr. Macron himself replied on March 5: "Responding to the historic call of the future German Chancellor, I have decided to open the strategic debate on the protection of our allies on the European continent through our (nuclear) deterrence."

Germany currently has American nuclear bombs. But that gives the U.S. a lot of leverage: *Do what we want, or we remove your nuclear umbrella.* This offer from France strengthens them greatly against the U.S.

But the most dramatic announcement came from the leaders of main German parties on March 4.

A Military Superpower

The deal between the right-wing Christian Democrats (CDU) and left-wing Social Democrats (SPD), proposed by Friedrich Merz, would amend the German constitution, eliminating all restrictions on military spending. The constitution limits how much Germany can borrow. Under the new deal, all military spending above 1 percent of GDP would not count toward the debt limit; if the money is for weapons, Germany can borrow as much as it likes. The deal would unlock €500 billion for infrastructure over 10 years and make it easier for states to borrow money.

These two parties introduced Germany's constitutional balanced budget rule in 2009, and now they are ready to kill it.

EuroIntelligence called the plan "without a doubt the biggest U-turn in Germany since 1969 when Germany started to revalue the D-mark. And it has been made possible by Donald Trump. The sheer depth and the breadth of the coalition agreement goes beyond anything political observers, us included, imagined possible."

Berenberg Bank's chief economist, Holger Schmieding, called Merz's proposal "a really big bazooka," and "a fiscal sea change for Germany." "Germany

is finally taking on the leadership role which, given its size and its fiscal space, it should have assumed years ago," he said.

Germany Thinks the Unthinkable

Leaked plans show Merz wants to spend an extra €400 billion on defense, though it is unclear on what timescale.

Back in 2022, Chancellor Olaf Scholz announced a €100 billion fund to boost defense spending. He was clear that it would be *in addition* to Germany spending 2 percent of its GDP on its military, the NATO minimum. Later he watered down this pledge, and used the fund to bring Germany up to that NATO minimum level of funding.

What Merz proposed is *four times larger*. Last year Germany spent €61.9 billion on its defense. An extra €400 billion is colossal. If spread over five years, German defense spending would more than double.

"The immense figures under discussion in Berlin would have been politically unthinkable a week ago, before the total loss of faith in U.S. friendship," wrote the *Telegraph's* Ambrose Evans-Pritchard. "If enacted on anything close to this scale, such a high-octane blast of military Keynesianism will entirely change the economic and geopolitical shape of the world" (March 5).

Marcus Söder—leader of the Christian Social Union party, which works with the Christian Democrats—spelled out what they wanted. "We need a drone force of 100,000 drones, 800 new tanks, 2,000 Patriot missiles and 1,000 Taurus just for Germany as a protective shield like the 'Iron Dome,'" he said. "Only the strong will be taken seriously."

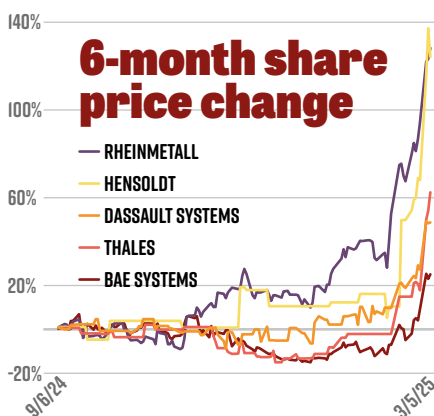
European Military Spending

The same day as Merz voiced his plans, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen announced a similar rearmament push for all of Europe. "We are in an era of rearmament," she said. "Europe is ready to massively boost its defense spending."

This plan would also mean that money borrowed for military spending would be exempted from European funding rules. The European Commission would provide €150 billion in loans for defense.

Von der Leyen's plan will make a difference—but not as much as Merz's.

Many EU states are close to maxing out their credit cards. France is the EU's second-largest military spender. Their debt is 110 percent the size of their economy. Italy, in third place, has a debt-to-GDP ratio of over 130 percent. Neither can easily borrow more. By contrast, Germany's debt-to-GDP ratio is just 62 percent. Germany already has the EU's largest defense spending. Merz's plan would make it imposingly dominant, leaving France and all other EU nations in the dust.



Across Europe, stocks in defense firms are soaring. Rheinmetall shares rose nearly 20 percent in the few days of trading after the Trump-Zelenskyy fracas. BAE Systems rose 16 percent; Germany's Hensoldt AG, more than 30 percent; France's Dassault Aviation, 10 percent; France's Thales SA, which makes defense electronics, better than 20 percent. Investors clearly expect a bonanza of military spending.

Redesigning Factories

While defense is booming, Europe's manufacturing industry as a whole is struggling. There is an obvious solution.

Germany's current chancellor, Olaf Scholz, announced in February that the Alstom train factory in Görlitz would stop making train carriages and instead build tanks, after the Franco-German defense giant KNDS took it over. A few weeks later, Rheinmetall announced it will retool two factories making car parts into manufacturing ammunition.

The Italian news outlet *Corriere della Sera* published leaked details of plans to shift Italy's auto industry to making arms. Subcontractors in Italy currently make parts for the German car industry; they could shift to supplying the German

arms industry. "It is becoming obvious to everybody that defense spending is the way to offset job losses in the car industry," said Schmieding.

An Attack on Democracy

If Merz pulls off his plan, it will be huge. But there are significant obstacles. Amending Germany's constitution requires a two-thirds majority in parliament. That won't be possible once the new parliament takes power. The Communist Left party and far-right Alternative für Deutschland (AfD) hold a blocking minority. The AfD has already condemned the proposals as an "orgy of debt." Before the AfD became an anti-migration party with a revisionist history of World War II, it was a party of nerdy economists that hated borrowing and inflation. That aversion remains in its DNA. Convincing the AfD to back this proposal would be almost impossible.

But Merz is playing fast and loose with the "democratic norms" the mainstream claim to love.

Merz hopes to take advantage of the maximum-30-day gap between the election and the seating of the new Bundestag. With the old parliament still around until March 25 at the latest, there is a better chance of getting the two-thirds majority needed to modify the constitution.

That is pretty sketchy: Merz wants a parliament that was resoundingly voted out to *change the national constitution*. Getting the two-thirds majority will need the Greens party, which will probably insist on a lot of environmental spending as their price for cooperating. But there *is* a window for a deal.

If Merz is willing to push this through, he clearly has little regard for democracy. It could also boost support for the AfD. After all, it's difficult to accuse your opponents of being undemocratic when you are pulling stunts like this.

This spending spree could create serious ramifications for all Europe. Investors will loan money to European countries because they know Germany has the resources for some bailouts. Though Germany would struggle to help France, Italy or Spain if they go bust, it can handle—and has handled—Portugal or Greece. But what happens to the eurozone if Germany maxes out its credit card like everyone else?

This level of spending will increase the pressure on the EU to make bigger financial reforms—to borrow money and coordinate spending as one entity rather than 27 countries struggling to work together.

Ahead of His Time

Herbert W. Armstrong warned of this military union for decades. In May 1953, he wrote that “10 powerful European nations will combine their forces.” In August 1978, he warned: “The Europeans are far more disturbed about their safety in relying on United States military power to protect them than Americans realize! ... EUROPEANS WANT THEIR OWN UNITED MILITARY POWER! They know that a political union of Europe would produce a THIRD MAJOR WORLD POWER, as strong as either the United States or the USSR—possibly stronger!”

This Bible-based forecast is critical to understand events in Europe. Revelation 17 describes a union of 10 kings with incredible military power.

After Vladimir Putin invaded Georgia, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote in October 2008: “Mr. Armstrong often taught that a POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC CRISIS would spark these ‘10 kings’ to strongly unite very quickly. The fact that Russia has LAUNCHED A WAR shows just how easily such a crisis could occur! Will the Georgia strike actually spark European unification? Will a crisis occur over Ukraine? That area is the breadbasket of Russia, and surely it is willing to wage war over that as well.”

The day Russia invaded Ukraine, Mr. Flurry sent out an e-mail warning, “The most important nation to watch right now is Germany. How will it respond to [Vladimir] Putin’s war on Ukraine? This Ukraine war is going to speed up the rise of the prophesied German-led Holy Roman Empire!”

Within days, Germany announced a historic turning point in its military spending. Scholz later watered that down, but it was a momentous shift nonetheless. What Merz has just proposed is considerably bigger.

This prophesied union of 10 kings is

clearly a military union. Revelation 17:14 says these kings shall “make war.”

Many other passages warn of a great war-making power in this end time. In Isaiah 10:5-7, God says He has raised up Germany—end-time “Assyria”—to “destroy and cut off nations not a few.” Habakkuk references the same time period, calling the end-time European power “Chaldeans,” referring to its religious nature. He describes them as a “bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the breadth of the land,



to possess the dwelling places that are not theirs” (Habakkuk 1:6).

The Bible is full of prophecies foretelling a military empire that will march in and conquer Israel. “I will bring a nation upon you from far, O house of Israel, saith the Lord: it is a mighty nation, it is an ancient nation, a nation whose language thou knowest not, neither understandest what they say” (Jeremiah 5:15). Ezekiel 6:3 states: “Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord God; Thus saith the Lord God to the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys; Behold, I, even I, will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places.”

Jeremiah and Ezekiel wrote their prophecies 100 years after ancient Israel went into captivity. Their warnings make no sense unless you realize that they are intended for when God would “bring again the captivity of ... Israel” during “the time of Jacob’s trouble” (Jeremiah 30:3, 7).

The military power building in Europe right now is the one God prophesied would “bring again” this captivity.

These prophecies caused Mr. Armstrong to forecast Europe would become a military power. But he also saw from the Bible’s prophecies that this unification would not come easily.

“The nations of Europe have been striving to become reunited,” he wrote in the January 1979 *Plain Truth*. “They desire a common currency, a single combined military force, a single united government. They have made a start in the Common Market. They are now working toward a common currency. Yet on a purely political basis, they have been totally unable to unite.”

He saw that it would take fear of Russia, an economic crisis, the aid of the Catholic Church and the rise of a strong leader to make this happen. Many of these events are happening right now.

In 2014, Mr. Flurry wrote: “A second major prophecy that Russia’s invasion of Ukraine will bring about is the arrival of a strongman in Europe. A new leader is coming—a kind of Vladimir Putin. This is what Europe needs in order to bind together, to have the strength and unity of purpose needed to confront Russia.”

Merz is moving quickly and decisively. We don’t believe he will be that strong leader, but he could help bring that strong leader to power.

Shortly after Putin’s 2014 invasion, Mr. Flurry wrote, “So much of what God prophesied through Mr. Armstrong has *already* been fulfilled. Watch closely for the final part of these prophecies to emerge! ‘Ten kings’ are going to arise—and the 28 nations currently comprising the European Union are going to be pared down to 10. They are going to be led by a strong Putin-like dictator and unified by the Roman Catholic Church. At that point, they will present to the world a power *even greater* than that of Russia or the United States!” (*Trumpet*, May-June 2014).

This could happen quickly. Now is the time to understand these prophecies so you can know what comes next. Do that, and what could be terrifying events around you will point to fulfilled prophecy in the Bible and the Almighty God who gave these prophecies. Look into the Bible for yourself and you will see that all these events are happening as part of God’s plan to bring the world to Him. Our free book *The Holy Roman Empire in Prophecy* will help you understand. ■

Germany Is Taking Over the Mediterranean

Its advances in the Mediterranean echo its World War II vision for Africa—and it is leading us into World War III! **BY GERALD FLURRY**

ON FEB. 12, 1941, GERMAN Gen. Erwin Rommel arrived in Libya. It was during the heat of World War II, and Rommel was leading an Axis advance from the Mediterranean coast across North Africa. Germany's ally Italy had been trying for a year to conquer the territory up to the Suez Canal but had been defeated handily by Allied forces.

In blitzkrieg fashion, Rommel's German Africa Corps sped eastward across the desert. They reached the Egyptian border in two months. Adolf Hitler's German high command actually worried that Rommel was moving *too fast*. A delegation was sent to check his advance and take stock of his supplies. The report back to Berlin indicated that Rommel was vulnerable to shortages of ammunition and fuel.

The British intercepted this

cable. Prime Minister Winston Churchill ordered an immediate attack on Rommel's forces. Rommel, the "desert fox," was ready for the attack and responded aggressively. The battle for North Africa raged for a year and a half. Only superior numbers and new materiel from the Americans enabled the Allies to force Rommel's Nazi forces into full retreat.

Many historians realize that had Churchill failed to halt Rommel's advance to the Suez Canal, the entire Mediterranean theater would have been lost to the Nazis, which could have changed the outcome of the war! The Allies retaining control of the Mediterranean and eventually driving Rommel out of Africa in late 1942 changed the entire tide of the conflict.

Now, 80 years later, the situation is reversed. Instead of Allied powers controlling the region, North Africa and the Red Sea coasts are governed by unstable dictatorships and radical Islamic terrorist groups seeking to take the fight to Europe!

But this time around, Germany has learned its lesson.

It will not allow Europe's soft underbelly to be controlled by its enemy. For this reason, Germany is moving again to conquer the Mediterranean.

Radical Islam's Push

Germany isn't the only rising power that understands the strategic value of the Mediterranean Sea. The forces of radical Islam, headed by the regime in Iran, also have designs to dominate its sea lanes.

I first wrote about this subject in 2011. Since then, we have seen a wave of radical Islamism spread across North Africa, toppling governments in Libya, Egypt and Yemen. These jihadists want to destroy the West.

Russia has also taken advantage of the disintegration of many countries around the Mediterranean. They have close links to a faction in Libya. Their infamous Wagner Group opened the door to lucrative deals with African dictators. As Syria fell apart, Russia stepped in as a key supporter of dictator Bashar Assad, saving their only Mediterranean naval base and deepening their involvement in the region.

Astute observers in Europe, especially in Germany, see what is happening in North Africa. This is motivating European leaders to accelerate their own strategy to counter the Islamist tide.

This exact scenario was prophesied 2,500 years ago in the book of Daniel!

In 2011, I explained how Daniel 11:40-43 unlock the strategy of the "king of the south," radical Muslims led by Iran. (For proof of the prophetic identity of



this power, request my free booklet *The King of the South*.)

These scriptures describe the time just ahead of us: “And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over” (verse 40). This verse shows a pushy foreign policy from the south triggering a counterattack by a far superior power from the north. Pay close attention to the next verses: They indicate *specific nations* that will be part of this Iran-led Islamic bloc, which will be conquered by the king of the north.

“He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of EGYPT shall not escape” (verse 42). As we have said for 20 years, this indicates that *Egypt will join an alliance with Iran*. Notice who else will be in that alliance.

“But he [the king of the north] shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the LIBYANS and the ETHIOPIANS shall be at his steps” (verse 43). “At his steps” means they will join his army or be under his authority. Libya and Ethiopia are subjugated by the king of the north because they too were allied with the king of the south.

Why would Iran ally with Libya and Ethiopia?

All you need to do is look at a good map of the Middle East (map, page 18). Look at the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea and you can see why: These two countries border the two seas that form the most important trade route in the world.

Iran already dominates the Persian Gulf. It has been working to take over the Red Sea. You can see this by its involvement in Yemen. Iran also has a heavy influence in Somalia. It has had a long-standing relationship with Sudan. And prophecy tells us it will gain control of Ethiopia and Egypt, which controls the Suez Canal, the gateway to the Mediterranean Sea.

Putting this together, you can see that Iran seeks to control the most important trade route in the world!

This is leading to a major clash between the king of the south and the king of the north.

Accelerated Timetable

Discussing Iran’s moves to take over Yemen, Lt. Col. Michael Segall (Ret.) wrote for the Jerusalem Center for Security and Foreign Affairs: “If the Shia rebels gain control of the Bab el-Mandeb strait, Iran can attain a foothold in this sensitive region, giving access to the Red Sea and the Suez Canal, a cause of concern not only for its sworn rivals Saudi Arabia, Egypt and the Gulf states, but also for Israel and European countries along the Mediterranean. Arab commentators in the Gulf have warned in recent years about this *Iranian push*” (Nov. 3, 2014; emphasis mine throughout). Segall actually used the same term the Prophet Daniel used.

Iran has been allowed to “push” from this region for more than a decade. After Hamas launched its Oct. 7, 2023, massacre, Iran’s Houthi proxy in Yemen began attacking Red Sea shipping. The number of vessels and cargo transiting the Red Sea was cut in half! Insurance companies began requiring ships to prove they had no ties to Israel, the United States and the United Kingdom before insuring them to pass through the Red Sea. The Houthis promised safe passage to Russian and Chinese shipping, provided they didn’t dock in Israel.

This was just a taste of what Iran could do. A complete shutdown of the Red Sea would be particularly harmful to Europe, forcing vital oil shipments to take the long way around Africa.

I believe there are visionaries in Europe who see the *beginning* of this prophecy about Ethiopia, Libya and Egypt allying with or falling to radical Islam. Using a little imagination, they realize that Iran could gain control of these unstable nations.

At the same time, some Iranians realize that shutting down the Red Sea is not enough. To accomplish the desired level of damage, they need to be able to attack Europe in the Mediterranean.

While the world is mostly blind to it, some in Europe are waking up to Iran’s plan to capture the Mediterranean. The Europeans *see* the king of the south pushing through this policy! It is creating a sense of urgency in them to counter Iran’s push.

Remember, many Germans feel the reason they lost World War II was their

failure to control that sea. Since the early 1990s, a German-led Europe has been slowly working to ensure that won’t happen again.

Several years ago, the push by the radical Islamist camp across North Africa *accelerated* Germany’s timetable for its own plans to dominate the Mediterranean.

Already, Germany has positioned itself to take over the region far more effectively than it did in World War II. And this time, it won’t even be seen as the aggressor.

Adriatic Access

Germany’s renewed drive to control the Mediterranean was first visible when Berlin recognized the breakaway Yugoslav republics of Croatia and Slovenia in the early 1990s.

These two nations were Germany’s old World War II allies. Germany fought to promote their independence in order to gain access to the Adriatic Sea, which connects to the Mediterranean. Virtually the whole world opposed the breakup of Yugoslavia and the problems it would cause, but most eventually gave in when Germany and the Vatican refused to budge.

The *New York Times* reported at the time, “The Security Council backed away from a confrontation with Germany over Yugoslavia today after Germany’s European allies on the council decided that they did not want a major clash with Bonn [capital of West Germany at the time]” (Dec. 16, 1991). The most powerful nations in the world backed down, allowed Yugoslavia to explode into war, and even helped *bomb* it out of existence, all because these powerful nations didn’t want to oppose Germany!

The *Times* continued, “The incident underscored *Germany’s growing political power* within the 12-nation European Community, diplomats said. Some added that it marked the single-most visible demonstration of that power since reunification of the two Germans” in 1990.

Germany’s “single-most visible demonstration of that power” had everything to do with its strategy to control the Mediterranean.

“Moreover, in its unusual assertiveness in moving ahead with a plan to extend diplomatic recognition to the breakaway

Yugoslav republics of Croatia and Slovenia, Germany has stirred troubling historical associations,” the article continued. “Nazi Germany dominated the two Yugoslav regions during World War II, absorbing Slovenia into the Third Reich and creating a puppet regime in Croatia.”

Look at the map and you can see the strategic value of these two nations. The Adriatic Sea is an arm of the Mediterranean extending north to Croatia. It seems *only Germany* fully realizes the significance of these waters. The Germans are willing to fight the whole world to gain control of them. NOBODY HAS ASKED WHY THEY ARE SO IMPORTANT TO GERMANY!

Malta and Cyprus

In World War II, one obstacle to Rommel’s advance across North Africa was the Allied base on the island of Malta, located between Italy and Tunisia. German forces tried extremely hard to take the island; historian Andrew Roberts wrote that during Germany’s Africa campaign, it was “the most heavily bombed place on Earth.” Yet Germany never succeeded. So Malta remained a valuable depot for supplying the Allied forces who fought and beat Rommel.

Europe has ensured this scenario won’t repeat itself the next time.

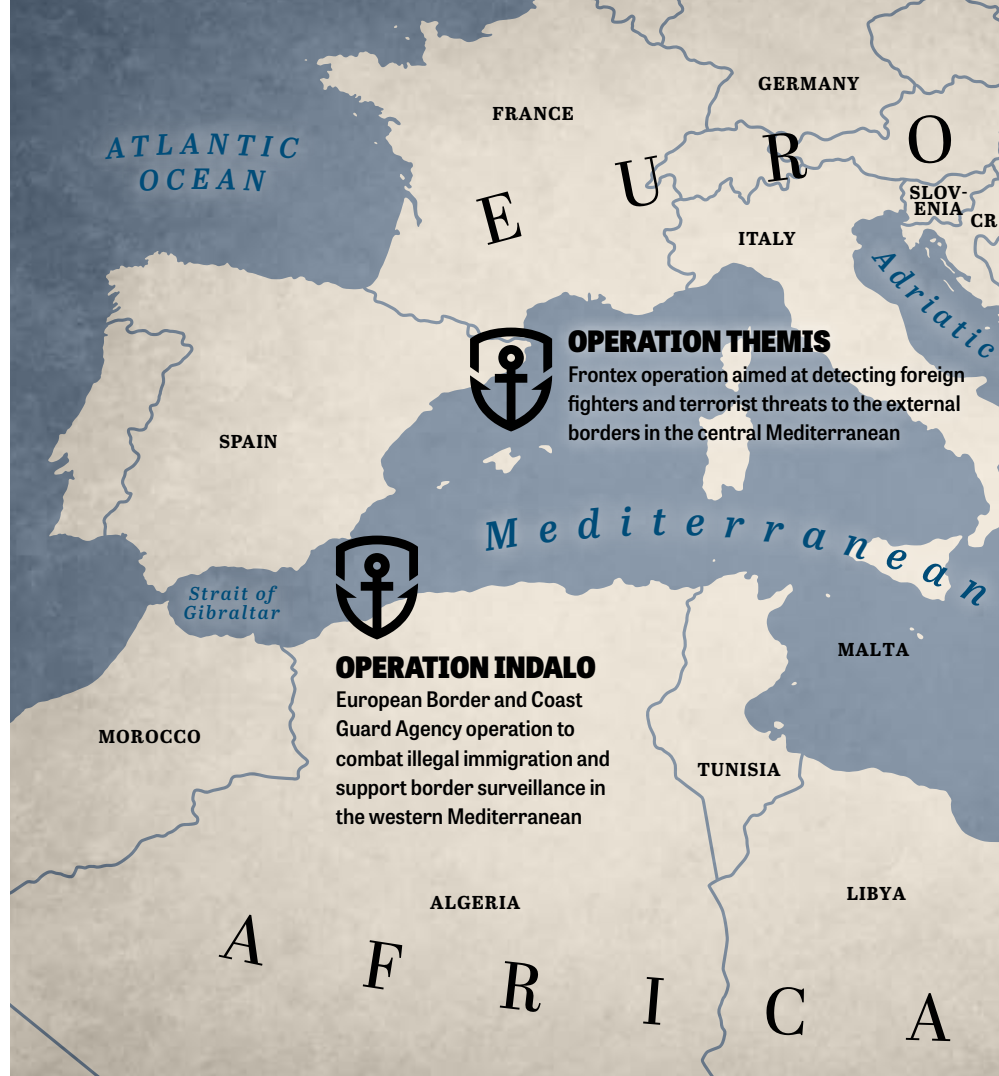
In March 2000, at a conference in Malta to discuss its future entry into the European Union, former European Commission President Romano Prodi said, “Malta is the southern pillar of Europe I want to see Malta in the EU.” At the same conference, Gunter Verheugen, then European commissioner for enlargement, said that if Malta joined the EU it would “become a gateway.” “For Europe, Malta has been described as a springboard to the whole Mediterranean region, and especially to the African and Middle Eastern shores,” he said.

In 2004, Malta became an EU member.

Looking at the map, you can easily see why the EU wanted tiny Malta as a member. It was a strategic move that gives the EU a permanent presence in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea.

On the same day that Malta joined the EU, Cyprus, another strategic island state, also joined. THIS TOO REVEALS EUROPE’S STRATEGY.

When Germany led the United Nations Interim Task Force in Lebanon,



its ships were based in Cyprus, located in the Mediterranean a short 60 miles from Syria and 160 miles from Lebanon. Today, German ships patrol Lebanon’s coast using Cyprus as a base. As Stratfor wrote in 2012, “Cyprus’s location makes it an essential part of any security dynamic in the region.” Indeed it does!

With Lebanon so volatile, Cyprus remains a crucial base for European forces operating as part of UN missions. With Europe’s encouragement, Cyprus is beefing up its military.

Last December, Cypriot Defense Minister Vasilis Palmas told the Associate Press, “The situation in the eastern Mediterranean, with its continuous shifting geostrategic balances and competing interests, makes it even more pressing for the island to bolster its defensive capabilities.”

The EU is carrying out a new project to expand Cyprus’s naval base so it can facilitate warships of all sizes, from all EU bases.

It’s all about controlling the Mediterranean Sea! Cyprus has historically been a launching pad for armies into the Middle East. And it will be again!

Syria and Lebanon

Syria has been a major obstacle to European control of the Mediterranean for over a decade. In my September 2012 *Trumpet* cover story, I wrote, “The eyes of the world are fixed on this explosive hot spot. Bashar Assad will be ousted shortly—but then what? You can actually know the outcome!” (theTrumpet.com/9737). “Keep your eye on Germany,” I wrote. “Right now, Syria is Iran’s most important regional ally. But that is about to change. ... Biblical prophecy reveals that, very soon, Syria will no longer align with Iran. It also shows that Germany will help cause this split.”

That prophecy was fulfilled last year! (see my article “[Syria’s Fall: Another Key Prophecy Fulfilled](http://theTrumpet.com/30673),” theTrumpet.com/30673). Iran-aligned forces fled



target Lebanon means that the Cypriot government has become part of the war, and the resistance will deal with it as part of the war.” Cyprus is not part of NATO, but it is part of the EU. Hezbollah warring with Cyprus would not mean war with the U.S. but with the EU, and thus Germany.

Why did Nasrallah threaten Cyprus? It wasn’t known to have contributed to Israel’s fight against Hamas or Hezbollah. It was a mystery to many, but from Hezbollah’s perspective, there was good reason for this threat.

Nasrallah’s Iranian backers saw that Germany is dominating that island. Iran’s leaders know its history as a base for Catholic crusaders. They know what Germany has in mind, and they strongly oppose it! These terrorists also want control of the Middle East, especially Jerusalem. Germany moving military personnel and equipment into Cyprus poses a real threat to their ambition!

Yet within months, the Iranians were kicked out of the Mediterranean entirely. So too were the Russians: The fall of Assad meant losing their only Mediterranean base. “[W]hat will happen whenever Bashar Assad is no longer ruling Syria?” I asked in a May 2024 *Key of David* television program. “At this time they have Russia there, propping him up. They’re making slaves of the people, and [they] don’t want to be living under Assad. Millions of them have already immigrated, and many of them [are] in Germany itself. This alliance gives Russia a naval and air force base, just like it does the Iranians, where they can be right on the edge of the Mediterranean Sea, and in one of the most strategic places in the world But when Germany is allied with Syria, of course that’s going to be taken away—and Germany and Iran will no longer have the Russians there ... to allow Bashar Assad to continue to rule. But Iran is losing Syria to Germany. It’s happening even right now!”

I have long speculated that Germany and Russia have agreed to a secret deal. This is needed to enable Germany to go after Iran. But to have deprived Russia of any base anywhere in the region is a major victory for Europe and Germany. The Mediterranean is now a European lake.

their bases in such a rush that they left behind food half-eaten! One senior member of an Iran-backed militia group said, “The order was to just take your backpack and leave.”

Iran also suffered a massive setback in Lebanon, where its proxy Hezbollah had been growing increasingly powerful militarily and politically for years. Yet I have said, based on Bible prophecy, that Iran and Lebanon would part ways. In the October 2020 *Trumpet* issue, I wrote, “Hezbollah will forfeit much of its power and ... Iran will lose its grip over Lebanon” This is also happening before our eyes.

To understand what is about to happen in Lebanon and Syria, you need to know the prophecy of Psalm 83. This chapter speaks of an alliance, unprecedented in history, that consists of Turkey (Edom and Amalek), Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states (Ishmaelites), Jordan (Moab, Ammon), Syria (Hagarenes), the Palestinians of Gaza and the West Bank

(Philistines), Lebanon (Gebal, Tyre) and Germany (Assur). (Read Chapter 4 of my free booklet *The King of the South* for more explanation.)

Psalm 83 tells us that when end-time events are fulfilled, Lebanon and Syria will be aligned not with Iran but with a number of Arab nations *and Germany!*

Over the last year or so, Iran and its allies have threatened Europe’s place in the Mediterranean. On Dec. 23, 2023, an Iranian general suggested that Iran would attack in more places beyond the Red Sea. Brig. Gen. Mohammed Reza Naqdi told Tasnim news agency the West “shall soon await the closure of the Mediterranean Sea, Gibraltar and other waterways.” He didn’t say how this would be done, but Iran was clearly pushing.

On June 19, 2024, Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah openly threatened Cyprus: “The Cypriot government must be warned that opening Cypriot airports and bases for the Israeli enemy to

Confrontation Over Libya and Egypt

Iran will not easily give up its ambition to supplant Europe in the Mediterranean. Pushed out of Syria and Lebanon, it will pivot to Egypt and Libya.

The Egyptian government lost \$7 billion in revenue from the Suez Canal in 2024. As it struggled to get the funds it needed, its currency sank to a record low. Last October, Iran's foreign minister led a delegation to Egypt and met with the president—a notable development for two countries that were alienated from each other for more than four decades.

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Egypt's financial problem could drive it into a relationship with Iran. But it's more likely that the Egyptian government will fall. Iran has strong links to the Muslim Brotherhood, which helped force out Hosni Mubarak and took power briefly before it was ousted by the current military-backed government.

"Losing Syria will be devastating to Iran," I wrote last August, months before Egypt was in the news. "It could very well be part of the reason for Iran to violently push at Europe. ... Consider what happens if Germany wrangles Syria out of Iran's hands. The Iranian terrorist regime would rightly fear that its dominance in the region was under threat. It would be concerned about preserving its alliance with Lebanon and Gaza and the Arab nations. This may cause Iran to heighten its aggression around Jerusalem and the crucial trade routes while it still can.

"In short, SYRIA'S SHIFT AWAY FROM IRAN COULD TRIGGER THE EVENTS OF DANIEL 11:40!"

Germany looks victorious in the battle for the Mediterranean right now, but Bible prophecy says it won't remain that way. Iran has not given up, and it will use Egypt, Libya and Ethiopia to push back.

Libya gives Iran another opportunity to do this. Since Muammar Qadhafi was ousted by a NATO bombing campaign in 2011, the northern African nation of Libya has been divided between dueling militants and jihadists. When Qadhafi was removed, I warned that what would

take his place would be thousands of times worse.

Germany was not involved in NATO's 2011 assault. Many Germans both then and now believe NATO should not have intervened. They did not want the chaos that followed and knew they would be forced to get involved.

Look at what has happened since! The resulting unrest has provoked hundreds of thousands of refugees to get on boats and head to Malta and southern Italy.

In 2020, the major factions in Libya signed a ceasefire, slowing the flow of migrants and giving European powers the opportunity to form alliances with a more stable Libya. Italy in particular funded Libya's coast guard—to help turn back or arrest migrant boats—and launched major energy deals.

However, the peace is fragile. Libya is still split between factions and could explode again at any moment.

For years, German ships have patrolled just outside Libyan waters. It began with Operation Sophia in 2015, a three-phase European plan to stop the smuggling of people out of Libya. They rescued 13,000 migrants from the sea, impounding or destroying smuggler boats when found outside Libyan territorial waters on the way to Italy or Malta. In 2017, the mission expanded to train Libya's coast guard.

After the ceasefire, Operation Irini (Greek for "peace") was launched. Europeans continued to train the Libyan Navy and to intercept migrants, but they also worked to enforce the UN arms embargo on Libya.

The EU drew up plans to deploy 5,000 to 10,000 troops to enforce the embargo, but ultimately abandoned them. Europe has been reluctant to commit troops if it doesn't have to. But Iran will soon leave it no choice.

Germany's relations with Turkey could be another reason it never sent in the military. Turkey routinely breaks the UN arms embargo, shipping weapons to its proxies in Libya. Germany needed Turkey's help to overthrow Assad in Syria. It didn't want to anger Turkey by stopping its flow of weapons into Libya. Perhaps Germany hopes it can once again use Turkey if it needs to get more involved in Libya.

Germany's years of operating in this region have laid groundwork for its larger ambition to AGAIN SET FOOT IN LIBYA.

The titanic clash of Daniel 11:40 is coming. The ceasefire in Libya is only a lull. And the clash with the king of the south will not end with Libya. As the prophecies in Daniel reveal, more nations will fall when the king of the north brings the whirlwind.

The Mediterranean Dream

May 12, 1943, marked the end of Axis resistance in North Africa. British and U.S. forces secured the entire North African coast, eliminating the threat to Egypt and the Suez Canal.

Italy and Germany had a dream of a great African empire—and *world empire*. Their advance toward the Suez was part of the campaign. Though few realize it, Germany and many Europeans still hold to that dream today!

This time, there won't be an Allied victory in El Alamein to drive back the German advance. Instead, Germany will be able to conquer all of North Africa and the Middle East, eventually making its way to Jerusalem (e.g. Daniel 8:9).

Watch the Mediterranean! Bible prophecy shows that it will be a major staging ground for battles that will escalate into world war!

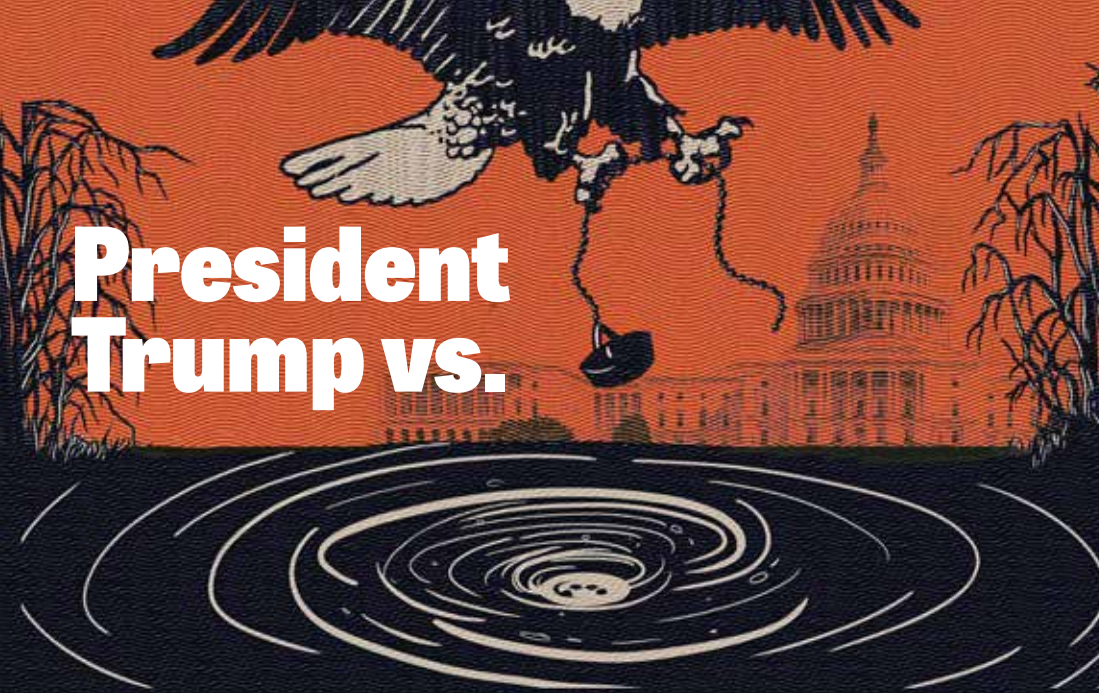
However, prophecy also shows that this is ultimately very good news. As other passages in Daniel tell us, Germany's dominance of the Middle East will end just as quickly as it began. This king of the north is destined to fall—because he will dare to fight Jesus Christ Himself! "[A]nd he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many; he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand" (verse 25).

With the armies of man defeated, Jesus Christ will reign supreme, ensuring that man-made dreams of dominance will no longer destroy the peace of the Earth! ■

Whirlwind approaching!

The winds of change are coming. Gerald Flurry's free booklet *The King of the South* explains the coming clash.





President Trump vs.

the Bureaucratic State

A new president sets out to reverse a century-long executive power grab.

BY STEPHEN FLURRY AND ANDREW MIILLER

THE UNITED STATES WAS FOUNDED on the premise that the government's power stems from the will of the people. This is not how America functions today. People still vote, of course, but the power of those they elect is minuscule compared to the power of the legions of unelected bureaucrats who really run Washington, D.C., and the lives of everyday Americans.

According to the Competitive Enterprise Institute, bureaucratic agencies issued an astonishing 3,018 rules and regulations last year. Congress passed only 68 laws. This means that for every law enacted by their elected representatives, Americans must obey 44 bureaucratic rules.

This is not what popular sovereignty looks like.

James Madison, the main author of the U.S. Constitution, wrote, "It will be of little avail to the people that the laws are made by men of their own choice if the laws be so voluminous that they cannot be read or so incoherent that they cannot be understood." Yet today, Americans are subject to 107,262 pages of often vague and incoherent regulations passed, not by "men of their own choice," but by a cabal of unelected

technocrats who basically have the power to legislate, adjudicate and enforce those regulations.

President Donald Trump promised to "drain the swamp" during his first term in office by shrinking the federal workforce and scaling back the sheer number of federal regulations. But the swamp creatures fought back!

Intelligence agencies withheld reports from the president. Former spy chiefs slandered him as inexperienced, unstable and unethical. Federal agents raided the office of his personal attorney. Bureaucrats leaked sensitive information to hostile media outlets. Career employees in the Department of Justice refused to prosecute cases they disagreed with ideologically. Officials at the Department of Health and Human Services circumvented President Trump's hiring freeze by crossing out new hires' start dates on their paperwork. Attorneys at the Environmental Protection Agency refused to inform political appointees about major cases the agency was facing. In short, executive branch employees outright refused to obey the chief executive.

The end result of these "deep state" attacks was that President Trump became even more popular among the

American people. Joe Biden's time in the White House revealed that the deep state runs the country more brazenly when the president is senile. In the end, 77 million voters decided they wanted President Trump back.

After a decade of warfare against the bureaucratic state, President Trump has learned that no man can tame the massive leviathan that has taken over the federal government; therefore, he must destroy the beast and return power to the people.

Just seven days after winning the 2024 U.S. presidential elections, President Trump announced that tech entrepreneur Elon Musk would lead a new Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE) tasked with finding ways to dismantle bureaucracy, eliminate regu-

lations, and cut wasteful spending.

"We will drive out the massive waste and fraud which exists throughout our annual \$6.5 trillion of government spending," President Trump announced in an official campaign statement. "They will work together to liberate our economy and make the U.S. government accountable to 'We the People.' Their work will conclude no later than July 4, 2026. A smaller government, with more efficiency and less bureaucracy, will be the perfect gift to America on the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. I am confident they will succeed!"

This wasn't an empty promise. Using the U.S. Constitution as their North Star, Trump, Musk and a team of small-government crusaders have already set out to reverse a century-long power grab. They are facing fierce opposition. Yet the Bible indicates they will have a great measure of success reforming the government!

Drain the Swamp

The same day he took the oath of office, President Trump signed an executive order renaming the United States Digital Service to the United States DOGE Service. The rebranded department was tasked with helping President Trump present

the American people with a smaller, more efficient federal bureaucracy.

Musk is not an official employee of the United States DOGE Service. He is a senior adviser to President Trump overseeing the effort to slash regulations, cut expenditures, and restructure federal agencies.

The Department of Government Efficiency is working to inform the American people where their tax dollars are going. It will be up to President Trump and the 535 people the American people have elected to Congress to actually do something about the excessive, wasteful, unlawful spending DOGE uncovers.

Since the federal budget deficit is \$1.8 trillion, Musk has said that he wants federal spending reduced by \$1 trillion to \$2 trillion. Yet without major congressional reform to America's Social Security and health-care system, DOGE may end up settling for a lower figure. In a *Wall Street Journal* editorial, Musk and coauthor Vivek Ramaswamy estimated that President Trump could unilaterally cut \$500 billion from the federal budget simply by nixing expenditures that are unauthorized by Congress. They also stated that DOGE would use the U.S. Constitution as a North Star to guide it toward smaller, more efficient government.

Three recent Supreme Court cases established that federal executive agencies have been exceeding their constitutional authority for decades. In *West Virginia v. Environmental Protection Agency* (June 30, 2022), the court held that the powers the EPA exerted were unconstitutional. In *Loper Bright v. Raimondo* (June 28, 2024), it held that executive agencies may no longer interpret their own application of a law. In *Trump v. United States* (July 1, 2024), it emphasized that "Article II of the Constitution vests 'executive power' in 'a president of the United States of America.'"

Taken together, these cases—not to mention the text of the Constitution itself—mean that President Trump is the sole source of executive power in the federal government and may therefore fire any federal employees issuing unconstitutional regulations. This fact terrifies those in the swamp who have made a comfortable living wasting

taxpayer dollars. So they are doing their best to slander Musk as an "unelected" shadow president and drive a wedge between him and the president.

Musk has absolutely no power to cut government spending. He can only inform President Trump about the waste he finds. Once he does that, however, the president has broad power to act on it.

The DOGE tagline is, "The people voted for major reform." Musk recognizes that President Trump is leading a *populist revolution against the "deep state."* For decades, federal executive agencies have been allowed to legislate, judge and enforce the "regulations" akin to statute law. Some agencies have been allowed to grow so powerful that they can rig elections! Now America has a "once in a lifetime" shot at reducing the size of the bureaucracy to something closer to what the Founding Fathers would recognize.

Wasteful Spending

To kick off his quest to drain the swamp, President Trump offered a deal to the government's 2.3 million bureaucrats: If they willingly resigned before February 6, he would continue to pay them until September.

About 77,000 federal employees—more than 3 percent of the federal workforce—accepted this generous deal. This could save the government up to \$30 billion per year come September. And DOGE is just getting started. According to *doge.gov*, \$55 billion in potential savings were identified during the department's first month in operation.

It has posted its ideas online and asked for input from American taxpayers on what the president should cut.

"There's crazy things!" Musk said at an impromptu February 11 press conference in the Oval Office with President Trump. "Just a cursory examination of Social Security, and we've got people in there that are about 150 years old." He cited examples of taxpayer dollars spent on sending condoms to Mozambique, a government employee whose net worth

jumped \$23 million during her three years in office, and the fact that the retirement process for federal employees takes months because their documents are not digital but paper forms stored in a mine.

As DOGE employees scrutinize the various departments, the list of "crazy things" identified grows: \$1.9 billion in Housing and Urban Development was misplaced while Joe Biden was in the White House; \$50 million in "environmental justice" grant money given to a group that believes "climate justice travels through a

free Palestine"; a contract for "Asia Pacific-Sri Lanka climate-change mitigation adaption and resilience coordinator services for forest service"; a workshop for "intercultural communication diversity dialogue circle communicating across differences"; "groundwater exploration and assessment in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania"; a contract for an Anthony Fauci exhibit at the National Institutes of Health Museum; and millions of dollars in taxpayer-funded subscriptions to media outlets like the *New York Times*, Politico and others.


Other examples exposed or highlighted by DOGE include leases for underutilized and unused buildings; DEI scholarships in Burma; Federal Emergency Management Agency funding for a New York City hotel that housed migrants, cartel members and the man who went on to murder Laken Riley; and so much more.

"The last time a comprehensive review of the federal government was completed in 1984," DOGE posted on X, "the budget was \$848 billion, national debt was \$1.6 trillion, and debt-to-GDP ratio was 38 percent. The budget is now \$7 trillion, the national debt is \$35.3 trillion, and the debt-to-GDP ratio is 121.6 percent."

The U.S. is wasting its way straight into disaster! The Congressional Budget Office admits that by 2035, roughly 22 percent of all tax revenue will have to go toward paying the interest on its debt, which will by then have grown to *\$59 trillion*.

This is obviously unsustainable!

Unless DOGE is successful in slashing spending, America will go bankrupt paying 2.3 million bureaucrats spread


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across 15 departments, 69 agencies and 383 nonmilitary subcommittees to micromanage their lives for them.

Founders' Vision

You would think that every American would be grateful for this long-overdue audit of the government. To the contrary, many Big Government leftists are organizing hundreds of lawsuits against President Trump's administration in an attempt to make sure that the taxpayer cash keeps flowing into insane, corrupt programs here and abroad.

District Court Judge Paul Engelmayer, who was appointed by President Barack Obama in 2011, went as far as to issue a temporary restraining order preventing DOGE employees from accessing the payment system of the Treasury Department because he did not believe DOGE was an official government agency.

The chief executive of the executive branch of government has established a department for auditing the executive branch—and a low-ranking judicial branch judge blocks him. Such judicial activism is not about preserving the U.S. Constitution. It is about empowering bureaucrats to subvert a president who was given a mandate by 77 million citizens to do what he has promised to do.

Under the Constitution, Congress writes laws, the courts interpret laws, and the president enforces the laws. This means that President Trump cannot usurp Congress's legislative power or the courts' judicial power, and judges like Paul Engelmayer cannot usurp Mr. Trump's executive power. President Trump has the constitutional prerogative to audit the executive agencies that report to him, change funding, and fire employees as he sees fit.

The 1974 Impoundment Control Act forbids the president from stopping

expenditures authorized by Congress. Musk wrote in his *Wall Street Journal* editorial that DOGE should prioritize slashing programs that are either unauthorized by Congress or are being used in ways Congress never intended. The Supreme Court likely will have to rule on some of DOGE's proposals, but none of Musk's recommendations so far should be controversial—unless you are an activist judge, establishment politician or government bureaucrat who is on the take.

Unfortunately, many powerful and influential people don't want to see America's "deep state" downsized. In a telling speech given on Constitution Day in 2010, Prof. Michael Klarman of Harvard University (an institution that receives more than \$670 million in federal funding each year) said conservatives were guilty of "constitutional idolatry." He cited the rise of "the administrative state" as both unconstitutional *and necessary* for the good of the country. "The framers set up three branches of government—executive, legislative and judicial," he said. "But today we have a vitally important fourth branch—the administrative state—which is almost certainly unconstitutional in multiple ways according to the original design of the framers. Yet courts have legitimized administrative agencies, and it's hard to imagine them doing otherwise."

Comments like these show what President Trump and the DOGE movement are up against. Many corporate media commentators keep repeating the lie that Trump is a threat to democracy,

as if he is somehow violating the U.S. Constitution by having Musk audit the executive branch. In reality, the more educated leaders of the political establishment know that the swamp is unconstitutional, but they don't care. They think bureaucrats know how to rule the

nation better than the elected representatives of the people. They are fighting tooth and nail to keep the swamp as deep and as murky as they can.

Kingdom's Court

Hundreds of Obama-aligned judges and politicians are attacking President Trump, Elon Musk and the Department of Government Efficiency. However, Bible prophecy indicates they will have much less success than they did under Obama and Biden and during

President Trump's first term.

Trumpet editor in chief Gerald Flurry has proved that President Trump is an end-time type of the ancient Israelite King Jeroboam II. He wrote in the August 2019 *Trumpet* issue that Amos 7:12-13 are actually a prophecy that this same Jeroboam figure will be supported by a religious movement called the "king's chapel" and a secular entity called the "king's court," or "kingdom's court."

"In Washington, D.C., is the Supreme Court building, where judges are to interpret the law," he wrote in "Can President Trump Get Control of His Own Divided Government?" "In the same area are buildings for the CIA, the FBI, the Justice Department, the State Department, the Pentagon and others. Most of them were built during and after the Great Depression, when they had a lot of manpower to use, so they built some truly impressive structures for the government. It is logical this prophecy is talking about these government structures, or agencies. After all, if Jeroboam is going to be used to save Israel, he would need the law on his side. He wouldn't be able to use the government like he needed to without the legal structure behind him" (theTrumpet.com/20876).

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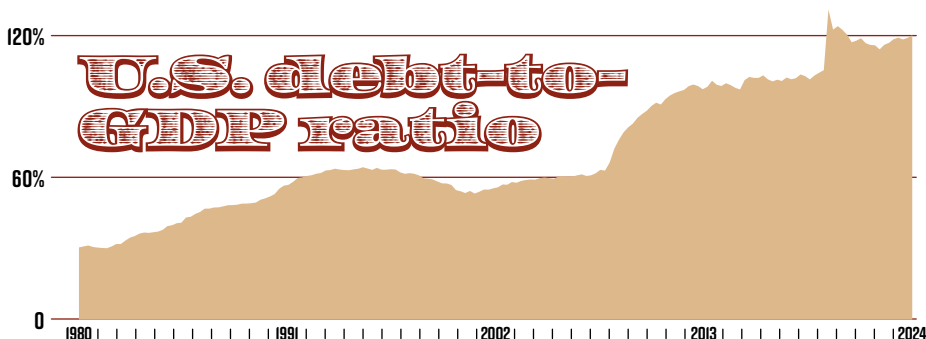
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HOW TO BECOME BANKRUPT

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In ancient times, God instructed the Israelites that blessings come from obedience to His laws, and curses come from disobedience. In Deuteronomy 28, God warned that debt problems are one of the many curses of disobedience. Specifically He warned that if Israel turned away from Him, others would lend it money, but it would not lend to others. **Here are seven mile markers on America's road to ruin.**

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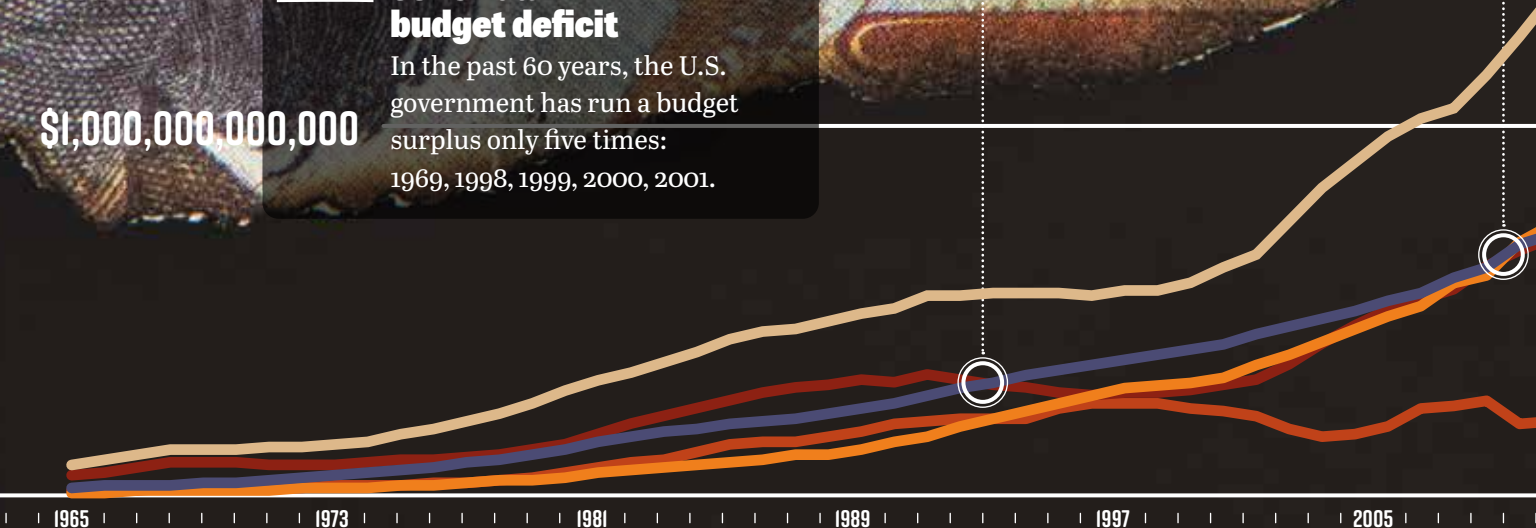
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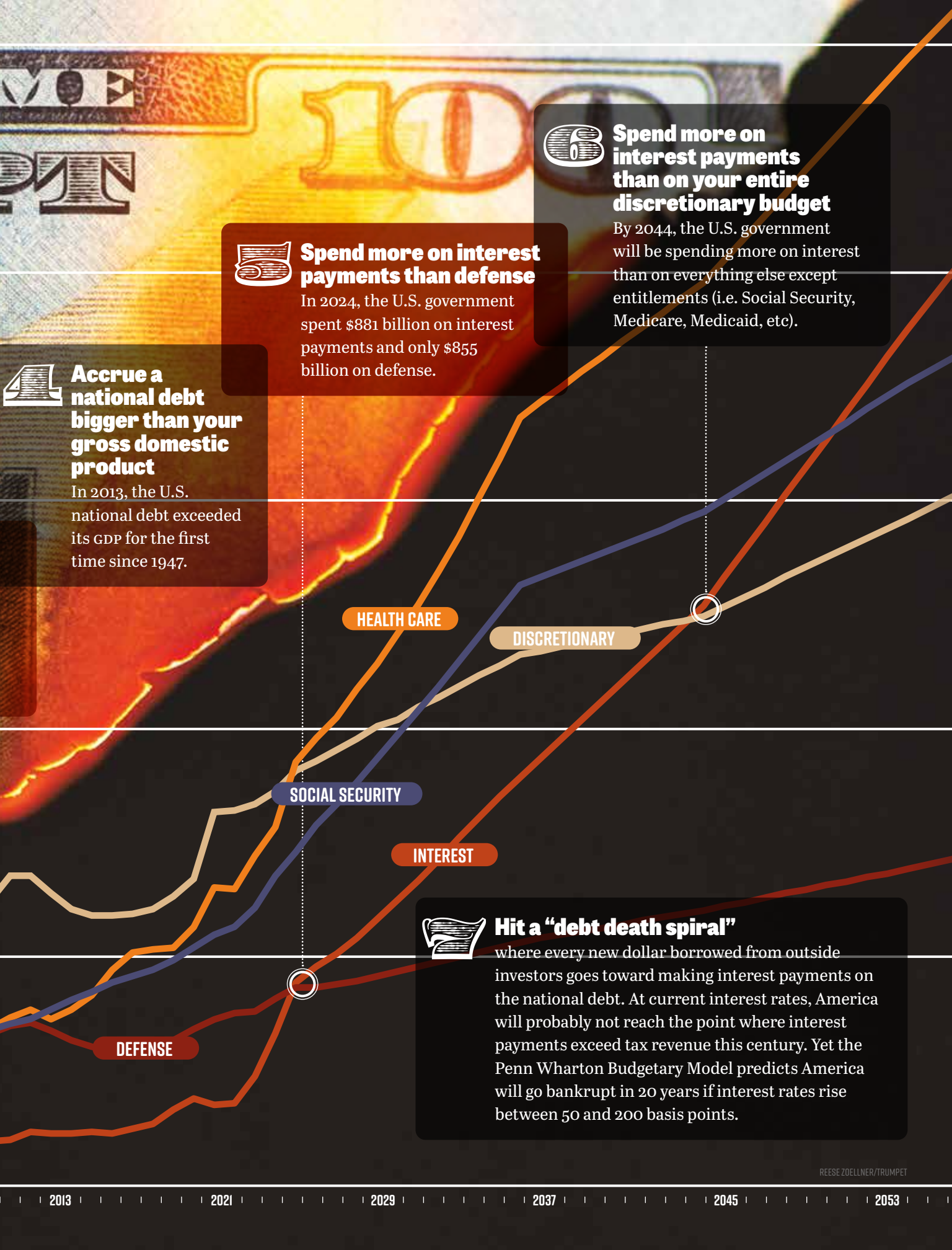


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Accrue a national debt bigger than your gross domestic product

In 2013, the U.S. national debt exceeded its GDP for the first time since 1947.



Spend more on interest payments than defense

In 2024, the U.S. government spent \$881 billion on interest payments and only \$855 billion on defense.



Spend more on interest payments than on your entire discretionary budget

By 2044, the U.S. government will be spending more on interest than on everything else except entitlements (i.e. Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, etc).



Hit a "debt death spiral"

where every new dollar borrowed from outside investors goes toward making interest payments on the national debt. At current interest rates, America will probably not reach the point where interest payments exceed tax revenue this century. Yet the Penn Wharton Budgetary Model predicts America will go bankrupt in 20 years if interest rates rise between 50 and 200 basis points.

A Renewed Crusade for the Holy Land

The Vatican aims to catholicize the Middle East again.

BY JOSUÉ MICHELS



THE VATICAN HAS SET ITS sights on the Middle East. Despite the small number of Catholics there, ongoing persecution and war, the Vatican has been forming new churches, ordaining bishops, negotiating with religious leaders, and pressuring world governments. Catholicism in the region is reviving. And it is looking toward Jerusalem.

Two cardinals in particular are on a mission to expand the Catholic presence in the Middle East and inspire millions of pilgrims: Vatican Secretary of State Pietro Parolin and the patriarch of Jerusalem, Pierbattista Pizzaballa. Either one could become the next pope.

The Vatican is pursuing a vigorous campaign for political, social and religious change in the Middle East. In the past, such efforts have led directly to armed conflicts.

The Vatican's ambitions for the region not only recall the past but also foreshadow events prophesied in the Bible.

On Nov. 9, 2024, Pope Francis called on "Christians of the Middle East" to "continue to bear witness to the risen Christ in lands martyred by war." Parolin echoed these words in a January 11 interview with Vatican News: "Christians have been present in these countries since time immemorial and

continue to be an integral and rightful part of Middle Eastern states and societies, even though past and recent events are encouraging them to emigrate."

The 2,000-year history Parolin referred to wasn't always peaceful, especially during Catholic interventions. While many Catholics meant well, their presence in the Holy Land involved centuries of conflict.

"Time immemorial" records religions clashing over Jerusalem with religious fervor and filling its streets with blood. While the religious representatives rarely engaged in the fighting themselves, they have always sparked the violence. In ancient days, bishops traipsed through the towns of Europe and rallied Crusaders to follow them into the Holy Land. The Vatican today again calls for the protection of Middle Eastern Christians and Catholic monuments. At the same time, it is increasing its own presence in the region, preparing for an influx of pilgrims and modern-day crusaders.

Cyprus, the Springboard

Cyprus is "a country geographically small but historically great," Pope Francis said on Dec. 2, 2021, while visiting the island.

Vatican Deputy Secretary of State Archbishop Edgar Peña Parra echoed these words at the establishment of an independent Apostolic Nunciature in

Cyprus on Jan. 26, 2024. The event is the religious equivalent of inaugurating an embassy.

In another historic move less than two months later, Cardinal Pizzaballa consecrated a Latin bishop in Cyprus. "The last resident Latin bishop on the island died exactly 340 years ago," he noted. "What we are witnessing today is a historic moment for our church, for the Latin patriarchate, but I would also say for everyone." The Catholic Church is elated that after more than 300 years it again has a resident bishop on Cyprus.

The fact that he is a *Latin* bishop is significant. Most of the 1.4 billion Catholics today are of the Latin rite; only a minority of some 18 million adhere to different rites. But since the Great Schism of A.D. 1054, Eastern Orthodox Christians have not submitted to the authority of the pope in Rome. Most Crusaders were Latin Catholics. The same took control of Cyprus in the Third Crusade (1191) and controlled it for three centuries, until 1489. After the crusader spirit died down, Latin Catholics continued to thrive on the island until "Cyprus was conquered by the Turks in 1570–1573, when thousands were killed, churches converted to mosques, and the Latin church dissolved" (Vatican News, 2021). Today Cyprus has 38,000 Catholics, constituting only 5 percent of

the population, a majority of which are of the Latin rite.

So why does the Vatican need a bishop in Cyprus now when it did not need one for the past 300 years? The answer is not a dramatic increase in membership in Cyprus but rather an increased interest in the Middle East.

In past centuries, Crusader outposts in the territories of modern Lebanon and Syria were supplied with critical aid through Cyprus. Today, humanitarian aid projects to the Middle East are often channeled through this island, which also hosts the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL). As Middle East crises intensify, political and religious interest in Cyprus has grown.

On Dec. 23, 2024, soon after the Vatican took the above steps, the president of Cyprus appointed a special representative for religious freedom in the Middle East to aid the European Union's "efforts to support religious groups in the region," and to highlight "the diplomatic role of the Republic of Cyprus as a bridge between the European Union and the Middle East ..."

After Cyprus became a member of the EU in 2004, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry prophesied of this turn of events. "You can be certain that the EU is thinking about how to protect the holy places in and around Jerusalem," he wrote. "Catholic Europe has thought like this for almost 2,000 years!" (December 2004).

Lebanon: Iran Out, Vatican In

For over two years Lebanon had no president because of political infighting largely caused by the terrorist group Hezbollah. "I address an urgent call to all Lebanese politicians," Pope Francis stated on Dec. 1, 2024, "so that the president of the republic may be elected immediately and the institutions return to their normal functioning, so as to proceed to the necessary reforms and assure the country of its role as an example of peaceful coexistence between different religions." A month later, on January 9, after 12 failed attempts to elect a president, Lebanon's legislature elected Joseph Aoun.

For the Catholic Church, this was a huge victory. By constitutional decree, Lebanon's president must be a

Maronite Catholic (around 40 percent of Lebanon's people are Christian, mostly Maronites). Hezbollah sought to prevent the election of the Maronite Aoun, but after Israel bombed out most of their strongholds, its power was weakened.

Next, Aoun appointed Lebanon's new prime minister: Nawaf Salam, a Sunni Muslim. Hezbollah is Shiite, and again opposed the vote—but to no avail.

It is evident the Vatican's will was done. While in Jordan for a meeting with 14 pontifical representatives from the Middle East, Parolin phoned Aoun to congratulate him and expressed delight over Salam's prompt appointment.

This points to a prophecy in Psalm 83 of Lebanon and other Arab nations, along with Turkey, allying with Catholic Europe. "Because of its high population of Christian Arabs, Lebanon has become a linchpin for the Psalm 83 alliance," Mr. Flurry wrote (*Trumpet*, May-June 2014). Hezbollah had a stranglehold on Lebanese politics, but now this obstacle is largely removed. With the Vatican back in the sphere of influence, Lebanon can fulfill its prophesied role. (Read Mr. Flurry's article "[The Fall and Rise of Lebanon](https://www.thetrumpet.com/30487)" at [theTrumpet.com/30487](https://www.thetrumpet.com/30487).)

The Vatican now seeks to use Lebanon to revive relations with Syria. During a stop in Beirut, Lebanon, on his way to Syria at the end of January, Cardinal Claudio Gugerotti shared with Vatican Media on January 24 that "the Maronite Church, which originated in the mountains of Syria but later settled here, is also present in Syria, creating a strong connection between the two countries." He expressed hope that the calm in Lebanon "can extend to the other side of the border."

Where Gugerotti went next was significant: He greeted top officers in the Italian military and met with Monsignor Santo Marciàno, the military ordinariate archbishop for Italy. Gugerotti also visited Italian UNIFIL troops. These visits echoed the Vatican's past and also prefigure its future. The preaching and the military missions go hand in hand.

Syria: Another Opportunity

The purpose of Gugerotti's visit to Syria from January 24 to 29 was to convey Pope Francis's "closeness to the Catholic community in Syria," according to Vatican News. It was the first visit

by a Vatican envoy since Hayat Tahrir al-Sham militants ousted the regime of Bashar Assad in December.

The fact that terrorists lead the new government is of little concern to the Vatican. On January 11, Parolin told *Vatican News*, "We hope that a new era can begin for Syria, where all citizens will have the same rights and privileges. ... We truly hope that these statements will be followed by actions, ensuring the protection of the rights of minorities and Christians as well."

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In prior centuries, Christians sometimes made up more than 80 percent of Syria's population. At the beginning of the Syrian civil war in 2012, the estimate was 10 percent; it has since shrunk to less than 2.5 percent.

When that war began, Mr. Flurry prophesied, based on Psalm 83, that Syria would break away from Iran and ally again with Germany and the Vatican ("[Syria's Fall: Another Key Prophecy Fulfilled](https://www.thetrumpet.com/30673)," [theTrumpet.com/30673](https://www.thetrumpet.com/30673)).

Syria was a strategic area for Crusaders of old. It was there that a Catholic stronghold took root that enabled it to expand its crusading effort.

Jordan: Open for Pilgrims

On Dec. 17, 2024, Pope Francis appointed Amman-born Iyad Twal as bishop for Jordan within the Latin patriarchate of Jerusalem. On January 10, Pizzaballa and Parolin inaugurated a new Catholic Church in Jordan, the Church of Jesus' Baptism, in the presence of 6,000 pilgrims. The church is one of the largest in the Middle East.

"The dedication of the church is also a sign of renewal of the church and a new beginning," Pizzaballa told Vatican News.

"It is also a moment [of] hope, we could say, because in such a dramatic time for the life of the Middle East, the dedication of a new, great church, with the entire church gathered, is a sign of

unity and also a desire for continuity of life and growth of the church in Jordan and throughout the Middle East,” he said (*Pillar*, January 9).

“There is clearly also a diplomatic dimension to the event,” the *Pillar* commented. Later writing, “The church’s consecration ... serves a rare combination of purposes: It affirms the historical nature of the Christian faith, the local

not lose hope. When the war ends, we will rebuild everything: our schools, our hospitals and our homes. We must remain resilient and full of strength.”

One could argue that the elimination of Hamas terrorists was a blessing for the people of Gaza. Instead, the Vatican has repeatedly blamed Israel for the suffering of the past year. Pope Francis even called for an investigation

into whether Israel is committing *genocide* against the people of Gaza. Perhaps he should investigate the Vatican’s role in Nazi Germany’s genocide of Jews and helping Nazi officials escape, as detailed in *Unholy Trinity: The Vatican, the Nazis and the Swiss Banks* (to learn more, read “[The Ratlines](#)” at [theTrumpet.com/7135](#)).

When Israel caved to international pressure, ended its attempt to root out Hamas, and released hundreds of terrorists for a few hostages, Pizzaballa told Vatican News: “We are all very happy. In every context, people are happy because this

war has worn us down, exhausted us, and wounded everyone’s lives” (January 16). He said what matters now “is that we turn the page and start addressing the severe humanitarian crisis in Gaza.” No doubt this aid will help the terrorists. The deal adds pressure on Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, and many in the Vatican want to see him forced from office.

In a *La Repubblica* interview, Pizzaballa called for new leadership in the Middle East. “Abu Mazen and Netanyahu are no longer the future of this tormented land,” he said, referring to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas (January 21).

On the first anniversary of the Oct. 7, 2023, massacre, Vatican News interviewed Pizzaballa, asking: “Does the ‘two peoples in two states’ solution still have any practicability today?” Pizzaballa answered: “The whole Middle East needs new leadership and new visions.” Hamas

leader Yahya Sinwar has since been eliminated. Syria and Lebanon have also seen dramatic shifts in leadership. But Netanyahu remains in office—for now.

Jerusalem: The Centerpiece

Cardinal Pizzaballa has served in the Jerusalem diocese since 1990. In 2023, he caught the attention of Mr. Flurry, who wrote in “The Jewish Nation Has No Helper”: “Patriarch Pierbattista Pizzaballa made some horrible attacks on Netanyahu in April. Speaking to the Associated Press, he condemned what he called Netanyahu’s ‘far-right government’ and said it is contributing to an increase in attacks on Christians. ‘The frequency of these attacks, the aggressions, has become something new,’ he said. ‘These people feel they are protected ... that the cultural and political atmosphere now can justify, or tolerate, actions against Christians’ (*Times of Israel*, April 13).

“The facts paint a different picture. Israel is one of the *only* places in the Middle East where the number of Christians is *rising*. In all the examples of attacks on Christians that the AP recounted in this interview, those responsible were swiftly arrested and are being prosecuted—not tolerated or protected! In almost every case, senior police officers clearly condemned the attacks and emphasized how seriously they take this issue.

“The Committee for Accuracy in Middle East Reporting and Analysis (CAMERA) accused Pizzaballa and the AP of making ‘overt politicized allegations against the Israeli government and police, reflecting ancient libels that vilify Jews through charges proven false by facts’ (April 24).

“Why would the patriarch tell this lie?” (*Trumpet*, August 2023).

On July 26, 2023, *Vatican News* reported, “Although the current far-right Israeli government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is not per se anti-Christian, according to Patriarch Pizzaballa, it has indirectly contributed to create a climate of tension and animosity in some circles of the Israeli society.” THIS IS QUITE AN ACCUSATION!

Germany’s *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung* asked Pizzaballa, “[Y]ou preside over an institution that dates back to the time of the Crusades. When were Christians in the Holy Land last under such pressure as they are today?” He responded:



Catholic community, Holy See-Jordan relations, and the desire for peace in the Middle East.”

Speaking with Jordan News Agency (Petra), Parolin expressed hope for increased pilgrimages to Jordan and “praised Jordan’s stability and [King Abdullah’s] diplomatic initiatives, particularly regarding the Gaza situation,” the *Jordan Times* reported (January 15).

Jordan is estimated to have merely 115,000 Catholics of differing rites, representing about 1 percent of the total population of 11 million—97 percent of whom are Muslim.

Gaza: Love Affair With Hamas?

The Catholic Church also has a small presence in Gaza (around 135 members). Visiting just before Christmas 2024, Pizzaballa remarked, “We are living in a time filled with darkness [S]ooner or later, the war will end, and we must

“Aggression against Christians is not new. What is new is the frequency with which they happen—and the fact that they are almost a ‘normal’ phenomenon. I think it started about 20 years ago—and has increased since then. You can no longer call it episodic” (July 13, 2023).

Most of those 20 years were shaped by Netanyahu. The same office that is making accusations against Netanyahu *was founded amid the Crusades*. As Terry Jones and Alan Ereira write in *Crusades*, Jerusalem was open to visitors just prior to the arrival of the Crusaders in the First Crusade but with “the triumph of the Latin Christians, however, things were going to change. They had come to rid Jerusalem of all other religions and to make it a purely Christian city—and, what’s more, Christian in their terms.”

Encyclopedia Britannica states that Arnulf of Chocques, Latin patriarch of Jerusalem at the time, “forced all local Christians to conform with the Latin rite.”

The Catholic Crusaders also slaughtered Muslims and Jews, filling the city with blood. Would it not be appropriate to put current hostilities in that context? Wouldn’t it be fair to say the Jews have been welcoming? Would it be fair to say Jews in Europe have it much harder?

The Ambition

For centuries, the quest to rule Jerusalem has united people of different nationalities, languages and religious rites under the Vatican’s leadership. In the coming struggle, we will see the same thing again, on a larger scale.

Jeremiah 1:15 prophesies that “all the families of the kingdoms of the north” are about to surround Jerusalem. The “kingdoms of the north” refers to a prophesied resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire in Europe, led by Germany and the Vatican. Jesus Christ referenced these same nations surrounding Jerusalem in Luke 21:20.

Daniel 2 and Revelation 17 prophesy that 10 kings will lead 10 nations or groups of nations in Europe, but all will be controlled by a church, depicted as a woman riding a beast. The church that has always guided the Holy Roman Empire is the Catholic Church.

Isaiah 47 further reveals that this church will also regather its daughter churches back under its rule. It depicts

the Vatican saying, “I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children” (verse 8).

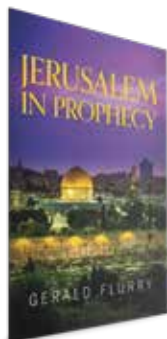
During the Crusades, many Christians were forced to convert to Catholicism. “They are called the *Christian Crusades*,” Mr. Flurry explains. “That label itself is a deception. They were primarily *Catholic Crusades*. Other Christian denominations have their problems, but let’s not blame them for what the Catholics did—and *will do*” (*The King of the South*).

This united military-religious power will then focus on strengthening its presence in the Middle East—leading to yet another violent clash! (Daniel 11:40).

Plain Truth founder Herbert W. Armstrong wrote in the October 1951 *Plain Truth* issue: “[T]he capital of this revived Roman Empire, along with the Vatican, will make a lightning move to Palestine—probably Jerusalem! That shall be the *last* abomination to be set up there! Notice, in Daniel 11:45, ‘tabernacle’ is a place of worship, and ‘palace’ the residence of a king” (“The Pope Plans to Move Vatican!”).

Mr. Flurry explains in *Jerusalem in Prophecy*, “Three great religions—Christianity, Judaism and Islam—all have an intense interest in Jerusalem. That city is the third-most holy site to the Muslims. It is the most holy city for the Jews. Christians consider it their first or second holiest city. In the end, it is going to bring disaster to all three religions.” He cites Zechariah 12:3: “And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.”

“Because of its past and future, Christ has more interest in that city than in any other city on Earth,” Mr. Flurry continues. “Christ died in Jerusalem. HE AND HIS FATHER ARE GOING TO RULE THE EARTH AND THE UNIVERSE FROM THERE!” ■



The conflict over Jerusalem will end with God intervening. Read what the Bible prophesies in your free copy of *Jerusalem in Prophecy*, by Gerald Flurry.

► WAY TO PEACE FROM PAGE 4

“President Trump will soon recover his presidency,” I forecast in my book *America Under Attack*. I wrote that: “When that happens, Americans will be down to their *last time* to repent.”

“Right now, there is a great focus on whether Donald Trump will return to office,” I wrote. “Prophecy shows that he will. The bigger issue is what will happen after Trump regains power. He will stop the blotting out of the name of Israel. But this nation is very far from God! And Jeroboam and everyone else need a *powerful* warning and a call to repentance. ...

“President Trump’s return will ‘save America’ briefly. But he will have to hear God’s message and realize that GOD saved America *through* him—and that he and this nation must repent, believe and OBEY. If the American people do not repent and turn back to God during Trump’s second term, then God will allow America to become ‘desolate’ and ‘laid waste.’”

President Trump is correct that America’s finances are unsustainable. He is right to worry about world peace. But negotiating with “beasts” is not the way to peace. Only God can save us from the storm that is building.

God says about mankind: “The way of peace they know not ...” (Isaiah 59:8). For mankind’s entire tragic history, we have proved that we do not know the way of peace! Only God does!

The outcome of our misguided peace efforts is always the same: God prophesies that “the ambassadors of peace shall weep bitterly” (Isaiah 33:7). That is a blanket statement—all ambassadors for peace! Bible prophecy reveals that very soon, we will finally experience world peace, prosperity and joy! But world peace will not come by human effort. It requires us to humble ourselves, repent and submit to God. Only by relying on Him can we protect this nation and have peace. If we do not, the beast powers will attack. But God has a plan to teach us this lesson and bring peace. It will be enforced at the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. ■

A real ambassador for peace

Read Gerald Flurry’s online booklet *Ambassador for World Peace*, which describes a real peacemaker. theTrumpet.com/go/peace

► **CHARLEMAGNE** FROM PAGE 12

people in this end time who must be plunged into the Great Tribulation, a time of suffering caused by the Holy Roman Empire empowered by the devil.

The question then is, who will be Germany's next Charlemagne?

We have been watching Baron Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg, a former German defense minister, for quite some time. He is a brilliant man in many ways. He followed Edmund Stoiber, a protégé of Franz Josef Strauss of the Christian Social Union. Baron Guttenberg could be the one to rise to power and fulfill these prophecies.

Where will this lead? "And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many ..." (verse 25). This strongman is a deceitful liar with much power and a great military! Germany today is one of the top armaments exporters, and they do a lot of it secretly through factories in other countries. They are becoming very powerful. But they will soon be far more powerful—once the prophesied 10 kings unite under them. Revelation 17:12-13 say, "And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast." Commenting on this passage, Mr. Armstrong wrote in the October 1962 *Plain Truth*: "The beast, then, is the leader, or ruler, over all—and 10 other dictator-kings, or lesser rulers over 10 European nations or nation-groups."

We believe there will be one supreme king over 10 kings. (There is a slight possibility that there could be just 10 kings total and that the leadership would come out of Germany.) Given that Revelation 17 is

a prophecy of a church-state combine known as the Holy Roman Empire, Mr. Armstrong strongly believed that those leaders would be Catholic.

We *may* be seeing some indications who the dictator-king, or lesser ruler, over Germany *could* be. Friedrich Merz is a Roman Catholic who has repeatedly called for a guiding culture in Germany based on Christian, or rather *Catholic*, values. He is also an outspoken advocate for a European army. Since his party won the election, he has been acting with unusual urgency and zeal to create a militarized Germany—even defying democratic norms doing so. Furthermore, he enjoys the support of Guttenberg, who we believe may be the "one supreme king."

Verse 14 prophesies that the Holy Roman Empire of Mussolini and Hitler will rise once more before Jesus Christ returns.

The political party of Giorgia Meloni, who now rules Italy, is directly tied to Mussolini, Hitler's ally in World War II.

These forces are building again just as God prophesies, and just as Mr. Armstrong said they would and as we have been saying for 35 years. These forces are going to unleash a terrible time and cause incalculable suffering!

But notice: This coming leader "shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand" (Daniel 8:25). He is going to confront Jesus Christ Himself AND BE SMASHED AND CRUSHED! Christ is going to destroy the 10 kings! Then He will establish His own righteous Kingdom with the peace, happiness and joy on Earth that we all should have had a long time ago but have been denied because of our rebellion against God!

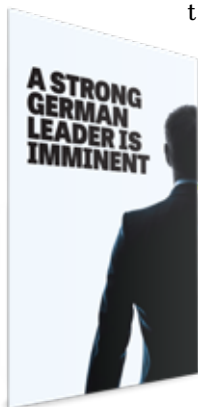
Revelation 12:12 states that Satan knows his time is short! Do *you* know that? This wonderful future, where Christ supplants the evil kingdoms of this world, is coming soon! ■

► **TRUMP VS. STATE** FROM PAGE 23

The first time Trump was elected, officials loyal to Barack Obama tried to subvert his agenda while hiding behind the false notion that they were acting as a constitutional check on the president. Yet a number of recent Supreme Court cases have clarified this very issue and held that federal officials cannot usurp legislative authority and that they possess only as much executive authority as the president delegates to them. This means that President Trump is likely to succeed in trimming back the sprawling, oppressive, wasteful, unconstitutional bureaucratic mass into a smaller, more efficient agency that actually helps him enforce the laws that representatives in Congress see fit to pass, like the founders intended.

When Amos 7:12-13 refer to the kingdom's "court," it uses the Hebrew word *bayit*, which is usually translated as "house." This word does not refer to a village or city full of millions of people, but rather a household or courtyard full of people dedicated to enforcing the kingdom's laws. This word aptly describes the type of constitutional government that Elon Musk and the DOGE movement want to see in America.

It is refreshing to see America waking up to the fact that it must balance its budget and shrink its government. Yet the resurgence brought about by this end-time Jeroboam will only be temporary unless the American people make much more drastic, permanent changes. The context of Amos 7:12-13 is religious people rejecting God's prophecies in the time of Jeroboam and the kingdom's court. The fact that Donald Trump is making such swift progress toward getting control of his divided government may be a harbinger of things to come. Once the founding idea that it is the elected representative of the people who runs the government has been restored to America, the nation will have to take a long, hard look at the character of the people themselves. ■



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For the Joy of Travel

‘One of the last great sources
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TRAVEL IS EDUCATION! NOT LONG AGO, IT WAS A CRITICAL component of the educational system.

For hundreds of years, “the grand tour” was more than essential to the education of young Englishmen; it was a rite of passage. “Grand tourists” sometimes took several years to travel through France, Germany, Italy, Eastern Europe, the Ottoman Empire and beyond. A student learned politics, economics and culture by experiencing them firsthand. He could study French in Paris, archaeology in Naples, architecture in Prague. Society considered the grand tour the culmination of the education of a boy into a man. Even those with lesser means craved travel, joining the Royal Navy or the British Army for the thrill of travel and adventure. “Our island is too small,” Shakespeare said. “Our kingdom is the world.”

Educational travel can provide you unparalleled experiences. Herbert W. Armstrong, founder of the *Plain Truth* and of Ambassador College, wrote in his autobiography, “Education comes from study—from books—from lectures—from contacts—from travel—from thinking about what you see and hear and read—and from experience.”

Jesus Christ sent His disciples on long journeys, telling them, “[Y]e shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth” (Acts 1:8). Christ said the Apostle Paul would “bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel” (Acts 9:15), a commission took him to Turkey, Greece, Italy and beyond. The experiences these men gathered during their travels played important roles in how they fulfilled their commissions.

Today, Herbert W. Armstrong College (sponsored by the Philadelphia Church of God, publisher of the *Trumpet*) encourages students to take advantage of travel opportunities, including transfers to its sister campus in Edstone, England, trips to Western Europe, and archaeological excavations in Jerusalem.

While studying at Armstrong College in Edstone, I participated in a student trip to the Netherlands, where we walked amid the quiet canals and charming 17th-century buildings of Amsterdam. I was at the time reading Anne Frank’s diary. One stop on our itinerary was her family’s hideaway, now a museum. Reading Anne’s thoughts on paper was one thing. Walking

through the cramped conditions Anne lived in—feeling the lack of privacy that came with it—made the frustration, the angst, the desperation she vented into her diary *come alive*. In a small way, I could feel Anne’s emotions myself.

Travel can forge personal connections to history and current events. It can teach you responsibility as you interact with unfamiliar places and languages. Sharing the experience with friends can create warm memories to last a lifetime. Travel also opens opportunities to form new friendships with locals. Completing a successful trip can also give you a certain sense of achievement. Rick Steves writes in his guidebooks that travel is “one of the last great sources of legal adventure.”

How can you prepare for an educational travel experience? Here are some tips based on material Stephen Flurry gave in a March 11, 2020, *Trumpet Daily*:

Set goals for places and sites you would like to visit.

Advanced planning gives time to save funds, block out time, and develop an itinerary.

Take your travel desires to God in prayer. 1 Peter 5:7 tells us to cast “all your care upon him [God]; for he careth for you.” Christ said, “The things which are impossible with men are possible with God” (Luke 18:27). Don’t assume traveling is beyond your means.

Save money. Don’t go into debt to travel—set aside the money in advance. Establish a travel savings account, and put money into it each month.

Plan what you hope to see and find. Using travel guides and museum guides before you travel can help make a trip more meaningful. One of my favorite sites in Europe is Paris’s Louvre Museum. The congestion around famous artworks can scare off potential visitors. But the Louvre is also a treasure trove of important biblical artifacts that many people miss simply because of ignorance. Prior research helps make trips more informed and special.

Learn the historical context beforehand. Visiting the Anne Frank House without reading her diary beforehand is like visiting a stranger’s attic. Knowing about Anne’s life brought personality into her hideaway. Accounts from other important figures can help inspire other itineraries.

Don’t settle on being a pleasure-seeking tourist. The root for the English word *travel* comes from the French *travailler*, which means *to work*. There is a time to spend days relaxing at the beach, but the most rewarding experiences often come from investing effort in preparation and appreciation for serious subjects. Be a *travailler*.

God wants you to become truly educated, and travel is an important component of true education. God can open up opportunities for you that you can’t even imagine. We certainly have our part to do. Traveling to new places doesn’t have to seem intimidating or out of reach. Take advantage of it when you can, and work to make opportunities. Who knows? It may change your life. ■

EUROPE

Europe is facing a steady stream of Islamist attacks.

On January 22, a failed Afghan asylum seeker who should have been deported attacked a group of kindergartners in Aschaffenburg, **Germany**, killing a 2-year-old and an adult who tried to save the child. On January 29, Salwan Momika, who publicly burned a copy of the Koran in Stockholm, **Sweden**, died of multiple gunshot wounds. On February 13, an Afghan asylum seeker rammed his car into a crowd of trade union protesters in Munich, Germany, killing one and injuring at least 28. The 24-year-old Afghan citizen arrived in Germany in 2016, had his asylum application rejected, yet was allowed to stay. He was known to have committed theft and drug offenses, and he shared Islamist content online leading up to the ramming.

Two days later, a 23-year-old Syrian began randomly stabbing passersby in **Austria's** town of Villach, killing a 14-year-old and wounding five others. On February 19, Austrian authorities arrested a 14-year-old of Turkish origin who was planning a terrorist attack at one of Vienna's largest train stations. On February 21, a Syrian refugee stabbed a tourist at Berlin's Holocaust memorial. He admitted he was planning "to kill Jews." The next day, a 37-year-old Algerian man killed one and injured five police officers in a knife attack in the city of Mulhouse in eastern **France**. On February 4, around nine people were killed in a mass shooting at an adult education center in Örebro, Sweden. The shooting was unconnected with radical Islam or the Middle East, but it was the worst in Sweden's history.

The steady stream of terror is leaving Europeans desperate for solutions. Most of the attacks involve knives or vehicles, weapons that are hard to restrict. Watch for this to push Europe to more aggressively confront radical Islam.

Meanwhile, just after German and other European border guards arrived at the Rafah border crossing between Gaza and Egypt in late January, **German President Frank-Walter Steinmeier** visited the leaders of **Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Turkey**



from February 3 to 5. Europe is increasing its involvement in the Middle East, a development that Bible prophecy specifically warns about.

In the aftermath of the Hamas massacre of Israelis and other civilians on Oct. 7, 2023, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote that "the most important" development "is being overlooked completely by most people." "The most shocking problem in the Middle East is not what is happening in Gaza but what is happening with Germany. ... In fact, Germany is building its diplomacy and its military in preparation to intervene in the Middle East in ways that will shock the world" ("**As You Watch Gaza—Watch Germany**," *Trumpet*, January 2024). The Bible prophesies that Germany will get much more involved in the Middle East—and it will all revolve around a peace process. This border guard deployment is a small beginning of an extremely significant turn of events in the region and the whole world. ■

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ASIA

China is succeeding in its campaign to turn the world against the island nation of **Taiwan**, the *Economist* reported on February 9. Polling data shows that **119 countries, comprising 62 percent of the United Nations, now back the Chinese Communist Party's claim that it has the right to conquer democratic Taiwan**, which it has never controlled. Seventy of those nations support China's use of "all" efforts necessary. These nations are helping legitimize China's unlawful claims over Taiwan in the UN at a time when the United States is turning inward, leaving in question its willingness to defend fellow democracies. In his 1998 article "**Taiwan Betrayal**," Gerald Flurry wrote, "How could anyone fail to see that Taiwan is destined to become a part of mainland China? These 21 million people [now 23 million] are going to be forced into the Chinese mold; and it is going to happen for one reason: because of a pitifully weak-willed America."

Russia has tripled its military strength since the 2022 invasion



of Ukraine, Lithuanian Defense Minister **Dovilė Šakalienė** reported on February 10. Šakalienė encouraged Europe to increase its military spending to match Russia's rapid pace of growth. Fear of Russia has motivated **Lithuania, Latvia and Poland** to each allocate more than 3 percent of their gross

POSITION ON TAIWAN FEBRUARY 2025

- Endorse China's claim and "all" unification efforts
- Endorse China's claim



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domestic product for defense in their 2025 budgets, with further increases to come. Other European nations are not far behind, as the Continent wakes up to the rapidly changing global landscape. Russian President **Vladimir Putin** is making clear his goal of resurrecting Russia's Soviet-era military might and wielding that strength to subjugate all opposition, and Europe is taking action.

Defying international trade embargoes, **China is smuggling Western drone components to Russia to fuel the Russian war machine.** Some 80 percent of these prohibited militarily useful elements are being supplied by China, largely through covert transfers, according to an Estonian foreign intelligence report published February 12. The Bible prophesies that the deepening cooperation between Russia and China spells disaster for the West: A

seismic Asian alliance will steer the world toward the worst war in human history. To understand the dire consequences of this Asian alliance, order your free copy of ***Russia and China in Prophecy.*** ■

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MIDDLE EAST

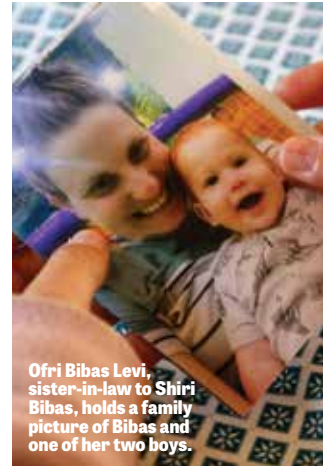
Amid the Israel-Hamas ceasefire, **European border guards arrived at the Rafah border crossing between Gaza and Egypt on January 31.** These include German guards. The last time Europe tried this, 20 years ago, the guards were unarmed. This time, according to the German Press Agency, the government is amending its 2005 decision so that German guards are

armed. **Italy, Spain** and France have also pledged to contribute to the small force, which will likely be in the dozens. But this is an important step toward Europe and Germany becoming peacekeepers in the region.

Daniel 11:40-41 prophesy of a clash between a German-led Europe and Iran-led radical Islam. Verse 41 states that the European "king of the north" will enter "the glorious land," which today is the land of Israel. "The Hebrew for 'enter' indicates a peaceful entry, not forced," Gerald Flurry writes in his book ***The Eternal Has Chosen Jerusalem.*** "The Germans will undoubtedly be *invited in* as a peacekeeping force."

The Bible also prophesies that this European force will *betray* the Israelis who let them enter.

The horrendous spectacle of **Hamas's** kidnapping and murders continued to worsen on February 20 as **the terrorist group, with music and celebration, relinquished three dead bodies to Israel** as part of a United States-brokered ceasefire. One was the body of retired journalist Oded Lifshitz. Two bodies, transported in black coffins, were Ariel and Kfir Bibas, who were kidnapped during the massacre of Oct. 7, 2023, when Ariel was 4 years old, and Kfir was 9 months. The body of their mother, Shiri, was also to be returned, but Hamas sent the body of a dead Gazan woman instead. Shiri's body was later returned. Hamas claimed the family was killed in November 2023 in an Israeli air strike. But Israeli forensics determined that the boys were beaten to death—a horrific reminder of Hamas's demonic mode of operation and of the terrorizing, taunting, murdering, raping and butchering these



Ofri Bibas Levi, sister-in-law to Shiri Bibas, holds a family picture of Bibas and one of her two boys.

Islamist terrorists committed on Oct. 7, 2023. Hamas massacred children and their families and forces its own children to become human shields as its terrorists operate in schools and day-care centers. The hostage spectacle reminds the world that Hamas, inexplicably saved from destruction by the disastrous ceasefire deal, maintains its gruesome strategy and tactics, and continues to murder Jews—even babies—as it attempts to eradicate Jews "from the river to the sea."

"The Jews are prophesied here to recognize a deep wound in their body politic," Mr. Flurry wrote in our **November-December 2023 Trumpet issue** on the October 7 attacks. "I have been writing for over 20 years that this *wound* represents the Middle East peace process, by which Israel has surrendered its own land in the vain hope of appeasing its enemies. ... Now the world has watched as Hamas has soaked itself and Jewish bodies of men, women, children and babies in blood!" That infamous massacre of 1,200 Israeli men, women and children is "bitter evidence of what a wound that farcical 'peace process' has been!" ■

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ANGLO-AMERICA

United States President **Donald Trump** is fighting to keep the dollar as the world's reserve currency. Many financial analysts recognize that Communist China wants nations to stop using the dollar in international transactions and to use instead a new settlements system to convert digital yuan into digital riyal and digital baht into digital dirham.

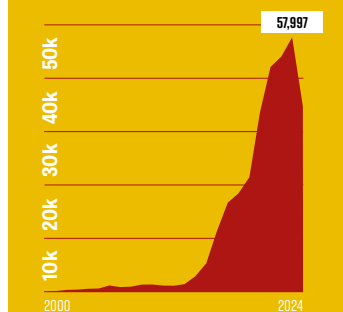
On January 23, President Trump signed an executive order titled "Strengthening American Leadership in Digital Financial Technology" that bars federal agencies from developing a central bank digital currency and promotes the development of dollar-backed stablecoins worldwide. A stablecoin is a cryptocurrency where the value of the digital currency remains equal to another currency or asset. Stablecoins are redeemable for U.S. dollars at a rate of 1:1.

The world could now be dividing into two giant currency blocs: a U.S.-led bloc promoting stablecoins and a Euro-Asian bloc promoting central bank digital currencies. This fits well with Bible prophecies in

Leviticus 26, Deuteronomy 28, and Isaiah 23, which foretell of an end-time "mart of nations" that will put the United States under an economic siege.

President Trump is also threatening stern measures against China, **Canada** and **Mexico** to stop the flow of fentanyl into the U.S. In addition to imposing tariffs (but then quickly rescinding them), he

Number of overdose deaths from fentanyl in the U.S. from 2000 to 2024



also designated eight Latin American drug cartels as terrorist groups and threatened to send U.S. special operations forces across the border into Mexico to train Mexican security forces and perhaps to engage in combat with these terrorist groups. While these measures might help reduce the supply of fentanyl and other illegal drugs in the U.S., they do not combat the demand for these drugs. In

2024, about 7 percent of Americans admitted they used illicit drugs regularly—more than in any other country. America's drug problem will not end until Americans *stop buying drugs*.

Many of the problems plaguing America are spiritual at their core. Galatians 5:19-21 warn against "works of the flesh," including "witchcraft." The Greek word translated "witchcraft" is *pharmakeia*, which literally means to "the use or the administering of drugs." Today, many use fentanyl, heroin and other hard drugs in a vain attempt to fill a spiritual void.

On February 7, President Trump announced the creation of a White House Faith Office led by Paula White-Cain, who has been one of his closest religious advisers for many years. She promotes the so-called prosperity gospel, which deemphasizes the role of repentance in a true Christian's life and teaches that devotion to God in the form of generous donations brings wealth and health. Amos 7:12-13 warn about religious leaders in the court of an end-time antitype of King Jeroboam II who reject both God's law and God's prophecies. There are many such religious leaders active in American politics today.

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I've read the *Trumpet* for decades now. Mr. Flurry was so right about Trump's return to the White House. I knew in 2020 that the left stole the election from President Trump. You guys were willing to say it out loud, while so many others were scared to risk their reputations.

Marcus Faulk FRESNO, CALIFORNIA

I was skeptical about reading the article "Why Is God Protecting Donald Trump" (theTrumpet.com/29903). But as I finished reading the magazine, I realized what it was about and said, *This is truly news I did not expect to hear: actual current news events backed by scripture from the Bible.*

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Herbert W. Armstrong, Revelation 17 and You

Can you recognize what he prophesied coming to pass?

“THE HEADS OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF EUROPE—ALL LIKE-wise men of inadequate caliber for the job—have lost all confidence in relying on the United States to protect them from Communist encroachments. The Russians ... will not retreat. They are in no great hurry—(a bear lumbers along slowly most of the time)—but in due time they at least now plan to keep moving on. ... Europe now fears them. The Europeans want political and military union. No leader in Europe is strong enough to unite them.”

These words are a sobering reflection of Europe’s current state of affairs in the era of United States President Donald Trump.

However, they were written by the late Herbert W. Armstrong on June 20, 1980.

In the decades after World War II, Mr. Armstrong prophesied of Germany’s rise to dominance, Europe’s militarization and the sudden emergence of strong leaders. In May 1953, he prophesied that in a time of crisis, “10 powerful European nations will combine their forces.”

Before the fall of the Berlin Wall and the rending of the Iron Curtain that divided Europe, Mr. Armstrong wrote on Aug. 27, 1980: “Will Poland free itself from Soviet domination and join with Yugoslavia, Romania and possibly Czechoslovakia—and with Germany, Italy, France, Spain, Portugal and Austria—in a resurrected medieval ‘Holy Roman Empire’ to dominate Europe and equal the USSR and the U.S.A. in world power?”

We are now seeing this military union form in front of our eyes. It is inspired by fear of Russia and distrust of the U.S., just as Mr. Armstrong prophesied. We are also starting to see the rise of some strong leaders. This is leading to the fulfillment of key Bible prophecy to which Mr. Armstrong often pointed: “And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast” (Revelation 17:12-13).

This “beast” is a political-military empire led by an overarching emperor. Seeing this beast rising in Europe today confirms the legacy of Mr. Armstrong as a man of God. (For proof of this, request a free copy of our booklet *He Was Right*.)

But these prophecies do more than that.

For decades, tens of thousands of dedicated Worldwide Church of God members supported Mr. Armstrong in proclaiming God’s message over television, radio and print, and bringing it directly in person to world leaders. But after Mr. Armstrong’s death, many of these members lost faith and turned their back on the Church’s commission. While they may hold on to some doctrines Mr. Armstrong taught, they have stopped proclaiming these sobering prophecies. Even if they recognize this rising beast for what it is, they fail to warn about the monstrosities that this church-state combine will cause.

This is a terrible mistake. And Revelation 17 includes a strong warning to anyone who falls into this category.

Notice that the beast in Revelation 17 is controlled by a woman (verse 1). A woman in Bible prophecy symbolizes a church (see Ephesians 5). But this is not God’s Church—it is a worldly church in a relationship with worldly governments. That is why God calls this church a “whore.” Throughout history, this church-state relationship has instigated religious wars, crusades and inquisitions.

Verse 6 blasts the most sobering warning in the whole chapter: “And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.”

Commenting on this verse, *Trumpet* editor in chief Gerald Flurry wrote, “This woman that rides this beast is prophesied to be drunk ‘with the blood of the saints.’ Christ is viewing this from A.D. 554 to the end time. He says this old lady has been killing God’s people for a long time! Only one church has that kind of history.

“Many of the Laodiceans are saying nice things about that woman, but she has a history of murdering the people

of God! That is what she does best! The Laodiceans don’t have enough courage to tell this world what she is, even though that is what God has commanded us to do.

“Notice how God’s Church is intertwined with the beast. We are its number one enemy. And those who are Laodicean—95 percent of God’s people today—will not be protected by God. They are going to finally see—the hard way—just how deadly this murderous whore is. Many of them will then believe God and never forsake Him again” (“God’s Love for the Laodiceans” *Royal Vision*, May-June 2015).

While we see this rising military empire, we cannot ignore the fact that its main target is prophesied to be God’s own lukewarm saints.

The emergence of this prophetic beast should cause anyone hearing this message to support it wholeheartedly, leaving all other pursuits behind. Through the fulfillment of these prophecies, God calls out to His lukewarm saints to turn back to Him. ■



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Waterbury WCCT-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
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Fort Myers-Naples WGPS-LD-BUZZR 6:30, Sun
Fort Pierce WMMF-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WMMF-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WPEC-NEST 7:00, Sun; WWHB-CD-NEST 7:00, Sun
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Jacksonville WBXJ-CD 6:30, Sun; WCWJ 6:00, Sun; WJXB-CD 8:30, Sun; WJVF-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WJVF-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WKBJ-LD-BUZZR 6:30, Sun
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St. Petersburg WDNP-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WDNP-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
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Tampa-St. Petersburg WTVT-BUZZR 6:30, Sun
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Pocatello KIFI-DT 8:30, Sun
Twin Falls KMVT-DT 8:30, Sun
Urbana WICD-COMET TV 6:00, Sun
ILLINOIS
Bloomington WEEK-DT 8:30, Sun
Champaign WBXC-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; WBUI-NEST 6:00, Sun
Chicago WCUI 9:30, Sun; WEDE-CD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; WGN 10:30, Sun; WUPR-BUZZR 5:30, Sun
Decatur WBUI-NEST 6:00, Sun
Harrisburg WUWT-CD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun
Peoria WEEK-DT 8:30, Sun
Quincy WGEM-DT 8:30, Sun; KHQA-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun
Rockford WREX 10:00, Sun; WREX-DT 8:30, Sun
Springfield WBUI-NEST 6:00, Sun;

WICS-COMET TV 6:00, Sun

INDIANA

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Fort Wayne WISE-DT 9:30, Sun; WLMO-LD-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
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South Bend ESBT/WSBT 7:30, Sun; WCWW-LD 6:30, Sun
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Mason City KAAL 8:30, Sun; KTTC-DT 8:30, Sun
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Sioux City KMEG-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KMEG-NEST 6:00, Sun; KTVI-DT 8:30, Sun
KANSAS
Hutchinson KMTW-NEST 6:00, Sun
Kansas City KCKS-LD 5:30, Sun; KCKS/-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KCKS-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KCTV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun
Lawrence-Leavenworth-Olathe KCKS-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun
Louisburg KMJC-LD 5:30, Sun
Pittsburg KFJX-DT2 8:30, Sun; KSXF 9:30, Sun
Topeka WROB-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; WROB-LD 5:30, Sun; WROB-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; WROB/KCTV/KCKS 7:30, Sun; KTKA-DT 8:30, Sun
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Wichita-Hutchinson KGPT-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KSMI-LP-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; KSMI-LP-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun
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Jenkins-McRoberts-Whitesburg WLFG-BUZZR 6:30, Sun
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Louisville W50CI-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WBNM-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WMYO-CD-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Paducah KBSI-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WDKA-NEST 6:00, Sun; WUWT-CD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun
LOUISIANA
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Lake Charles KPLC-DT 8:30, Sun
Monroe KNOE-DT 8:30, Sun
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Shreveport KRHP-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KSLA 5:00, Sun; KVPO-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; KVPO-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun
MAINE
Bangor WABI-DT 9:30, Sun
Presque Isle WAGM-DT3/WBPQ 9:30, Sun
Portland-Auburn WGME-NEST 7:00, Sun
Waterville-Portland WPFO-COMET TV 8:00, Sun

MARYLAND

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Hagerstown WMDE-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Salisbury W14DK-D-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WMDT-DT 9:30, Sun
MASSACHUSETTS
Boston WCRN-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WSBK-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WLVI-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WUTF-NEST 7:00, Sun
Burlington WVMA-CD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Holyoke WWLP-DT 9:30, Sun
Manchester WCRN-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Springfield WWLP-DT 9:30, Sun
MICHIGAN
Alpena WBAE 9:30, Sun
Bay City WSMH-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WSMH-NEST 7:00, Sun; WURO 8:30, Sun
Cadillac WFQX-DT 8:30, Sun; WPBN/WTOM-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
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Sault Ste. Marie WPBN/WTOM-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
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Greenwood WBWD 8:30, Sun
Gulfport WLOX 10:00, Sun; WXXV-DT 8:30, Sun
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Laurel W07BN-D-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun
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Meridian WTOK-DT 8:30, Sun
Oxford W34BJ-D-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun
Tupelo W07BN-D-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; WCBT-DT 8:30, Sun
West Point W07BN-D-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun
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TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun
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Sun; KJLN-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun;
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BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KSXF 8:30, Sun
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Sun; KCTV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KCWE
8:30, Sun
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KYOU-DT2 8:30, Sun
St. Louis KPLR 7:00, Sun
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Sun; KJLN-LD-RETRO TV7:30, Sun
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FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; KSFZ-LD-RETRO
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Sun; KXMP-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun
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St. Louis KDNL-NEST 6:00, Sun;
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COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KSDK 5:00, Sun;
WBGU-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; WPXS-RETRO
TV 7:30, Sun
MONTANA
Billings KSVI 10:00, Sun; KTVQ-DT 6:30,
8:30, Sun; KQHD-LD-RETRO TV 9:30, Sun
Bozeman K04QX-D-RETRO TV 9:30, Sun;
Sun; KBZF-DT/KXLF-DT 8:30, Sun
Butte K04QX-D-RETRO TV 9:30, Sun;
KBZF-DT/KXLF-DT 8:30, Sun
Glendive KWZB 8:30, Sun
Great Falls KRTV-DT 8:30, Sun
Helena KTVH-DT 8:30, Sun
Missoula KPAX-DT 8:30, Sun
NEBRASKA
Hastings KWBL/KCWH-LD 8:30, Sun
Kearney KWBL/KCWH-LD 8:30, Sun
Lincoln KWBL/KCWH-LD 8:30, Sun
Omaha KPTM-COMET TV 7:00, Sun;
KKVO-NEST 6:00, Sun; WOWT 6:00, Sun
North Platte KJIT-LD2/KWPL 8:30, Sun
Scottsbluff KGWN-DT 8:30, Sun
NEVADA
Las Vegas KGNG-BUZZR 3:30, Sun;
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FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; KVCW-NEST 7:00,
Sun; KVGA-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Reno KCNL-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun;
KNSN-TV-COMET TV 5:00, Sun; KNSN-
NEST 7:00, Sun; KOL03/KREN-DT 9:30,
Sun; KRMF-LD-FAMILY TV7:30, Sun
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Albuquerque KCHF-RETRO TV 9:30,
Sun; KOB 4:30, Sun; KRTN-LD 4:30, Sun;
KYNM-CD-FAMILY TV 8:30, Sun; NRQE
5:30, Sun
Santa Fe KCHF-RETRO TV 9:30, Sun;
KOB/KOBF 6:30, Sun
NEW YORK
Albany WCWN-NEST 7:00, Sun; WNGX-
LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WRGB-COMET
TV 8:00, Sun; WYBN-BUZZR 6:30, Sun;
WYBN-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Binghamton WBNG-DT 9:30, Sun
Buffalo KBXZ-BUZZR 6:30, Sun;
WBXZ-LD 6:30, Sun; WBXZ-LP-RETRO
TV 8:30, Sun; WNYO, 12:00 p.m., Sun;
WNYO-NEST 7:00, Sun; WNYO 9:00 p.m.
Sun; WNYO-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun;
WUTV 10:30, Sun
Elmira-Corning WENY-DT 9:30, Sun
New York City WLNY-NEST 7:00, Sun;
WPXI 11:30, Sun; WWOR, 8:00, Sun;
WWOR-TV-RETRO 6:30, Sun
Plattsburgh WPTZ-DT 9:30, Sun;
WVMA-CD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Rochester WBGT-CD 6:30, Sun; WUHF-
COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Schenectady WCWN-NEST 7:00, Sun;
WNGX-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WRGB-
COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WYBN-LD-RETRO
TV 8:30, Sun

Syracuse WONO-CD 6:30, Sun; WSTM-
TV-COMET TV 8:00; WSYR 9:00, Sun
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RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Utica WKTV-DT 9:30, Sun
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NORTH CAROLINA
Anderson WASV-LP-RETRO TV 8:30,
Sun; WNGS-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun
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Sun; WLOS-NEST 7:00, Sun; WNGS-LD-
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10:00, Sun; WCCB 5:00/10:30, Sun; WHKY-
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6:30, Sun; WVFB-LD-NEST 7:00, Sun
Durham WDRH-LD-RETRO TV 8:30,
Sun; WLFL-NEST 7:00, Sun; WNCB-
BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WRDC-COMET TV
8:00, Sun; WTVB 6:30, Sun
Fayetteville WDRH-LD-RETRO TV
8:30, Sun; WLFL-NEST 7:00, Sun; WTVB
6:30, Sun
Greensboro WMYV-COMET TV 8:00,
Sun; WLXL-NEST 7:00, Sun
Greenville WCTI-TV-COMET TV 8:00,
Sun; WJGC-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun;
WJGC-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WNCT-DT
9:30, Sun; WYDO-NEST 7:00, Sun
Hickory WHKY-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
High Point WMYV-COMET TV 8:00,
Sun; WLXL-NEST 7:00, Sun
New Bern WJGC-LD-FAMILY TV 7:30,
Sun; WJGC-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun;
WCTI-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WNCT-DT
9:30, Sun; WYDO-NEST 7:00, Sun
Raleigh WDRH-LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun;
WLFL-NEST 7:00, Sun; WRDC 10:30, Sun;
WRDC-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WNCB-
BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WTVB 6:30, Sun
Salem WMYV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Washington WJGC-LD-FAMILY TV
7:30, Sun; WJGC-LD-RETRO TV 8:30,
Sun; WNCT-DT 9:30, Sun; WYDO-NEST
7:00, Sun
Winston-Salem WLXL-NEST 7:00, Sun
Wilmington WECT 6:00, Sun; WSFX-TV
6:30, Sun
Winston WMYV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
NORTH DAKOTA
Bismarck KXMD 8:30, Sun
Dickinson KXMD/KXMC-DT2 8:30, Sun
Fargo KCPM-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KXJB
8:30, Sun
Minot KXMD/KXMC-DT2 8:30, Sun
Valley City KXJB 8:30, Sun
OHIO
Akron WZTDG-D-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun;
WIVX 8:30, Sun; WIVX-LD-RETRO TV
8:30, Sun
Chillicothe WWHO-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Cincinnati WKRC-NEST 7:00, Sun;
WOTH-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WSTR-TV-
COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Cleveland WZTDG-D-RETRO TV 8:30,
Sun; WEKA-LD-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WIVM/
WIVX 8:30, Sun; WIVX-LD-RETRO TV 8:30,
Sun; WJW-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WUAB
7:30, Sun
Columbus WOGB-BUZZR 6:30, Sun;
WSYX-NEST 7:00, Sun; WWHO-COMET
TV 8:00, Sun
Dayton WKEF 10:00, Sun; WKEF-NEST
7:00, Sun; WRGT-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
New Philadelphia WIVD-LD-RETRO
TV 8:30, Sun
Staubenville WBWO 9:30, Sun
Toledo WNNW-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Youngstown EYTV 11:30, Sun
Zanesville WBVZ 9:30, Sun
OKLAHOMA
Ada KTNB-DT 8:30, Sun

Lawton KAUZ-DT 8:30, Sun
Oklahoma City KBZC-LD-BUZZR 5:30, Sun;
KOCB-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KOKH-NEST
6:00, Sun; KWRW-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun
Tulsa KMYT-TV 5:30, Sun; KQCW 9:30,
Sun; KTUL-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KTUO-
LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KUOC-LD-BUZZR
5:30, Sun
OREGON
Bend KTVZ-DT 9:30, Sun
Eugene K4JJP-D-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun;
KMTR-COMET TV 5:00, Sun
Medford-Klamath Falls KTVL-COMET
TV 5:00, Sun; KTVL-DT 9:30, Sun
Portland KATU-COMET TV 5:00, Sun;
KUNP-NEST 7:00, Sun
Yakima-Pasco-Richland-Kennewick
K20MJ-D-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
PENNSYLVANIA
Altoona WHVL-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WJAC-
TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Erie WSEE-DT/WICU-DT 9:30, Sun
Johnstown WHVL-BUZZR 6:30, Sun;
WJAC-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Philadelphia WDPN-TV-RETRO TV 8:30,
Sun; WPSG-COMET TV 8:00, Sun; WPSG-
NEST 7:00, Sun; WTXF-TV-BUZZR 6:30, Sun
Pittsburgh WOSC-BUZZR 6:30, Sun;
WPKD 9:30, Sun; WPNT-COMET TV
8:00, Sun; WPNT-NEST 7:00, Sun;
WPTG-CD 6:30, Sun; WPTG-CD-RETRO
TV 8:30, Sun
Scranton WSWB-COMET TV 8:00, Sun;
WSWB-NEST 7:00, Sun
State College WANT/WWCP 8:30, Sun;
WHVL-BUZZR 6:30, Sun; WJAC-TV-
COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Wilkes-Barre WSWB-COMET TV 8:00,
Sun; WSWB-NEST 7:00, Sun
RHODE ISLAND
Providence WJAR-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
SOUTH CAROLINA
Anderson WLOS-NEST 7:00, Sun;
WYCW 9:00, Sun
Charleston ECIV 8:30, Sun; WCBF-DT
9:30, Sun; WCIV-NEST 7:00, Sun; WLOW-
LD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun
Columbia WACH-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Florence WPDE-TV-COMET TV 8:00, Sun;
WTNG-CD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WWMB-
DT 9:30, Sun; WWMB-NEST 7:00, Sun
Greenville WASV-LP-RETRO TV 8:30,
Sun; WLOS-NEST 7:00, Sun; WNGS-LD-
FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WNGS-LD-RETRO
TV 8:30, Sun; WYCW 9:00, Sun; XXXX-
BUZZR 6:30, Sun
Hardeeville WTGS-COMET TV 8:00, Sun
Myrtle Beach WPDE-TV-COMET TV
8:00, Sun; WTNG-CD-RETRO TV 8:30,
Sun; WWMB-DT 9:30, Sun; WWMB-NEST
7:00, Sun
Rock Hill WMYT-TV-BUZZR 6:30, Sun
Spartanburg WASV-LP-RETRO TV 8:30,
Sun; WLOS-NEST 7:00, Sun; WNGS-LD-
FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WNGS-LD-RETRO
TV 8:30, Sun; WSPA 12:00 p.m., Sun;
WYCW 9:00, Sun
SOUTH DAKOTA
Rapid City KLCQ-DT 8:30, Sun; KRPC-
LP-FAMILY TV 8:30, Sun; KRPC-LP-RETRO
TV 9:30, Sun
Sioux Falls-Mitchell KRPC-LP-RETRO
TV 7:30, Sun; KSFY-DT 8:30, Sun
TENNESSEE
Chattanooga ETVG 7:00, Sun; WDNN-
CD-RETRO TV 8:30, Sun; WOOF-LD-
FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WOOF-LD-RETRO
TV 8:30, Sun
Jackson WNBK 8:30, Sun
Jacksonport-Johnson City WLFG-BUZZR
6:30, Sun
Knoxville WKNN 1:30 p.m., Sun; WKX-
LD-FAMILY TV 7:30, Sun; WKX-LD-
RETRO TV 8:30, Sun

Memphis KPMF-BUZZR 5:30, Sun;
WHBQ 5:30, Sun
Nashville WJNK-BUZZR 5:30, Sun;
WNAB-NEST 6:00, Sun; WWHL-LD-RETRO
TV 7:30, Sun; WUXP-TV-COMET TV 7:00,
Sun; WWHL-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun
Spring City WOOF-LD-RETRO TV
8:30, Sun
TEXAS
Ablene KTXS-DT 8:30, Sun; KVII-TV-
COMET TV 7:00, Sun
Amarillo KLVW-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KVII-
DT/KVII-DT 8:30, Sun
Austin KGBS-CD-NEST 6:00, Sun;
KTBC-BUZZR 5:30, Sun
Beaumont KAQB-LD-RETRO TV 7:30,
Sun; KBTU-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KBTU-
TV-NEST 6:00, Sun; KFDM-DT 8:30, Sun
Brownsville KCWT/KNVO-DT 8:30,
Sun; KGBT-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun
Corpus Christi K33QP-D-RETRO TV
7:30, Sun; KIII ABC 9:30, Sun; KRIS-DT
8:30, Sun
Dallas KDAF 7:00, Sun; KDFI-BUZZR
5:30, Sun; KFWD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun;
KTDX-NEST 6:00, Sun; KTXD-TV-COMET
TV 7:00, Sun
El Paso KFOX-NEST 9:00, Sun; KFOX-TV-
COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KTSN 7:00, Sun
Fort Worth KDFI-BUZZR 5:30, Sun;
KDFW 5:00, Sun; KFWD-RETRO TV 7:30,
Sun; KTXD-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun;
WFAA 5:30, Sun
Harlingen KCWT/KNVO-DT 8:30, Sun;
KGBT-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun; KTFV-CD-
NEST 6:00, Sun
Houston KIAH-COMET TV 7:00, Sun;
KTXH 10:30, Sun; KTXH-BUZZR 5:30,
Sun; KVQT-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun
Laredo KLDO-TV-NEST 6:00, Sun; KYLX
8:30, Sun
Longview KDKJ-BUZZR 5:30, Sun;
KLNM-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; KLNM-LD-
RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KYTX-DT 8:30, Sun
Lubbock KLCW-DT 8:30, Sun; KYML-
BUZZR 5:30, Sun
Lufkin KLNM-LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun;
KLNM-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun;
Midland KWAB-DT/KWES-DT 8:30, Sun;
KWES 10:00, Sun
Nacogdoches KLNM-LD-FAMILY TV
6:30, Sun; KLNM-LD-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun;
Odessa KWAB-DT/KWES-DT 8:30, Sun;
KWES 10:00 Sunday; KWNW 5:30, Sun
Port Arthur KAQB-LD-RETRO TV 7:30,
Sun; KBTU-TV-COMET TV 7:00, Sun;
KBTU-TV-NEST 6:00, Sun; KFDM, 2:05,
Sat/8:30, Sun
San Angelo KTXE 8:30, Sun
San Antonio KMYS-NEST 6:00, Sun;
KOBZ-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KRTX-LP-FAMILY
TV 6:30, Sun; KRTX-LP-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun
Sherman KTEIN-DT 8:30, Sun
Sweetwater KTXS-DT 8:30, Sun
Tyler KDKJ-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KLNM-
LD-FAMILY TV 6:30, Sun; KLNM-LD-
RETRO TV 7:30, Sun; KTRF 11:30, Sun;
KYTX-DT 8:30, Sun
Victoria KVCT-DT3/KWVB 9:30, Sun
Waco K20KJ-D-RETRO TV 7:30, Sun;
KZCZ-BUZZR 5:30, Sun; KZCZ-LD-COMET
TV 7:00, Sun; WKWT 6:30, Sun
Weslaco KCWT/KNVO-DT 8:30, Sun
Wichita Falls KAUZ-DT 8:30, Sun; KFDX
6:00, Sun
U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS
Charlotte Amalie WVXF 6:30, Sun
UTAH
Salt Lake City KBTU-BUZZR 4:30, Sun;
KJZZ-TV-COMET TV 6:00, Sun; KMTI-LD-
RETRO TV 9:30, Sun; KUTO-LD-FAMILY
TV 8:30, Sun
Paute-Richfield KSVC-LD-RETRO TV
9:30, Sun

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

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American Crimes Network Nationwide 10:30, Sun

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

GETTV Nationwide 6:30, Sun

TBD 8:30 ET/PT, Sun

NATIONWIDE CABLE

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

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

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

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CHCH 11:30 ET, Sun

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Kamloops CFJC 9:00, Sun

Prince George CKPG 9:00, Sun

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

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

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

MANITOBA

Winnipeg CIIT Joy TV 11:00, Sun

ONTARIO

Toronto WUTV 10:30, Sun

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

QUEBEC

Montreal WVN 10:30, Sun

CARIBBEAN

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

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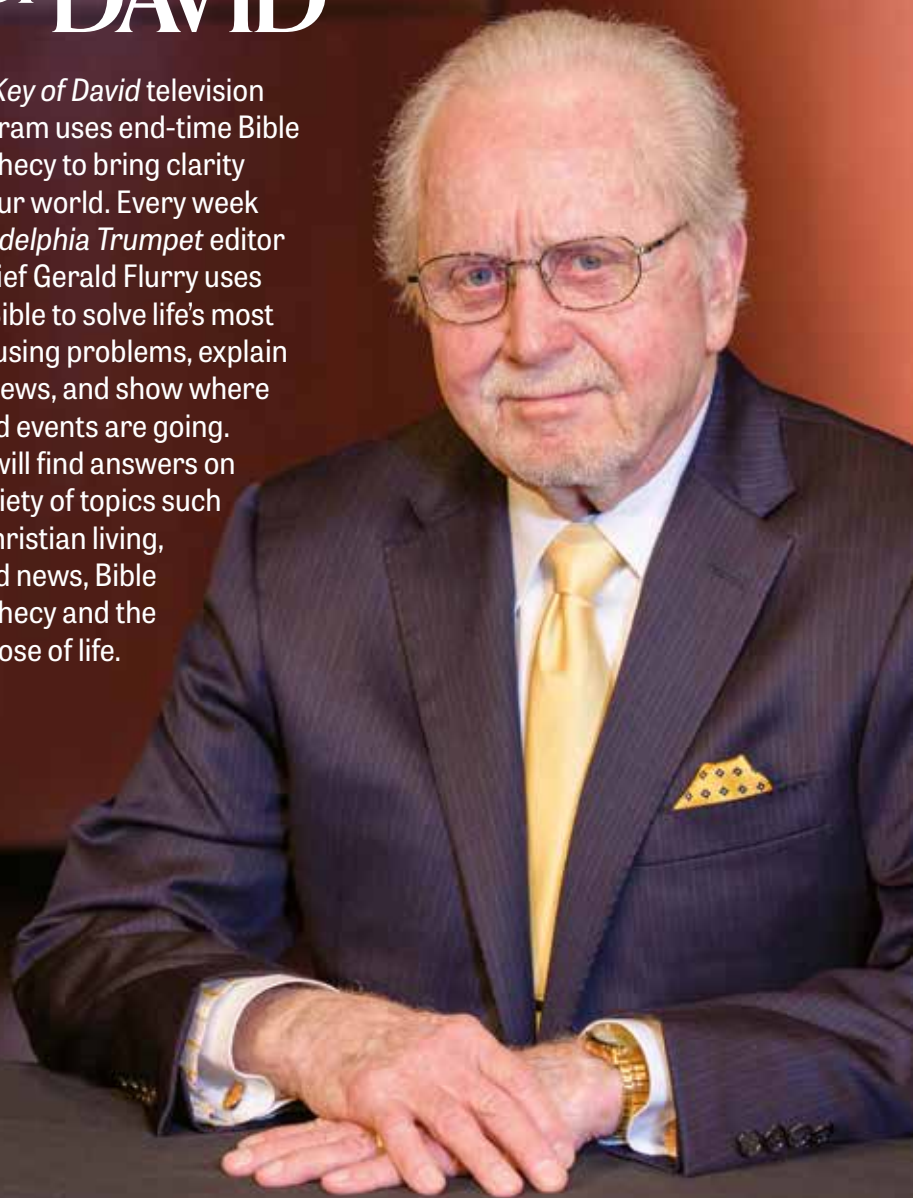
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