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Beginning of the Great Tribulation!



**What Do You Mean,
“Walking with God”?**

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A Voice in the Wilderness

God tells His servants in His Word, “Cry aloud, spare not. Lift up your voice like a trumpet and declare to My people their transgression and to the house of Jacob their sins!” (Isa.58:1, Parallel Amplified Bible).

God also declares: “Comfort, comfort My people, says your God. Speak tenderly to the heart of Jerusalem, and cry to her that her time of service and her warfare are ended, that [her punishment is accepted and] her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received [punishment] from the Lord’s hand double for all her sins.”

We are living in a world gone berserk with anger and rage. “Why do the nations rage?” (Psalm 2:1). Answer – because they don’t know the true God, and are in rebellion against His laws and teachings and the true way of life and peace!

Isaiah wrote: “A voice of one who cries: *Prepare in the wilderness the way of the Lord* [clear away the obstacles]; make straight and smooth a highway for our God. . . . And the glory (majesty and splendor) of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it” (Isaiah 40:3-5).

The Messiah is coming very SOON! Its time to prepare to MEET Him! “Surely the Lord will do nothing without revealing His secret to His servants the prophets” (Amos 3:7). The purpose of this magazine is to warn the world of what lies ahead, and to help prepare people to get ready to meet the Messiah, when He returns to restore all things (Acts 3:19-21), put an end to wars, and usher in the Kingdom of God! The prophet Amos declared, “*Prepare to meet your God, O Israel*” (Amos 4:12). No matter is more urgent, today!

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Has the Great Tribulation Begun?

The world is becoming a frightful place. America and the world are teetering on the brink of destruction. The Democratic Party has gone berserk and corruption is beyond calculation. Hillary Clinton, beset with incredible scandals and money laundering schemes, could well become the next President of the United States.

What does Bible prophecy tell us about the coming “End of Days”? Have they begun already? 2016 has been a very explosive, tumultuous year! Where do we go from here? What can you do to be prepared for the future? How can you save yourself and your family from the onrushing time of trouble and torment?

-- William F. Dankenbring

“If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?”
-- Psalms 11:3.

The Beginning of the Great Tribulation

The year 2016 began with a convulsive spasm of world trouble and torment. Riots, revolution, earthquakes, drought, flooding, wild fires, food shortages, massive refugee flows, coups and attempted coups, and civil war – the nations are raging. People are frightened, terrified. Never have world troubles been so horrendous and threatening. What does it all mean? Where are we NOW in Bible prophecy?

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A nationwide return to God is America's only hope for the future, evangelist Franklin Graham said before the start of the Republican National Convention.

“This nation – it needs a spiritual healing from Almighty God,” Graham said before praying. “Our country – I don't have to tell you – is in trouble. And the only hope for this country is God. It's not the politicians. It's God.”

Graham said America has been running away from God. “The secularists, the progressives, many of these people, most of them are people that would be atheistic, and we have taken God out of our country,” he said. “We have taken Him out of our nation; we have taken Him out of our government.”

“We have taken Him out of the education system, and our country is beginning to implode,” he continued. “We're on the precipice of anarchy.”

“It seems as though our country is just unraveling,” he said, citing the violence in Baton Rouge, Dallas, and Orlando. “We are losing God's blessing; we're losing His hand of protection.”

Look at the signs all around us – the warning flags are flying!

Coming of the Antichrist

In I John 2:18-19 we read: “Dear children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the *Antichrist* is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour. *They went out from us*, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us.”

The word antichrist is capitalized here meaning that it is a specific individual prophesied to come in the last days who will lead the world astray, who is anti God and Christian religion even though he appears to be a Christian. John says “went out from us” but went out into error of wickedness and lawlessness.

How close are we to that time?

In the days after the flood Nimrod, a black man, a son of Cush, who was a grandson of Noah, was the “antichrist” of that generation and led the whole world into apostasy what was called the “Babylonian mystery” system. Ironically the name Nimrod comes from a Hebrew root word *marad* meaning “he rebelled” or “rebel”. In these last days, a final world-ruling “antichrist” is going to rise up and set himself up in the place of Christ and even claim to be the Messiah, the anointed One of God.

Antichrist teaches the opposite of the truth of God. President Obama has designated the month of June as gay pride month to honor homosexuals. The Supreme Court has approved same-sex marriage. Now Obama is messing with bathroom policy in schools across the nation for “transgenders.”

God says He will not be mocked. It is interesting that the Secret Service code name for President Obama is *renegade*. Renegade means “rebel” or “one who rebels.” Could he be on a trajectory to become the endtime “Antichrist” who will surge to the forefront and lead the nations of the world to fight against Christ at His return?

Will you be taken in, and deceived, by the end-time “Antichrist” and his apologists, propagandists, and spokesmen? The apostle Paul warned, speaking of our days, the Day of the coming of the true Christ, or Messiah, will not come “unless the FALLING AWAY [APOSTASY] comes first, and the man of sin [lawlessness] is revealed, the son of perdition” – the Antichrist (II Thess.2:3).

Paul talks about the insidious, undercover plot to seize control of the world, in our days, by a “shadow government” working behind the scene. He says, “For the mystery of lawlessness is ALREADY at work” (v.7)); “only He who now restrains will do so until He [or, “he,” margin] is taken out of the way. And then that lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming” (v.7-8).

Paul warns that his coming will be “with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous DECEPTION among those who perish, because they did not receive the *LOVE OF THE TRUTH*, that they might be saved [spared, protected]” (v.9-10).

The deception of this oncoming, world political and religious system will be so powerful and strong that, Christ Himself warned, “For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to DECEIVE, *if possible*, even the elect” (Matt.24:24).

Says the apostle Paul, “Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall” (I Cor.10:12). In other words, for truth stand tall, lest you completely fall! Remember Humpty Dumpty who sat on a wall, who had a great fall, and all the king’s horses and all the king’s men, couldn’t put poor Humpty together again!

End Time Deception

Jesus Christ speaks of what the times will be like before His second coming. There are things that we need to watch out for in the meantime, so that we will not become distracted, lose our focus, and become confused or perish. He warned, “Be careful that no one misleads you [deceiving you and leading you into error]. For many will come in (on the strength of) My name [appropriating the name which belongs to Me], saying, I am the Christ (the Messiah), and they will lead many astray” (Matt.24:4-5, Amplified Parallel Bible).

In other words, we should take every precaution, so that no one deceives us – no one. Many deceivers will rise up in the last days, most notably, the “Antichrist,” who will claim that he is “God’s chosen one,” the “Anointed One,” the “Messiah” who will save the world – even while he plots its utter destruction and annihilation of all his enemies and those who do not bow before him and obey his dictates and orders!

Could you fall for such a man?

Some preach a fiction of a pre-tribulation rapture, some will claim the Law of God is done away, that the weekly Sabbath and annual festivals (Sabbaths) are not commanded today, that tithes and offerings are optional, and there is no “true calendar” or it doesn’t matter what calendar one uses.

The signs that we are living in the end times are all around us!

Final Stages of Prophecy

How close are we to the end? Have we really entered the first stages of the final stages of the end and the time of Jacob’s Trouble? Have world troubles begun to increase exponentially this year?

It seems to me, this year of 2016 has become a year of significant changes in the world for the worst. The world is becoming fragmented, divided and increasing unstable—much more warlike than ever before. A dark cloud is beginning to descend upon the world greater than ever.

Let’s take a brief look at the latest “news.”

On the financial front, “Over 48 million Americans are currently on food stamps. That’s over 15% of the population that ostensibly already can’t afford to feed themselves without government assistance! What happens if food outlets stop accepting food stamps?

We are really just one minor civil war, disaster or unpredictable chain of events away from seeing the dollar dethroned. Many think the dollar will collapse later this year. Even Donald Trump warns we are on the edge of a financial precipice! It is time for us to prepare for hard times coming and get out of debt.

2016 has proven fateful for Israel, as it faces a growing threat and increasing hatred from its Muslim neighbors. ISIS continues to threaten the region. Turkey has become a militant Islamic dictatorship. A historic political “earthquake” in the Middle East is threatening world stability, as millions of refugees flood into Europe.

The Middle East Quagmire

The next “end time sign” that the apocalypse is rapidly approaching is Obama’s policy toward Israel and the Muslim nations. As he bows before the Saudi king, and makes love to the Muslim nations, and turns his back on America’s oldest friend in the Middle East, there will be “hell” to pay as God Himself turns His back on the United States and the rest of the world for ignoring and worsening the plight of Israel, God’s chosen people.

Could President Obama complete his betrayal of Israel by supporting the United Nations’ declaration of a Palestinian State? Such a nightmare betrayal is not out of the question but is very likely, as worldwide pressure increases to force the state of Israel to willingly retreat to its indefensible pre-1967 borders.

Since modern day Israel was created in May 1948, American Jews and Christians have agreed on one very serious matter; America had a religious commitment to tiny Israel and must support her at all costs. American Jews were especially vexed over reports that Barack Obama is a closet Muslim and therefore, will not support Israel during a time of life-and-death struggle.

If President Obama joins the International Community in attempting to force Israel to withdraw to her indefensible pre-1967 borders, God’s judgment will surely fall upon our nation like a sword from Heaven.

The plan to divide Israel can be traced back to the Oslo Accords of 1992-1993, when President Clinton brokered a signing of this horrific plan to divide Israel between Israeli Prime Minister Rabin and Palestinian terrorist leader, Yasser Arafat. Since then, the Bush administration tried to push forward the plan, and engaged the Jews to pull out of the Gaza Strip. Now it appears the “final shove” is coming from President Obama as he tries to play to world opinion and the Muslim world. This may well be part of his strategy to become the next Secretary-General of the United Nations!

President Obama has recently told Prime Minister Netanyahu Israel must retreat to the pre-1967 borders. – which means that Israel will have to give up the Golan Heights overlooking the sea of Galilee which protects upper northern Israel, give up the Jezreel Valley which lies between the Jordan River and comes within 17 miles of the Mediterranean Sea.

Worst of all they would have to give up the Israeli presence in the Old City of Jerusalem and the Temple Mount – holy ground. God wants the Jews to take over the Temple Mount and has told them to rebuild his Temple, not to withdraw from the Old City of Jerusalem..

Those who curse Israel and divide up the land among the nations; those who force Israel to give up their land for peace, God says he will deal with a strong curse.

The Word of God says, “The curse causeless shall not come” (Proverbs 26:2). There is a cause for every effect. The prophet Amos wrote, “If a trumpet is blown in a city, will not the people be afraid? *If there is calamity in a city, will not the LORD have done it?*” (Amos 3:6).

The world as a whole has forgotten God. All nations today are deceived and following the wrong path (Rev.12:9).

The United States and western world are also headed into a period of divine judgment and calamity.

The apostle Peter tells us, “And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place. . . . Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit” (II Pet.1:19-21).

Israel – 1947-48

One of the key marks to understand Bible prophecy and its final fulfillment is the establishment of the state of Israel in the Middle East in 1948. Israel became a nation on May 14, 1948 after not being a nation since the Roman Empire when they were sent into captivity (the diaspora) for almost 2000 years.

The Bible says that in the last days Judah would once again inhabit the coastlands of Judah in the Middle East. That is where Israel is reestablished today. Therefore 1948 is a very significant year in terms of the “end times”.

Jesus Christ the Messiah said, “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door. I tell you the truth, THIS GENERATION shall certainly not pass away until all these things have happened” (Matt.24:32-34, NIV).

What did He mean by “this generation”? He is talking about the “fig tree.” The fig tree is a symbol of Israel! God says of Israel, When I found Israel, it was like finding grapes in the desert; when I saw your fathers, it was like seeing the early fruit on the fig tree” (Hosea 9:10).

Biblically speaking, “The days of our lives are seventy years; and if by reason of strength they are eighty years” (Psalm 90:10). Thus a Biblical “generation” would be 70 years, from birth to death, or 80 years. Israel, God’s nation, was voted into existence by the United Nations in November 1947, and was “born” on May 14, 1948. A “generation” could be 70 years. Thus Israel’s first generation could end in 2017-2018! This may well mean we are entering the final seven years of this age, before the soon coming of Christ the Messiah!

This is very interesting, because if we count 50 years (which is a Jubilee cycle of years) from 1947 it brings us to 1967 which is the year of the Six-Day War when Israel conquered the surrounding Arab nations – Egypt, Syria, Jordan-- miraculously. Israel captured the Sinai Peninsula, the Golan Heights of Syria, the West Bank of the Jordan River, eastern Jerusalem and the Temple Mount. That, you might say, would be the first Jubilee period after 1917.

Going backward from the year 1967 a Jubilee period of 50 years, you come to the year 1917, the year General Allenby defeated the Turks and recaptured Jerusalem and basically moved the Ottoman Empire out of Israel in World War I which saw the collapse of the Ottoman Empire of Turkey. Palestine became a British mandate. Going forward 50 years from 1967 brings us to 2017 A.D. Could this timeline point to the final seven years before the coming of the Messiah – the time of GREAT TRIBULATION in the earth?

Has the world now crossed into that time frame? Is the Great Tribulation now staring us in the face?

So then we have a Jubilee cycle from 1917 to 1967, then another one 1967 to 2017. I don't claim to know all the answers. However, *I do think it is very possible that we have begun the final countdown to the coming of the Messiah.*

“This Generation”

The Hebrew term which can be translated “the final generation” or “the last generation” or “the generation to come” is *ha dor ha acharon*. It means the time of the end or “the generation that comes”, or “*the generation at the end.*” Says *Gesenius Hebrew Lexicon*, “(1) *hinder, latter*, as opposed to former, foremost . . . (2) *after, later, following*, ‘after generation,’ Psalm 48:14, ‘after-time,’ Prov.31:25; Isa.30:18 . . . (3) *last*, Neh.8:18; Isa.44:6, ‘I (God) am the first, and I am the last’; Job 19:35. Fem. Adv. *At last, last*, Dan.11:29. Also Deut.13:10 and Num.2:31; Eccl.1:11, *at last, lastly.*”

Let's notice how this term applies to the last, final generation..

Deuteronomy 29:14-24—“The Lord made this covenant so that no man, woman or family of all the tribes of Israel should turn away from him to worship gods of other nations and so that no root would bear such poisonous and bitter fruit. Let no one who hears the words of this oath written in this book of the law bless himself in his heart and think he will have peace (be safe), even though he follows the dictates of his heart (goes his own way)—as though the drunkard could be included with the sober. The Lord would not spare him; for then the anger of the Lord and his jealousy will burn against that man and every curse that is written in this book would settle on him and the Lord would blot out his name from under heaven.

“So that *the generation to come* of your children that shall rise up after you, and the stranger that shall come from a far land, shall say, when they see the plagues of that land, and the sicknesses which the Lord has laid upon it; And that the whole land is brimstone, and salt that is burning, that it is not sown nor bearing, nor any grass grows therein, *like the over-throw of Sodom and Gomorrah, Adman, and Zeboim* which the Lord overthrew in his anger and his wrath. All nations shall ask, ‘Why has the Lord done this to the land? What is the meaning of this great anger?’”

Take note especially of the fact that *ha dor ha acharon* can just as readily be translated as “THE LAST GENERATION,” or “the FINAL generation.” *Acharon* means “hindmost, last in order, last of a series.” Or, simply, “last.”

We are the generation living during the time of the rebuilding of Jerusalem and the establishment of Israel in 1947-48. This is the generation that Christ was speaking of in Matthew 24 that are written for us today. Messiah said, beginning in verse 32, “Now learn a parable of the fig tree;” The fig tree is a type of Israel. “When his branch is yet tender and puts forth leaves you know that summer is near: so likewise you, when you shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.”

This refers to the coming of Messiah. “Surely, *this generation* shall not pass, until *all these things be fulfilled.*”

Daniel's 70 "Shavuot"

In Daniel 9 we read about the 70 weeks (70 Shavuot) prophecy. "Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city until the measure of transgression is filled and that of sin is complete, until iniquity is expiated and eternal righteousness ushered in; and prophetic vision ratified, and the Holy of Holies anointed. You must know and understand: From the issuance of the word to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the [time of the] *anointed leader* is seven weeks . . ."

Let's figure it out!

In Daniel 9:25 we read, "Know and understand from the going forth of the word *to* (future tense) return and *to* (future tense) *rebuild Jerusalem* [in our time] to the coming of an Anointed One, a . . . shall be seven weeks" – that is, 7 weeks x 7 days or a total of 49 years, using the "day for a year" principle (Num.14:34; Ezek.4:6)..

$$7 \times 7 = 49 \text{ years!}$$

In 1948 Israel became a country again, but they did not possess the Old City of Jerusalem or the Temple Mount. Rather, the Jordanians and Palestinians possessed them. The Jews were given only the tiny sliver of land that was a small part of old Israel.

In the 1967 Six-Day war, Israel regained control of Jerusalem, the Temple Mount, all of the Sinai, Samaria, the Golan Heights, and Gaza. At this time another decree was issued to rebuild Jerusalem!

Jerusalem was rubble, but starting in 1967 it began to be rebuilt and is now a shining, resplendent NEW city on a hill.

The End-Time Decree

Prime Minister Menachem Begin of Israel sent a letter to President Jimmy Carter of the United States, at Camp David, Thurmont, Maryland, , saying:

17 September 1978

Dear Mr. President,

I have the honor to inform you, Mr. President, that on 28 June, 1967—Israel's Parliament (The Knesset) promulgated and adopted a law to the effect: 'the Government is empowered by a decree to apply the law, the jurisdiction and administration of the State to any part of Eretz Israel (land of Israel—Palestine as stated in that decree.

"On the basis of this law, the Government of Israel decreed in July 1967 that Jerusalem is one city indivisible, the Capital of the State of Israel. Sincerely, (signed) Menachem Begin."

The decree went forth in July 1967. What does the prophecy say?

"From the decree going forth to rebuild Jerusalem, shall be seven weeks . . ."

1967 A.D.
49 years
 2016 A.D.

Sign of the Blood Red Moons

2014-2015 was a time of four blood red moons – lunar eclipses occurring God’s annual holy days of Passover in the spring and Sukkot in the fall. A similar pattern of eclipses, called a “tetrad” occurred in 1967-68 and 1949-50.

This is prophetically significant!

There have been only 4 times in the last 500 years that blood moons occurred on Jewish feast days...these were 1493-4, the Spanish Inquisition, when the Catholic Church slaughtered thousands of Jews; 1949-1950, just after Israel fought for its independence and became a state; and 1967-68 when Israel fought the Six-Day War and liberated Jerusalem and the Temple Mount. Israel won back Jerusalem, and started the 2nd rebuilding of the city.

The tetrad of 2014-15 of this century was also significant. What does it mean? Could it be the year when the way is paved for the rebuilding of the temple of God? Could it be the final countdown of the last 7 years to the end of the age and the coming of the Messiah?

“The Destroyer”

We read in verse 27 that the end-time world leader (the “beast” – the one known as the “Antichrist”) “shall confirm the covenant (treaty-agreement) with *many* (nations) for one week and in the midst of the week (3 ½ years) he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation (offerings) to cease, and on the wing of abominations (set up object that desecrates the temple) he shall make it (temple) desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolator (destroyer).”

In the book of Revelation this figure is called *Abaddon* in Hebrew and *Apollyon* in Greek. Both words mean “Destroyer.”

He will be a destroyer of nations. God’s Word declares of him, “But it is in his heart to destroy, and cut off not a few nations” (Isa.10:7). The Amplified has this, “but it is in his mind to destroy and cut off many nations.” Moffatt puts it, “But other plans has he, and other aims! His thought is to exterminate the nations far and wide.”

This destroyer is also spoken of in Habakkuk 1. The prophet cries out to God of violence before him on the earth: those that raise up strife and contention. Wicked surrounds the righteous and twisted judgment continues. The law is powerless and justice never goes forth.

God tells Habakkuk in chapter 1, verse 5, “Look among the heathen, and watch and wonder marvelously: for I will work a work in your days, which you will not believe, though it be told you. I am raising the Chaldeans [end-time “Babylon the Great,” the “New World Order”], a bitter and hasty nation which shall march through the breadth of the land, to possess the dwelling places that are not theirs. They are terrible and dreadful: their judgment and their dignity shall proceed of themselves.”

God is talking about the end times and the New World Order, modern day Babylon that includes Europe and North America as the basis. They shall come all for violence and gather the captivity as the sand. They scoff at kings, scorn princes and deride every strong hold. In chapter 2 Habakkuk says he will stand his watch and see what God will say to him and what he will answer when He is reproved.

God tells Habakkuk to write the vision plainly, so that whoever reads it may RUN, for it is *yet for an appointed time* at the end. Wait for it, for it will surely come for it is true. This is something that we are to read, heed and take action that we may live through these intensified times.

A World Writhing in Torment

One of the signs Jesus Christ predicted that would foreshadow the Great Tribulation and set apart the days preceding His coming, is increased earthquakes around the world. He declared of the days prior to His arrival, “And there will be famines, pestilences, and *earthquakes* in various places” (Matt.24:7). Luke 21:11 says “And there will be GREAT earthquakes in various places.”

Are earthquakes intensifying and increasing around the world? In the last 25 years, the number of world earthquakes has increased from 11,000 to 32,000 a year, almost a 300 percent increase (source: U.S. Geological Department website). In the past ten years alone earthquakes that register 5.0 have increased 36 percent, above 6.0 by 34 percent, and above 7.0 by 39 percent.

Yeshua declared, “All these are the beginning of sorrows” (Matt.24:8).

The Year 2016

A leading Jewish rabbi known as the Chofetz Chaim foretold the Second and Third World Wars. On one occasion, Rabbi Yechezkel Levenstein said he heard the Chofetz Chaim say that there will be a second war which will cause the First World War to appear like child's play. There will then be a third war, which will make the second war appear like child's play.

A sense of dread and gloom fell over those listening, and Rav Shalom Schwadron found the courage to ask the Mashiach why it was necessary to utter such harsh words. Wouldn't it be preferable to simply daven (pray) to be saved from future harsh decrees?

The Mashgiach Rabbi Yechezkel Levenstein, became very agitated and said, “You completely misunderstood what the Chofetz Chaim intended with these words! The Chofetz Chaim's main intention was that there will be a dearth of emunah [faith, truth]! The dearth in emunah [faith, truth] during WWI was child's play compared to the dearth of emunah [faith, truth] during WWII, and the darkening of emunah [faith and truth] that will be during the third war will make everything previous seem like child's play.”

Says Adam Eliyahu Berkowitz, “Great Torah sage Rabbi Yisrael Meir Kagan, known as the Chofetz Chaim, predicted almost 100 years ago that a Third World War will begin 75 years after the beginning of World War II.

The great sages of Israel are known for their exegesis and study of Torah law. Their intense devotion to God with every waking breath frequently transcends the material world. As such, divine messages are given over to them to pass on to the nation.

The author of the monumental work known as the Mishana Berurah, the Chofetz Chaim outlined the basis of laws Ashkenazic Jews still observe to this day. What is not generally known about the Torah sage is that he was occasionally the recipient of divine messages.

According to the Hebrew language website Sod Hachashmal, in one such case, the Chofetz Chaim predicted the war preceding the messianic age.

According to the prediction, the Chofetz Chaim said, “I received from the holy spirit that we are on the verge of a horrific war, that will end in 1945 (תשׁה״), but after that will come 10 sabbaticals to prepare for the messiah, and at the end of 10 sabbaticals which will end in the year 2015 (ה׳עט״ה), this is the time the messiah must come.”

$$\begin{array}{r} 1945 \\ \underline{\quad 70 \text{ years (10 Sabbaticals)}} \\ 2015 \end{array}$$

Declares Adam Eliyahu Berkowitz, “These were the words said by Rabbi Yosef Ben Porat, in the name of the Chofetz Chaim, who said during the First World War, that 25 years after it, another war will break out which will make the first one seem like a child’s game, and 75 years after that will come a third war, greater than the rest, making the second world war seem like a child’s game, and then the messiah will come. And just like the Second World War broke out 25 years after the beginning of the First World War, *the third one will begin 75 years after the beginning of the Second world War*” (September 9, 2015).

Has the Third World War now broken out? The war of Islamic jihad against the Western world?

Clearly, the final “countdown” to the coming of the Messiah has begun. The clock is now ticking.

The year 2016 began with a BANG – not a whimper. It charged out of the starting gates like a thoroughbred horse in the Kentucky Derby.

Jeremiah’s Warning

God looks upon our generation with great alarm and concern. He inspired Jeremiah the prophet to write, “This is what the LORD says: ‘When men fall down, do they not get up?’ When a man turns away, does he not return? Why then have these people turned away? They cling to deceit; they refuse to return. I have listened attentively but they do not say what is right. No one repents of his wickedness, saying, ‘What have I done?’ Each pursues his own course, like a horse charging into battle” (Jeremiah 8:4-6).

God declares, “From the least to the greatest, all are greedy for gain; prophets and priests alike, all practice deceit. They dress the wound of my people as though it were not serious. ‘Peace, peace’, they say, when there is no peace. Are they ashamed of their loathsome conduct? No, they have no shame at all; they do not even know how to blush. So they will fall among the fallen; they will be brought down when they are punished, says the LORD” (Jer.8:10-12).

God says of his people today, will they fall and not rise again? End-time Israel, including the “lost ten tribes,” Ephraim-America and Great Britain-Manasseh, have backslidden and remain in a perpetual backsliding holding fast to deceit, refusing to return. Deception abounds everywhere, especially in monetary matters.

“I listen and heard that they do not speak right. No man repents of his wickedness—saying “WHAT HAVE I DONE?” (Jer.8:6).

The prophet Jeremiah tells us about this time which he calls “the time of Jacob’s Trouble.” We read, . “The days are coming, says the Lord that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it. I hear a voice of trembling and of fear, not of peace. *Why do I see men with paleness of face with his hands on his loins as though in travail like a woman in labor giving birth?* Alas! That day is great, so that *none is like it*: it is the **time of Jacob’s trouble**; but he shall be saved out of it” (Jer.30:3-7).

The Prophecy of Habakkuk

Speaking of this end-time generation, and the end-time world kingdom which will dominate the world, God says to Habakkuk, “They all come for violence; their faces are set like the east wind. They gather captives like sand. They scoff at kings and princes are scorned by them. They deride every stronghold” (Hab.1:9-10).

Habakkuk even describes the leader of end-time Babylon! Notice! He writes, “Behold the proud. His soul is not upright (desires not right) in him; but the just shall live by faith. Indeed, because he transgresses by wine, he is a proud (arrogant) man. He does not stay at home” (Hab.2:4-5).

Note: Wine here is also a type of drugs (mind intoxicating chemicals, like alcohol, marijuana, cocaine, etc.). “He enlarges his desire as hell, and he is like death, and cannot be satisfied. He gathers to himself all nations, and heaps up for himself all peoples” (v.5, latter part).

“Woe to him who increases what is not his—how long? And to him who loads himself with many pledges [vast indebtedness and borrowing from other nations]? Will not your creditors [among the nations] rise up suddenly? Will they not awaken who oppress you? And YOU will become their booty, because you have plundered many nations, all the remnant of the people shall plunder you” (Hab.2:6-8).

“Woe to him who covets evil gain for his houses that he may set his nest on high that he may be delivered from the power of disaster! You give shameful counsel to your house, cutting off many peoples, and sin against your soul. For the stone will cry out from the wall, and the beam from the timbers will answer it” (vs.9-11).

What is this “shameful counsel”? What kind of sin is “against your own soul” or body? Homosexuality! Is it any wonder that President Obama has made June the month of “Gay Pride”?

“Cutting off many peoples” means going to war at the drop of a hat, and invading nations where there is no real justification, nations which have not endangered us or attacked us. America never used to do this. Throughout our history, we never struck the first blow. But we fought back when we were attacked – the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Spanish American War, the First World War, the Second World War, Korea, Vietnam.

However, that all changed with the Bush administration in 1990. George H.W. Bush attacked Iraq even though Iraq had not attacked or threatened America. He sought to forge a “New World Order” by leading a coalition of nations against Iraq. His example was followed by William Clinton in Kosovo, George W. Bush in Afghanistan and Iraq, and Barack Obama/Hillary Clinton in Libya and Syria!

God says, “Woe to him that builds a town with bloodshed, who establishes a city by iniquity (crime)! Behold, it is not of the Lord of Hosts that the people labor to feed (fuel) the fire, and the nations weary themselves for vanity (pride/ uselessness; exhaust themselves for nothing).” (Hab.2:12-13).

Daniel's Purview

The prophet Daniel also talks about this same time of Jacob’s Trouble. We read in verse 1 of chapter 12, “At that time shall Michael stand up the great prince which stands for the children of your people: and there shall be *a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation* even to that same time and at that time your people shall be delivered, *every one that shall be found written in the book.*”

Daniel is told by God to shut up the words, and seal the book **UNTIL** the TIME OF THE END. “Many shall run to and fro and knowledge shall be increased. Many shall be refined and turn to righteousness others shall continue to do wickedly (will not change-don’t get the point). But the wise shall understand.”

Who are the wise? The wise are those who fear God and keep his commandments; do not mock or doubt prophecy, or scoff at the word of God, but believe and follow Christ. Job declares, “Behold the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom and to depart from evil, is understanding” (Job 28:28).

It is simple. If we desire to escape the traumas and horror soon to engulf this planet, and to be protected through the harrowing days ahead, then we must turn to God; we must determine to obey all of God’s commandments. In principle, we are to obey any commandment that God gives.

In Matthew 4:4 Christ said, “it written, man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God”. Christ taught obedience to the Torah. He said in Matthew 5:17 “Think not that I am come to destroy the law [the Torah] or the prophets. I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill.” He came not to nail the law to the cross, or do away with the law.

He came to show us how beautiful the law is, and how to keep it in order to receive life. He came to MAGNIFY it and to make it honorable (Isa.42:21).

The White Horse

The apostle John writes in vivid prose:

“And I saw, and behold a WHITE HORSE: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him; and he went forth conquering, and to conquer” (Rev.6:2).

What is this white horse? One church claims it is false religion, or religious deception, sweeping the world. Why? Because the rider has a “bow,” but when Christ returns He will have a “sword” (Rev.19:15). But does this make sense? No one to my knowledge even suggests or claims this horseman represents Christ! As I have just said, a “horse” represents WAR, or a war-waging military power – not religion, or false religion!

Often, in Scripture, God is pictured as waging war by shooting arrows from a bow (Deut.32:23, 42) as well as a sword (Deut.32:41-42). Job speaks of the “arrows of the Almighty” (Job 6:4). God says in Zechariah, “When I have bent Judah for me, and filled the bow with Ephraim” (Zech.9:13). And verse 14, “And the LORD shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning.” This is talking about WAR – not religious deception! The fact that this horseman uses a bow and not a sword makes no difference one way or the other! It proves nothing as to the identity of the horseman!

The white horse represents a war-making power. But which one? How do we identify it?

“White” is a symbol of righteousness (Rev.19:8). This nation, or world power, then historically has exercised its power on the behalf of freedom, liberty, democracy, and “righteousness,” attempting to fight oppression, tyranny, and evil around the world!

To further explain this end-time prophecy, turn to Zechariah chapter 6. In the New King James Version we read: “Then I turned and raised my eyes and looked, and behold, FOUR CHARIOTS [like the four beasts] were coming from between two mountains, and the mountains were mountains of bronze. With the first chariot were RED HORSES, with the second chariot BLACK HORSES, with the third chariot WHITE HORSES, and with the fourth chariot DAPPLED HORSES – strong steeds. Then I answered and said to the angel who talked with me, ‘What are these, my lord?’ And the angel answered and said to me, ‘These are four spirits of heaven, who go out from their station before the Lord of all the earth. The one with the BLACK horses is going to the NORTH country [the “king of the north”!], the white are going after them, and the dappled are going toward the south country.’ Then the strong steeds went out, eager to go, that they might walk to and fro throughout the earth. And He said, ‘Go, walk to and fro throughout the earth.’ So they walked to and fro throughout the earth. And He called to me, and spoke to me, saying, ‘See, those who go toward the north country have given rest to My Spirit in the north country’” (Zech.6:1-8).

Does this strange prophecy connect with the four beasts of Daniel 7? Notice, they are also connected with “four spirits” or four “winds” of heaven (v.5). Let’s read this passage in the

Jewish Tanakh:

“The horses of the first chariot were bay [red], the horses of the second chariot were black; the horses of the third chariot were white, and the horses of the fourth chariot were spotted – dappled.”

The angel told Zechariah,

“Those are the FOUR WINDS OF HEAVEN coming out after presenting themselves to the Lord of all the earth. The one with the BLACK horses is going out to the region of the NORTH; the *white* ones have gone out *to what is to the WEST of them*; the spotted ones have gone out to the region of the SOUTH; and the dappled ones have gone out”

Why does the Tanakh say the white horses went out to the “WEST”? The King James says only that they went out after the black horses, which went to the north. The marginal reading in the Tanakh says, “Cf. ‘ahor, ‘west,’ Isa.9:11. Emendation yields ‘the region of the west.’” The Companion Bible, also, in a marginal comment on verse 6, concerning the white horses going ‘after them,’ says, “after them: or, to the west of them” (p.1986).

Concerning the phrase, “the dappled ones have gone out . . .”, the Tanakh has a footnote, here, which reads, “Emendation yields ‘the bay ones will go out to the REGION OF THE EAST.’” Thus these four chariots and horses are connected with the four regions of the earth -- north, west, south and east!

In expounding this passage, the *Jamieson, Fausset and Brown Critical, Experimental Commentary* says: “6. The black horses which are therein go forth into the north country -- Babylon. . . . ‘The black horses’ go to Babylon, primarily to represent the awful desolation with which Darius [a type of Christ] visited it in the fifth year of his reign” (p.677). The black horses, and north country, then, are connected with the “north wind” – or Babylon! Today, that kingdom is centered in Europe!

The commentary continues, “and the grisled go forth toward the south – i.e., TO EGYPT, the other great foe of God’s people.” Certainly, the land of the “south” means south of Palestine, or Judea, and would include Africa and the Arab nations, led primarily by Egypt!

What about the “red” horses, then, which went to the EAST, according to the Tanakh? In the eastern hemisphere lies the kingdoms of RUSSIA and CHINA – the preponderance of the continent of ASIA! The color of “red” reminds us unequivocally of Russia, the “Reds,” “red flag” of Communism, the “Red Square” in Moscow, the red star on Soviet military equipment, the red hammer and sickle of the Russian flag. Red is connected with Russia. Thus the red horses and chariot are connected with Russia and China – the “Communist” nations!

Russia is also connected with the “bear” sign – the “Russian Bear,” is a common term used to refer to the Russian military forces. This red horse then represents the same world power as the bear of Daniel 7.

The black horse identifies with Babylon-Europe and Assyria-Germany. Germany is the

land of the Iron chancellor Bismark, the iron cross, the black cross, the Nazi symbolism, the black uniforms of the Nazi storm troopers and the Waffen S.S. and Gestapo -- the color of Germany and Babylon is "black."

The "spotted" or "dappled" horses are connected with the "king of the south" -- the Muslim nations of the Middle East and Africa. This corresponds with the 'spotted' leopard beast of Daniel 7 -- the beast of the southern kingdom, Africa! This kingdom figures prominently in the last days as attacking the "king of the north." We read, "At the TIME OF THE END *the king of the South shall ATTACK him*; and the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter the countries, overwhelm them, and pass through. . . He shall stretch out his hand against the countries, and the land of Egypt shall not escape" (Dan.11:40-42).

What, then, about the white horses that went westward? What kingdom do they represent? They went out to the "WEST." Since we have identified the kingdoms of the north, south, and east, what is the kingdom of the west? Obviously, the white horses that went west are connected with the great world kingdom that lies in the western hemisphere! Since the red horses are Russia and China, the bear of Daniel 7; the grisled horses represent Egypt and the Arabs, the leopard of Daniel 7; and the black horses are Assyria-Babylon (modern Europe), representing the nondescript terrible beast of Daniel 7; then the white horses must represent the remaining *western kingdom* of Daniel 7 -- the "lion"-like kingdom with *eagle's wings*.

What great nation or group of nations in the WEST are "lion" hearted, and have "eagle's wings"? This can be none other than the United States of America and Britain and the Anglo-Saxon nations -- the English speaking nations which dominate the Western hemisphere and Western Europe! There are over 3,000,000 Jews in America, and God compares "Judah" to "a lion's whelp" who "lies down as a lion, and as a lion, who shall rouse him?" (Gen.49:9).

Of Joseph, Jacob prophesied, "The archers have bitterly grieved him, shot at him and hated him. But his *bow abode in strength*, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the Mighty God of Jacob (from there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel)" (Gen.49:23-24). The two sons of Joseph, Ephraim and Manasseh, were to inherit the "birthright promises" of vast lands and natural resources in the earth (Gen.48:12-20; 49:25-26). Balaam prophesied of Israel, which includes the dominant sons of Joseph, "They shall devour enemy nations, crush their bones, and smash their arrows. They crouch, they lie down like a lion. Like the king of beasts, who dare rouse them?" (Num.24:8-9).

Once again America's mighty air power was being demonstrated before the eyes of all the world, in the day and night bombings of the Taliban forces in Afghanistan! Cruise missiles, F-16s, B-1 bombers, B-2 bombers, B-52 stratofortresses, and other incredible new weapons, are wreaked havoc in that country, in an attempt to flush out and destroy the nests of Bin Laden terrorists.

The United States has been like a strong "lion" during the 20th century. It has the world's most powerful air force -- symbolized by "eagle's wings." It was the difference in victory in World War I, World War II, led the western coalition against Iraq in the Gulf War, stopped the advance of Communism in Korea, and fought for years in Vietnam, finally pulling out in 1975, after more than ten years of bitter conflict. No nation has been more lion-like, both

in prestige, and power, in the twentieth century than the United States. Although it is a mixed population, with many Gentiles living within its borders, it is the end-time tribe of Joseph -- the tribe of Ephraim -- and Britain is primarily the descendants of Manasseh, Joseph's older son. The two sons together have dominated the earth for the past two centuries -- Britain in the 19th century, and America in the 20th century.

This chariot of white horses – this first kingdom of Daniel 7 – represents the Anglo-Saxon nations of America and Britain and their fellows. The color “white,” itself, symbolizes righteousness (Rev.19:8), and many of the wars our people have been engaged in have been “righteous wars” in the defense of freedom, liberty, and democracy. But our righteousness, unfortunately, has become as filthy rags in God's sight (Isa.1:2-10; Isa.64:6). God has now removed His protection from us, because we have forsaken Him and transgressed His immutable laws (see Leviticus 26 and Deut.28).

The “white” horse is therefore connected with the west (Zech.6:6, Tanakh). It represents a mighty military power in the “West.” Historically, this was the Macedonian Empire, under Alexander the Great, a descendant of the tribe of Dan. Which nation or group of nations would that represent, today? Why, the United States and Great Britain, and their allies! The United States, in the western hemisphere, was largely responsible for saving the world in World War I, World War II, fending off Communism in Korea and Vietnam. George Bush led the U.S. to victory against Saddam Hussein, of Babylon-Iraq, in the Gulf War, like a latter-day Alexander.

Suffice it to say here, the “white” horse – white is a symbol of righteousness – represents end-time Israel, primarily the leadership tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh – the United States of America and United Kingdom and Canada – going forth to save the world from totalitarianism and enslavement during the twentieth century. Our nations saved the world for “democracy” and freedom from the scourge of World War I, Nazism and World War II, and Communism since that time! The United States saved South Korea from the invasion of North Korea, fought the Communists in Vietnam, and led the fight against Saddam Hussein of Iraq.

The United States has been “riding high” since the end of World War II. It is currently regarded as the world's only remaining “superpower.” Nevertheless, it is beginning to wear out its welcome around the world. Its claim to greatness is beginning to wear a mite “thin.”

The United States in Biblical prophecy is none other than Ephraim, the birth-right holder of the sons of Joseph – see my book *America and Great Britain – Our Identity Revealed: Ephraim and Manasseh in the End of Days*.

The Olivet Prophecy

Matthew 24:12-22 also speaks of the end of the age. Here, Christ, the Word, Yeshua the Messiah says to His disciples (and especially those of us living at the end of the age today), “Because sin (lawlessness) shall abound, the love of many shall wax (grow) cold.” He continues, “But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

“When you therefore shall see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place (whoso reads this let him understand) those who are in Judea flee into the mountains.”

“Pray your flight be not in winter or on the Sabbath day. For then *shall be great tribulation*, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. *Except those days should be shortened*, there should be no flesh saved: but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened.”

These frightful days have begun. The plague has begun. The time of Great Tribulation has begun. The beginning of the Great Tribulation is here . . . *now*. The year 2016 began with a BANG – not a whimper! As the poet Yeats in “The Second Coming” wrote:

“Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold;
Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world,
The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere
The ceremony of innocence is drowned;
The best lack all conviction, while the worst
Are full of passionate intensity.”

Luke’s Prophetic Warning

The gospel of Luke also talks about the end of the age. Speaking of these tremulous times of uproar and instability, Christ declared, “In your patience possess your souls” (Luke 21:19).

We must learn patience. I find that patience is one of the hardest lessons for people to learn. They want things, and they want it NOW. Our society has gotten used to “instant” gratification – coffee, potatoes, puddings, microwavable food, and automats to name a few items.

He continues, “When you see Jerusalem encompassed about by armies, you know the desolation is near.” Today, Israel is surrounded by Arab nations that hate the Jews and are united in desiring to wipe out the nation of Israel.

These are the beginning days of the Great Tribulation and the days of vengeance!

These are the days of Daniel’s 70th week in Daniel 9. The final seven years of this age appear to be upon us now. I know people say we can’t understand or know the time of Messiah’s return, but they don’t pay close attention to the word of God and prophecy. Fear of the Lord is the beginning of understanding and wisdom.

Christ declared, “When Jerusalem is surrounded by armies, know (RECOGNIZE) that the desolation (the time of its destruction) is near. Let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart (get out of the city), and let not those who are in the country enter the city. For these are the *days of vengeance*, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. For there will be GREAT DISTRESS in the land and wrath upon this people. And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

“And there will be *signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars*; and on the earth distress of nations with *perplexity* (not knowing what is happening), the *sea and waves roaring*: men’s hearts will fail them for fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then all will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now *when these things begin to happen*, look and lift your heads, because your redemption (salvation—kingdom of God) draws near” (Luke 21:20-28).

In the *NLT*, it has it, “For those will be the days of God’s vengeance, and the prophetic words of the Scriptures will be fulfilled.” In the *NIV* we read: “For this is the time of punishment in fulfillment of all that has been written. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.”

Great signs are beginning to occur in the solar system, and many more solar flares and large coronal storms have occurred in recent years. These storms can knock out the world’s electronics and destroy the world’s communication systems.

The END Has Come

Our end is coming and God’s judgments are beginning to fall. This time is spoken of in Ezekiel 7:2-10—the time of the end!

“An end, the end has come upon the four corners of the land. NOW the end has come upon you, and I will send My anger against you: I will judge you according to your ways, and I will repay you for all your ABOMINATIONS” (Ezekiel 7:2-3).

“A disaster, a singular disaster; Behold, it has come! An END has come, THE END has come, it has dawned for you; Behold, it has come! DOOM has come to you, you who dwell in the land, the TIME has come, a day of trouble is near” (Ezek.7:5-7).

“Behold, the day! Behold, it has come! DOOM has gone out; the rod has blossomed, pride has budded. Violence has risen up into a rod of wickedness . . . the time has come, the day draws near . . .” (vs.10-12).

We are living in the “END” time and God’s anger is going to be sent upon people and He will judge their ways and He will repay everyone for their abominations without pity. “*Then you shall know that I AM the Lord Eternal and Creator, your judge who strikes. The end has come. I will pour out my fury.*”

A Final Warning

After telling his disciples about the signs of the end of the age, Christ then told them the parable about the fig tree and all the trees. “When they are budding, you see and know of your own selves that summer is near at hand. Likewise, when you see these things taking place, know (recognize) that the Kingdom of God is near at hand. I assuredly say to you, *this generation* (the

generation that sees these things) shall not pass away, until all these things take place (are fulfilled). Heaven and earth shall pass away but my words by no means will pass away.

“Take heed to yourselves (watch your heart) lest at anytime your hearts be weighed down with dissipation (wasting life, drunkenness, cares and anxieties) of this life, and that Day will close on you unexpectedly (catch you unawares) like a trap. It will come upon everyone who dwells on the face of the earth. Therefore, *WATCH! PRAY always* (continually and consistently daily) that you may be one of those counted worthy (may have strength) to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man” (Luke 21:29-36).

We have begun to experience plagues today around the world like never before. Revolution is raging in countries throughout the Middle East—Egypt, Tunisia, Yemen, Syria, Libya, and a horde of millions of Muslim “refugees” is threatening the stability of Europe. America is also threatened as refugees pour into our land from Syria, without having been properly vetted by authorities. ISIS terrorists are undoubtedly lurking in their midst, like the soldiers in the “Trojan horse” in ancient history.

Surely the end has come. The plagues have begun. The end is here. As the Messiah said, “All these are the beginning of sorrows” (Matt.24:8).

Moffat has this: “For nation will rise against nation, and realm against realm; there will be famines and earthquakes here and there. All that is but the *beginning of the trouble.*”

The Living Bible: “But all this will be *only the beginning* of the horrors to come.”

The Amplified-Parallel Bible: “All this is but the beginning [the early pains] of the *birth pangs* [of the intolerable anguish].”

The Greek word translated “sorrows” here in the New King James Version is *odin* and means, “a pang or throe, especially of childbirth – pain, sorrow, travail.”

When you see a storm coming, the prudent thing to do is to make preparations. *Prudence* is the use of caution or good judgment in the conduct of one’s business.

- Proverbs 16:25—“there is a way that *seems right* to a man; but its end is the way of death.” See also Proverbs 14:12.
- Proverbs 14:15—“a simple man believes anything, but a prudent gives thought (carefully considers) to his steps.
- Proverbs 19:16—“he who keeps the commandments keeps (protects) his soul; but he who is careless (reckless and despises commandments) will die.”
- Proverbs 22:3—a prudent man foresees evil (recognizes danger) and hides himself (takes precautions); the simpleton (SIMPLE-MINDED) goes blindly on and is punished (suffers the consequences).” (see also Proverbs 27:12)
- Proverbs 28:12—when the righteous rejoice (triumph), there is great glory (elation); but when the wicked rise to power, men hide (literally –“will be searched for”) themselves. Are you thinking ahead? What would you do if there were no food or water supplies in Walmart, Safeway, or other major food stores? Do you have an emergency supply on

hand?

Think about growing and preserving your food.

Wise king Solomon saw that “man also, does not know his time (when his hour will come). Like fish taken up in a cruel net, like birds caught in a snare, so the sons of men are trapped (snared) by evil times that fall unexpectedly (suddenly upon them)” (Ecclesiastes 9:12). In the Amplified Bible, we read: “Man knows not his time of death. As fishes are taken in an evil net, and as birds are caught in the snare, so are the sons of man caught in an evil time when calamity (tragedy) falls suddenly upon them.”

In an earnest, final warning, Jesus Christ, Yeshua, said to His disciples, particularly for those living in our age, today: “Take heed to yourselves and be on your guard, lest your hearts be overburdened and depressed (weighed down) with the giddiness and headache and nausea of self-indulgence, drunkenness, and worldly worries and cares pertaining to (the business of) this life, and (lest) that day come upon you suddenly like a trap or a noose. For it will come upon all who live upon the face of the entire earth.

“Keep awake then and watch at all times (be discreet, attentive, and ready), praying that you may have the full strength and ability and be accounted worthy to escape all these things (taken together) that will take place, and *to stand in the presence of the Son of Man.*” (Luke 21:34-36).

The apostle Peter declares, “But the end of all things is at hand. Therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. And above all things, have fervent love for one another, for love will cover a multitude of sins” (I Peter 4:7-8).

“Now the end of all is near. Steady then, keep cool and pray! Above all, be keen to love one another, for love hides a host of sins” (Moffatt).

“But the end and culmination of all things has now come near; keep sound minded and self restrained and alert therefore for [the practice of] prayer. Above all things have intense and unfailing love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins [forgives and disregards the offenses of others]” (Amplified-Parallel Bible).

Are you getting ready and preparing soberly?

The apostle Paul declared, “For when they say ‘Peace and safety!’ then SUDDEN DESTRUCTION comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, so this Day should overtake you as a thief. You are all sons of light and sons of the day. We are not of the night nor of darkness.

“Therefore let us not sleep, as others do, but let us WATCH and be sober [margin, “self-controlled”]. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk are drunk at night. But let us who are of the day be SOBER, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet the hope of salvation. For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ” (I Thess.5:3-9).

Prophecy Briefs

Sanhedrin Takes On UN

Israel's ancient high court, the Sanhedrin, now reborn, has issued a statement warning the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization not to try to interfere with – or change – the history linked to the Temple Mount.

A report by Breaking Israel News says the U.N. agency wants to adopt a resolution at its current meetings in Istanbul that would declare the Temple Mount, site of the ancient Jewish temples, is “sacred to ‘Muslims only.’”

The proposal comes jointly from Palestinian and Jordanian interests and follows an earlier decision by the agency to call the site in Jerusalem in official papers only by the name created by Muslims – Al-Aqsa.

But Breaking Israel News reported the new plan is “far more radical.”

It said “UNESCO’s very unholy actions” would deny that there is any Jewish link to the location at all.

That prompted the Sanhedrin, which is known in the New Testament for condemning Jesus, to act.

The court, which was disbanded about A.D. 425 and now has been re-created, released a statement warning that the U.N., through its statements and comments, is fomenting global terror.

“The Jewish right to the Temple Mount was established in the Bible, and should therefore be recognized by Christianity and Islam,” the Sanhedrin said in its statement. “In fact, the Jewish claim to Jerusalem is as essential to those religions as it is to Judaism. The biblical connection between the Jews and Jerusalem led to the building of the First Temple by King

Solomon, which strengthened our claim to Jerusalem even more.”

The statement from the court, made up of leading rabbis and scholars continued, “A plethora of archaeological evidence in and around Jerusalem is undeniable proof of Jewish settlement in biblical times. Islam did not exist, in Israel or anywhere else, until the year 636 ... more than 500 years after the destruction of the Second Jewish Temple.

“If there are any doubts or counter-claims, the Sanhedrin challenges them to establish an objective committee of archeologists to check these facts. On this matter, the Sanhedrin decries the Palestinians’ efforts to destroy the archaeological evidence on the Temple Mount. ... These acts, destroying the sites and artifacts of other religions ... are intended to create belief in the false historical narrative the Palestinians are trying to spread among the non-Jews, and even among the Jews” of no historical links between Jews and the site.

The statement was referring to periodic actions by the Islamic Waqf, which manages the Islamic mosque now on the mount, to do “construction” with heavy equipment and machinery in an “area rich with archaeological relics.”

The Jewish leaders wrote that the looming UNESCO vote, based on a “false belief,” would promote the “way for terror attacks and other tragedies.”

Rabbi Hillel Weiss, spokesman for the Nascent Sanhedrin, explained that every aspect of the Temple is connected to the concept of peace, Breaking News Israel reported.

“The Temple was intended to be the place where all the nations came together to serve God, in peace. By enabling the Muslims to turn the Temple Mount into the antithesis of this idea, UNESCO is doing the opposite of their stated

mission of uniting the nations,” he told the agency.

“By allowing the Muslims exclusive access to prayer on the Temple Mount, the world has chosen ‘priests’ of war and terror. The world must allow the Jews, the real lovers of peace, to be the priests representing all the nations on the Temple Mount,” he said.

The U.N. faction specifically calls for a return to the status quo that was there before 1967, which Breaking Israel News said apparently “means completely banning Jews and other non-Muslims from the entire Temple Mount complex.”

Officials explain the Temple Mount holds the Dome of the Rock and the Al-Aqsa Mosque, but the Western Wall “has absolutely no Muslim connection whatsoever.”

However, the U.N. refers to that location as “al-Buraq Plaza,” the news agency said.

WND reported in 2015 when Jordan said it wanted its soldiers to “patrol” the area.

The move was rejected by Israel immediately.

Jews and Christians are actually barred from the mount during most hours of the day and are never allowed to pray at the site or carry holy objects.

Most Palestinian leaders routinely deny well-documented and historical Jewish ties to the Temple Mount.

Speaking to WND in a 2007 interview, Waqf official and chief Palestinian Justice Taysir Tamimi alleged the Jewish Temples are fiction.

“About these so-called two Temples, they never existed, certainly not at the Haram Al- Sharif (Temple Mount),” said Tamimi, a top Palestinian cleric.

“Israel started since 1967 making archaeological digs to show Jewish signs to prove the relationship between Judaism and the city, and they found nothing. There is no Jewish connection to Israel before the Jews invaded in the 1880s,” said Tamimi.

He rejected the fact that there have been dozens of digs verified by experts worldwide revealing Jewish artifacts from the First and Second Temples, tunnels under the Temple Mount and more than 100 ritual immersion pools believed to have been used by Jewish priests to cleanse themselves. The cleansing process is detailed in the Torah.

Asked about the Western Wall, Tamimi said the structure was a tying post for Muhammad’s horse and that it is part of the Al-Aqsa Mosque, even though the wall predates the mosque by more than 1,000 years.

The Palestinian media also regularly state the Jewish Temples never existed.

It actually is considered the holiest site in Judaism.

The First Temple, built by King Solomon in the 10th century B.C., was destroyed by the Babylonians in 586 B.C. The Second Temple was built in 515 B.C. after Jerusalem was freed from Babylonian captivity. That temple was destroyed by the Roman Empire in A.D. 70. Each temple stood for several centuries. (WND, Bob Unruh, July 30, 2016).

Obama’s End Game

If you were Barack Obama – a Marxist revolutionary disguised as a Democrat, who after promising “fundamental transformation” delivered it nonstop during his presidency, but was in grave danger of seeing his beloved radical changes eviscerated once he leaves office – what would you be doing right now?

No need to guess. Obama adviser Cecilia Muñoz, director of the White House Domestic Policy Council, clearly sums up the mission of Team Obama in the home stretch of his transformative presidency.

Muñoz’s entire focus, she boasts, is making sure Obama’s controversial policies are permanently “institutionalized” so they will live on long after she and her boss are gone from the White House – no matter who succeeds Obama.

A former executive with the National Council of La Raza, a radical pro-amnesty Hispanic activist

group, Muñoz says job one is “to make sure we build this [Obama’s immigration policies] really into the DNA across the federal bureaucracy, at a leadership level, but much more importantly to make sure that when political appointees like me are no longer here, this is built into what those agencies do and think about every day.”

In other words – and this applies not just to immigration, but to every area in which this president has turned America upside-down, from the economy to “social issues” to foreign policy – Obama’s policies are to be permanently baked into America’s government, bureaucracy, law and culture.

Of course, throughout his presidency, Obama and his team have deliberately schemed to make his revolutionary re-imagining of America difficult or impossible to undo by purposely enmeshing it as much as possible into the fabric of government, culture and “settled law.” Whether it’s giving Iran the nuclear green light with his appalling and deceit-laden treaty; or changing America’s voting demographics to favor Democrats by fast-tracking immigrants’ ability to vote (immigrants overwhelming vote for Democrats); or making same-sex marriage permanent in the Supreme Court whose 2015 decision passed with the support of Obama’s two justice picks, Sonia Sotomayor and Elena Kagan – Obama understandably doesn’t want his radical changes undone.

And during his final year, Obama has been burning the midnight oil. One example you probably haven’t heard about: Although excessive regulations are widely recognized to be suffocating the American economy, right now *thousands* of new regulations – from reducing exposure limits for silica, a chemical used in fracking, to requiring more small-scale gun sellers to perform background checks, to forcing food manufacturers to disclose how much sugar they add to cranberry juice – are being created around the clock throughout Washington’s vast government bureaucracies, before Obama’s term ends in January.

‘Getting under his critics’ skin’

Consider how historian Victor Davis Hanson, writing in *National Review*, sizes up Obama’s current mindset and home-stretch priorities.

Noting that Obama is doubling down on his most radical agenda items during his remaining few months in office – from importing as many Muslims as possible from the most radicalized parts of the world, to releasing more Guantanamo prisoners, to freeing thousands of felons – Hanson wonders: “In lieu of achievement, is the Obama theory to become relevant or noteworthy by offending the public and goading political enemies?”

After all, he accurately observes:

An Obama press conference is now a summation of all his old damn-you clichés – the fantasy strawman arguments; the caricatures of the evil Republican bogeymen; the demagogic litany of the sick, the innocent, and the old at the mercy of his callous opponents; the affected accentuation (e.g., Taliban; Pakistan, Íslám, Latínos, etc.) that so many autodidacts parade in lieu of learning foreign languages; the make-no-mistake-about-it and let-me-be-clear empty emphatics; the flashing temper tantrums; the mangled sports metaphors; the factual gaffes; and the monotonous I, me, my, and mine first-person-pronoun exhaustion. What Obama cannot do in fact, he believes he can still accomplish through invective and derision.

But what about Obama’s legacy? Doesn’t every president desire a positive, glowing legacy in which to bask after leaving office? Writes Hanson: “If you suggested to Obama that, in his search for a contrarian legacy, he should do something to stop the slaughter in the Middle East and be careful about letting in more unexamined refugees, in answer, he would be more likely to do less than nothing abroad and vastly expand the influx of migrants.”

Why?

Because, says the noted historian, “Getting under his critics’ skin is about all that is left of a failed presidency.”

Indeed, adds Hanson, most Americans “still do not quite grasp that Obama will end his presidency by seeking to get his opponents’ goat,” who predicts ominously that Obama’s “resentment will lead to some strange things said and done.”

The chaos president

The problem now facing us is that, outside of the delusional world of leftist revolutionaries excitedly recreating America according to the precepts of their irrational secular religion, in the real world, Obama's policies are devastating America – just as the same sorts of politically correct, multiculturally blind, rudderless socialist governance is currently destroying Europe before our eyes.

For almost eight years, people have asked whether Obama's perverse policies are intentionally malevolent or the result of incompetence and ideological blindness. At this point, the sheer perversity has become undeniable: He wants to bring as many refugees into America as possible. Americans are generous people and sympathetic toward refugees, but why are almost all of the refugees Sunni Muslims, and virtually none of them Christians (3 percent, according to FactCheck.org)?

Likewise, Obama claims he wants to eliminate racism in law enforcement – a relatively rare occurrence – to better the lives of blacks. But instead he is leaving the nation far less safe due to the “Ferguson Effect.” Beyond the horrendous recent trend of assassinating police officers, the general murder rates have dramatically spiked in many U.S. cities, from Chicago to Dallas to Las Vegas to Los Angeles and Memphis, thanks to a demonized law enforcement establishment having second thoughts about engaging in the kind of aggressive, proactive community policing proven to dramatically reduce crime.

Indeed, newly released data documents “a sharp spike in homicide rates in more than 20 cities,” as the *New York Times* reports:

The heroin epidemic, a resurgence in gang violence and economic factors in some cities were all offered as explanations, but the most contentious theory came from an agency that usually does not worry much about local crime: the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The agency's director, James Comey, has linked rising crime to less aggressive policing – the “viral video effect,” he called it this week, rejecting the more racially charged “Ferguson effect.”

So, why is Obama continually compelled to throw the nation into turmoil?

Addiction has become a huge problem in the U.S., as I document in “*The Snapping of the American Mind*.” Well it turns out, President Obama is also addicted – to creating chaos and confusion as a smokescreen for facilitating the advance of what is, to be blunt, an evil agenda.

Obama's ultimate defense

In the end, of course, Obama's ultimate defense against the reversal of his radical transformation, which has already wreaked unspeakable havoc on America's economy, national security, military, culture and so much more, is to see that a far-left Democrat successor – Hillary Clinton – is elected president. Putting aside every other toxic thing this career criminal (along with her serial sex-predator husband) would do if made leader of the free world, just consider that the Supreme Court nominees she would install would pour the judicial concrete that would render permanent Obama's catastrophic transformation of the American system. Indeed, the entire progressive-left agenda – including effectively “reinterpreting” the Second Amendment out of existence – could be fast-tracked into a solidly leftwing activist Supreme Court and embedded so deeply in our society as to be virtually untouchable for generations, regardless of who might be elected to the White House and Congress in 2020 and beyond.

This is why the “Never-Trump” movement must be considered, at this point, not just wrongheaded, but utterly destructive of the very principles of constitutional conservatism it claims so fervently to uphold. A strange, suicidal betrayal of everything they claim to hold dear. But then, pride has a nasty way of tricking people into doing just that. (WND, David Kupelian, July 31, 2016).

Lucifer Would Be Proud

I give both political and business speeches all over America, and all over the world. I know a great speech when I see and hear one. Obama's speech last night at the DNC was masterful. It was one of the greatest political speeches I've ever heard.

There was one problem: It was 100 percent fiction, fraud and fantasy.

If it were given by any CEO in America at a shareholders meeting, or a press conference in front of the media, that CEO would face life in prison for fraud and misrepresentation.

Any screenwriter in Hollywood could have made it up out of thin air and won an Academy Award.

It could have been a speech written by Bernie Madoff.

It could have been written by Lucifer himself, to be delivered by the anti-Christ.

It was that good – that flowery – that inspiring – that deceiving – and that much complete fiction, fraud and fantasy. It was pure B.S. from start to finish.

Obama is a great orator. No doubt about that. But he had quite an unfair advantage over the rest of us. Any good actor could deliver a great speech, if not one word is true, if you have great material just made up out of thin air. Anyone can inspire if every word is fraud, fiction and fantasy.

Obama railed against believing in gods. “No man is a god” was a central theme in his speech. No man can save you. No man can save America. No man can turn around an economy. He was aiming all that at Donald Trump. Except he was describing himself.

Obama is the one who was elected by portraying himself to ignorant, naïve and gullible voters as a god who could walk on water.

Obama was elected by portraying himself as “The American Idol.”

Obama is the one whose supporters cried and genuflected and said, “Now that Obama is president, I’ll never again have to worry about rent, or putting gas in my car.”

Lucifer himself would be proud.

Obama himself is the psychopath, sociopath and ego-maniac who rules as a tyrant, by issuing

executive orders, ignoring the U.S. Constitution and the rule of law, and making believe Congress doesn’t exist. Every word directed at Trump described Obama, Obama’s last eight years of rule and Obama’s voters.

Lucifer himself would be proud.

Obama weaved in great stories about valiant struggling small businessmen and injured soldiers. He forgot to mention that almost every small businessman and every military hero in America despises Obama. Yet he used their painful stories and remarkable bravery to make himself look like a great and selfless hero.

Lucifer himself would be proud.

Obama described an amazing growing economy, in remarkable recovery, because of his wonderful policies. Except it never happened. He will leave office having produced the worst economy in America’s history. His own White House economists announced only days ago that GDP will fall to 1.9 percent this year. That means Obama will be the first and only president in America’s history to produce eight straight years of GDP under 3 percent.

GDP is the *only* way to measure an economy. If GDP is bad, your economy sucks. It’s that simple. With eight straight years of pathetic GDP, Obama has produced the worst record in 240 years of America’s existence. And it’s not even close. The all-time record before Obama’s eight straight years of horrible economic growth was four years – from 1930-33 in the depths of the Great Depression.

That makes Obama worse than Herbert Hoover. *Obama is worse than everyone in history.* Yet Obama took credit last night, with a straight face, for a great economic recovery. He says he saved us.

Lucifer himself would be proud.

Then there’s the single greatest poison in world economic history – *debt*. History proves debt destroys every country and everything it touches. Obama is the most prolific debt producer in world history. He will leave office having produced a world record \$10 trillion in debt.

That's more than every president in America's history *combined*.

Obama made no reference to it, as if it's of no significance – even though Obama's \$10 trillion in new debt will destroy the quality of life for our children, and our unborn grandchildren and even *their children*. Obama never bothered to mention that little topic.

Lucifer himself would be proud.

But Obama's audacity rises to levels never imagined by any other politician. Obama not only forgot to mention the debt, he had the audacity to give himself credit for *lowering deficits!*

No mention that a deficit of zero doesn't matter if your overall debt is an unfathomable, unimaginable, world record \$20 trillion – or that, yes, deficits are down, but only after Obama became the first president in world history to produce four straight years of deficits over \$1 trillion – or that the national debt increased by over \$200 billion in a day recently, more than an entire year's deficit under Bush.

How could anyone deliver a speech like that, omit facts like that, and get DNC delegates standing up, screaming in ecstasy?

Lucifer himself would be proud.

Obama also forgot to even mention terrorism, or the words “radical Islam” – despite nonstop Muslim terror attacks for weeks on end. It just isn't possible to skip over that topic.

Lucifer himself would be proud.

Obama is one hell of a poker player. He is scared to death. He knows if Trump is elected, his legacy will be destroyed. Trump will expose everything – all the lies and fraud. *All the crimes*. Trump will undo every executive order on Day One. Trump will repeal Obamacare and dismantle the EPA. Trump will expose the IRS conspiracy. People will go to jail. Trump's attorney general will prosecute Hillary *and* Bill for the Clinton Foundation fraud, extortion and treason.

Obama's friends, like Al Sharpton, Jon Corzine, Eric Holder, Lois Lerner and Jonathan Gruber, could all go to prison. And to avoid long terms, they might rat out the man who gave the orders – *Obama*.

Obama is scared and desperate to stop Trump. But he never showed a hint of fear.

Yes, Obama is one of a kind.

The kind that has Lucifer himself standing and applauding in awe at the “audacity of Obama.” (WND, Wayne Madsen, July 28, 2016).

Media's Lies and Double Standards Accelerate at Blinding Speed

According to the media, not all grieving parents of fallen servicemen are created equal. Whether those parents are protected, defended and respected or ignored, dismissed and smeared depends on their political affiliation — and how useful they are to the “right” side.

Witness the tale of three parents that emerged during the course of the Republican and Democratic conventions. On the first evening of the Republican convention, Patricia Smith spoke lovingly about her son Sean, who was one of four Americans killed in the Islamic terror attack on the U.S. compound in Benghazi on Sept. 11, 2012. She reminded the world of the kind of man Sean was — a decent, hardworking patriot who chose to serve his country in one of the most dangerous places on earth.

She then directed her wrath at Hillary Clinton, who, as secretary of state, was directly responsible for the security in Benghazi before and during the attack — and for what happened in its aftermath. Mrs. Smith again accused Mrs. Clinton of lying to her face as her son lay just feet away in a flag-draped casket: “In an email to her daughter shortly after the attack, Hillary Clinton blamed it on terrorism,” she said. “But when I saw Hillary Clinton at Sean's coffin ceremony, just days later, she looked me squarely in the eye and told me a video was responsible. Since then, I have repeatedly asked Hillary Clinton to explain to me the real reason why my son is dead. I'm still waiting.”

Asked recently about Mrs. Smith's charge, Mrs. Clinton insinuated that the "grieving" mother's memory must have been faulty, as if her lies were Mrs. Smith's fault.

Mrs. Smith delivered her remarks in prime time, but you'd never know it given the scant media attention paid to it. Some networks carried her speech live, others truncated it or carried other commentary, but there was little discussion about what she had said and what it meant for Mrs. Clinton's candidacy.

A week later, another grieving mother appeared in prime time at the Democratic convention. Khizr Khan and his wife Ghazala paid tribute to their son, Army Capt. Humayun Khan, who was killed in action in Iraq in 2004. Like Mrs. Smith, Mr. Khan also told us what a fine, brave, patriotic man Humayun was. But unlike Mrs. Smith, he attacked someone who had no responsibility for his son's death: Donald Trump.

As a senator, Mrs. Clinton had voted for the Iraq war and refused to support the military surge that turned the war around, and as secretary of state, she supported President Obama's precipitous withdrawal from Iraq, which created the vacuum into which the Islamic State stepped, and failed to honor repeated requests for greater security in Benghazi, all while Mr. Trump was a private citizen.

But according to Mr. Khan, Mr. Trump is the villain: "Donald Trump consistently smears the character of Muslims," he said. "He disrespects other minorities, women, judges, even his own party leadership. He vows to build walls and ban us from this country."

Another untruth. Rather than "ban Muslims" from entering the country, Mr. Trump proposes a temporary hold on those coming from nations "compromised" by Islamic terrorism and once the situation is in hand, thorough background checks on all immigrants coming from those areas.

Mr. Khan also wondered if Mr. Trump had "read the Constitution." Never mind that the Constitution does not offer religious freedom protections to non-citizens and that as a matter of law and policy, we are not obligated to let anyone into the country.

Throughout his time in the spotlight, Mr. Khan parroted the media's distortions, and they ate it up.

Three parents suffered the ultimate loss through similar experiences, yet one was largely marginalized while the others were celebrated. After their speeches, Mrs. Smith receded while the Khans were granted countless interviews to continue their anti-Trump barrage. A Media Research Center's analysis showed that the Khans received more than 50 times more coverage from the three major broadcast networks than they gave to Mrs. Smith. And the coverage was predictably unfair: MSNBC described Mrs. Smith's speech as "offensive" and Mr. Khan's as "memorable," the Nation described her remarks as "a cynical exploitation of grief," and a writer for GQ magazine said he'd like to "beat her to death." Mrs. Smith described being "treated like dirt."

When Mr. Trump defended himself, the media pounced again, suggesting that Mr. Trump was an anti-Islam bigot when he was trying — albeit undiplomatically — to fend off Mr. Khan's political attacks and raise bigger issues about Islam's treatment of women and the larger threat facing the West. The Khans then received another round of glowing coverage, while Mrs. Smith remained invisible.

The leftist activists disguised as "journalists" will do whatever it takes to advance their politics, even if it means using — or ignoring — the parents of fallen patriots. They have entered a new era of base dishonesty, which makes their hypocrisy more dangerous than ever. (The Washington Times, July 28, 2016).

Is U.S. government hiding the "giant of Kandahar"?

It's one of the most bizarre stories to come out of America's longest war — an allegation United States Special Forces engaged and killed a "giant" in Afghanistan.

But it's being reported by multiple sources. Several eyewitnesses claim the battle not only took the life of an American soldier, but that the government flew the huge corpse of the attacker back to the United States.

Reporter and researcher L.A. Marzulli explores the spectacular charge in the newest installment of “The Watchers,” the blockbuster series investigating the real evidence behind the Nephilim. These creatures were the offspring of the “sons of God,” the angels, and the “daughters of men.” In Genesis 6:4 and Numbers 13:33, the Bible speaks of “giants” populating the Earth. When ordinary people saw them, they said “we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.”

A strange passage, but one Marzulli contends is backed by evidence. What’s more, these giants didn’t just exist in biblical times but live on through the present day.

According to one of the interviews in the program, a Special Forces team operating in Afghanistan in 2002 encountered one of the creatures while on a patrol looking for a lost unit in an isolated part of the country. The soldier tells Marzulli his unit made its way along a goat path near a cave where the team noticed an unusual pattern of rocks, bones, and, ominously, a broken piece of communications equipment of the type used by the American military.

While pondering this, the team was surprised by a man “at least twelve to fifteen feet in height.” The creature had long, red hair and skewered one operator, identified as “Dan,” with a pike-like weapon. The remainder of the team opened fire, repeatedly shooting the creature in the face and eventually killing it. The full length of the engagement was only 30 seconds.

After the battle, while mourning their fallen comrade, the military sent a helicopter to remove the creature.

“It was too big we couldn’t move it,” the soldier claimed. “It smelled worse than a skunk – a corpse that’s been around for a while. The communication was sent out that we had a very large, possibly human creature.”

But the soldiers were told afterward to “rewrite” their after-action reports.

“So we had to rewrite it the way they wanted it,” the man claimed.

The soldier confirmed the giant was armed with a weapon similar to the type Marzulli identified as the “Nephilim lance,” found at another location and tied to other evidence of the existence of this creature.

Other sources support this bizarre story. George Noory, host of the wildly popular radio program “Coast to Coast,” appears in the film to discuss his interview with a C-130 pilot who claims he transported the giant’s corpse back to a base in Ohio. The pilot said the creature was approximately twelve feet tall and weighed approximately 1,100 pounds.

“It just sounds like the Nephilim from the Bible,

Marzulli blasted what he called a government effort to cover up the spectacular story and prevent those involved from speaking out.

“People have a right to know about this stuff,” he said. “If there are fifteen or eighteen footers roaming the Earth and our military has brought them down, we have a right as American citizens to know about it. I mean, this isn’t classified military stuff. This is something we need to know. And it points back to the biblical prophetic narrative.”

Another operator who spoke to Marzulli said those in power have a vested interest in keeping the story covered up.

“If it points to the Bible’s narrative being accurate, they don’t want it,” he said. “If it goes against Darwinian evolution, it’s not to be spoken of.”

This soldier testified there were rumors at his base in Afghanistan about the engagement with what became known as the Giant of Kandahar.

“We started hearing a rumor about a unit that killed what they were calling a really tall person,” he told Marzulli. “At first I didn’t think anything of it. I come to find out that the person they killed was actually three times the size of a man, had extra digits on their hands and on their feet, and had red hair. A special unit had come and wanted this target. We’d heard they’d killed this thing inside a cave or the mouth of a cave.”

The soldier alleged the rumor was actually widely circulated among military forces in Afghanistan.

“There was common knowledge among the military to hear this,” he charged. “Years later I came to find out when I had returned from Afghanistan and had met other military members that had not been in the operations with me. If you would bring up the Giant of Kandahar they’d know about it.”

He confessed the story sounds ridiculous.

“At first you think, this has got to be a joke, this has got to be hoax,” he admitted. “Then after things go down a certain way, and you keep hearing it, you start to realize it’s not a joke. They kept telling us to keep our weapons high, which means normally you are ready to put two in the chest on in the head, but they kept telling us to put it towards a man’s head and put it higher. So we would question why do they want us to shoot higher than a man’s head?”

The soldier also said local people told seemingly ridiculous stories about giants who would attack humans – even eat them.

“We would hear the locals talk about rumors of these giants,” he said. “They said they would live in the caves and they would eat people. They were cannibals. At the time, we compared it to tales of Bigfoot in the United States, every culture has this kind of folklore. To actually all of a sudden hear that a military unit had killed something though...”

In the film, Marzulli investigates not only the incredible story about the events in Afghanistan but other evidence of strange creatures, including skeletons and skulls found all over the world. He suggests the sheer preponderance of evidence shows there is something substantial to these seemingly mythical tales of giants told all around the world by various cultures.

And for one group of American soldiers, it may have been deadly real. The only question now is whether more military personnel can step forward – and reveal the truth about the “Giant of Kandahar” once and for all. (WND, August 13, 2016).

Queen Hillary Is Waiting

As you know, my dear people, for the last year the Royal House of Clinton has been tormented by questions about our handling of finances and subjected to tiresome questions about the tragic events in Benghazi--in the furthest regions of our empire. And, sadly, also questions about my Royal e-mails.

Nevertheless, I will not be daunted in my desire and commitment to serve you, the people. For the next eight months I will be traveling among you as one of you, to listen to your deepest longings and needs. I will be with you in your Wal-Marts and beside you in your Burger Kings. I will drive with you down the busy interstate highways of our land, sharing your poverty and needs.

How well I remember the days when the Duke of Arkansas and I were impoverished. After we were expelled from our Washington Palace we hardly had two mansions to rub together. We were so poor that we removed thousands of dollars of china, flatware, carpets and gifts from the Washington Palace just to survive. Shockingly, unscrupulous and ungrateful officials later forced us to return many of these treasures. Now, happily, benefactors from around our empire have given me just enough for us to scrape by.

During these difficult times, we had to cut back. When our daughter was married, we only had three million dollars to spend on her wedding. And, I remember our hopes, as she moved into her \$10 million Manhattan apartment, that one day she would be able to move on from that humble abode to something more fitting. After working for MSNBC for a starting salary of a mere \$600,000 per year, what else could she do? So I now pay her \$3,000,000 a year to run the 'Foundation'.

So, as I travel across our kingdom to meet you all, I will be listening and sharing with you. Then, when the time for the royal election (Coronation) comes, I know I can count on you to crown me as your rightful monarch, with my assurance that I will continue King Obama's policies, and we can all live happily ever after.

Your Queen-in-Waiting,
Hillary

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"And Enoch walked with God . . ." (Gen.5:22).

"And Noah was a just man, and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God" (Gen.6:9).

"I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect" (Gen.17:1).

What Do You Mean, “Walk with God”?

If you desire to WALK WITH GOD in your life, then how should you go about it? What is the Key to walking with God? What do you mean, “Walk with God?”

William F. Dankenbring

It has been said that in the hands of men, "Power corrupts; and absolute power corrupts absolutely." Sadly, this ancient axiom is all too true. Why is this so? The prophet Jeremiah gave us a clear insight into the answer: “The heart is deceitful above all things,” he wrote, “and desperately wicked: who can know it?” (Jer.17:9).

The apostle Paul also showed a prime reason why there is so little spiritual, godly POWER on earth today. He wrote, “Because the carnal mind is ENMITY AGAINST GOD: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be” (Rom.8:7).

Mankind's wicked heart and carnal mind -- these two things separate us from contact with God, and therefore also separate mankind from the ability to USE the awesome power of God for healing, for miracles, for incredible answers to fervent prayer!

Yet, despite this fundamental reality, Jesus Christ prophesied, when instructing His disciples, “Verily, verily (or, most assuredly), I say unto you, He that BELIEVETH ON ME, the works that I do (including performing miracles, and great healings!) SHALL HE DO ALSO; and GREATER WORKS THAN THESE shall he do; because I go unto my Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask IN MY NAME (there is awesome POWER in the name of Jesus Christ, when used rightly), that will I DO, that the Father may be glorified in the Son” (John 14:12-13).

The Faith of the Early Church

Jesus said, “If ye shall ask ANYTHING in my name, I will DO IT!” (verse 14).

In the tumultuous days of the early Church, the power of God was evident in the lives of the apostles. “And by the hands of the apostles were many SIGNS AND WONDERS WROUGHT among the people . . . Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the SHADOW OF PETER passing by might overshadow some of them.

“There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: AND THEY WERE HEALED EVERY ONE” (Acts 5:12-16).

There was awesome spiritual POWER present in the early Church of God! But why has the Church lost that power? What happened to it after the days of the apostles? Why is it missing today?

There is a CAUSE for every EFFECT!

Of the early apostles, we read, “And with GREAT POWER gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and GREAT GRACE was upon them all” (Acts 4:33).

But today the Church of God is powerless – insipid, lacking in spiritual POWER! Why is this? What is the CAUSE?

Walking with God

What does Jesus Christ say, first, to these end-time Christians who have lost their first love, their earnest zeal, and much spiritual truth?

He tells them to BE ZEALOUS, and to REPENT! These two prerequisites are the key elements that we all need in order to recapture the POWER of God's Holy Spirit which was poured out upon the New Testament Church of God, and the apostles of olden times!

To have our prayers answered, WITH POWER, with dynamic and direct intervention of Almighty God, we must *rekindle* the Spirit of God and become renewed in WHITE-HOT SIZZLING ZEAL AND SPIRITUAL ENERGY of God!

The apostle Paul wrote to Timothy, his son in the faith, “Therefore I remind you to STIR UP THE GIFT OF GOD which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of POWER and of LOVE and of a SOUND MIND” (II Timothy 1:6-7, NKJV).

The prophet Joel wrote, “Now, therefore, says the LORD, Turn to Me with *all your heart*, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning. So REND YOUR HEART, and not your garments; RETURN TO THE LORD YOUR GOD, for He is gracious and

merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness” (Joel 2:12-13).

The KEY of Obedience

Many people are not ZEALOUS to obey God’s commandments. Many are disobeying God’s commands, and don’t even realize it. Isaiah the prophet thundered: “Behold, the LORD’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. But YOUR INIQUITIES have *separated you from your God*; and your SINS have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear” (Isaiah 59:1-2).

Is there unrepented of “SIN” in your life? Sin creates a blockage in the pipeline that connects us to God. It stops the flow of God’s Spirit to us. It jams us up spiritually, so that we are useless and powerless.

God declares, “He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his PRAYER shall be ABOMINATION” (Prov.28:9). Those who forsake the laws of God, and turn away from faith in God, and pervert the truth of God, even their prayers are utter abomination and filth in the sight of God.

Jesus Christ declared in powerful words, “Christ Himself declared on this matter, to a young nobleman, “If you want to enter into life, *keep the commandments*” (Matt.19:17). He went on to show which “Law” of commandments He was talking about – the Ten Commandments and the Torah – the Law of God (verses 18-21).

Christ also declared, plainly, in the Sermon on the Mount, “Do not think that I have come to do away with or undo the Law or the Prophets For truly I tell you, until the sky and earth pass away and perish, not one smallest letter nor one little hook [identifying certain Hebrew letters] will pass from the Law until all things . . . are accomplished” (Matt.5:17-18).

One cannot truly have faith God will answer prayers if he is living in disobedience to the laws of God! The apostle John wrote plainly: “And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, **BECAUSE WE KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS**, and do those things that are *pleasing* in his sight” (I John 3:22).

“Sin,” by definition, is disobedience to God’s Law. The apostle John wrote also, “Whoever commits sin commits lawlessness, and **SIN IS LAWLESSNESS**” (I John 3:4).

It is time we took a new look at what God said in Isaiah. Read it again: “Behold, the Lord’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear deaf, that it cannot hear: But YOUR INIQUITIES have separated between you and your God, and YOUR SINS have hid his face from you, that he WILL NOT hear” (Isa.59:1-2, KJV).

If we desire to pray with power, and to have our prayers answered, then regardless of our station in life, we must **ROOT OUT SIN**, uproot it, and cast it out of our lives! Isaiah wrote, again, “Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; **BE YE CLEAN, THAT BEAR THE VESSELS OF THE**

LORD” (Isa. 52: 11).

Unless one is “clean,” spiritually, and not hiding sin in his life; unless one is truly striving to obey God, and not compromising with sin; unless one is keeping God’s commandments, and NOT LIVING IN ADULTERY – his prayers are useless, futile, and vain – an outright unclean thing in themselves – an *abomination!*

But even if we obey God, and if we pray fervently, and perseveringly, continuously, that is still not enough to have power with God, and to have prayers answered. Even if we wrestle with God, tenaciously, in prayer, as Jacob wrestled with the One who became Christ all night (Gen.32:26-28), there is still one thing needed before God will hear us.

Seeking God

David wrote in the Psalms, “One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I SEEK after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle [*sukkah*] shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock” (Psalm 27:4-5).

Jesus Christ also told us: “*Seek ye first* the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you” Matt.6:33).

Are you *diligently seeking God*, and His truth, and HIS WAYS, as if seeking for precious treasure, gold, or tremendously valuable precious gems -- like emeralds, rubies, or diamonds?

You follow up by “*knocking*” at the door! And KEEP ON KNOCKING until you receive the answer!

Christ declared, in another parable, about the value of persistence. Luke records, “And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that *men ought ALWAYS TO PRAY, AND NOT TO FAINT.*” The whole purpose of this parable-lesson was to teach us the value of persisting in our prayers, and never giving up!

Yeshua the Messiah said: “There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, neither regarded man: And there was a widow in that city; and she came unto him, saying, Avenge me of mine adversary. And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; *yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest by her CONTINUAL COMING she weary me.*

“And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. And *shall not God avenge his own elect, which CRY DAY AND NIGHT unto him, though he bear long with them?*” (Luke 18:1-7).

Study, Grow, and PROVE All Things

Don't give up! Don't allow yourself to be intimidated! Don't quit because of the opinions of ne'er-do-wells and bigoted men and malcontents. Keep at it! Have faith in God, keep on studying and learning and never give up. God's Word challenges skeptic and layman and minister alike: "*PROVE ALL THINGS, hold fast that which is good*" (I Thess.5:21).

The *Living Bible* in modern English says: "Do not smother the Holy Spirit. Do not scoff at those who prophesy, *but test everything that is said to be sure it is true*, and if it is, then accept it."

Paul commands: "*STUDY* to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (II Tim. 2:15). Study God's Word -- study the Bible itself, the inspired Scriptures. Don't neglect it. Paul admonished and exhorted Timothy, and us as well: "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be [or, become] perfect [fully mature in Christ, fully *grown*], thoroughly furnished unto all good works" (I Tim. 3:16-17).

Once we begin the Christian life, we must continue to GROW. Beginning with faith is not enough. Peter admonishes us further: "And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue [power]; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge temperance [self-control]; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity. For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall NEVER FALL: For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (II Pet.1:5-11).

The *Living Bible* has this passage: "But to obtain these gifts, you need more than faith; you must also work hard to be good, and even that is not enough. For then you must *learn to know* God better and discover what He wants you to do. Next, learn to put aside your own desires so that you will become patient and godly, gladly letting God have his way with you. This will make possible the next step, which is for you to enjoy other people and to like them, and finally you will *grow* to love them deeply. The more you go on in this way, the more you will *grow spiritually* and become fruitful and useful to our Lord Jesus Christ. But anyone who fails to go after these additions to faith is blind indeed, or at least very shortsighted, and has forgotten that God delivered him from the old life of sin so that now he can live a strong, good life for the Lord.

"So dear brothers, work hard to prove that you really are among those God has

called and chosen, and then you will never stumble or fall away" (11 Pet. 1:5-10).

The Key to Power with God

Lack of Bible study is a major reason so many people – even true converted Christians – lack real power, wisdom, and understanding of God. One of the true keys to spiritual power and prevailing with God is simply studying the Word of God, the Bible, daily – *and to do so on our knees!*

How many of God's people, even ministers, faithfully do this?

God says each one of us should tremble before His Word. We read in Isaiah the prophet, "But to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and TREMBLETH AT MY WORD" (Isa.66:2).

Isaiah writes: "but the word of our God shall stand for ever" (Isa.40:8). Jesus says we are to live by "every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matt. 4:4, Luke 4:4). The apostle Paul declared: "All scriptures is given by inspiration of God [literally, God-breathed], and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect [that is, become perfect, wholly mature spiritually], throughly furnished unto all good works" (II Tim.3:16-17).

Do we regard the Word of God with such reverence that we study it and pray over it upon our knees? As you spend time praying to God daily, do you open the Word of God and allow it to wash over you, cleansing you from evil thoughts, vanity, pride and the cares of this life?

David wrote: "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to *thy Word*" (Psa. 119:9). He added, in verse 11: "*Thy Word* have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee!"

Have you memorized many portions of God's Word, literally writing it and hiding it deep within your heart? Do you pray over it daily, as you study it, and drink deeply of its message? Do you let God speak to you often, through His Word, while you humbly read it and study it, as you are in His Presence? Do you even study it before Him while you are literally on your knees?

Failure to do this is one of the primary reasons so many are far from God and seemingly out of focus spiritually -- and are on a wasted mission in life, going about trying to work out their own righteousness and not submitting to the will and word of God. Failure to commune daily with God by studying His Word is a major reason hundreds, even thousands, fall away from God's truth and succumb to the wiles of the Devil and the siren songs of Satan. Reading articles written by men or ministers is not enough. Reading books written by men is not enough. Nothing can replace careful, considerate, cautious BIBLE STUDY in the privacy of your own home!

Jesus Christ is the "Word of God" (John 1:1-3, 14). The words of the Bible are "His flesh" which we are to eat for our spiritual nourishment (John 6:48-58). Jesus said to His disciples: It is the spirit that quickeneth [gives life]; the flesh profiteth nothing: *the words* that I speak unto you, **THEY ARE SPIRIT, and they are life**" (John 6:63).

Every strong man of God down through history has spent much time studying the Bible for long periods of time. Every truly strong woman, strong in faith, has also spent much time *habitually* reading, studying and praying over God's Word!

Have you formed this very important habit in your personal life? Or is regular Bible study still a haphazard thing in your daily routine? And is Bible study *on your knees* something you seldom, if ever, do? Examine yourself – your heart and attitude. *What better* way is there to study the Word of God than *humbly*, asking Him to guide and correct us by His Word?

A Powerful Example

George Mueller, a powerful servant of God during the nineteenth century and widely known as "the apostle of faith," wrote in his *Autobiography* about his own beginnings in the Word of God: "That the Word of God alone is our standard of judgment in spiritual things, that it can be explained only by the Holy Spirit; and that in our day, as well as in former times, He is the teacher of His people. The result of this was, that the first evening that I shut myself into my room, to give myself to prayer and meditation over the Scriptures, *I learned more in a few hours than I had done during a period of several months previously*. But the particular difference was, that I received real strength for my soul in doing so. I now began to try by the test of the Scriptures the things which I had learned and seen, and found that only those principles which stood the test were really of value" (*George Mueller's Autobiography*, p. 33).

Does reading the Bible sometimes seem tedious, boring, tiresome, to you? Would you rather partake of the world, television, movies, or various forms of entertainment? But they cannot give you eternal life! Nothing can compare with precious time spent with the Word of God!

George Mueller, a man used mightily of God to preach the gospel to many nations in the nineteenth century, bears witness to the power of faithful Bible study. God used him to raise up five magnificent orphanages to care for the daily needs of over 2,000 orphans, solely depending on God to send the money necessary to take care of them. Here was a man who *never* asked another human being for money to carry on this great work, but who simply fell upon his knees and asked God daily for all the tremendous financial necessities needed. Here was a man who really learned to walk with God, and to whom God sent, in terms of today's dollar value, something in the neighborhood of \$300,000,000 during his ministry of 64 years, from 1834 to 1898.

George Mueller was truly a mighty man of God whose whole life was a testimony of the power of faith and believing, expecting prayer. The truly astonishing thing about

his ministry is that *never once* did he ask others for money to support God's Work in his time. Rather, he went to God alone for the needs of the work and the orphans. And without fail God answered his earnest, believing prayers for *sixty four years*, and blessed the work under his hands.

Regarding Bible study, George Mueller wrote: "If the reader understands very little of the Word of God, *he ought to read it very much*, for the Spirit explains the Word by the Word. And if he enjoys the reading of the Word little, *that is just the reason why he should read it much*; for the *frequent reading of the Scriptures creates a delight in them*, so that the more we read them, the more we desire to do so" (p. 21).

Mueller understood much about the value of Bible study. His life of service to God, and the powerful way in which God used him to carry on His Work, proves it. Therefore, let me give you the basic principles of Bible study which George Mueller shares in his *Autobiography*. Mueller writes:

"It is of immense importance for the understanding of the Word of God, to read it in course, so that we may read every day a portion of the Old and a portion of the New Testament, going on where we previously left off. This is important -- (1) Because it throws light upon the connection; and a different course, according to which one *habitually* selects particular chapters, will make it utterly impossible ever to understand much of the Scriptures. (2) Whilst we are in the body, we need a change even in spiritual things; and this change the Lord has graciously provided in the great variety which is to be found in His Word. (3) It tends to the glory of God; for the leaving out some chapters here and there, is practically saying, that certain portions are better than others; or, that there are certain parts of revealed truth unprofitable, or unnecessary. (4) It may keep us, by the blessing of God, from erroneous views, as in reading thus regularly through the Scriptures we are led to see the meaning of the whole, and also kept from laying too much stress upon certain favorite views. (5) The Scriptures contain the whole revealed will of God, and therefore we ought to seek to read from time to time through the whole of that revealed will. There are many believers, I fear, in our day, who have not read even once through the whole of the Scriptures; and yet in a few months, by reading only a few chapters every day, they might accomplish it."

Have *you* ever read the Bible all the way through? What about your children? How much progress are they making?

Family Bible Study

In our home, when our children were younger, we used to have a family Bible study every day, usually in the morning at breakfast time. We would try to read at least one chapter in the Bible every day, sometimes two or three. On the Sabbath we usually read even more. Often I would read, and expound the Scriptures as we went along, bringing in lessons and making comments. At other times, I would have the children each read a portion and explain what they have read.

We enjoyed this family custom, and it helped bring us all together for the

priceless privilege of sharing the Word of God. We didn't bother with "tracts," or so-called "daily Bible verses" put together by men, with some "thought for the day." Instead we would drink in of the Fountain of Life, the holy Scriptures themselves. I believe our children benefited much from this precious time, although they were grievously hurt by the scandals in the Church that exploded around us, and the problems and trials we endured because of the sins in the ministry and in the headquarters church during those years.

Abraham was the father of the faithful and God mightily blessed him. What was one of the reasons, one of the *good* things God found in Abraham? We read in the book of Genesis, that God said to Abraham: "Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do [God was about to bring punishment upon the wicked worldly cities of Sodom and Gomorrah -- which stand as *types* of our wicked nations, today!]. . . . For I know him, that *he will command his children, and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment*" (Gen. 18:17-19).

Children who are left to themselves, even ministers' children, far too often grow up haughty, proud, arrogant, filled with self-will, vanity, lust, and perverseness. Children of high level ministers in God's Church whom I have known, were womanizers, fornicators, drug-abusers, and guilty of every foul vice one could imagine! And these were the children of the *top* ministers! Why? Because their parents *totally neglected true Bible study*, and spent precious little time with their own children going over the Word of God in a humble, godly manner!

The Key of Meditation

Another vital area of Bible study is daily meditation -- pondering, musing, thinking deeply -- about what we read in the Word of God. George Mueller wrote, "It is also of the greatest importance to meditate on what we read, so that perhaps a small portion of that which we have read, or if we have time, the whole may be meditated upon, in the course of the day."

Isaac, the son of Abraham, set us an excellent example of meditation. We read in Genesis, "And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide . . ." (Gen.24:63).

David meditated on God's Word all the time. He wrote in the Psalms, "O how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day" (Psalm 119:97). He said: "I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation" (v. 99). David also wrote: "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly [margin, "wicked"], nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But *his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he MEDITATE DAY AND NIGHT*" (Psalm 1:1-2).

How important is meditation upon the word of God -- spending time reflecting upon it, musing upon it, considering its meaning and lessons, and applying them to ourselves?

David went on, explaining his approach toward God's Word: "I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word" (Psa.119:15-16). "Princes [even so-called "leaders" amongst God's people] did sit and speak against me: but thy servant did *meditate in thy statutes*. Thy testimonies also are my delight and my counsellors" (vs.23-24). "My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will *meditate* in thy statutes" (v.48). "Let the proud be ashamed; for they dealt perversely with me without a cause: but I will *meditate in thy precepts*" (v.78). "Mine eyes prevent the night watches, that I might MEDITATE IN THY WORD" (v.148).

Meditation upon the Word of God is a powerful KEY to spiritual SUCCESS!

God commanded Joshua, "This book of the law [the law of God, encompassed in the first five books of the Bible in Joshua's day] shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt MEDITATE therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success" (Josh. 1:8).

Paul told Timothy, "Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all" (I Tim. 4:15).

When you spend time in the study of God's Word, do you also spend time meditating upon the lessons contained therein? Do you give thoughtful consideration and contemplation upon what you are reading? Do you compare Scripture with Scripture, in order to come to a fuller and more complete understanding?

Bible Study Aids

Sometimes you may want to use various Bible study *aids* in study of God's Word. Very helpful to thousands, in helping to look up passages where you only remember one word, or in studying all the passages where a particular word, such as "love," "faith," "mercy," etc., may be found in the Bible, is a Bible Concordance. The two best are *Strong's Exhaustive Concordance of the Bible*, and *Young's Analytical Concordance*. Both of these also have a Hebrew and Greek dictionary in the back, where you can look up the original Hebrew and Greek words for each of the words listed in the main concordance section. This, also, is a very valuable study in itself.

What about Bible commentaries? These also may help out at times, but should not be trusted too much, as they are often the opinions of *men* about various passages and sometimes are in error. Often, however, they add insight and can be useful. *Adam Clarke's Commentary*, and the *Jamieson Faucett and Brown Critical-Experimental Commentary* are two of the most useful whole Bible commentaries on the market.

Nevertheless, nothing can replace the pure study of God's Word itself! I have found George Mueller's comments strike right on target. He said: "Learned

commentaries I have found to store the *head* with many notions, and often also with the truth of God; but when the Spirit teaches, through the instrumentality of prayer and meditation, the *heart* is affected. The former kind of knowledge generally puffs up, and is often renounced when another commentary gives a different opinion, and often also is found good for nothing, when it is carried out into practice. The latter kind of knowledge generally humbles, gives joy, leads us nearer to God, and is not easily reasoned away; and having been obtained from God, and thus having entered into the heart, and become our own, is also generally carried out. If the inquirer after truth does not understand the Hebrew and Greek languages, so as to be able to compare the common translation with the original, he may, concerning several passages, get light by an improved rendering, provided he can be sure that the translator was a truly spiritual person" (pp. 22-23).

What Bible translation is the best? Generally, for family and personal Bible study, I use the King James Version. Although translated into English during the reign of King James of England in 1611, it is still overall the best and most accurate English translation. The New King James Version is also an excellent modern translation.

Other useful translations one might consider are the *Moffatt*, *Revised Standard Version*, *New Revised Standard Version*, *Amplified Bible*, *New International Version*, and a host of others. However, for accuracy none compare with the King James Version, as it is based on the best original texts and was not subjected to the false reasoning of modern criticism which assumes that the more "ancient" a text the better it is -- despite enormous evidence to the contrary! The King James Version (also the NKJV) employs the Greek texts of the New Testament faithfully copied and reproduced through the centuries by the Greek Church. Modern translations, on the other hand, tend to give too much credence to old manuscripts which are known to be shot through with error -- such as the Alexandrinus, Vaticanus, and Siniaticus.

A useful modern paraphrase of the Bible is the *Living Bible*. Its author and translator, Henry Taylor, has a tremendous gift with words and phrases, and many of the renditions in the *Living Bible* are powerful modern statements that strike to the heart. However, in some areas he is far too free and loose in his assumptions, and certain technical matters should not be trusted to him.

Have you formed the *habit* of reading the Bible? George Mueller wrote, regarding himself in his early years:

"I never had been at any time in my life in the habit of reading the Holy Scriptures. When under fifteen years of age, I occasionally read a little of them at school; afterwards God's precious book was entirely laid aside, so that I never read one single chapter of it, as far as I remember, till it pleased God to begin a work of grace in my heart. Now the Scriptural way of reasoning would have been: God Himself has condescended to become an author, and I am ignorant about that precious book, with His Holy Spirit has caused to be written through the instrumentality of His servants, and it contains that which I ought to know, and the knowledge of which will lead me to true happiness; therefore I ought to read again and again this most precious book, this book of books, most earnestly, most prayerfully, and with much meditation; and

in this practice I ought to continue all the days of my life. For I was aware, though I read it but little, that I knew scarce, anything of it. But instead of acting thus, and being led by my ignorance of the Word of God to study it more, my difficulty in understanding it, and the little enjoyment I had in it, made me careless of reading it (for much prayerful reading of the Word, gives not merely more knowledge, but increases the delight we have in reading it); and thus, like many believers, I practically preferred, for the first four years of my divine life, the works of uninspired men to the Oracles of the living God. The consequence was that I remained a babe, both in knowledge and grace. In knowledge I say; for all *true* knowledge must be derived, by the Spirit, from the Word. And as I neglected the Word, I was for nearly four years so ignorant, that I did not *clearly* know even the *fundamental* points of our holy faith. And this lack of knowledge most sadly kept me back from walking steadily in the ways of God. For it is the truth that makes us free (John 8:31, 32), by delivering us from the slavery of the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. The Word proves it; the experience of the saints proves it; and also my own experience most decidedly proves it. For when it pleased the Lord in August, 1829, to bring me really to the Scriptures, my life and walk became very different. And though even since then I have fallen very short of what I might, and ought to have been, yet, by the grace of God, I have been enabled to live much nearer to Him than before" (pp. 20-21).

Often it seems once we begin to study the Bible, Satan comes along to distract us and to tempt us to do something else. He doesn't want us to feast on the living Word of God! He doesn't want us to be spiritually well nourished. George Mueller found this out. He wrote:

"I am aware that it is a common temptation of Satan to make us give up the reading of the Word and prayer when our enjoyment is gone; as if it were of no use to read the Scriptures when we do not enjoy them, and as if it were of no use to pray when we have no spirit of prayer; whilst the truth is, in order to enjoy the Word, we ought to continue to read it, and the way to obtain a spirit of prayer, is, to continue praying; for the less we read the Word of God, the less we desire to read it, and the less we pray, the less we desire to pray" (p. 38).

George Mueller was a man of faith and prayer. His life showed what can be accomplished when a man trusts *God alone* for everything he needs in life, including clothing, food, shelter, healing, direction, guidance in work and inspiration. He often read the Bible on his knees.

But Mueller knew that merely reading the Word of God was not enough. We must also *obey* it! He wrote: "We have to carry out that which we receive from the Holy Scriptures; we must practice the truth we know. Erring and failing we may be; but we must be honest, upright in not living in sin, in not going on in a course we know to be contrary to the mind of God. Should the latter be the case, we cannot enjoy fellowship with God, nor shall we be able practically to trust Him as our friend, and this will be the greatest hindrance to having our prayers answered, according to that word: *"If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me"* (see Psa. 66:18; quoted from page 357 of Mueller's *Autobiography*).

As we read God's Word, we must begin to obey it. As it points out errors and wrong-doing in our life, we must be willing to admit our errors and to correct them. We must be willing to change, to alter what is wrong, and to walk uprightly, living by every word of God. We must be willing to repent, when proven that we are wrong! If you ever stop doing this, and become UNWILLING TO REPENT, and change, when you are proved WRONG, then you will cease to walk with God from that point onward. Or, to turn it around, when you stop growing in truth and admitting error, then God will cease to walk with *you!*

When to Study

What is the best time to study the Scriptures?

Many people have the habit of putting Bible study off to last and consequently never seem to get around to it. Or, when evening comes, they feel too tired and need to relax, so they skip the study of God's Word. This is a great evil.

We should give to God the *best* part of our time. We should put Him *FIRST*, before all else! We should especially seek His guidance *in the beginning of our day -- that is, BEFORE* everything else! This way we will have His presence with us much more completely and fully during the course of the day, and we will be stronger and more enabled to call upon Him when cast down, or tempted, or in making decisions regarding our work.

The best part of our time, when we are fresh, is in the beginning of the day. This means, since God begins each day at sunset (Lev.23:32), the early evening is a good time for Bible study. Also, early in the morning, after one awakens, and freshens up, would be a good time to devote to the study of God's Word.

As George Mueller wrote: "Any one need but make the experiment of spending one, two, or three hours in prayer and meditation *before breakfast*, either in his room, or with his Bible in his hand in the fields, and he will soon find out the beneficial effect which early rising has upon the outward and inward man. I beseech all my brethren and sisters into whose hands this may fall, and who are not in the habit of rising early, to make the trial, and they will praise the Lord for having done so" (p. 126).

George Mueller learned the importance of *both* Bible study and prayer before breakfast. He said, in his *Autobiography*,

"Before this time my practice had been, at least for ten years previously, as an habitual thing, to give myself to prayer, after having dressed in the morning. Now I saw, that the *most important thing I had to do was to give myself to the reading of the Word of God and to meditation on it*, that thus my heart might be comforted, encouraged, warned, reprov'd, instructed; and that thus, whilst meditating, my heart might be brought into experimental communion with the Lord. . . . The result I have found to be almost invariably this, that after a very few minutes my soul has been led to confession, or to thanksgiving, or to intercession, or to supplication; so that

though I did not, as it were, give myself to *prayer*, but to *meditation*, yet it turned almost immediately more or less into prayer" (p. 153).

Bible Study Strengthens Faith

Many of God's people wish they had more faith in life. They complain about their lack of faith. They seem to think faith is some supernatural gift only given to a few, and that they cannot expect to have very much.

What was George Mueller's secret of faith? The *foundation* key, he tells us himself, is "*the careful reading of the Word of God, combined with meditation on it.*"

Mueller added:

"Through reading of the Word of God, and especially through meditation on the Word of God, the believer becomes more and more acquainted with the nature and character of God, and thus sees more and more, besides His holiness and justice, what a kind, loving, gracious, merciful, mighty, wise, and faithful Being He is, and, therefore, in poverty, affliction of body, bereavement in his family, difficulty in his service, want of a situation or employment, he will repose upon the *ability* of God to help him, because he has not only learned from His Word that He is of almighty power and infinite wisdom, but he has also seen instance upon instance in the Holy Scriptures in which His almighty power and infinite wisdom have been actually exercised in helping and delivering His people; and he will repose upon the willingness of God to help him, because he has not only learned from the Scriptures what a kind, good, merciful, gracious, and faithful Being God is, but because he has also seen in the Word of God, how in a great variety of instances He has proved Himself to be so. And the consideration of this, *if God has become known to us through prayer and meditation on His own Word*, will lead us, in general at least, with a measure of confidence to rely upon Him; and thus meditation on the Word of God, will be one special means to strengthen our faith" (p. 175).

Truly, as the apostle Paul wrote: "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God" (Rom. 10: 17).

Whether you personally are new to the Bible and its study, or whether you have been a devoted disciple of Jesus and a habitual reader of the Word of God, let us all commit ourselves to putting the Word of God *first* in our lives, and study it *daily* and be sure to guide our family and children in the study and love of the Word of God!

The Word of God is spirit, and it is Life!

Do you want to be a man of faith, a man of prayer -- a real "man of God"?

Principles of Bible Study

Isador Zwirn, a Jewish rabbi who after personal and careful Bible study became a Messianic Christian Jew, was taught from an early age that each sentence of God's Word

-- the Torah -- was important and to be studied!

Shockingly, many so-called "Christians" have never even read the entire Word of God -- the Bible. How can you *know* that which you have never read or studied? Many are IGNORANT of God's Word -- and would be hard-pressed to "prove" the simplest doctrine, such as the "Sabbath," "holy days," "salvation," "keeping the commandments," "born again," the "kingdom of God," the "resurrection," "the second coming of Christ," "grace," and so forth. Many would not even know where to begin to prove where the "lost ten tribes" migrated in history, and what the Bible says about identifying their whereabouts today!

There is only ONE WAY to get to know the Word of God -- the TRUTH which Jesus said will "make us free." That is to READ and STUDY it! Jesus said on another occasion, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Matt.4:4). He knew the Word of God. He actually quoted this from the Old Testament, or Torah. We read there, "And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that *man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live*" (Deut.8:3).

Jesus also declared, to the Pharisees of His time, "SEARCH the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me" (John 5:39).

Isador Zwirn, in the Jewish *bet hamidrash*, or "house of research," learned definite principles of Bible study, principles which stood him in good stead throughout his lifetime. I consider these principles extremely important, so I am going to share them with you.

Principle #1 -- Respect the Viewpoints of Others.

The first principle is *respect for the viewpoints of others*. Unless we begin with respect for divergent views, how can we possibly be "open minded" enough to see it and admit it if such a view happens to be right? As Oliver Cromwell once said, "I beseech you, brethren, think it possible that you might be mistaken!" Unfortunately, his words, as so often happens, fell on deaf ears.

Says Zwirn, "**Even if the teacher or a student disagreed with another's viewpoint or opinion, he must show respect, both for that opinion and for the proponent of that opinion. This is not always easy to do.**" When different viewpoints are discussed, it is not necessarily agreement that is sought, but at least *understanding* of precisely what each one's opinion or position is. Some ministers are so heated in their presentation of their views, as dogmatic truth, that they never really stop to *carefully listen* so they can understand what the other person's viewpoint is. Some people have the attitude: "My mind is made up; don't confuse me with more facts!" Or, as I used to say, some people's minds are like concrete: all mixed up, and permanently set!

Principle #2 -- Record All Viewpoints -- and Every Student Investigate Each One and Follow His Own Conscience After Being Enlightened with All Available Evidence, Without Compromising the Principle of Truth.

The second principle of the *bet hamidrash*, according to Isador Zwirn, is: **"If several of you disagree on a matter of exegesis or biblical interpretation, we will record them all. Then every student will investigate each one of them."** Each person then should select the one that seems to best fit the facts, as they see them, and not compromise with principle or truth. That is, each should then follow their own conscience, after being enlightened with ALL the pertinent facts that pertain to the subject under evaluation. As Paul wrote, "Has thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth. And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: *FOR WHATSOEVER IS NOT OF FAITH IS SIN*" (Romans 14:22-23).

The New International Version has the latter part of this passage as follows: "Blessed is the man who does not condemn himself by what he approves. . . . everything that does not come from faith is sin." To come to a conclusion, but then to deny your conscience -- the evidence before your very eyes -- and to follow what your conscience tells you is false and error, would be to deny faith, and would constitute SIN.

Paul wrote, "Now the end [purpose, goal] of the commandment is charity [unfeigned, genuine love] out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned: from which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling" (I Tim.1:5-6). He went on, "Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck" (I Tim.1:19). Paul exhorts us to be true to ourselves, and the truth, "Holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience" (I Tim.3:9). Once we begin to study into a subject carefully, we should never defile our conscience, or go against the truth that God reveals to us. To do so would be to make "shipwreck" of the faith and the truth, and to jeopardize our spiritual lives and salvation!

Principle #3 -- When Two Major Views Contradict, Set Them Aside Temporarily and Hope a Third View Will Be Found To Harmonize the Two.

The third principle of Scriptural study, learned and taught in the *bet hamidrash* or "house of research" was this guideline: **"Whenever two major views seem to contradict each other, you must temporarily set them aside, and hope that a third view will eventually be found that will harmonize the two."** That is, when there is conflict and controversy -- and surely we live in a time of dangerous spiritual currents and subtle false teaching -- and we are not sure from the available evidence which view is right, or even if either one of the two views presented is right, then we should put the matter on the shelf -- set it aside -- put it in limbo for the time being -- and then seek more information, more knowledge, more factual data, so that we can *learn* the truth!

Obviously, this would require that we possess an open mind -- a humble mind -- and be willing to be taught, and to be willing to UNLEARN any error which we may have unthinkingly or unknowingly ingested!

This does not mean, however, that you should go along with every "change" presented to you. The change itself might be a new "error" even worse than the first! Paul warned Timothy that in the "last days" there would be "perilous times" in which deceivers are "ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth" (II Tim.3:1, 7). He warned, further, "But evil men and SEDUCERS (Greek *goes*, meaning "a wizard," as muttering spells; "an impostor, seducer") shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived" (II Tim.3:13). Peter wrote of such, "the *latter end is worse* with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to TURN FROM the holy commandment delivered unto them" (II Pet.2:20-21).

When doctrinal "change" is staring us in the face, then, a prudent student of the Bible will gather all the related evidence -- search the Scriptures -- pull out various translations of the Bible -- get out his Concordance, such as Strong's Exhaustive Concordance, and look into what various authorities have to say about it, such as the Bible Dictionaries (available in Christian bookstores, or religious libraries), and not neglect Jewish sources and interpretations, either. In the search for *truth*, no stone or rock should be left unturned! We must not be negligent, or lazy, or self-confident. We must be willing to SEARCH for the truth, as for hidden treasures -- HUNT for wisdom and understanding, as for precious pearls, diamonds, or gold!

God says of wisdom and understanding -- that is, the knowledge of God, the Torah -- "For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. She [the Torah, the knowledge of God, true wisdom] is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleastantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a TREE OF LIFE to them that lay hold upon her: and happy is every one that retaineth her" (Proverbs 3:14-18).

It is the "Torah," Law, Teaching, or Revelation of God, which is the true "Tree of Life," symbolized by the "tree of life" in the Garden of Eden. Herbert Armstrong thought the "tree of life" was the Holy Spirit, but that was his own interpretation and idea. The Scriptures define the TORAH or LAW or TEACHINGS of God's Word as the true Biblical "TREE OF LIFE"! Therefore, we should value the Word of God very highly -- for it is the true "way of salvation" and the way to "eternal life"!

Principle #4 -- "Lo sakir paunim" -- "Do not recognize the face."

Finally, when we are studying to reach a conclusion about a major Biblical doctrine, and when some highly respected individual or some church "authority" or "leader" is trying to teach us their viewpoint, we must remember the basic principle

taught by Moses in evaluating any new doctrine or "new truth." Moses warned us: "*Lo sakir paunim.*" This Hebrew expression means, "**Do not recognize the face**" (Deut.1:17). The King James Version has this: "**Ye shall not respect persons in judgment; but ye shall hear the small as well as the great; ye shall not be afraid of the face of man; for the judgment is God's.**" The New International Bible has this: "**Do not show *partiality* in judging; *hear both small and great alike.* Do not be afraid of any man, for judgment belongs to God.**" How many people, when faced with a doctrinal change, are AFRAID of the local minister, AFRAID of being thrown out of the church congregation, AFRAID of losing their long-time friends, and AFRAID of being cut off from family members in the church?

God says, ***do NOT be afraid!*** Do not FEAR *any man*, whether he claim to be an "apostle," "evangelist," "pastor," or whatever! Those who fear MEN more than the Word of God, and Almighty God, are *doomed*, even as they breathe. Jeremiah the prophet wrote, "Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who depends on flesh for his strength and whose heart turns away from the LORD" (Jer.17:5, NIV). Solomon was inspired to write, "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and discipline" (Prov.1:7, NIV). Solomon wrote, "Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and shun evil" (Prov.3:7). He added, "The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life, turning a man from the snares of death" (Prov.14:27).

On the other hand, Solomon warned, "Fear of man will prove to be a snare, but whosoever trusts in the LORD is kept safe" (Prov.29:25). Says the Moffatt translation, "The fear of man is *dangerous*; but he who trusts in the Eternal shall be safe."

Says Isador Zwirn, "In other words, whether truth comes from a male or female, Jew or Gentile, black or white, or even from the mouth of babes we are to accept it" (see *The Rabbi from Burbank*, p.36-37). He goes on:

"All of these principles have for their basis the Hebrew key word, *doresh*, 'to study, to research.' As a young child I learned that once this concept became firmly fixed in my mind, I was then readily able to recognize and obey the scriptural commands that applied to my life.

"I have since learned that this same principle applies to any sincere student of the Bible. By learning the importance of God's *words* that are recorded within *God's Word*, then learning the principle of unquestioning obedience, every child of God will be able to live a life of peace, power, and daily victory.

"These are unequivocal biblical principles: research (*doresh*) with integrity equals knowledge and insight. Knowledge and insight, plus obedience, equals God's rich rewards. When I learn to know what God is saying to me in his Word, I must obey what he says. Then he is honor-bound to answer the promises in his Word" (p.37-38).

God's Command -- RESEARCH the Truth

Far too many of God's people, I believe, do not seem to feel themselves qualified to do "Biblical research." So they conveniently or foolishly leave it to others – the

ministers. And they risk their salvation by foolishly trusting in men -- human beings -- rather than studying the Word of God which is a shield and protector against false teaching, heresy, and insidious, subtle, clever false doctrines which masquerade as "truth."

Notice God's command: "**Seek [*doresh*, research] the LORD and his strength, seek [*doresh*, research] his face continually**" (I Chron.16:11). "**SEEK [*DORESH*, RESEARCH] ye the LORD while he may be found**, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him RETURN unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon" (Isaiah 55:6-7).

"And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek [*doresh*, research] thee" (Psalm 9:10).

"I sought [*doresh*, researched] the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed. This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the LORD encampeth round about them that FEAR him, and delivereth them" (Psalm 34:4-7).

The Hebrew word *doresh* or *darash* literally means, "**to tread or frequent; usually to follow (for pursuit or search); by implication, to seek or ask; specifically, to worship**" (*Strong's Exhaustive Concordance*, Hebrew dictionary, word #1875). It is variously translated, "inquire, make inquisition, require, search, seek for, seek out." *Gesenius Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon* defines the word: "**To rub, to beat, to tread, to trample, to tread, or beat a path; to rub, to thresh. . . figuratively, TO LEARN, TO STUDY. Kindred to this are the roots mentioned . . . all having the signification of treading**" (p.209). It means, "**to tread a place under the feet; hence, to go to a place, to frequent it . . . Farther, the signification of 'going to' is applied to that of seeking, inquiring, demanding; also, of caring for. Hence -- to seek . . . to search after . . . to seek from anyone, to inquire . . . to apply oneself to any thing, to STUDY, to follow, to practice any thing.**"

"They that seek [*doresh*, research] the LORD shall not want any good thing" (Psalm 34:10). "The humble will hear this and be glad: and your heart shall live that SEEK [*doresh*, research] God" (Psalm 69:32). Obviously, God wants each one of us to seek -- search after Him -- with all our being and might and ability. If we seek Him with all our powers, we have His promise that we will find Him and get to know Him. And when we find Him and get to know Him, the connotation is that we will offer ourselves to Him in total obedience.

Walking With GOD

Do you want to walk with God? Then you must begin studying the Word of God and praying to God as never before in your life. We draw close to God in this way. As

we study His Word and let Him speak to us, we must do what He says. We must daily put sin and sinful thoughts, out of our lives and never compromise.

The apostle James put it so clearly: "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. *Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.* Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. *Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up*" (Jas. 4:7-10).

Millions of people have the wrong idea about God. They don't know where to find Him, where to look for Him. They think He is so far off, and so high above us, that He would never condescend to speak with us. But God is not proud and lofty. It is humans themselves who become proud, lifted up and lofty. God is humble. To walk with God, therefore, we must also humble ourselves and walk where He walks.

I have found, personally, that a big help to me, in walking with God, is to spend time in a garden -- to plant, maintain, and do all the work connected with a garden. People forget that God Himself is the original Gardener. He planted a garden in Eden (Genesis 2:8). He personally planted the trees, shrubs, flowers and vegetables. One of the first commands He gave man was to "dress" the garden and to "keep" or maintain it (verse 15).

When I humble myself to get my hands dirty and my fingernails caked with dirt by planting seeds in a garden, and when I get down on my knees to pull the weeds and cultivate the soil around the individual plants, to encourage their growth, my attitude becomes more loving, more childlike, more appreciative, more like that of God Himself.

An old proverb among gardeners is: "The best fertilizer of all is the footprints of the gardener." Any garden left to itself will soon become overpowered with weeds, grass and choked with obnoxious plants. Maintaining a garden teaches us a great deal about the principles of God's Word. Jesus used the parable of the sower which teaches lessons from the gardening experience. In this parable, each of us is like a delicate plant in the sight of God; and in order to grow spiritually, we must keep ourselves away from the weeds of the world, the thorns and choking, entangling thistles. We must be "watered" deeply of the Word and the Spirit of God. We must spend much time in communion with God.

King David, a man after God's own heart, wrote: "*One thing* have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to *inquire* in his temple" (Psa. 27:4). He said: "When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek" (v. 8). With humble faith and boldness David went so far as to say: "When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up" (v. 10).

What about you? Do you really want to walk with God?

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WHO, OR WHAT, IS YOUR GOD?

Just what determines who, or what, is your God? Actually, most people do not realize the true answer to that question! WHOever, or WHATEVER, you worship, fasten your affection on, and SERVE, is your “GOD.”

William F. Dankenbring

One’s country may – and sometimes becomes – one’s “god.” Through a wrong kind of patriotism, many people WORSHIP their country, “right or wrong.” John in Revelation was inspired to write of such misplaced worship: “And they worshipped the dragon (Satan) which gave power unto the beast (Roman Empire or World Government); and they WORSHIPPED THE BEAST, saying, “WHO IS LIKE UNTO THE BEAST? Who is able to make war with him?” (Rev.13:4).

Satan is the god of this world (II Cor.4:4). But he does not appear as a red suited, pitchfork holding, dragon to people – but as an “angel of light” (II Cor.11:13-15). People worship Satan ignorantly, because he “appears” to be truthful, enlightened, and powerful. They become deceived by his deception and brilliance just as Eve was deceived in the garden of Eden!

Whoever or whatever you serve and obey becomes your god, ruler, and master. Paul wrote, “Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey, whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?” (Rom.6:16).

The very word, or title, “Lord,” means MASTER, or RULER, one who has control, the one whom you OBEY! Jesus said many people would appear before Him in judgment, and say to Him, “Lord, Lord,” yet would not make it into His Kingdom. He will answer them, “Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and DO NOT THE THINGS WHICH I SAY?” (Luke 6:46).

So let’s understand this! The one whom you serve, follow, and obey, that is your GOD! If you follow the way of Satan, then he is your god – whether you are deceived, and do it ignorantly, or whether you do so knowingly!

The real question, then, is – WHO IS THE *TRUE* GOD?

There are many false gods, imposters, and frauds. There are many different religions in the world – Shintoism, Hinduism, the Muslim religion, witchcraft,

voodooism, etc., etc. Many different “gods” are worshipped on the earth! But there is only ONE TRUE GOD!

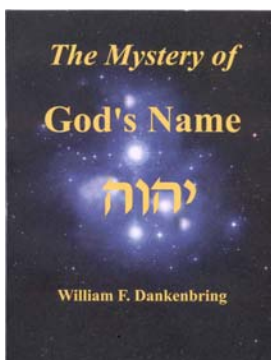
Jesus Christ said, to the Samaritan woman at the well, “You worship what you do not know; we [the Jews] know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the TRUE WORSHIPPERS will worship the Father [the true God] in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him” (John 4:22-23). He added: “God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth” (verse 24).

Jesus later prayed to the Father, Creator of heaven and earth, the true God, saying, “And this is eternal life, that they may know You, *the only true God*, and Jesus Christ [Yeshua the Messiah] whom You have sent” (John 17:3).

Muslims worship one whom they call Allah, Hindus worship various gods, but there is only ONE true God – the Creator of the heavens and the earth! The Scriptures reveal His name as YEHOVAH – the “One who is, and who causes to be,” the “Self-Existent One,” or as Moffatt translates it, “The Eternal.” The Hebrew letters yod, hey, vav, hey, called the “Tetragrammaton,” or YHVH, spell out the name Yehovah, and refer to God as the Covenant God, who keeps His promises, and covenants with His people. He is the Redeemer, Saviour, the Salvation and Deliverer of His people! He is also called Elohim, which means “The Mighty One” or “Mighty Ones.” The Scriptures reveal that both the Father, or Ancient of Days (Daniel 7:22), and the Word – the Logos – are “God” (John 1:1-3).

The apostle Paul reveals this truth when he writes, “For even if there are so-called gods, whether in heaven or on earth (as there are many gods and many lords), yet for us there is ONE GOD, THE FATHER, of whom are all things, and we for Him; and ONE LORD JESUS CHRIST, through whom are all things, and through whom we live” (I Cor.8:5-6).

Your GOD is the one whom you SERVE, follow, and OBEY – and WORSHIP, that is, hold in high esteem and revere! We worship the TRUE GOD by obeying Him, loving Him, keeping His commandments, and living according to His LAW, Torah, and Teaching! Write for your copy of our new book, THE MYSTERY OF GOD’S NAME. The true God is revealed in His wonderful name, and you need to know it!



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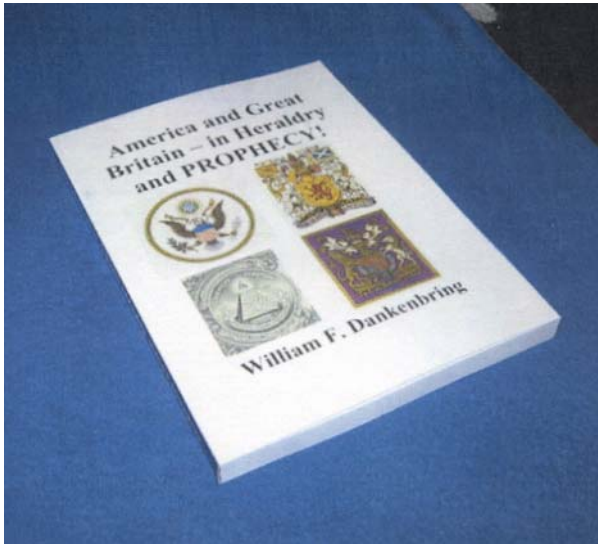
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Where Are Ephraim and Manasseh in END-TIME Bible Prophecy?

Are the United States and Great Britain mentioned in the Bible? If so, under what names? What is the real evidence of our national heraldic emblems and symbols? Where do we *really* come from? Could we be totally ignored?

Millions have been mystified, and perplexed about our ancient pedigree. Who are we descended from? Believe it or not, the ancestors of the English speaking peoples of the world *are found throughout* the pages of Scripture. But our true IDENTITY has been SEALED – hidden from view until *NOW!* Who are we – really? How has this knowledge been lost through the centuries?

The United States and Britain are *often* mentioned in END-TIME Bible prophecies! But most people don't understand WHO IS WHO! The world has been in TOTAL ignorance of the amazing prophecies in the Bible about EPHRAIM! The whole book of Hosea the prophet seems to FOCUS on this people! But WHO ARE THEY? Ephraim now stands IDENTIFIED in the world today AS AMERICA! Great Britain stand identified as the people of "Manasseh"! Here is the astounding Biblical PROOF!



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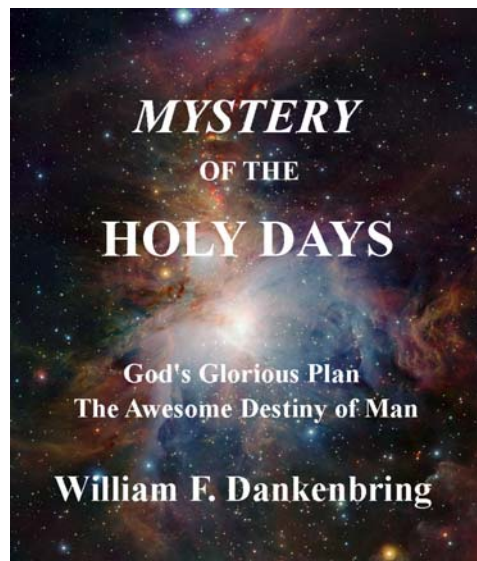
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Plumbing the Secrets of God's Amazing Holy Days

The annual Festivals and Holy Days of God are revealed in the Scriptures – yet few Christians observe them and follow pagan holidays like Christmas and Easter and Halloween instead! Isn't this preposterous and nonsensical?

fWhy do most Christians observe Christmas and Easter? Why did the church stop observing the Biblical holidays and replace them with PAGAN days which come out of Babylon and ancient Egypt? What is the real MEANING behind the Holy Days of God? What significance do they have for both Christians and Jews?

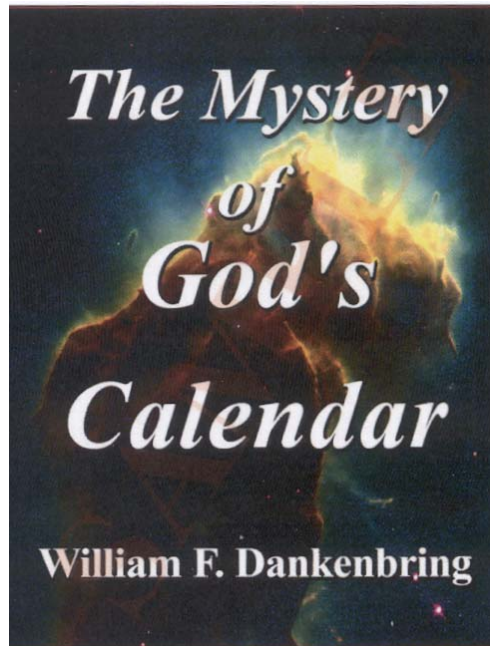


Why did God create and command us to observe HIS Holy Days in the Scriptures? Why did He give them to us? Are there vital lessons hidden within the Holy Days that we ought to explore? We all need to revisit the annual Holy Days and study into this profound subject. It reveals the MYSTERY OF THE AGES. The awesome meaning of each one of the holy days of Scripture is revealed in this treasure trove of revelation.

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Does it really matter when we observe God's annual Holy Days? Does it matter if we are just a few days off? There is an old saying, "Close only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades." But does it really matter if we get God's days right? The Word of God does tell we should observe His annual Feast Days as "holy days to the Lord" (see Leviticus 23). The Biblical holy days are obviously based on the Biblical calendar – the original calendar God gave to Moses and Israel.

It is serious business to keep an appointment with an official or human employer or a KING "on time," and to be punctual. **HOW MUCH MORE IS IT IMPORTANT TO KEEP GOD'S APPOINTMENTS ON TIME?** God's Word says, plainly, "The wages of sin is DEATH" (Rom.6:23). Are we going to obey GOD? Or go the route that "seems right" to a man, but ends in DEATH (Prov.14:12, 16:25)? How important is understanding God's time-table to you?

Yes, please send me your book on *The Mystery of God's Calendar*. I want to know the Real, genuine, honest TRUTH. I want to "prove all things" (I Thess.5:21). Enclosed is \$15.00 plus \$5.00 for postage. Please send it as soon as possible! Please send it to:

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Letters from Our Readers

"I have watched your teaching for years and read your book on America - Ephraim and Manasseh.

"On my own, even before I read your book, it became plain as day that the USA is the modern representation of the Tribe of Ephraim. I know this is truth. There is no question. This has been kept secret since we know that Ephraim will become a desolation during the days of punishment. Because Ephraim did not Return to God (repent), Ephraim (USA) has been given the Assyrian as our King. This Assyrian is President Obama. He is not the Assyrian now, but will become the Assyrian later in his life. He will also become Gog as the young boy Natan saw in a super-natural vision from the Lord."

-- Email

"These past few months have proven to me that there is only one right way of doing things and that is God's way.

"It seems that the world news gets more dire by the day and cannot go on as they are much longer. When a country trains and arms its enemies, it cannot be long until it is destroyed and that does not look good for this country.

"The government is saying that man is causing all the climate change but I do not think so. I know that GOD says that He will destroy those that destroy His earth and what man has done to this earth says that day cannot be too far off.

"The changes in the jet stream should be a wake up call for man but the masses seem to be totally asleep at the switch."

-- Charles Rearick, Ohio

"First of all we are so sorry to hear about Cappy's cracked ribs. It must be very painful for her so please give her our love and best wishes for a speedy recovery. Take care of yourself also Bill.

"God's Spirit is definitely moving in the English speaking world this year of 2016. It is looking increasingly likely that Donald Trump will be the next President of the USA, while in just a few days Great Britain may well seize the

historic opportunity to regain her full independence from the 'Babylonish' European Union. Exciting days. Barbara and I have already voted OUT via a postal vote arranged earlier as we are away for a couple of weeks visiting her brother and family down in Plymouth. We are there during the referendum so it should be an interesting time. The other point about being away is that I won't be able to proof-read the July/Aug PF until our return home on 29th June, when I will make it my priority.

"I would be interested to know what stage you are at with regard to publication of the new '*Mystery Of God's Name*' book. I must organize a bank transfer to your TPM account on my return from Plymouth as another high priority.

"My health is good and I am still doing my best to get as fit as my body will enable me. Sometimes maybe, I think I push myself a bit too much and tire myself out, but overall I feel very thankful and blessed that our Great God preserved my physical life after the heart attack I suffered over a year ago now. Physical life is very precious, especially when we are surrounded by a loving family. Ultimately of course, we must try our hardest to use our physical lives to bring honour and glory to God the Father and our Lord and Saviour Yeshua ha Moshiach.

"Pentecost is now past and we have the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer ahead and then the autumn festivals to come, which will be here before we know it.

"Bye for now, take care and may our Great God guide you always."

-- Nick Wood, England

COMMENT: The book is now in print and we are sending a box of them to distribute as you see fit to brethren and people in Europe and Great Britain. Britain has taken a big step leaving the EU, and now there appears to be planning for a new EU army led by Germany and France, with Germany dominant. Shades of Adolph Hitler and the Third Reich!

Several years ago former UK deputy prime minister Nick Clegg made a pathetic and ignorant statement that the idea of a European Army was fantasy. For someone in such a responsible position to make such an ignorant statement, shows how totally out of touch many politicians are and how ignorant they are about what is actually happening right now.

During an interview on 8 March, Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker said that the EU needed its own military, in order to deal with the Russian threat, as well as to restore the bloc's standing around the world.

Given that the United Kingdom who were the most hostile to this idea have now made a decision to exit the European Union it is somewhat not surprising to see that the European Union is already making significant moves to hasten the creation of a European Army.

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“Subject: what is all the fuss about??

“Greetings once again: On the evening of July 11, and the morning of July 12, 2016, I had observed a perfect half moon, which was the 7th day of the NEW CRESCENT MOON, which was reported by Dr. Hoffman on July 5, 2016.

“If one was to count back seven days from the half moon it would be a perfect match-up, with the new crescent moon, of 7-[5-6]-16,

“In addition, if one was to count back thirty days from 7-[5-6]-16, to 6-[6-7]-2016 it would also match up with the last new crescent moon back in the month of June [6-7]-2016. So therefore, we are all on the same page as Dr. Hoffman regarding the new crescent moon for the month of JULY.

“One reliable witness is much better, than no witness. So therefore, Nehemia Gordon, there is more than one way to determine the beginning of a non religious month. That is my humble opinion and so be it. Bye for now.”

-- William Norman, Israel

“The fourth month new moon report from Nehemia Gordon was very interesting in the fact that only Roy Hoffman of the Israeli New Moon Society actually visually observed it. (Only ONE witness). However, he did take a photograph for all to see as proof that he really did observe the

crescent. This was classified as a "borderline" potential sighting, but Roy Hoffman has proved that he observed it and I think we should accept the photograph as the SECOND witness. What do you think Bill?”

-- Nick Wood, England

COMMENT: I agree. The proof is clear. The photograph provides the clear evidence in this case, as well as the experience and knowledge and expertise of the observer.

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“Just a few words about life, as a Christian, in an Alabama prison. Let it be known that the writer is a convicted felon. Of myself I speak. I will not get into how I was wronged, or who I wronged. I will say that I was a sinner, have been reborn a new creation in Christ, and I now walk daily in the Truth.

“Statistics show that Alabama has the most corrupt judicial system in America. And of all the prisons in Alabama, I ended up in the worst one. This is the bottom of the barrel. Or, so they say.

“There is no structure here. Inmates run the prison, pretty much. Since there is no structure, there is an example here of what society would be like without order. And not just any order but Christian order.

“You might think prison is a place for correction. You would be wrong. Drugs are everywhere. Alcohol is available, too. Cell phones and drugs are brought in by the guards. Everyone has homemade knives. Homosexuals flaunt their sins openly. Actually, homosexuals are the ones who run the prison, behind the Muslims.

“You can buy anything you want. Theft is rampant. The system is crooked, top to bottom.

“However, it is the Christians who suffer here. Out of 1300 inmates, less than 100 go to church. Out of those 100, maybe 15 are ‘for real Christians.’ The prison caters to all Muslim traditions. The Muslims will attack you if you look at them in a ‘wrong way.’ They are a violent bunch who scream for their ‘rights’ in here. They teach and preach hatred in our Chapel (after removing our cross).

“I have tried to better myself with Bible Study courses through the mail. I have many

certificates. I have never had a write-up, and I attend all Chapel meetings. But this does not matter. The parole board does not recognize any Christian programs. I seek no pity. I just want the public to know that most inmates will be released. In fact, they are being released daily. So good luck, America. Get ready for things to get worse. I have 1000 stories that would scare you. Keep your guns loaded, and your doors locked!"

-- Alabama

"May the Good Lord above grant us endurance to hold fast to Him and His Word during these chaotic, troublesome times. Thank you both for the work you are doing to spread His message near and far. My thoughts and prayers to you, your family and staff. Love to all."

-- Tennessee

"Please read entire letter. Me and two other Christian brothers were attacked by gang members with locks in socks and beaten up. They threw our Bible away and destroyed all the information packets that you sent. I have not received any of your magazines or booklets since 4/5/16. They either sent them back or threw them away. I am now just able to write you and give you my change of address. Please start sending me your wonderful magazine Prophecy Flash. Thank you and God bless."

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Florida

"Greetings and may Elohim bless you in all ways and needs. I'm in constant prayer over you and your family for well being and protection from evil. The material you have sent to me over the years has gone viral here! All praise be to God! Everyone that is even the slightest able to interpret Scripture has found it to be so much easier through your in depth teachings. I really find the material remarkable, especially when you include and provide the reader with multiple resources to look up its authenticity and authorship. I'm getting lots of requests for material, however I don't want to be a burden to you, especially since I can only offer much prayer and appreciation at this time.

"It seems that the most interesting topic here is over the spiritual realm and of the Nephilim. So I suppose if it takes such study to intrigue the lost to develop a relationship with God then so

be it. I hope that you will be able to send more material on the subject. As always, God bless you."

-- Texas

"My beloved shepherd! I am in your steps as you follow Christ!

"With all the effort you and your team are putting into The Work, I was beginning to feel 'neglected' in spiritual food. The 'neglect' was not due to lack of communication *from* TPM, but due to our postal services in RSA.

"I started to unpack and re-peruse the literature Marieta and I had accumulated from TPM over the years, in an effort to stay on the Path.

I came across various brochures and booklets from various sources – even those not from TPM. The outcome was that I was strengthened in realizing how far other sources have strayed from the Truth/Faith once delivered!

"I was 'saved' from going off the path when I managed to receive again the PF and cd's from you. And then the two books which nearly went astray! AND to top it all...when your email was received that I will receive DVD's of last year's FOT!!! I am blessed indeed and praise Yhvh!!

"Thanks again.. it was getting VERY lonely even with the ever present Comforter and my Boston Terrier; he even listens to your Bible studies while sitting on my lap!

"The chances to witness, are few and far in between and in doing this, friends are getting fewer and fewer and family is withdrawing. I sometimes wonder if I am doing something wrong in trying to share the hope that is in methe Truth.

"May YHVH bless and keep you and yours/ours in this chaotic End time world. Shalom! And praise the Lord!"

-- South Africa

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Come to the Feast of Tabernacles 2016 in Omak, Washington!

This year the Feast of Tabernacles is celebrated from October 17 through October 24. It may be the most important Feast ever in modern times. It could be the final feast before the Great Tribulation starts in earnest. It is the first festival after the final Blood Red Moon eclipse of the tetrad of eclipses occurring at Passover and Sukkot, during 2014 and 2015. These heavenly “signs” are harbingers of things to come!

Omak, is a picturesque, old-fashioned cowboy and western town, on the east side of the Cascade mountains sixty miles south of Canada, with the beautiful Okanogan River running through it. Omak is a spectacular site to “get away from it all” and congregate together to worship and rejoice before God!

In these times of deadly peril, growing world troubles, and onrushing planetary crises, with Great Tribulation winds beginning to stir and blow, God’s people need to get together, fellowship, and be instructed on what to do and how to prepare for coming hard times. “Omak” in the Indian language means “Good Medicine.” The Feast will be “good medicine” for your heart, mind, body, soul, and spirit!

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