

## How Much Has America Changed?

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Our Father in heaven we thank you for the lightness and levity that you give us with good humor and the knowledge that you love us and are faithful in caring for us. We thank you for the sacrifice of your son who is now at your right hand and who intercedes for us, as our high priest. Thank you for his intervention for us and the great privilege and freedom to come before your throne of grace at any time and circumstance in all things. We are your children--the sheep of your pasture—and praise your name for hearing our prayers and safe guarding our lives. Please be continually be with us whom you have created, and do not remove your Spirit from us. Inspire us in what you have given each of us to do with faith and effectiveness. You possess all power in the Universe and earth and everything in them. We are thankful to be in America and appreciate the independence given us these many years. Our nation is in great stress and wickedness of spirit, confusion of face and far from you and repentance. Help the people to repent of their sins and recognize the only way to life is through you. Remember us in your mercy and rescue those who earnestly seek you. Make us effective for you and reveal to us what you want us to learn and be a light to your honor and glory in the midst of this darkening world. In Yeshua's name we ask and according to your will. Amen.

It is our great privilege to assemble together in fellowship to study the Bible in freedom, and rejoice together on the Sabbath day as ordained by God. Today is also America's Independence Day, the 4th of July. The Jewish calendar is a day ahead of the visual new moon this month and says Tammuz 17, but according to God's calendar it is Tammuz 16. This means Tammuz 17 is tomorrow. The 17<sup>th</sup> of Tammuz commemorates the fall of Jerusalem, prior to the destruction of the Holy Temple and is known as the time between the straights which marks the beginning of a 3-week national period of mourning for the Jews leading up to tisha B'Av. It has to do with the punishment which God has sent on the Jewish nation down through history which I will talk about next week.

Nick Wood has been a great help to me in God's work in TPM over many years in taking care of the calendar Holy Day calculations each year and proof reads the bi-monthly *Prophecy Flash*, the books and many articles I write, before publication. He has done a very good job with that and would be greatly missed if he would not be able to continue doing these things. I am grateful for Nick's wonderful service in this work and coordination efforts for all the brethren. He suffered a heart attack a few months ago and now has a pace maker. His progress report is steady and his energy is gradually returning. He is still keeping up with the editing. Nick and his family appreciate your continued prayers of support and prayer for a full recovery by God's mercy and power. Many of us know the feeling of getting a little older with grey hair turning to white and a need for a little more rest to replenish continued strength and energy. I appreciate a rest during the day or after a meal, and now take one thing at a time.

One of our widowed brethren lost her long-time dog and asked you last week after Bible Study Conference to pray for her to find a fitting replacement for her constant companion of many years. Her email says: “Thank you for praying for me during my deep grief during the loss of my dog “Gracie”. I still really miss her, but my new puppy is really helping to heal my loss. She is so precious. Her name is Libby and she is from Amish Mennonite country. My daughter and son-in-law drove six hours last Sunday in the pouring rain to get her. My heavenly Father answered my cries for another little dog that Yeshua created.”

This week I received a letter from a friend I knew in Pasadena, California, who worked at the college when I was a student and later as an employee in the letter-writing ministry and Bible Correspondence Departments. He contacted me earlier this week, letting me know he was mailing a letter me, as well as others, a short letter which I received and just read this morning. I would like to share it with you. TO: The pastors of the Sabbath keeping Churches of God.

“The church theologians know so much and understand so little—whether it is a matter of spirituality, health, prophecy and the Greek and Hebrew texts. *Thanks to God for His mercy and grace.* They are full of politics and jealousy. It is no wonder the churches are so fragmented. The real reason is “they do not want to do it God’s way.” Their guru was so corrupt with his own way for dictatorial-ism that they can’t see beyond that. They have argued and split over many subjects. Most of that was “who is going to be the boss.” They have their own egos and inferiority complexes. The people of God are dismayed by their actions. As a result, the congregations do not have the gospel preached to them. Wake up you preachers, be rebuked by **Jeremiah 2:8; Jeremiah 10:21; Jeremiah 12:10; Jeremiah 22:22; Jeremiah 23: 1-2.**”

WFD *Note:* I concur with the writer saying the churches are fragmented. There is a lot of politics and jealousies among the churches and the ministerial leaders. No one seems to respect anyone else, nor can they just all get together and submit to God. This seems to be the basic problem—they are all doing their own work in the name of religion. Their “guru”, means Herbert Armstrong as a dictator – one man ruler. Most of these churches are a one-man rule. In other churches it is rigged, so the top man at the top knows he is going to be at the top and the board of elders is hand-picked by the leaders. So if the board doesn’t like what the top man says, he dismisses that board and just gets another board that suits him. The members have modern-day church traditions preached to them, doctrines proved to be fallacious keep on being preached. Once it is enshrined by the dictator or ministerial college, nobody changes it. That means that no further change or spiritual growth and repentance occurs--a sad state of affairs.

**Jeremiah 2:8**—“The priests did not say, ‘where is the Lord?’ And those who handle the law did not know me. The rulers also transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that do not profit.” They are not searching the scripture and proving all things, nor even investigate. All the churches are guilty. **Jeremiah 10:21**—“For the shepherds have become dull-hearted, and have not sought the Lord; therefore they shall not prosper, and all their flocks shall be scattered.” We as individuals need to sharpen our hearts and minds so we will not be dull and unaware of what is true. **Jeremiah 12:10**—“Many rulers (shepherds) have destroyed my vineyard; they have trodden my portion underfoot. They have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness”. **Jeremiah 22:22**—“The wind shall eat up all your rulers (shepherds) and your lovers shall go into captivity. Surely then you will be ashamed and

humiliated for all your wickedness.” Be zealous and repent, do not become Laodicean. Here God gets very specific and very plain in **Jeremiah 23:1-2**--“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord God of Israel against the shepherds who feed my people: You have scattered my flock, driven them away, and not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for the evil of your doings, says the Lord.”

These shepherds are practicing “market-share” ministry, dividing up the people among themselves thereby scattering the flock with their authority and not teaching God’s truth which is needed so much. The shepherds are not visiting them, loving them, praying for them when they are sick. God is telling these false shepherds, you have not been doing your duties and will be punished by the Almighty. The remnant flock of God that have been driven into far countries will be brought back by the Eternal Creator God to his fold. He shall set up new shepherds who shall feed and give them good care and no good thing will be lacking.

I want to thank Mr. Mumme for his letter, and I have hope that it pays off and brings some good fruits from the ministers to whom he sent his letter. His P.S. says: “to request suggestions on changes use the address above.” I thought his letter was well done and will probably send him a short note saying so. Antichrist is rising up, but most of God’s people are asleep at the switch and don’t see what is happening in front of them or believe it and are afraid to question their own ministry who appear dead in the water. I read and research a wide variety of magazines, and books in addition to daily Bible study, review, and meditation in the quest for understanding and knowledge to test and prove all things.

The United Church of God recently sent out a small booklet, entitled *The Final End-Time Super-Power*. It perpetuates the prophetic errors of Herbert Armstrong stating that Europe is going to rise up and America is going to be invaded and nuked by Europe.

I have been reading an interesting book by David Montaigne, *End Times and 2019: The End of the Mayan Calendar and the Countdown to Judgment Day* which reviews the evidence suggesting that the end of the world as we know it will occur in December 2019. Fact after fact is presented in logical order, progressing through astronomical clues given by the Maya, Egyptian pyramids, world mythology, and especially the Bible, leading readers to a timeline of events for our civilization’s final years. The author’s claim – while bold and controversial – is backed up with hundreds of documented citations and additional hundreds of Bible quotes, all of which point to the same events ending in 2019. One interesting thing new to me that adds significance deals with taking the 1260 days (which = 3 ½ years or 42 months) and consider them as years being fulfilled. Start with the fall from the temple in Jerusalem 584 B.C. (as he dates it) and from that date subtract 1260 years. The year will be 677 A.D. the very year that the Dome of the Rock Mosque was built on top of the Temple Mount in Jerusalem.

The next time Daniel says count 1290 days (1290 years) from 677 AD and it brings us to the year 1967, the year the Jewish nation recovered the temple mount and the Old City of Jerusalem from the Arabs, Golan Heights, the west bank of the Jordan and the Sinai Peninsula. Exactly 1290 days. Daniel 12 also says blessed is he that comes to the 1335 days. That is 45 more days which we are interpreting as years. Add 1967+45 years which comes to the year 2012. That is the year of the Mayan long count calendar ended—the end of an epoch. Now we are in a new

beginning, starting off with 7 years of tribulation  $2012 + 7 =$  the year 2019. Barack Obama was reelected president of the U.S. taking office in 2013. December 12 is when the new Secretary of State John Kerry traveled to Israel and the Middle East to resuscitate the peace process. In the *spring* of the year (2013) Obama traveled to the Middle East and went to Jerusalem, where for the first time he visited with the Jewish state and Prime Minister Netanyahu and got the new Palestinian two-state peace compact started. The iron-clad treaty/agreement was called—"The Covenant of the People" and sounds like **Daniel 9:27**. "He" the end-time prince of the world empire/US (Barack Obama) "will compel a treaty with many people." The first 3 ½ years since 2012 will in 2016 and people are beginning to wonder what went wrong. January 2016 is just six months away. June 2016 is the mid-point of the final seven years, if it began in 2012-2013. We may see a temple being built on the temple mount in Jerusalem the spring of 2016. The great temple mount altar has now been built by the rabbis and completed and it is portable (7 ½ x 20 ft.) and was already used in a ceremony this year.

The next information ties in with the Mayan long calendar which ended on December 21, 2012. At the end of this period, the Mayans expected that a great king is going to come at the end of the 13<sup>th</sup> Bactum, the one that ended in 2012. But when will he come? The Mayans depicted the final cataclysm with a clustering of planets but that *doesn't occur at the 2012 date*. It does occur seven years later. So from 2012 to 2019, those seven years are what you call transitional years. That sounds like Daniel's 70<sup>th</sup> week—the transitional week, covenant of death of the people which will be broken in the midst of the week. That is pointing again at the year 2019. The occurrence seven years later indicates the seven year tribulation which means that the world as we know it ended in 2012 which change our civilization drastically. This is 2015 and we have seen three years now of Obama's new administration of his second term in office. Has your life changed much? Have you seen much happening to America and the world in the last three years since he began his second term began in December 2012? What about 2013? What about rioting and race violence in Missouri, New York, and Baltimore? What is happening to America? David Montaigne points us to two dates—2012 and 2019. We have about five years left until 2019.

Remember that the Roman year overlaps the Hebrew calendar. The Hebrew civil year begins fall to fall, September to September. But the sacred year begins spring to spring Nisan to Nisan (like April to April). So the date 2019 can also include an overlap into 2020. Montaigne also points out in his book that December 2019 will be the year 5780. Guess what? The number 5780 is the very number of the height of the Great Pyramid — 5780 inches. William Petry and Charles Piazza Smith, the two greatest English explorers of the Great Pyramid in the last century call the Great Pyramid an advance warning mechanism for the second coming of Christ! This could be an indication that God had it all planned out from the beginning, so that the end would come in the Jewish year 5780 which is the height of the Great Pyramid in inches. This is rather mind-boggling and fantastic to me and more evidence that we are living in the end time. I have been doing more research from the Jewish *Talmud* and the statement by the prophet Elijah who said, "Messiah will not come until 70 Jubilees have passed"— not before 70 Jubilees. I am searching to find out just what did Elijah mean and when is the end of 70 Jubilees? The Jubilee cycle is every 50 years.

Have things really changed much in the last three years from 2012 to June 2015? Let's examine the world around us. Franklin Graham, son of evangelist Billy Graham and head of the global

charity, *Samaritan's Purse*, recently stated. "Everything related to God is under attack in our nation today. America is not only blatantly defying God's laws, but trying to erase his laws from Public View. When I went to school, the 10 Commandments were posted in the classroom. The teacher led us in the Lord's Prayer before we went to lunch. There was respect in society for the word of God. How times have changed."

*These are the Signs of the Times*. An Oklahoma court recently ordered the removal of a long-time free standing public monument engraved with the 10 Commandments. That is a massive change. President Obama says, America is no longer a Christian nation, and he is doing his best to make it come true. He is changing America. The White House was recently lit up with rainbow colors in celebration of the decision that gay marriage is now legal everywhere in the United States of America.

A study by Princeton and Berkeley says the earth is entering a new extinction stage as vertebrates around world globe today are disappearing at a rate of 114 times faster than normal. A similar report was published by Duke University. Stewart Penn Biologist and Extinction Expert at Duke University in North Carolina says the current rate of extinction is more than 1,000 times faster than in the past—not 114 times faster. Dinosaurs went extinct allegedly sixty-five million years ago. Now we are in another extinction age according to the University. Since 1900, 400 more vertebrates (animals with backbones) have disappeared in the last 100 years. This is meaningful. Things are coming to an end in the world as we know it. It doesn't matter how the politicians try to put on a good facial mask and say "there is nothing wrong, just hang in there and it will all work itself out." However, take a good look at all the facts in science and sociology and the changes in the world around us. A recent poll warned that 72% of Americans believe that an economic crash is on the horizon — the highest in history.

Candidates seeking nomination for America's president in 2016 have begun to announce that they are entering the race. Reportedly, Hillary Clinton is going to spend an unprecedented 2 ½ billion dollars on the election to secure her victory as the next president. The strategy has nothing to do with real issues, qualifications or character. The campaign is going to press down on two things: shamelessly appeal to the far left Democratic core—demonize the Republicans over base issues like the war on women, voter suppression, and racism. To put it bluntly, they want to enable rampant voter-fraud to occur. For starters, this encompasses all the traditional forms of voter fraud — felons, non-citizens, dead people, multiple state voters—voting overwhelmingly Democratic, multiple times, ineligible voting (but voting anyway), and people paid off to vote for Hillary. They are trying to overturn the most sensible voter ID laws across the nation and get illegal emigrants to vote Democratic.

In Israel, the altar for God has already been built. It is ready and functioning. All that has to be done is reassemble it on the temple mount. This coming Tuesday, the Israeli Knesset is set to debate the subject of the temple mount and the temple altar on the mount. According to the *Israeli Times* daily edition, the Israeli government wants to actualize Israeli sovereignty in the heart of the nation on access to the temple mount and to end discrimination at the site against Jews and Christians, that will allow any person to go up from any gate without distinction, without being searched by a soldier—regardless of religion, race, or nationality. This is of

concern to the Muslims, and Jordan is concerned because Israel has allowed Jordan to remain in control of guardianship of the temple mount.

Oregon State Labor Commissioner, Brad Avickian, fined Sweet Cakes Bakery \$135,000 for refusing to bake a wedding cake for a same sex couple. The decision flies right in the face of the Constitution at every level and is going to be appealed. Oregon has also approved the sale and smoking of marijuana. Aaron Kline said, “For years Oregon has legalized same sex marriage. We have heard that it will not affect anybody. I’m here first hand to tell everyone in America that it has already affected and impacted people. Christians, get ready to take a stand and get ready for civil disobedience”. There seems to be a relationship between Avickian and Oregon Bureau of Labor and a Gay Rights group in Oregon called Basic Rights.

The Pentagon has been urged to kick out military chaplains who oppose gay marriage. In the aftermath of the Supreme Court’s decision to redefine marriage in all 50 states, the Pentagon is being urged to cleanse itself of military chaplains who refuse to support same sex marriage. Rush Limbaugh has this pronouncement in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court to legalize same sex marriage in America. Legalization of same sex marriage now makes collecting multiple spouses in America inevitable. “Get ready! Polygamy is the new gay movement.” The case of same sex marriage was rooted in self esteem and dignity—not being denied things that make you happy. Polygamists can use the same argument. The Supreme Court decision on same sex marriage has opened the “*Pandora’s Box*” for all kinds of evil.

Things have changed in America in the last three years. Did you know that Polygamy is already here? As many as 50,000 to 100,000 thousand Muslims residing in America are in Polygamist relationships which are tolerated because it is being called a “religious right” and no voice has dared rise up against it. See where this is headed? This is why I believe that God has said to Israel, do not allow the Canaanites in your midst, expel the Canaanite and their abominable customs and practices from the land God has given you. America—*Ephraim* is the inheritance given to Joseph, son of Israel (Jacob). Ephraim is the younger son of Joseph. Ezra speaks of events occurring in the land of Israel at the time of the return from captivity with emphasis of rebuilding of the temple. Ezra 9—*Ezra the prophet’s prayer of confession to the Lord, weeping before the house of God and a great congregation of returned men, women and children (from captivity)* — The people of Israel, the princes, the priests and the Levites had not separated themselves from the people of the lands whose filthiness and abominations filled the land from one end to another with their uncleanness, *doing* according to their abominations. They had failed to keep God’s commandments given by His servants the prophets to keep themselves separate from the surrounding nations and had taken foreign wives by whom they had children. The congregation made confession to the Lord and did his pleasure: and separated themselves from the people of the land and from strange wives. Thus God’s wrath was turned away.

News headline: “*Fifty Teenagers Storm Wal-Mart.*” A surveillance video showed the crowd yanking a man off his wheelchair and tossing him to the ground at a store in Macon, Georgia. The onslaught took place at 1:45 a.m. Sunday morning. Broken merchandise was found tossed all around the ground outside the store.

Did you know that the Obama Administration, after a young white racist killed nine people shot and killed in a black church congregation in Charleston, South Carolina, has given *twenty-nine million dollars* in reparation to the family members?

Also stoking the race war in America was the media coverage of riots, looting, fires and destruction of the city in Ferguson, MO, that occurred after a black 18 year old lawbreaker resisted arrest for robbery and physically attacked a white police officer who shot and killed the guy in self-defense. What happens, three official delegates from the White House from President Obama were sent to Ferguson, and Al Sharpton appeared to exhort the masses in how to vent their rage on white privilege and blame the police whether white or black. After the Baltimore, MD riot, Obama says, "I think it (the rioting and damage) is pretty understandable." It appears that the incidents of rioting are being deliberately used to provoke rioting and incite race violence from the White House to facilitate martial law which will come in its wake.

Similar things are going on in England. United Kingdom police withheld the report about Pakistani Muslims in England raping hundreds of white school girls. Why withhold the report? To prevent racial violence, they are denying the truth to the public. These crimes involve 1,400 young white Christian children. The *Daily Mail Newspaper* did a massive inquiry into the Rotterham Sex Abuse Scandal. So far 300 suspects have been identified—Muslims. Pakistani men have been raping hundreds of young white girls in England. In modern day sex-slavery, it was revealed that one teenage sex-slave was raped 90 times in one weekend. Despite the fact that she was deeply traumatized by the attack, but the authorities said that she wasn't even at risk. The girl was sixteen years old at the time when taken into sex-slavery and did not come from a background that should have put her into this situation. She became ensnared by befriending a girl who was vulnerable to abuse. By making wrong friendships, she got caught in such a travesty.

The Trans Pacific Partnership trade bill (TPP) was just passed by Congress. This bill sounds innocent enough, but there is something that you probably don't know about this bill. Sections published of the TPP by *Wikileaks* have revealed the treaty's vast influence over multiple areas including individual rights, Internet freedom, and even the rule of law itself. Unelected corporate boards of businesses can now wield unprecedented control over almost every aspect of human conduct in the world and in America, if you read, write, publish, think, listen, dance, sing, invent, farm or consume food. Don't we all?

This TPP gives President Obama an even greater ability to erode the country's southern border. We are now officially in a multi-faceted dictatorship. The end result of the TPP passed by a traitorous Congress will be to reduce America to a third-world power—a wasteland, same as Mexico. In Mexico, the median household income is \$4,500 a year. How would you like to be making that? With the new TPP forty million more jobs are going off shore (overseas) over the next two decades. America is being de-industrialized—turned into a banana republic. That is just on the political scene.

God's anger is beginning to show up in the natural world as well. Between 2007 and 2011 in the United States there were 280 intentionally set fires in houses of worship. Lake Powell, a reservoir on the Colorado River, which is on the border between Utah and Arizona is drying up.

Currently it is at 45 percent of its normal capacity. It is at risk of falling below 1,075 feet above sea level by September of this year. Meanwhile a record-breaking heat wave is sweeping across Western Europe. The entire continent is suffering record heat.

The California land mass is sinking at record rates as farmers are desperately drilling new wells trying to get new water from underground. The days of abundant water are over for the Central valley of California. The wells are about to dry up. California's Central Valley is sinking at a rate never seen during the state's historic drought. Experts warn that California's dry overpopulated situation resembles the collapse of the Assyrian Empire.

*Prophecy News Watch*— the Most Dangerous Mountain in America is Mt. Rainier. "Mt. Rainier is a lot bigger than Mount St. Helens which erupted in 1980. Mt. Rainier is a volcano and one of the most dangerous volcanoes in the entire world, because it is near Seattle and Tacoma where millions live. Even a minor eruption could result in tens of thousands of Americans being buried alive in super-heated mudflows rampaging down the mountain slopes. About 150 thousand people live on the top of old mud-flows (lahars) from Mt. Rainier's deposits. Not only is there not much ice atop the mountain today, but the volcano has been weakened by hypo-thermo activity. Cities below the mountain like Auburn, Puyallup, Renton, and Sumner are at risk including portions of Seattle and Tacoma. A couple of valleys adjacent to Rainier show ancient mud-flows 300-400 feet deep. It is inevitable this could happen again and it would be the worst natural disaster in U.S. history by far."

The time to get ready is now brethren. Another Shemita year is ending this September 13, and a final blood red moon will occur during the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles this fall. Instead of weeping, moaning and groaning and putting on sackcloth and ashes and repenting, America is celebrating sin.

**Psalm 119:36**—David said, "My eyes shed streams of tears because people do not keep your law." Jeremiah was known as the weeping prophet, because people were breaking God's Law right and left. Brethren, I pray for you and cry out to you, "If God be God, serve Him with all your heart, soul, spirit and strength. If Baal, be God, then serve him and go to hell—the lake of fire." Those are the choices we have. God help us to make the right choice.