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Victory in Court!

Time will prove that we have just won the most important court battle in this modern age! We have been battling the Worldwide Church of God (WCG) for over two years.

Just before his death on January 16, 1986, Herbert W. Armstrong published *Mystery of the Ages*. He wanted to reach “the largest audience possible.” The WCG began to change the book’s text immediately after his death. Two years later, they stopped publishing it. So we decided to publish *Mystery of the Ages* in early 1997, believing it was our right to give it free to the public as the author desired.

This book is a summary of Mr. Armstrong’s life work. But that didn’t matter to the WCG. They have already changed all the major doctrines Mr. Armstrong taught.

They hate the book’s message and want to keep the public from even reading it!

In his 1997 book, *Transformed By Truth*, WCG Pastor General Joseph Tkach Jr. wrote: “In February 1997 we filed suit against the Philadelphia Church of God—one of our splinter groups headquartered in Edmond, Oklahoma—to block the republication of *Mystery of the Ages*. The Worldwide Church of God still holds the copyright to this book, and we contend that no one else has the right to publish it. We feel it is our Christian duty to keep this book out of print...because we believe Mr. Armstrong’s doctrinal errors are better left out of circulation” (p. 203).

On February 8, Judge J. Spencer Letts ruled that *Mystery of the Ages* was published by its author to be shared with the world. The WCG, he said, has no right to withhold this work from publication. Judge Letts also said “a copyright doesn’t exist for what they want to do.” He also said Mr. Armstrong “never intended the copyright to stop *Mystery of the Ages* from going to the public.”

He got to the *intent* of the author and the *spirit* of the law. A copyright law is supposed to *protect* the author’s work—not destroy it! The author “had *Mystery of the Ages* copyrighted on condition of the Church not rejecting his doctrine,” the judge stated profoundly. “The copyright will not trump the nature of Herbert Armstrong’s work. A copyright can’t triumph over the foundation of religion,” he said.

The WCG was using the copyright to try and stop our religion. Under the cloak of “Christian duty,” they wanted to DESTROY the U.S. Constitution, as it relates to this case! They had already destroyed the constitution of the Church that Mr. Armstrong founded!

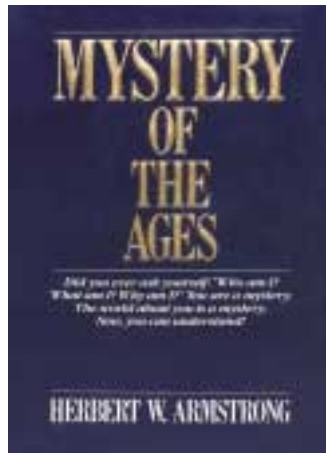
This case reveals to everybody how vile and destructive their attitude is. Now the whole world can see what we have been fighting against for a decade.

Nearly two-thirds of the WCG members have been driven out of that church since Mr. Armstrong died. The leaders kept all the property, with an estimated value of around \$250 million. Of course that wealth was created by all of the members while Mr. Armstrong was alive.

We not only won an overwhelming victory, the judge thought the WCG was violating our freedom of speech—a fundamental Constitution issue. He said, “Religion is the highest order of free speech.”

Mr. Armstrong believed *Mystery of the Ages* was the most important book on this earth after the Bible. (Please write for a free copy if you don’t have one.) Time will prove Mr. Armstrong to be right. If we can learn that lesson today, it will prevent unparalleled suffering in our lives.

Soon the whole world will understand how important this great book is. Then the Bible will no longer be a mystery to man.



THE LAST PEACEMAKER

King Hussein 1935-1999

BY STEPHEN FLURRY

IN A NEIGHBORHOOD FULL OF BULLIES, JORDAN'S KING HUSSEIN seemed always to maintain an air of dignity and honor in the Middle East. Holding an office in Jordan which allotted him absolute power, the King was not known for abusing it. To the contrary, he will be remembered for his kindness and charisma, whether in the presence of dignitaries or commoners.

Herbert Armstrong, who visited the King several times over the course of his ministry as pastor general of the Worldwide Church of God, was struck by this unusually humble monarch. "Kings never, or almost never, address any common citizen with the title of respect, 'Sir.' Yet, His Majesty continually addressed me as 'Sir,'—a truly unusual honor according to me respect." As a religious leader and unofficial ambassador for peace, Mr. Armstrong held no political office or distinguished title. Yet the King treated him like royalty.

Other stories like that abound, shedding further light on the King's uniqueness. Once, after an army officer tried to lead a coup against him, the King squashed the revolt and exiled the rebel to four years at *Oxford*. Try to envision the other Hussein's response to such a rebellion.

John Simpson, BBC's World Affairs editor, remembers the King's kindness and good humor. "Some years ago," he writes, "I was invited to a dinner at the palace in Amman. The King was an hour late, and spent much of the next 20 minutes apologizing. At the table he was self-deprecating, funny and frank in turn. He spoke about Saddam Hussein in a way that had everyone roaring with unobsequious laughter. And when someone asked about himself he said, 'You know, the British call me the plucky little king. Plucky is fine; I just don't like the little.'"

Dignified, humble, respectful, jovial—these best describe King Hussein, *the man*. But he may be remembered more for what *he did*—make peace.

HUSSEIN BECAME KING IN 1953 at age 17. Two years earlier, as a 15-year-old, he witnessed his grandfather's assassination. Abdullah, Jordan's first king, was gunned down at the Al Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem. Hussein might have died himself were it not for a medal on his uniform that his grandfather asked him to wear. A bullet had ricocheted off the medal.

In 1958, Hussein was shaken by another family tragedy when his close friend and cousin, Iraqi ruler Faisal, was assassinated in Baghdad. Hussein

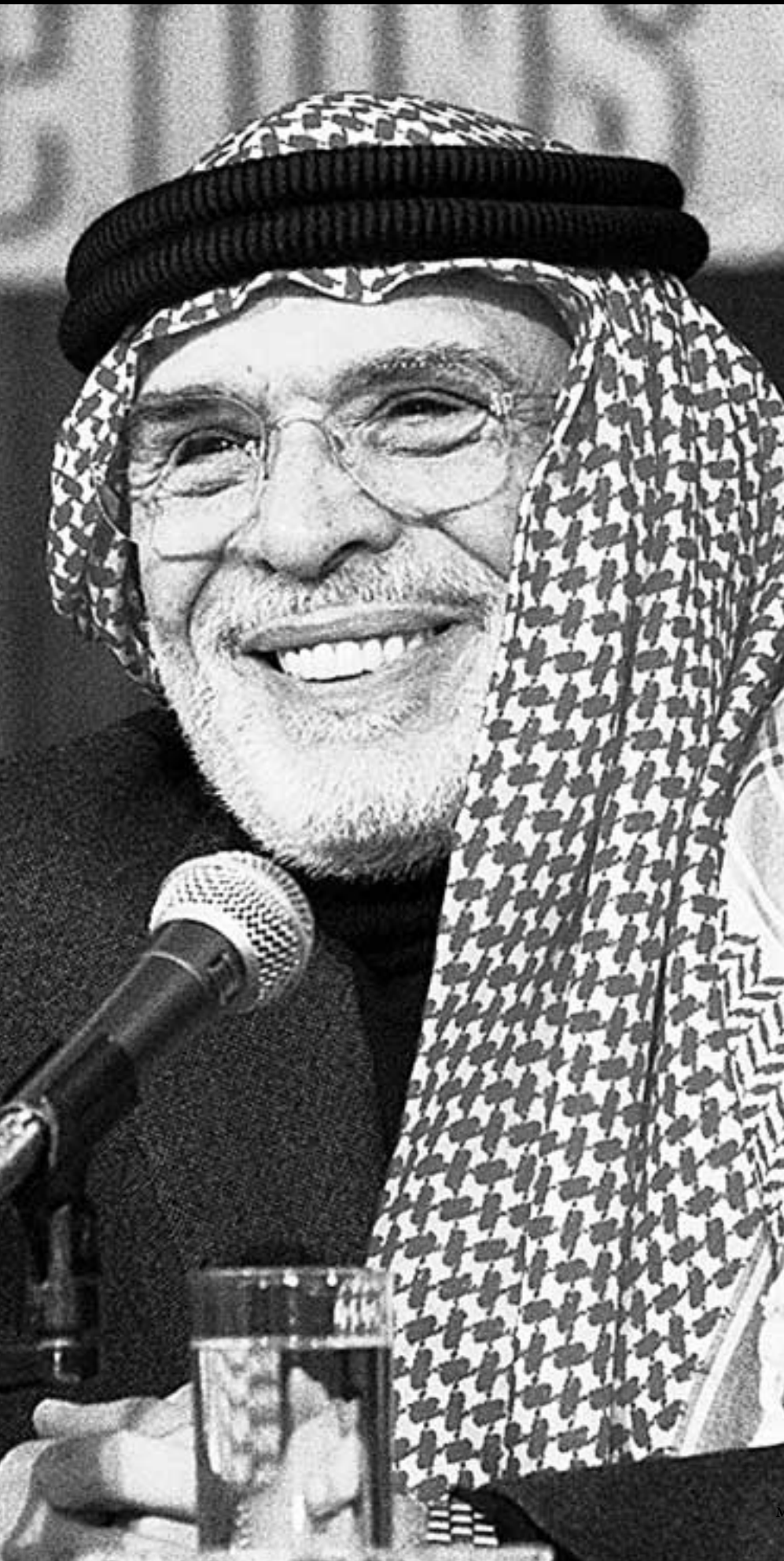
learned from these tragedies. In his memoirs he said he learned of death's unimportance—"When you die, you have to die." In a 1993 interview, he said that from these early experiences he learned that "rulers cannot depend on their advisors to save or guide them, that they must make their own decisions and go their own way."

Early on, it was clear there was something different about this man's ability to make peace. One story was related in the *Sunday Times* of London: "Facing an attempted military coup in 1957, he drove straight up to the Zerqa military headquarters, the center of the revolt, and personally persuaded the troops to support him."

Hussein's tact and diplomacy—whether in dealing with military men, heads of state or poor Hashemite Bedouins—earned him much of the prestige and honor he received late in life. As one commentator noted, he was aloof around no one.

That's not to say that the King's reign was without flaw. He deeply regretted joining Syria and Egypt in their 1967 attack on Israel. Not only did it add to the region's instability, Jordan also lost East Jerusalem and all of the West Bank to the Jews. Israeli occupation in the West Bank fueled a mass Palestinian exodus into Jordan. (Unlike other Arab leaders, Hussein has offered immigrants Jordanian citizenship and passports. Today, over 65 percent of Jordan's population is Palestinian.)

Jordan's rising Palestinian popula-



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tion proved a greater threat to its existence than the 1967 war. Yasser Arafat and his Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) moved its base of operations from the Israeli-occupied West Bank to the eastern side of the Jordan River and challenged the King's rule. In what became known as Black September, the King and his Bedouin troops declared war on the PLO guerrillas in 1970. They killed 4,000 Palestinians and forced the terrorist organization to move its base to West Beirut.

In 1973, having learned a lesson from 1967, Hussein disguised himself and went to Tel Aviv to warn Israeli Prime Minister Golda Meir that the Syrians were about to attack. She ignored the warning, and hours later Syria and Egypt ignited the Yom Kippur war against Israel. Hussein, for the most part, remained neutral.

After squelching the PLO's rebellion in 1970 and remaining on the sidelines in the 1973 war, the King fast acquired more than a handful of enemies within his own Arab community. Yet he survived each potentially dangerous situation—the last known assassination plot occurring in 1980.

Late in life, as an elder statesman, Hussein devoted much of his time to peace initiatives. His first cancer diagnosis in 1992 only prodded him to finally solidify peaceful relations with Israel, which he did in 1994. He considered Jordan's peace treaty with Israel in 1994 his proudest moment as King.

After Israeli Prime Minister Rabin was assassinated in 1995, Hussein said, "It is peace that has been assassinated." At Rabin's funeral, a tearful Hussein gave a speech that moved even the most cynical observers.

In 1997, after a Jordanian soldier shot and killed seven Israeli schoolgirls, Hussein felt obliged to visit the families of each victim in their homes—an extraordinarily kind act for anyone, let alone a king.

IN JULY OF 1998, THE KING CHECKED into the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota to undergo chemotherapy treatments for cancer in the lymph nodes. He responded well to early treatments and showed signs of an early recovery.

In October, the King appeared in public for the first time since his treatments began. It came as a complete shock to many. Before TV cameras at the Wye Plantation peace talks, he was

bald, skinny and pale. Some Jordanians took this as a signal from their ailing monarch that he was on death's door. Rumors surfaced that the King was headed back to Jordan in November to enjoy his final days on his native soil.

But reports were wrong. The King stayed in the States, received further treatment, and news of his "miraculous" recovery again made headlines. By January, news spread that the King was healed completely and preparing to return home.

Once again, reports were wrong. He did return home, but not healed. And what he returned home to do shocked nearly everyone.

He arrived in Jordan on January 19 after spending two weeks in Britain. British, French, Italian, Israeli and finally the Jordanian air forces escorted his plane home. Upon disembarking the aircraft, despite the cold, rainy weather, he knelt to kiss the ground he had missed for six months. Then, as his motorcade drove through Amman's streets—packed with hundreds of thousands of cheering well-wishers—the King poked his head outside the car's sunroof to acknowledge the thronging masses. Later, commenting on the inclement weather, he said, "It was so cold, and I did not have adequate clothing...but the warmth I felt everywhere was more than enough."

He was only to be home for a week, as it turned out. But what a week it was. He had come home to finalize his last

will and testament. In so doing, he removed his brother, Crown Prince Hassan, as his successor, replacing him with his 37-year-old son, Prince Abdullah.

Hours after juggling successors, the King returned to the United States for further treatment and, finally, to die. His comatose body was rushed home on February 6, pronounced dead in Jordan on the 7th and buried on the 8th. His funeral guest list read like *Who's Who in 20th Century Politics*. President Clinton attended with three other former U.S. presidents. Other attendees included King Juan Carlos of Spain, French President Jacques Chirac, British Prime Minister Tony Blair, Prince Charles, German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, Russian President Boris Yeltsin and UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, among many others. That list alone speaks volumes of the impact King Hussein had on world affairs, despite the fact that he ruled a small, barren country of only 4½ million subjects.

IN MANY WAYS, THE LAST SIX MONTHS of King Hussein's life mirrored the last 50 years of Middle East affairs: unpredictable. To this point, peace in the Middle East has been, at best, tenuous. What will happen now that the Middle East's most noted and distinguished peacemaker is absent? The Bible prophesies that despite the genuine efforts toward peace in the

Middle East, there is a great crisis on the horizon.

What might surprise many, however, is that the greatest threat to peace in the Middle East will come from *outside* the region. Regular *Trumpet* readers know that prophecies in Daniel 2 and Revelation 17 describe a soon-coming, ten-nation, European conglomerate that will interfere in Middle East affairs. The Bible calls this group of nations the "beast."

In the book of Daniel, this beast power is called the "king of the north." Notice Daniel 11:40: "And at the *time of the end* shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and shall overflow and pass over." First, we should note that the "time of the end" refers to our time today. Elsewhere in Daniel, you read that the prophet didn't even understand this vision (Dan. 8:26; 10:14; 12:4, 9). That's because it wasn't for his day. It's for ours.

The king of the south in Daniel 11:40 refers to a great Islamic power in the Middle East. Write for our free booklet, *History and Prophecy in the Middle East*, for full details.

The word "push" means to "war against." So the king of the south, Islam, will aggressively war against the European beast power. That prompts the beast power to come against the Islamic king of the south in full force, like a whirlwind. The king of the north will overwhelm its Islamic enemy.

Verse 41: "He [the king of the north] shall enter also into the glorious land [Jerusalem], and *many countries shall be overthrown....*" This is no small skirmish. Verse 42 says Egypt will not escape this Euro-force. The Middle East's most powerful Arab nations will be occupied by this beast power.

But not Jordan! Notice the last half of verse 41: "...but these shall escape out of his [the beast's] hand, even *Edom*, and *Moab*, and the chief of the children of *Ammon*." These references unmistakably refer to the land of Jordan today. (*Ammon* is merely a variation of *Amman*, Jordan's present capital.) Jordan will escape European occupation. Other verses indicate that God spares them because of the kindness and respect they show His people. (Remember how the King treated Herbert Armstrong?)



HIS FINAL DAYS

As Hussein helped forge the agreement at Wye River, some took his appearance as a signal he was about to die.

Sad to say, however, the Jordanians do not retain this spirit of humility and kindness. Prophecies in Jeremiah and Ezekiel reveal that the Hashemite people will rejoice in Jerusalem's occupation. God has said, "Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth...lest the Lord see it, and it displease him, and he turn away his wrath from him" (Prov. 24:17-18). This very spirit—their rejoicing—will bring to fulfillment Ezekiel 25:3-11.

Toward the end of the Tribulation, the European king of the north will worry over a dangerous enemy lurking to the north and east of Jerusalem—a great federation of Asian nations. These communist hordes will descend upon the holy mountain (Dan. 11:44-45), gathering 55 miles north of Jerusalem in a place called Armageddon (Rev. 16:16). This confrontation leads right into the return of Jesus Christ upon the Mount of Olives.

As Prince of peace, Jesus Christ will return to carry out the dreams of King Hussein. He will finally put an end to war and strife, bringing peace to all peoples, in every nation.

King Hussein knew there was only so much he could do. Widely credited for being the savior at Wye Plantation, bringing Israel and the PLO together, the dying monarch later admitted, "It didn't work. It worked at the time," he said, "but it was temporary relief."

That, it seems, is what King Hussein provided for this "bad neighborhood." Temporary relief. In the end, we have found that the only thing permanent in this volatile region is instability.

Speaking of some of the lessons which stood out over his near half-century reign, he said two weeks before he died, "The worst part was that there were many crises that passed through this area that I could see coming and I warned and did whatever I could to prevent them from happening. But no one listened. Lots of things could have been different from the way they are right now. But, anyway, we have to keep struggling. Let's hope for a better future; for peace and harmony."

In the short run, the King's death will only hasten the inevitable clash the Bible prophesies for the Middle East. But in the long run—once everyone listens and heeds the warning, once things are different, once peace and harmony are established for all peoples in all nations—we'll find that King Hussein was *not* the last great peacemaker. ♦

The Other Hussein

Exploiting the newly sensitized Middle East

FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF KING Hussein of Jordan and the ascension of the Hashemite throne by little-known Prince Abdullah, the world watched with bated breath to see who would be first to take advantage of the newly sensitized Middle East.

Surprise, surprise! Who should be first in the ring than that wild card in the Mid-East pack—Iraq. Saddam Hussein deduced that Iraq and Turkey shared a common problem, the Kurds, and sought also to take advantage of increasing Turkish unease over their country being exploited as a base for U.S. operations in the form of aggressive air-missions against Iraq.

Saddam sent his foreign minister Tariq Aziz to Turkey to seek a new alliance. On the surface, it seemed Iraq's timing could not have been better. Aziz arrived on the scene to share in the Turks celebration of the capture of their mutual thorn-in-the-flesh, Abdullah Ocalan, champion of the Kurdish cause and leading Kurdish dissident.

Worried at this preemptory action by Iraq, the U.S. quickly dispatched its own representatives to Turkey to patch up any damage done by Aziz and secure Turkey's continuing agreement to the U.S. utilizing its bases in Turkey for weekly missile launching jaunts to Iraq.

Turkey is caught between a rock and a hard place. Allied with Judaic Israel, they nevertheless are feeling the pressure to become more closely aligned with the Muslim countries of the Middle East. The U.S. operations against Saddam, which they anticipated would end quickly, are now dragging out over weeks, soon to become months. This discomforts Turkey. Nevertheless, weighing its options and deducing that Saddam is still seen as an international pariah, Turkey sent Aziz packing with no real joy for him on the prospect of ending the U.S. mandate to use Turkish bases for control of the Iraqi no-fly zone.

Ignoring U.S. warnings to cease threats to strike at Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, Saddam promptly re-issued the same warnings to each of these neighboring countries.

In the meantime, Turkey was busy penetrating northern Iraq with its ground forces in an attempt to wound the Kurdish-held enclave. Their aggression was directed against the outlawed Kurdish Workers Party (PKK), following hard on the heels of the capture of Ocalan, the party's leader. The PKK has used mountainous northern Iraq as a base of operations for its strikes in its continuing campaign for self-rule in the mainly Kurdish southeast corner of Turkey.

Saddam's efforts to raise the heat in the Middle East following the death of King Hussein should be no surprise. As Slobodan Milosevic has discovered in the European theater, Saddam understands that he is dealing with a U.S. power which lacks the will to consummate the battle. Iraq's bumbling initiatives to unsettle the Middle East in the wake of King Hussein's death will not be its last. Nor will it be long before other nations jump on the bandwagon. The list of attendees at the King's funeral showed the world the importance which world leaders attach to Jordan's role in containing developments in the Middle East.

RON FRASER



Tariq Aziz

VIEWPOINT

STEPHEN FLURRY

Defending Absolutism

The one leadership essential most choose to ignore

ONE FACT ABOUT KING HUSSEIN'S rule seems to have been drowned out by the tearful accolades of those mourning his death. Yes, he "really did bring people together," as President Clinton said. He was respected and admired internationally—even by many of his enemies. And at home, Jordanians adored their king. (When he returned from his six-month stay in America on January 19, one-fourth of the country gathered on streets, in pouring rain, to welcome him—cheering, waving banners, even weeping.)

Yet this fact remains: King Hussein, till the day he died, was the absolute, unelected, unquestioned ruler of

Jordan. What he said was final. Sure, he created a partially elected parliament in 1989 and has since that time liberalized restrictions on the press and deregulated Jordan's economy. Yet with one, swift, decisive act just 12 days before he died, the King left little doubt about the authority of his office—as king, he retained total control.

LAST JULY, KING HUSSEIN—A MAN WHO had survived 12 assassination attempts and seven plots to overthrow his regime—entered the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota to face his greatest enemy yet—lymphatic cancer. During his six-month treatment, two notable inci-

dents best sum up Hussein's legacy.

In October, after peace talks stalled between Yasser Arafat and Benjamin Netanyahu, Jordan's monarch mustered enough strength to drag himself from his deathbed to the Wye River talks in Maryland. Looking pale and sick, bald from the chemotherapy treatments, Hussein said, "There has been enough destruction. Enough death. Enough waste. And it's time that, together, we occupy a place beyond ourselves, our peoples, that is worthy of them under the sun, the descendants of the children of Abraham." The two sides eventually settled, and the King received credit for a great diplomatic victory.

Then, in January, the King returned to Jordan looking fresh and claiming to be cured. His wife's expression upon arrival in Jordan, however, suggested otherwise. As it turns out, the King was still very sick. He had only come home to replace his brother, Crown Prince Hassan. He appointed his eldest son Abdullah as successor and, hours later, flew back to America to undergo a bone marrow transplant. But the old man's declining health was beyond repair. He died on February 7.

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Obviously dissatisfied with his brother's rule in his absence, it seems to me the big story is not why he changed his successor, *but how he pulled it off so smoothly*. Hassan had been crown prince for 33 years. And yet, 12 days before he died, in one fell swoop, King Hussein single-handedly removed his brother from office, appointed a new king, and forever changed the course of his beloved country. No election. No opinion polls. No protests. No civil strife. No attempted coup. No war. Just a decree from one man with absolute power. The King had spoken. So let it be written; so let it be done.



A KING'S RIGHT

Hussein hugs his son Abdullah, after appointing him successor

IN THE WEST, ESPECIALLY IN America, we have prided ourselves in supposedly forming a "better" and "more superior" governmental structure. Tyrannical absolutists like Pope Innocent,

Adolf Hitler, Joseph Stalin and Saddam Hussein are to be demonized. But Western elites have, for the most part, applauded King Hussein's 46-year reign as absolute ruler. The reason is because of the *way* in which King Hussein used his authority.

King Hussein was not a perfect monarch. But as far as absolute rulers go, he was a cut above. For the most part, he devoted his reign to obtaining peace with his neighbors—especially late in life. At home, considering Jordan is seven-eighths desert and without the oil-rich resources of other Arab nations, he worked miracles. Though not a rich country, life in Jordan was decent. Compared to Beirut, Damascus or Baghdad, Amman was like a desert oasis. Known for its low crime, clean streets, operable traffic lights (though sometimes unheeded) and gardens that actually grew green, Jordan's capital city reflected the King's basic decency.

Yet, despite King Hussein's decency and sincere desire for peace, even he faced many problems and difficulties that were beyond human power to solve. And if honest, we would have to admit that world conditions since Hussein became King in 1953 are much nastier.

THERE IS A CAUSE FOR EVERY EFFECT. If there is poverty, sickness, suffering, division, strife, war, it's because man has made it, or at least allowed it, to be that way. God traces the cause of all the world's problems back to man's carnal nature. He says in Romans 8:7 that the carnal mind is hostile toward Him. In Jeremiah 17:9, He says that man's heart, or mind, is deceitful and desperately wicked. It gets back to man's heart—the way we are living. It's based on the way of sin, of selfishness and competition.

In Isaiah 59, God identifies the cause of evil just as clearly and decisively as King Hussein's final decree. He also outlines the solution to the world's troubles. Notice!

In verse 2, God says our sins have separated us from Him. We have gone our own way (Prov. 14:12).

There is some good in the carnal mind. King Hussein's life proves that. But man has done much evil too, as the rest of the chapter shows. Isaiah says there is no justice or truth in the land, but instead vanity, mischief and deceit (v. 4). "Their feet run to evil," he says,

"and they make haste to shed innocent blood" (v. 7).

And in verse 8, he says, "The way of peace they know not." It's certainly not for want of trying! Man has worked unceasingly for peace—sometimes with relentless, round-the-clock fervor, like at the Wye River talks last October. And for what? More violence and bloodshed. More division. More war.

For 6,000 years, our civilization, and every type of government it has created, has looked for solutions it has been

doms and governments of this world will become *His* Kingdom! (Rev. 11:15). One world government. He will rule with compassion, justice and mercy. But be assured, as King of kings and Lord of lords, He will also rule with absolute, unquestioned authority. No one will vote Him into office. And no one will vote Him out—for all eternity.

If you think about it, really, could it be any other way? With all of man's division, strife, competition and jealousy, how else could a law of unselfish love

When I heard Western commentators eulogizing King Hussein as a great leader who made life for his desert-dwelling subjects a little better and more hopeful, I did not doubt their conclusions. It just seemed strange that these champions of democracy would so exalt a man who directed a government with absolute authority.

unable to find. No government today—whether monarchy, democracy, communism, socialism—has been able to remove the causes for world problems. Since the causes have not been removed, effects have only worsened.

You would think, as evils worsen, that more people would wake up to the fact that THIS IS NOT GOD'S WORLD. It is Satan's! (II Cor. 4:4). That's why the whole world is deceived (Rev. 12:9). And that's why conditions are only getting worse.

It's time we turn to the Bible for the solution to these problems.

ISAIAH CONCLUDES CHAPTER 59 WITH the only real solution to the problems we face. "And the Redeemer [Jesus Christ] shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the Lord. As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the Lord; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the Lord, from henceforth and for ever. Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee" (Isa. 59:20-21; 60:1).

Man's only hope for lasting peace, and justice, and truth—for right solutions to the world's problems—is Jesus Christ's return to this earth in power and glory! When He returns, as He says He will in so many scriptures, the king-

be enforced worldwide unless there was an all-powerful, all-knowing, all-loving God at the helm to enforce and live by such a law?

God's government, to be set up by Christ when He returns, will be a theocracy. Like Jordan's monarchy, rule will come from the top down. But it will be thoroughly unlike any government man has devised—including King Hussein! That's because it will be a *perfect* government—based upon God's perfect wisdom, understanding and justice—directed in perfect love.

When I heard Western commentators eulogizing King Hussein as a great leader who made life for his desert-dwelling subjects a little better and more hopeful, I did not doubt their conclusions. It just seemed strange that these champions of democracy would so exalt a man who directed a government with absolute authority. I wonder if they realized that in a way they were actually defending *absolutism*. Of course, I wouldn't want to be subjected to the rule of Adolf Hitler or Saddam Hussein. But what if that absolute ruler was a good man who really did rule for the good of the people?

When you think about what one carnal-minded man—considered by most accounts to be good, honest and decent—can do for a small country the size of South Carolina, imagine what a perfect, glorified, all-powerful, spirit-composed King can do for the whole world. ♦

A Voice From the Past

Margaret Thatcher brings a sad reminder of a better time

BY JOEL HILLIKER

ANYTHING CAN SEEM NORMAL AND right if you have no basis for comparison. Take present conditions in the United States and Britain as an example.

There is a sense of right and wrong, but people are resigned that wrong is too widespread to condemn. There is talk of using military might to vanquish tyranny, but the real battlefield is the bargaining table, where tiny, violent countries milk concessions in exchange for promises to behave. There is occasional action, but it is weak, last-resort, not designed to achieve victory but to coax the enemy into resuming talks.

It all seems so normal and right—unless you speak of the past, and use it as a basis for comparison.

On February 25, former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher addressed 6,000 who had gathered to see her receive an honorary doctorate from the University of Oklahoma. She spoke of the past. In fact, it seemed as if she also spoke *from* the past.

Mrs. Thatcher had high praise for the United States. She praised us for our noble birth; the founding fathers who navigated the perilous unknown to wriggle free of restrictions on their religion. She praised the nation's fundamental faith, its moral foundation, its commitment to justice and equity through rule of law.

The founding fathers believed that each person "was accountable to his God for his actions and for the use of his talents," she said. "They knew all about the biblical injunction to look after your neighbor as yourself.... They suffered much, but their beliefs brought them through all adversity and infused the life of this new nation destined to become uniquely great—destined to keep liberty and justice and democracy alive at great times of difficulty."

Yet, it could not be overlooked: It was a former United States Margaret Thatcher praised. For every bright

word of praise that rang out in the stadium, what filled the echoes and the silences was the dim present.

MRS. THATCHER LAUDED AMERICA'S passion for freedom. Not freedom from responsibility, but the freedom that comes from acting responsibly: freedom from tyranny and disorder. Then she reminded her listeners about the *duty* that comes with liberty and prosperity: the importance for individuals given the blessing of freedom to fulfill their accountability to God, to be rigorously governed by conscience; for free and wealthy nations to fight for the half of the world's countries that are not free.



DIPLOMATIC CORRECTION In praising the U.S.—as it used to be—Thatcher issues tactful criticism.

"Where there is not a rule of law," she said, "there is a rule of corruption. It is not a rule; it is people taking some of the things and using them for their own purposes. Corruption takes over from integrity."

In World War II, Mrs. Thatcher said, America knew "they were fighting for *all humanity* in the cause of liberty, justice and democracy. What gave the peoples of our countries and others from the British Commonwealth the resolve and strength to fight through to victory? It was because, my friends, we knew that our cause was morally right. And that we had to fight for that moral rightness to prevail."

"May I say that your President," she said—was she now in the present?—"President Ronald Reagan, and I worked very closely together, because

we know that peace is only preserved by we keeping strong and by having very advanced weaponry so that anyone who chooses to challenge our independence or those of our friends knows that we, with our forces and our latest equipment and our resolution, would always prevail." Hers were the words of a stronger Britain, a superpower United States. They reverberated with the long-forgotten will to rule that made Britain an empire and brought prosperity to far-flung colonies through benevolent (albeit human and flawed) governance.

Similar words may be uttered by present leadership, but they are belied by paucity of action. In fact, the history that Mrs. Thatcher's words evoked brings a sense of shame to today's Britain. The present Prime Minister is eagerly dismantling vestiges of commonwealth. His small, uninfluential country is now unrecognizable as what it was a mere century ago: the world's largest and most powerful empire ever.

MARGARET THATCHER WON HER last election in 1986. She hasn't been a former statesman for even a decade, and yet she represents a time long past. The era of Thatcher and Reagan has been wholly eclipsed by the era of Blair and Clinton—leaders with no connection to the history that made their countries great, supported by electorates without a memory. A fact became clear as Thatcher spoke: She would not be elected today.

"My friends," she concluded, "the only guide to a man is his conscience. The only shield to his memory is the rectitude and sincerity of his actions. It is very imprudent to walk through life without this shield because we are so often mocked by the failure of our hopes. But with this shield, however the fates may play, we march always in the ranks of honor. May the great United States and United Kingdom and their peoples march always in the ranks of honor. That is the best service we can give to the world."

Rectitude, honor, service—these, sadly, are bywords of a bygone age, bound up in the memory of this dignified, aging woman. If they were what enabled previous generations to march in the ranks of honor to national greatness, we should fear now that they are forgotten. ◆

After the events of 1997 and 1998, the global economy is quivering in fear in a still-hazardous world. What are some of the primary dangers threatening mankind's economic future?

Threats to the Global Economy

By J. TIM THOMPSON

THE TRIUMPH OF GLOBAL CAPITALISM AFTER THE COLLAPSE OF THE SOVIET Union in 1991 appeared to set mankind on the road to peace and affluence. World trade began booming around the globe. Capital flows flooded seemingly every niche of so-called emerging markets like Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe, as investors sought ever-increasing and exhilaratingly high returns on investment. Stock markets around the world seemed to burst in unprecedented growth and prosperity as countries liberalized, privatized and deregulated their economies in pursuit of democracy and capitalism. It seemed a new era of peace, stability and abundance had arrived!

But something went wrong. In 1992-1993, Western Europe was shaken by violent currency-exchange-rate fluctuations. Mexico was rocked by a banking and currency crisis in 1994-1995 when total collapse of their economy and currency was only narrowly averted by a massive \$50 billion bailout led by America and the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Southeast Asia melted down economically beginning in the summer of 1997, followed by Russia and Latin America in August of 1998. As the November 1998 issue of *Current History* put it, "Far from being the decade of global capitalism, the 1990s may well be remembered as the *decade of financial instability*."

What happens to America happens to the global economy. And America's future is not a pretty picture. In Leviticus 26:19, God says to Israel (America primarily), "I will break the pride of your power." Economic strength is at the heart and core of the pride of America's power. Many Americans equate wealth with righteousness. In the American mind, wealth shows not only that we are better off than others—it shows we are superior. Many Americans even view their wealth as an indicator of moral superiority, but God sees that only as pride, and as it says in Proverbs 16:18, "Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall."

That fall is coming. At present, at least four immediate areas of concern could have serious consequences on the fragile state of global economic affairs.

◆ ONE

Overvalued U.S. Stock Market

AFTER CLIMBING BACK TO RECORD heights following a precipitous fall in the autumn of 1998, the U.S. stock market began fluttering in December in a confusion of peaks and valleys in spite of America's robust growth, low inflation and almost-full employment. Such gyrations are evidence of an unhealthy economy with severe underlying weaknesses such as an extremely overvalued stock market, a negative personal savings rate, high foreign borrowing accompanied by a severely bloated national debt, and an enormous and ballooning trade deficit.

Such flawed fundamentals suggest that a major stock market correction of perhaps 25 percent or more may be immediately on the horizon. A fall of that magnitude will have ominous repercussions for the entire world.

With much volatility in the market, there is disagreement among financial forecasters, some analysts predicting the Dow will reach 10,000 while others expect a Dow in the range of 7,000 or below by the end of 1999 or sooner. Time will tell whether the amazingly resilient U.S. economy and markets can withstand the powerful economic forces at work around the globe.

The forces presently driving down the U.S. market include a fear of soon-to-be rising interest rates due to an anticipated reappearance of inflation, as well as a more profound recognition of the overvaluation existing in the stock market itself. White-hot consumer confidence, propped up by the income and wealth effect of a soaring stock market, is fueling the booming U.S. economy, which in turn is providing the buying power needed to save the world from financial collapse. Yet it is the enormous strength of the American economy which now threatens to bring down the house of cards.

Investors are sensing that the U.S. Federal Reserve is leaning toward raising interest rates in the near future to slow down the rapidly overheating American economy. This overheating is reflected, in part, by the excessive earnings-to-price ratios in U.S. stocks which put stock values at highs which are simply unsustainable.

Barron's *Dictionary of Finance and Investment Terms* states that the earnings-to-price ratio is the "relationship of earnings per share to current stock price. Also known as *earnings yield*, it is used in comparing the relative attractiveness of stocks, bonds and money market instruments." Earnings per share are defined as a "portion of a company's profit allocated to each outstanding share of common stock. For instance, a corporation that earned \$10 million last year and has 10 million shares outstanding would report earnings of \$1 per share."

Historically, the price per share of stock is about 16 times the amount of earnings for that same share, meaning that a company with earnings of \$1 per share would put the average price per share at \$16. However, the major U.S. stock market indicators have risen at a double-digit pace for an unprecedented four straight years so that, according to the February 8 *Wall Street Journal* (WSJ), tech or internet stocks like "Microsoft trades at close to 70 times its past-year's earnings, and networker Cisco Systems at more than 100 times, astronomic levels for such big companies." Clearly stock valuations must suffer a considerable drop to be more in line with sustainable historic levels, otherwise, as published in Australia's *Sydney Telegraph* of January 23, U.S. financier George Soros forecast that "the U.S. asset [stock market] bubble will burst and trigger the next MAJOR GLOBAL ECONOMIC CRISIS."



STILL A THRILL RIDE, but the markets show plenty to indicate that current values are unsustainable.



◆ TWO

What Budget Surplus?

ANOTHER MAJOR THREAT TO THE GLOBAL economy is the unrealistic dependence upon a non-existent U.S. federal budget surplus to correct the major flaws in the American economy. One of those uncorrectable flaws, the Social Security system, will in all likelihood remain an albatross around the neck of America, dragging it ever downward as the huge-but-aging Baby Boomer generation stops putting money into the system as it reaches retirement age and begins drawing more and more funds out of the system. As explained by *New York Post* journalist John Crudele, it is today's overabundance of funds being put into Social Security and "borrowed" by the U.S. government which makes it appear as if there is a budget surplus. In actuality, there is an expanding budget DEFICIT.

Mr. Crudele wrote on January 22, "There is no federal budget surplus.

"I'll say it again," he writes, "There is no federal budget surplus....

"Over the past year, the federal deficit—which is money owed by our government—rose from \$5.486 trillion

SAVING SOCIAL SECURITY? Clinton proposes spending a "surplus" borrowed from Social Security.

to \$5.618 trillion. Those are government numbers right out of Barron's.

"That means the federal debt climbed by \$132 billion [in 1998]. Which means the federal budget DEFICIT last year was \$132 billion. There was no surplus of \$70 billion, or any other amount, as Washington is claiming....

"Washington is able to pretend there is a surplus because it has been raiding the Social Security trust fund, which, you have to understand, isn't a pile of cash sitting somewhere in the Treasury. It's really a pile of government IOUs (Treasury bills, really) which Washington puts into Social Security in exchange for the cash it steals.

"And it is our cash that is being stolen. Anyone who pays into Social Security is really unwittingly buying IOUs from a government that might not be able to pay in decades to come.... [Under President Clinton's plan], Washington will steal \$200 billion from Social Security (turning a real \$132 billion deficit into a \$70 billion surplus), so that it can proclaim a budget surplus, then it will return the excess money to Social Security from where it was stolen in the first place."

Saving Social Security Strengthening Medicare The Right Way to Invest the Surplus



◆ THREE

War's Ever-Present Danger

ONE OF THE GREATEST THREATS FACING the global economy is the growing likelihood of war, just as Jesus Christ prophesied would happen in Matthew 24:6 when He said that in this end time mankind would “hear of wars and rumors of wars.” This world is certainly fulfilling that prophecy!

In the last decade, America has again and again found itself in the middle of foreign, internal conflicts from Haiti to the debacle in Somalia and most recently in the Balkan conflict after the former Yugoslavia collapsed into war. These disastrous and costly interventions were preceded by U.S. blunders in Korea and Vietnam, while domestic strife in El Salvador and Nicaragua dominated American foreign policy throughout the 1980s.

The January/February 1999 issue of *Foreign Affairs* presents an article with extreme importance to the continued health of the global economy. The article, titled “Saving America from the Coming Civil Wars,” says, in part, “Most civil wars do not directly threaten the United States or its allies. While recent internal conflicts have raised humanitarian concerns, none has seriously affected American security or economic interests. This, however, was largely a matter of luck. The United States should recognize a vital and sobering truth: that Russia, Mexico, and Saudi Arabia all now stand on the brink of civil war, conflicts that would have DEVASTATING CONSEQUENCES for the United States. These consequences are not the traditional dangers of state-to-state aggression, such as outside attack or invasion. Though largely ignored by scholars and policy makers, who remain fixated on the idea of international conflict, internal war has emerged as a PRINCIPAL THREAT to security in the post-Cold War world.

“Conflicts fought within the borders of a single state send shock waves far beyond their frontiers. To begin with, internal wars risk destroying assets the United States needs. Were the Persian Gulf oil fields destroyed in a Saudi civil war, the American economy (and those of the rest of the developed world)

Those kinds of deceitful practices in government are called names like “smoke and mirrors” and “voodoo economics.”

God’s word in Isaiah 30 identifies the problems and the consequences of our deceitful natures when it says in verse 1, “Woe to the rebellious children, saith the Lord, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin.” The phrase “cover with a cover” literally means in Hebrew “to weave a web” and its meaning is to “devise schemes.” This phrase certainly describes the “creative accounting” which is presently occurring in the American debt crisis.

God says man is rebellious; people are not getting their counsel from Him through His Holy Spirit, but are devising their own deceitful schemes and “adding sin to sin” or, one might say, deficit spending to deficit spending.

Verse 12 continues, “Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel, Because ye despise this word, and trust in oppression [which means ‘fraud’] and perverseness, and stay [or rely] thereon.” God is saying the nations of biblical Israel (America and the British Commonwealth nations) are relying on perverse practices of fraud and deceit, and there will be a terrible price to pay. Verse 13 pronounces sentence: “There-

fore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking cometh suddenly at an instant.” Sudden destruction in the form of FINANCIAL COLLAPSE will come on the United States unless we repent and turn from our fraudulent ways! Unless we turn back to God, this nation is doomed to the scrap heap of history!

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan said in January 1999, “Reducing the Federal debt to the public at this stage is unquestionably the most important thing that I believe that we can do....” Yet paying off the U.S. national debt is not now happening and is not likely to happen in the future.

Interest on America’s national debt continues to accumulate at approximately \$40 million PER HOUR! America’s trade deficit, called the current account, hit \$170 billion in 1998 and is expected to reach as much as \$300 billion in 1999. Those outrageous interest charges and a growing trade deficit will continue driving up the national debt, so eliminating the deficit is not enough; the debt principal itself must be eliminated. To do otherwise leaves in place this enormous threat to the American economy—and that threatens the entire world, which is totally dependent for economic survival upon continued massive spending by U.S. consumers.

would suffer severely. Internal wars can also unleash threats that stable governments formerly held in check. As central governments weaken and fall, weapons of mass destruction may fall into the hands of rogue leaders or anti-American factions....

“Civil conflict in Mexico would produce waves of disorder that would spill into the United States, endangering lives of hundreds of thousands of Americans, destroying a valuable export market, and sending a torrent of refugees northward. A rebellion in Saudi Arabia could destroy its ability to export oil, the oil on which the industrialized world depends. And internal war in Russia could devastate Europe and trigger the use of nuclear weapons.”

All three countries, which are heavily dependent upon oil exports to sustain their economies, have been wracked by the expanding global economic crisis which has sent oil and other commodity prices into the basement.

Saudi Arabia, for example, posted a \$12.3 billion deficit in 1998 due to falling oil revenues, thus dramatically increasing the possibility of social unrest. *Foreign Affairs* says, “As likely as is conflict in Mexico, there is even less hope for Saudi Arabia.... A country built on contradictions, Saudi Arabia is extremely vulnerable to internal war. The same factors that have kept its regime in power—the oil economy, the military, Islam, the royal family—could now fuel an insurrection. Meanwhile, global dependence on Saudi oil will only increase in coming years, making an interruption in its flow even more dangerous....

“A crisis in the planet’s largest oil producer, with reserves estimated at 25 percent of the world’s total, would have a massive and protracted impact on the price and availability of oil worldwide.... The oil shocks of the 1970s threw the United States into recession, causing spiraling inflation and a decline in savings rates that plagues the U.S. economy even now. Trillions of dollars were lost worldwide. And all this occurred at a time when the United States was less dependent on foreign petroleum than it is now. Cutting the Saudi pipeline today would cause a SEVERE WORLDWIDE RECESSION OR DEPRESSION. Short of physical attack, it is the gravest threat imaginable to American interests.”

Regarding America’s southern neighbor the article states, “Mexico today faces a future more uncertain than at any other point in its modern history,” and that it may be too late for U.S. help in conquering the “pervasive corruption financed by drug traffickers, the end of one-party rule, armed revolt and economic disaster [which] have all surfaced over the past few years.”

The article also says, “At no time since the civil war of 1918-20 has Russia been closer to bloody conflict than it is today,” and that “if internal war does strike Russia, economic deterioration will be a prime cause.” As an indicator of Russia’s present financial condition, the February 6 *Economist* states that “Western bankers say they would rather eat nuclear waste than lend to Russia in its current state.”

Foreign Affairs concludes, “Most alarming is the real possibility that the violent disintegration of Russia could lead to loss of control over its nuclear arsenal. No nuclear state has ever fallen victim to civil war, but even without a clear precedent the grim consequences can be foreseen. Russia retains some 20,000 nuclear weapons and the raw material for tens of thousands more, in scores of sites scattered throughout the country....

“If war erupts, however, Moscow’s already weak grip on nuclear sites will slacken, making weapons and supplies available to a wide range of anti-American groups and states. Such dispersal of nuclear weapons represents the greatest physical threat America now faces. And it is hard to think of anything that would increase this threat more than the chaos that would follow a Russian civil war.”

The scourge of war has ravaged mankind all throughout history and scripture makes it clear that not only is there the curse of lost human lives, but there are also severe financial repercussions from war. Jeremiah 5:17 prophesies that in this end time, war will impoverish our cities. Unless mankind turns from the evil in this world, the sword of war will descend on nations of this earth as at no previous time in history (Matt. 24:21; Dan. 12:1). Even now, Jeremiah 6:25 says, war and the fear of war surround us on every side. The global economy, and indeed the entire world itself, is in grave danger from the devastating and impoverishing effects of war.

◆ FOUR

The Japanese Threat

JAPAN CONTINUES TO BE A MAJOR THREAT to the global economy because its financial house is sinking deeper and deeper into depression, and its leaders are rapidly running out of options to turn it around.

The Japanese national debt is among the biggest in the developed world when compared with the size of its economy or Gross Domestic Product (GDP: the country’s annual output in goods and services). According to the IMF, the estimate for Japan’s fiscal year 1998 (ending March 31, 1999) is a \$4.34 trillion GDP compared to a Japanese national debt of over \$3.5 trillion. That means Japan’s national debt, which is growing larger by the day, is a staggering 81 percent of GDP, compared with about 45 percent for heavily indebted America. Japan’s indebtedness is proportionately even greater than America’s!

In spite of that enormous national debt, the Japanese government is continuing to borrow massive amounts of money in what may be a LAST-DITCH EFFORT to support its failing banks and kick-start its dying economy. Because of that immense borrowing, long-term interest rates in Japan have risen dramatically, which is forcing the yield (or return on investment) on the benchmark ten-year Japanese government bond (JGB) to rise by over 300 percent.

The major danger that high-yielding JGBs play in the global market is the fear that Japanese investors will sell their quarter of a trillion dollars of U.S. Treasury bonds to bring their money home. Such selling would mean DISASTER for the United States, which is dependent upon heavy foreign borrowing to keep its economy growing.

Foreigners who own America’s assets and are financing our national debt have great power over this nation. Even past verbalized threats by the prime minister of Japan and other officials that they may sell their Treasury bonds and discontinue buying have dramatically shaken our financial markets.

What is occurring today in the bond market, sometimes referred to as the debt market, brings clearly to mind scriptures like Deuteronomy 28:44,



which describes the financial curses of turning from God. The New Century Version of the Bible translates that verse as, “Foreigners will lend money to you, but you will not be able to lend to them. They will be like the head, and you will be like the tail.”

As explained in the February 9 *Financial Times*, “The Japanese government bond market is set to overtake the U.S. Treasury market to become the largest in the world as a result of [Japan’s] planned borrowing spree this year.

“Japan will account for more than 90 percent of net government bond issuance (new debt minus redemption of maturing bonds) among the leading 18 developed economies in 1999, according to J.P. Morgan, the investment bank....

“Japanese government borrowing is a desperate bid to ward off DEPRESSION after a succession of smaller fiscal stimulus packages have failed to revive the economy.”

Historically, at least for the last 15 or so years, Japan’s huge trade surplus with America has been recycled back into the U.S. economy by Japanese purchases of U.S. government bonds. Because of the availability of that easy money, the U.S. has not had to raise interest rates to attract foreign investors, and therefore interest rates have remained low, which has helped fuel the boom in stocks. This will now no longer be the case.

Global bond markets will literally be flooded with Japanese bonds, which have become more attractive to investors who now have more reason to buy and hold JGBs instead of Treasuries.

Some say that desperate times call for desperate measures. Japanese government officials as well as U.S. and

other international officials are putting heavy pressure on the Bank of Japan to pursue more aggressive monetary policy by printing more money to buy Japanese government bonds. The thinking is that such a move would re-inflate the Japanese economy by bringing down bond yields as well as lowering the value of the yen, thus improving poorly performing bank and export stocks, which are weighing down Japan’s Nikkei stock index.

However, such a move by Japan to weaken the yen by printing more money would endanger the global economy because a cheaper yen would also make Japanese goods cheaper in the U.S. and heighten already escalating trade tensions. The WSJ of February 10 says, “The Clinton administration has apparently decided that Japan’s recovery is worth risking an even larger trade deficit [again, expected to reach an all-time record in 1999 of \$300 billion]. A weaker yen might also make it harder for other recovering Asian countries to sell their wares in Japan, and could, in a worst-case scenario, put pressure on China to devalue the yuan [Chinese currency] to keep pace.” Japan is caught between the proverbial “rock and a hard place.”

None of their options are good ones.

The Bank of Japan’s governor, Masaru Hayami, is reluctant to print money to buy the JGBs because he fears it would “lead to a loss of fiscal discipline” as well as uncontrolled inflation based on history. As reported in the *Financial Times* on February 5, “Sixty years ago, in the

run-up to the second world war, Japan’s central bank [the BOJ] was forced by politicians to buy Japanese government bonds (JGBs) to fund a [pre-war defense] spending spree. This

triggered a disastrous inflationary spiral, and later prompted the government to ban the Bank of Japan from buying bonds directly from the government.... The bank [says] that creating ‘a little inflation’ is extremely risky. For what started as a limited step in the 1930s rapidly spiraled out of control, with politicians using it as an excuse to raise spending further.”

A senior BOJ official is then quoted, saying, “This would be a huge gamble. If you lose central bank credibility, it will take another 50 years to recover it.”

Clearly, Japan has no good options, and her dire condition continues to be a great threat to America and to the global economy. Or, as stated in the January 20 *Financial Times* by Paul Krugman, the highly respected professor of economics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, “The [Japanese] story is starting to look like a TRAGEDY. A great economy, which does not deserve or need to be in a slump at all, is heading for the edge of the cliff—and its drivers refuse to turn the wheel.”

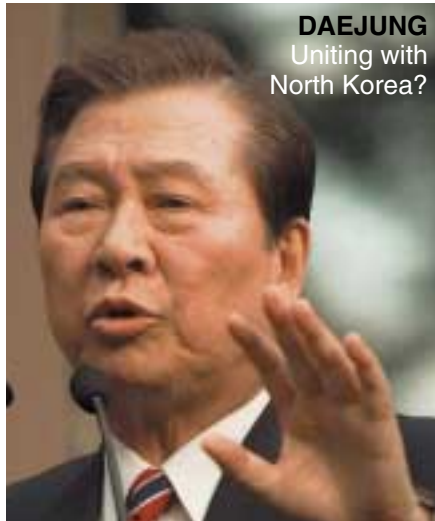
THE UNITED STATES IS UNDER the imminent threats mentioned throughout this article as well as many other threats to its security and economy. Some of those national and international threats include impending economic collapse in Latin America; China’s fiscal deterioration and its warmongering toward Taiwan and the rest of the world; looming trade war between America, Europe, Japan, Latin America and China; the continued decline of America’s manufacturing sector as it dies on the vine due to foreign competition; and the very real threat of a biblically prophesied rising Europe posing the strongest challenge to U.S. dominance in over 50 years.

The potential for all of this to suddenly come to pass is clearly there. In spite of the glowing reports being foisted on a naïve citizenry, America is in grave danger and, therefore, so is the global economy. America is continuing its valiant fight for economic survival and is showing amazing resilience, but without national repentance and a return to the true God, biblical prophecy indicates fearsome times ahead. ♦



Masaru Hayami

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DAEJUNG
Uniting with
North Korea?

try to look at more of North Korea's positive sides than its negative aspects, there will be a positive improvement in South-North exchanges." Later, President Kim Dae-jung stated, "We must give to the North what we can afford to give. For example, we can give the North diplomatic ties with the U.S., economic cooperation and a guarantee

◆ KOREA

Talking it over

North Korea's recent offer to hold wide-ranging, high-level talks with South Korea has been welcomed by Seoul as a sign that relations between the two countries might be changing for the better. The two countries, which were divided into communist North and capitalist South in 1945, are still technically at war, having ended their three-year Korean war in the early '50s with an armistice, not a peace treaty.

The proposed talks would be the first in several years. This time, as in the past, the North has attached conditions, including an end to the South's military cooperation with the United States and a repeal of anti-communist laws.

Seoul has previously rejected both of these conditions. But this time, with an air of good will, despite encouraging the North to come to the negotiating table with no strings attached, it seems ready to talk, and has already approached China, the U.S. and Japan with appeals for support of the proposal.

A South Korean presidential spokesman said, "If we

for its safety. In return we must get promises from the North that it will never develop nuclear weapons and missiles and that it will never start an armed provocation."

North Korea is approaching the talks with what is plainly a more definite purpose—"a view to preventing the imminent danger of war and bringing about a radical phase for national reunification this year." Where is this unusual gesture of solidarity leading?

These moves raise some disquieting questions about the condition and future of democracy in the region. Which political system would prevail if the communist North were to reunite with the capitalist South? It is a far stretch to imagine North Korea opening its arms to democratic principles, especially as it is under the eye of its great communist neighbor, China.

And if South Korea were to relinquish its democratic structures, what might this mean for the region's other freedom fighters—Taiwan and Japan? Without the strong military and political support given to this region in the past by the U.S., how long will these scattered democracies be able to survive under the intensifying pressure of their enveloping and well-armed communist neighbors?

◆ ESSAY

"A sincere desire to engage the enemy"

The Balkan situation continues as the running sore of Europe. Slobodan Milosevic, dictator of rump Yugoslavia, remains intractable in his pursuit of the inhumane policy of ethnic cleansing (genocide) to gain his ends by seeking to ensure Serbian racial dominance in his slice of the old, now-defunct Yugoslav Republic. Despite continuing threats from the lame duck UN and NATO, and of U.S.



Milosevic



Hussein

and British saber-rattling, Milosevic continues to oversee the slaughter of Albanian civilians in Kosovo.

Both Saddam Hussein and Slobodan Milosevic, each pursuing their own particular ends in completely separate theaters of conflict, have come to understand a reality that has yet to dawn on the most senior policy makers in the U.S., Britain, the UN and NATO: Unless the enemy detects that his opposition has a patent and sincere desire to engage in battle, he faces no immediate consequence to his aggressive actions.

Winston Churchill, in his book, *Great Contemporaries*, observed of that famous British general, Sir Douglas Haig, that he had a unique strength which left both his own loyal troops and the enemy in no doubt as to his intentions. Churchill was present during certain military exercises being conducted by British army cavalry in 1912. Having observed a British brigadier in action, Haig turned to Churchill and re-

marked, "This officer did not show a sincere desire to engage the enemy." As Churchill further observes, this saying was a key to Haig's whole military outlook. "A sincere desire to engage the enemy. That was Haig. That was his message. That was the impulse that he imparted to his troops throughout his command till the last minute before eleven o'clock on 11 November, 1918." That was the time and date of the

official cessation of hostilities between the combatants in World War I, the Armistice (pp. 143-144).

This is what is missing in the minds of today's generals, military strategists and foreign policy formulators—a



Sir Douglas Haig

sincere desire to engage the enemy! It seems that Western leaders, particularly in the U.S., are so infatuated by a Disneyland dream of "peace at all costs, as long as we lose no troops," that their minds are befuddled to reality.

◆ AUSTRALIA

Countdown to Republic

No one was singing "God Save the Queen" when members of Australia's foremost political parties gathered February 9 to plot a strategy to dump the British monarch as head of state.



The plan retains the current separation of roles between the head of government (prime minister) and the proposed head of state (president) with the latter performing a largely ceremonial role. The head of state in Australia would be a non-executive president—a largely symbolic position, above day-to-day politics, representing the nation rather than a political party or the government.

This is quite different to the United States system, where the head of state and the head of government are one and the same person and where the President runs the country and makes political decisions. The Australian office of president would retain the powers, which the Australian governor-general currently uses under the conventions, or traditions, that have developed over this century. The president's non-reserve powers will be clearly defined, stating that the president acts on the advice of the duly elected government—reflecting the current practice with the governor-general.

Being a remnant of the British empire, Australia, like other Commonwealth nations such as Canada and New Zealand, still recognizes Queen Elizabeth II as its head of state. Although that has almost no effect on national affairs, the queen's representative, the governor-general, has one crucial power—to dismiss a corrupt, abusive, or non-functional government.

"It is the government's view that Australia's head of state should be an Australian—that Australia should become a republic by the year 2001," said former Prime Minister Paul Keating, in a 1995 speech to the House of Representatives.

Mr. Keating, who served as head of the Labor party, is best known for steering Australia toward a republic and distancing ties with the United Kingdom. This strategy successfully diverted the public's attention away from its most pressing political problem: a rapidly failing economy.

Anti-monarchists, Australia's relationship to its former colonial master has sown confusion in its international dealings. "It is beyond doubt that this confusion rests on the fact that our head of state is also the head of state of the United Kingdom," said chief UN weapons inspector Richard Butler, who spent 30 years as an Australian diplomat. Butler said he had run into confusion "about exactly who we are, and worse, who we really belong to."

In November 1999, the Australian public will decide in a constitutional referendum whether the "lucky country" will become a republic by the centenary of Federation, January 1, 2001.

The clear-cut reality is that the purpose of any nation possessing a military force is to destroy any opposing military force. This is the underlying tenet of both offensive and defensive warfare.

"The fact is there is no such thing as a neutral intervention by a superpower, and therefore all peacekeeping operations, such as those in Beirut and Somalia, can result in combat" (Stratfor Systems, Feb. 16.).

In this time of the fulfillment of God's prophecy when they cry "peace, peace; when there is no peace" (Jer. 6:14), it is the "peacekeeping force" that has replaced the military force. As Stratfor alludes, the strange thing is that we insist on supplying fully equipped military forces at huge cost on peace monitoring missions, instead of sending a combination of civilian foreign service officers and aid officials.

The experiences in Somalia, Rwanda, Beirut and the Balkans should have proven to the U.S., UN and NATO that the deployment of military troops in "peacekeeping" or "peace monitor-

ing efforts. That's why petty despots such as Hussein and Milosevic can strut their stuff on the world stage with impunity in the face of a world superpower hidebound by its cowardly view that no military effort should result in American casualties!

As Stratfor points out, underlying U.S. military strategy is a fatally flawed theory. The assumption is made that the presence of U.S. troops in peacekeeping roles in regions of conflict will deter any aggressor from attacking. Strategists assume that fear of U.S. military might will deter any would-be aggressor. This assumption simply denies the reality of the recent history of U.S. involvement in Beirut, Somalia and the Balkans, not to mention Saddam Hussein's attacks on the "peacekeeping" flights of the U.S. Air Force policing the Iraqi no-flight zone.

In these situations, rather than deter aggression, U.S. presence has invited it! The result in Beirut, Rwanda and Somalia was not a powerful reaction by U.S. military might—it was retreat and

withdrawal!

Sadly, we have to report, in advance of the event, U.S. involvement in the coming "peacekeeping" mission in Kosovo will likewise end in failure. Why? The answer is simple. With all of its demonstrated and overwhelming military might, the U.S. and those institutions which are advised by the U.S. (UN, NATO) simply lack "a sincere desire to engage the enemy."

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That's what's missing from our peacekeeping efforts. That's why petty despots such as Hussein and Milosevic can strut their stuff on the world stage with impunity in the face of a world superpower.

ing" roles has "less to do with warfare than it has to do with using peacekeepers as hostages to guarantee the peace" (ibid.).

Have we forgotten the CNN pictures flashed around the world of Dutch and French blue berets in the Balkans literally taken hostage by hostile Yugoslav troops?

A sincere desire to engage the enemy—that's what's missing from our peacekeep-

RELIGION IN PROPHECY

A Sign of the End

THE OLIVET PROPHECY IN MATTHEW 24 IS ONE OF THE MOST famous prophecies of the Bible. It is an account of Jesus Christ explaining to His disciples of signs which would immediately precede His Second Coming.

“And as Jesus sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many” (Matt. 24:3-5).

At the top of the list of these signs, Christ warned of religious deception—specifically false *Christianity*: men spuriously claiming to be doing their work in Jesus’ name. Other prophecies reveal more specifically how false religion will dominate the unfolding of end-time events.

Can we afford to ignore Christ’s warning?

Regardless of what we think, Christ knew the dangers this religious deception would pose. We each have a grave responsibility to prove our religion. Not accepting that responsibility leaves us dangerously vulnerable to the deception Christ warned about.

In this special report, “Religion in Prophecy,” the *Trumpet* takes Christ at his word.

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IN 1944, WHEN GERMANY BEGAN TO realize they were losing World War II, top German industrialists met with Nazi leaders “to plan a secret post-war international network to restore them to power according to a NEWLY DECLASSIFIED U.S. INTELLIGENCE DOCUMENT” (Reuters).

German militarism is well-documented in secular and biblical history. Even in this century, Germany caused two world wars—the first killing 10 million, the second, 50 million. Why did the United States government classify—or suppress—information about the Nazis’ post-WWII plans to rise again to power? Why would they keep this from their people?

And perhaps even more alarming is this fact: When this explosive document finally was declassified, it hardly caused a ripple in the press or among the people.

You can be sure that soon, the contents of that document will impact the lives of every person on earth.

The Importance of Prophecy

One of the most famous prophecies in the Bible is called the Olivet prophecy. Jesus Christ was talking to His disciples about the signs of the end of the age. The prophecy is found in Matthew 24 (and companion passages in Mark 13 and Luke 21).

A specific sign Christ mentioned was “the abomination of desolation.”

that readeth understand.”

ABOMINATION DESOLATION

BY GERALD FLURRY

“When ye therefore shall see THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (*whoso readeth, let him understand*):...” (Matt. 24:15). Christ intended this prophecy to be understood in the end time. We *must* understand, because this abomination will touch *our* lives! *Your* physical life depends on your understanding. And you CAN understand this.

This newly released intelligence document has everything to do with the “abomination of desolation.” If you understand what God calls the “abomination of desolation,” you will be shocked by this document.

The Gospel Preached

Christ also gave a sign which would immediately *precede* the “abomination” of verse 15: “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*” (v. 14). Think about that. If the gospel had been preached around the world between the time Christ uttered that prophecy and the present time, the end would have come then. The fact that it didn’t come all that time shows that Christ’s true gospel was not widely preached. This tells you, in itself, that religion was in *terrible* shape; truth was almost totally dead—the whole world deceived (Rev. 12:9).

But in the 20th century, that gospel *has been preached around the world*. It

was done by one man, a voice crying out in the wilderness of religious confusion. Herbert W. Armstrong took Christ’s gospel to every nation on earth. As he himself said, the work that he did was a sign of the end of the age. That gospel work stopped when he died in 1986; “and then shall the end come,” Christ said. In other words, once the gospel stopped, the COUNTDOWN TO DESTRUCTION BEGAN.

The beginning of that countdown revolves around the abomination of desolation. Whatever the abomination is, it will play the key role in the destruction mentioned in Matthew 24.

Herbert Armstrong warned the world about all this. Not many listened, but he told them nevertheless. That warning was part of the gospel going around the world. He was the end-time Elijah (Matt. 17:10-11) to come just shortly before Christ returns to restore all things—including the true gospel.

Be Ready to Run

Now look at what will happen in the wake of the “abomination”: “Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains: Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house” (Matt. 24:16-17). “Judaea” is speaking not only

about the Palestine area, but also the U.S. and Britain—Jerusalem is a type of all of Israel in this end time. (If you haven’t proven that to yourself, please write for *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.) God wants us to understand this prophecy so deeply that we’ll run when He says run. This is an *urgent* message.

“For then shall be GREAT TRIBULATION, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days

should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved [alive]: but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened” (vv. 21-22). Although Christ said He will intervene and shorten those days for the elect’s sake, before He does the abomination will inflict the worst suffering ever on Israel. DO YOU BELIEVE CHRIST’S WARNING?

Why is it called the “abomination of desolation”? Because it is the abomination that *makes* desolate (Dan. 12:11). It makes great desolation of *nations*. Jesus Christ is not emphasizing this because it’s a small problem. HE SAYS IT’S A PROBLEM LIKE YOU’VE NEVER SEEN ON THIS EARTH BEFORE! No flesh would be “saved alive,” Moffatt translates it, if Jesus Christ wouldn’t intervene to stop it. That’s how bad it will be. But the good news is that Christ is



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about to return to this earth just in time to save us from destroying everybody.

Compassed With Armies

Here is what Mark wrote about the abomination: "But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, *standing where it ought not*, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains" (Mark 13:14). Luke's version actually tells us what the abomination is: "And when ye shall see *Jerusalem compassed with armies*, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh" (Luke 21:20).

THE ABOMINATION IS THESE ARMIES SURROUNDING JERUSALEM. This city will be destroyed, unless they understand this prophecy, repent and turn to God.

If you have faith, you will understand that these events are signs from Jesus Christ. And when you see armies surrounding Jerusalem, you will understand that sign deeply enough to take off running, not even going back into your house to get anything! That is a lot of faith.

Luke says the abomination is comprised of armies—*plural*. The Bible interprets itself: Other prophecies show how there will be armies of ten nations dominated by one nation. And these are not Arab armies. Prophecy shows that the radical Islamic Arabs will have already been conquered before this happens. As Herbert Armstrong taught, the abomination of desolation is made up of EUROPEAN ARMIES.

Continue with Luke's account: "For these be the days of VENGEANCE, that all things which are written may be fulfilled" (v. 22). Bible prophecies are being fulfilled quickly; you are not living in normal times. And *you cannot conduct yourself as you would normally, because times are so urgent*. SO SAYS JESUS CHRIST. "But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and *wrath upon this people*" (v. 23).

The abomination is an INSTRUMENT OF GOD'S VENGEANCE! He is ANGRY with Israel in this end time. "And they [Israel] shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be *trodden down* of the Gentiles, until the TIMES OF THE GENTILES be fulfilled" (v. 24). "Trodden down" means they will be led away as slaves, if they are fortunate enough to live! That's how bad it

will be. This is not just about treading down a little city in the Middle East. These are the "times of the Gentiles," when the Gentiles rule over *all* Israel. Israel soon will *not* have the upper hand, as they have had for years.

God's Temple

Revelation 10 and 11 add more detail to this same prophecy. There it talks about a little book that comes on the scene in this end time (Rev. 10:2-3). THAT LITTLE BOOK IS HERE. (Write for our free booklet, *The Little Book*, to understand more on this subject.) In this context, God says "that there should be *time no longer*" or NO MORE DELAY (v. 6). That means, in biblical terminology, that God will not hold Satan back any longer from doing what he wants to



GOD SAYS THAT THERE should be no more delay: He will not hold Satan back any longer from doing what he wants to do. Thus we've entered a time like never before, when it is one crisis after another.

do. God has turned him loose, and we've entered into a time like never before, when it is one crisis after another, after another.

"And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again *before* [or *concerning*] many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings" (v. 11). During the time of the little book, God tells someone to *prophesy* AGAIN. So someone has already prophesied once before. That points us, again, back to Herbert Armstrong. *Mystery of the Ages* will explain that to you.

Two verses further down (Rev. 11:2) show that this prophecy occurs just before the Gentiles tread Israel underfoot—the same prophecy as Luke 21:24.

Even more of this puzzle is pieced together by considering the context: "And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: and the angel stood, saying, Rise, and *measure the temple of God*, and the altar [a type of the ministry], and them that worship therein. But the court which is without the temple *leave out*, and measure it not; for it is given

unto the Gentiles: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty and two months"—or 3½ years (vv. 1-2).

God wants us to be measured. He wants to be able to correct us, so we learn how to measure up to His high standard. But notice: There is a group of His own people which refuses to be measured. "The temple" is always God's Church. Many of God's people in this end time have been put in the *outer court*, which means they're not close to God anymore, and when the times of the Gentiles come (v. 2), He will not protect them. They will be trodden underfoot.

About six months before he died, Herbert W. Armstrong said to the members of the church he founded, "MOST OF YOU *DON'T GET IT!*" Time has proved those words true: Most of the members of that church fell away from part or all of his teachings after he died. God subsequently cast them into the outer court of His temple.

But if there is an "outer court," there has to be an inner court—people who were loyal to God and did "get it." These are the people who prophesy again (Rev. 10:11) the same way God's end-time Elijah prophesied. They warn about the abomination, what it is and what it will do. They will not be trodden down. They are the only people God protects.

Ten nations are rising in Europe right now. They are about to explode on the world scene, and *you* need to be protected. The times of the Gentiles will be the most horrifying 3½ years ever on earth!

German Militarism

After the war, in 1945, Winston Churchill and Franklin Roosevelt wrote, "It is our inflexible purpose to DESTROY GERMAN MILITARISM AND NAZISM, and to ensure Germany will never again be able to disturb the peace of the world. We are determined to disarm and disband all German Armed Forces, break up for all time the German General Staff that has REPEATEDLY contrived the resurgence of German militarism, remove or destroy all German military equipment, eliminate or control all German industry that could be used for military production. It is not our purpose to destroy the people of Germany, but ONLY WHEN NAZISM AND MILITARISM HAVE BEEN EXTIRPATED, WILL THERE BE HOPE for a decent life for Germans and a place for

them in the community of nations.”

Apparently, at the same time, people on the same level of government classified a document which revealed that the Germans were planning to do it again. Did those men really believe the words of Churchill and Roosevelt?

They said Germany “REPEATEDLY contrived the resurgence of German militarism.” There is a prophecy in Isaiah, a book which is intended for the end time (Isa. 30:8), that says almost the same thing.

“O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation” (Isa. 10:5). Who is the Assyrian? If Isaiah is an end-time book, we must know who Assyria is. “Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so; but IT IS IN HIS HEART TO DESTROY AND CUT OFF NATIONS NOT A FEW” (v. 7). If you had to pick out Assyria in this modern time, who do you think this would be? Who, in this end time, cuts off “nations not a few”? Although God is taking that history much further back than modern times, think about who started World Wars I and II. Who is prophesied to start World War III?

Assyria is a *destructive* nation; destruction is in its heart. God will use that nation to dominate nine other nations and bring them against Israel. If you don’t know who Israel and Assyria are, now is the time to determine that. Even our own leaders said Germany has “repeatedly” done this. *Repeatedly*. They knew about Germany’s history of causing wars, and yet they classified a document showing German plans to do it again.

Certainly, Germany and a church, together called the “Holy” Roman Empire, have cut off nations “repeatedly” since 554 A.D. Primarily, Germany has led the “Holy” Roman Empire since 554 and the reign of Justinian. Otto von Habsburg, the one who actually has the right to the throne of the empire today, said: “We possess a European symbol which belongs to all nations of Europe, equally. This is the crown of the Holy Roman Empire, which embodies the tradition of Charlemagne.” Both France and Germany claim Charlemagne as their hero. “The European Community is living largely by the heritage of the Holy Roman Empire,” Habsburg continued, “*though the great majority of the people who live by it don’t know by what heritage they live.*” This empire has been the most

destructive war machine in man’s history, killing 50 million people in the last inquisition. That history is not talked about as much as it should be.

This German-led empire is about to rise one last time. But this is not necessarily bad news. God is allowing and, in fact, engineering this for a great purpose.

The Rod of God’s Anger

Notice, God calls this nation “the rod of MINE anger.” God is mad and indignant. “I will send him against an hypocritical nation [Israel], and against the people of my wrath [God’s Church] will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets” (v. 6). Lawlessness abounds all over Israel, and still we profess to be religious. “In God we trust,” it says on our dollar. People *talk* about obeying God, but they are lawless. They like to act religious, and still they have the morals of an alley cat. Hypocrisy is everywhere. It’s in Washington. Although we only call it “inappropriate behavior,” God calls it LAWLESSNESS. It is breaking HIS LAW! There are churches all over this land like no place in the world, but that does not impress God! He calls Israel a “hypocritical nation” and His Church “the people of my wrath.” He will allow Germany to “tread them down like the mire of the streets”—the same description as in Luke.

In verse 24 God specifically addresses His own Church: “Therefore thus saith the Lord God of hosts, O my people that dwellest in Zion [a symbol of God’s Church], be not afraid of the Assyrian: he shall smite thee with a rod, and shall lift up his staff against thee, after the manner of Egypt. For yet a very little while, and the indignation shall cease, and mine anger in their destruction” (vv. 24-25). God reveals His purpose in all the destruction: to bring His people to repentance.

When will this happen? “And it shall come to pass *in that day* [the end time], that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing” (v. 27). Yes, Jesus Christ will return, as other prophecies tell us. He will be the one to free Israel and His Church.

What we should understand, though, is that these people shouldn’t be in captivity in the first place. They have the chance to repent NOW! If only

they would listen to what the end-time Elijah taught.

A Warning Unheeded

Herbert Armstrong wrote on May 9, 1945, almost the same time Churchill and Roosevelt issued their document, “The war is over, in Europe—*or is it?* We need to wake up and realize that right now is the most dangerous moment in the United States’ national history, instead of assuming we now have peace!” (*Autobiography*, vol. II, pp. 114-115).

In 1945 people scoffed at this powerful statement. But they would not scoff today, considering what Germany is doing.

“Men plan, here, to preserve the PEACE of the world,” Mr. Armstrong continued. “What most do not know is that the Germans have their plans for winning the BATTLE of the peace. Yes, I said BATTLE of the peace. That’s a kind of battle we Americans don’t know. We know only *one kind* of war. We have never lost a war—that is, a military war, but we have never WON a conference where leaders of other nations outfox us in the BATTLE for the peace.” To illustrate Mr. Armstrong’s point, consider this: The United States GAVE AWAY Eastern Europe to Russia after winning World War II. Stalin ended up ruling Poland, the very nation that brought the British into the war in the first place! That’s how weak we have been in peace conferences.

“We don’t understand German *thoroughness*,” he wrote. “From the very start of World War II, they have considered the possibility of losing this second round, as they did the first—and they have carefully, methodically *planned*, in such eventuality, the *third* round—World War III!” MR. ARMSTRONG WROTE THIS MAY 9, 1945!

“Hitler has lost,” he continued. “This round of war, in Europe, is over. And the Nazis have now gone UNDERGROUND. In France and Norway they learned how effectively an organized UNDERGROUND can hamper occupation and control of a country. Paris was liberated by the French UNDERGROUND—and Allied armies. Now a Nazi underground is methodically planned. They plan to come back and to win on the third try.” God was using this man to warn us about what was coming. He warned that the period just after the war was the most dangerous time in the history of the United States. But not

many people listened!

That declassified document shows us that Mr. Armstrong was absolutely right. What kind of an impact does that have on you? What are you going to do about it? *We are truly running out of time.* All of this end-time prophecy is nearly FULFILLED.

Brian Connell, in *Watcher on the Rhine*, wrote in 1957 that in the spring of 1947 “the vexed problem of denazification, which had been handled up to that time by the Allied authorities, was handed over to the Germans.” Just two years after their defeat, the Germans were told to denazify themselves!

And Nazis quickly returned to leading positions. Bernard Connolly, in his book *The Rotten Heart of Europe*, discusses how already in 1966 the Bundesbank of Germany had many prominent figures who were Nazis. “It did not go unnoticed that the man who replaced Erhard, Georg Kiesinger, was, like many prominent figures in the Bundesbank at that time, a former Nazi Party member.” This man, A FORMER NAZI, even got to be in charge of the major financial institution in Germany.

Today, as Connolly points out, the European Union is just a “cloak for German ambition.”

Germany Today

A January 17 *Sunday Telegraph* article, “German Leaders Step Up Drive for a United States of Europe,” stated, “As holders of the EU presidency for the next six months, Germany wants to capitalize on the momentum of the euro’s birth to set Europe firmly on the road to a federal future. The new administration has also made clear that it will promote its own national financial interests more stridently than previous governments. While former Chancellor Helmut Kohl made no secret of his dream of a united Europe, his sense of guilt for Germany’s past meant that he shied away from throwing the country’s weight around. His younger successors are free of that historical baggage and have no such qualms.” WATCH GERMANY. WATCH THEM CLOSELY.

The *Guardian Weekly*, the same day, wrote, “All roads lead to a greater Berlin.” Hitler did all his dirty work right there in the Reichstag. “Berlin, capital of Germany. That we know about. But Berlin, capital of Europe? *The world has NOT YET GOT IN FOCUS the monster now emerging from the Prussian sands....* Germany will be the

heartland, the engine-room, of a united Europe in the 21st century. The new single currency, the euro, will be run from Frankfurt.” *Whoever controls the money controls the European Union. That’s the way it works.*

The *Sydney Morning Herald* wrote this (Dec. 29, 1998): “When Parliament meets in the Reichstag building next May, for the first time since the Nazis used it half a century ago, Mr. Schroeder wants the moment to symbolize the end of Germany’s inferiority complex and the beginning of an era of restored confidence and assertiveness in the world.” If they were the least bit repentant, they wouldn’t want to act like they did in the past. *But they like their past—except the fact that they lost!*

And we didn’t do anything to cause them to repent—so we’re dealing with the same old Nazi spirit that will wreak havoc on this world, just as God said it would. “Mr. Schroeder,” they said, “does not have the same fears and believes it is time for Germans to not feel handicapped by their history.”

The Guardian Weekly, in a January 3 article, “Germany Flexes its Economic Muscles,” stated, “Rolf Breuer, chairman of Deutsche Bank, sees himself as the new star of Germany’s business establishment: Last November he announced his company was taking over the United States bank, Bankers Trust, thus creating the world’s biggest financial services company.” Germany is moving strongly into America already. “Breuer dreams of moving into the same league as fellow German Jürgen Schrempp, boss of Daimler-Benz, who has been riding high since his company merged with [actually took over] the U.S. car manufacturer Chrysler in May 1998.” Germany, although little in land mass, is already a powerhouse.

“He embodies the new triumphant Germany that is conquering the United States. Another German company that has pulled off a coup in the U.S. is Bertelsmann, the world’s third-largest media company: Last March it took over Random House, becoming the top U.S. publishing house.” This is truly leading to something that most people don’t want to think about.

Norris and McWhirter wrote, in *Treason at Maastricht*, “By far the most ambitious project of today’s Euro-federalists is the establishment of a single currency. Although this is paraded as a European currency it is quite clear that, should it ever become a reality, it

will in effect be a German currency controlled by a central bank based in Frankfurt [it already is]—ironically in the former headquarters building of I. G. Farben, the manufacturer of the Nazis’ death gas, Zyklon B.”

Newsweek (Dec. 14, 1998) quoted Owen Harries, editor of *The National Interest*, who argued that a very successful European Monetary Union “would amount to the creation of a second...superstate.” “In Harries’s view,” *Newsweek* continued, “that would mean trouble, because ‘there is a lot of accumulated resentment in Europe of its subordination to...the United States over the last half a century.’” They lost World Wars I and II because of the power generated from America, and they haven’t forgotten it. If you’re a superpower, you just can’t sneak off into

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the dark and hide. People remember, and they want revenge. Such resentment, he concludes, could one day be translated into “competition, obstruction and rivalry; possibly...outright hostility.”

The European had this headline: “Liftoff. Europe Aims to Be Superpower of the 21st Century.”

So much is happening in Europe.

When Charlemagne was crowned by the pope, this statement was made: “Nevertheless it is quite clear the kingdoms of this earth belong to the Bishop of Rome; they are his to give.” Cardinal Alfonse Maria Stickler says this about the doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church: “We believe in AGGRESSIVE CATHOLICISM against ungodliness.” That is in the tradition of Charlemagne.

A Mighty Beast

It is vitally important that we understand this. “And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns [the Holy Roman Empire], and upon his horns *ten* crowns [ten nations], and upon his heads the name of blasphemy. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast,

saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?" (Rev. 13:1, 4).

They actually worship Satan. What a power behind this beast!

Even a strong leader like Margaret Thatcher probably lost her job fighting the European Union. They can't win because it is prophesied to happen, and look at the power fueling it.

"And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months"—that same 3½ years (v. 5). He will continue that long until Jesus Christ returns to put down that abomination and bring to an end the times of the Gentiles.

"And it was given unto him to make war with the saints [God's people], and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations" (v. 7). This is another description of God's own people being trodden underfoot. Very soon, those people in God's outer court, because they've been so rebellious, will have to give their blood to prove to God that they are worthy to enter His kingdom.

"If any man have an ear, let him hear" (v. 9). God is pleading with you. Hear what He is saying. Those who hear and "prophesy again" will be protected. God will protect *you* if you heed His words.

"And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon" (v. 11). This great, false religion looks like a lamb—but it causes unparalleled evil!

Revelation 17 adds to the story: "And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will show unto thee the judgment of the great whore [this great false church] that sitteth upon many waters" (v. 1). Is it hard to figure out which church God is referring to? "And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration" (vv. 5-6). Christ is viewing this from 554 A.D. to the end time. He says this old lady has been killing God's people for a long time! Only one false

church has that kind of history.

Again, there is a reason for all the bloodshed. God has to punish His people, because they have drifted away from Him. God doesn't like to punish people so severely! He would rather we hear His warning! He is a God of love. That means if serious punishment is what it takes to save us, He loves us enough to put us through that.

"And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet: but receive power as kings *one hour* [just a short time] with the beast" (v. 12). There are 11 kings in the European Union right now, and Britain is about to be kicked out. We don't know the actual conglomerate they will finally have, but Christ said there will be ten nations, and they will unite and destroy like no political-religious power ever has. World War II and the concentration camps were nothing like what's coming.

These nations will be dominated by one mind (v. 13)—Satan the devil. He will lead Germany and a false church as they lead this union. "For *God hath put in their hearts* to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled" (v. 17). This beast is ruled by a great religious city that rules over the kings of the earth (v. 18). Isaiah 47:1 says they even have a throne. Is it hard to understand who this is about?

At the end of it all, there is good news. "These shall make war with the *Lamb* [Jesus Christ], and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful" (v. 14). Those who remained *faithful* to God all the way through are with Him. They never gave in; they *continued* His Work.

Your Responsibility

If you understand God's purpose in the abomination of desolation, you know that IT IS AWFULLY HARD TO GET THE ATTENTION OF MEN. Think again about that declassified document, clearly stating that the Germans started preparing for World War III even before World War II ended—AND YET IT DOESN'T HAVE AN IMPACT ON PEOPLE'S MINDS. What is wrong with people? Millions died at the hands of the Nazis! Are we just going to let them do it again?

Winston Churchill wrote to his wife,

January 3, 1938, "It is difficult to persuade people of facts till too late." He thought his nation would die and never even respond to him. He said Neville Chamberlain "does not know the truth: *and perhaps he does not want to.*"

That's the problem with people in America and Britain today. But when these things come to pass, they will know that a prophet was in their midst (Ezek. 33:32-33). Then, of course, it will be too late to do anything about it physically, but not spiritually.

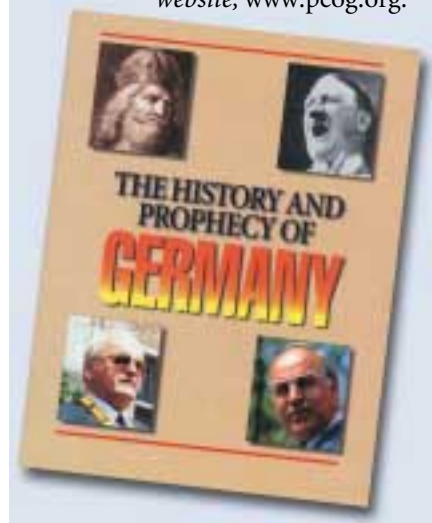
Can you understand these prophecies? Do you realize what a responsibility you have if you do?

There is great hope in building faith. God is pleading with us. If we will just have ears to hear what He is telling us, we can avoid all of this. All of mankind could; that's why God sends the message—to awaken them.

God is doing everything He can to get us into His family. He is a God of love and wants to give us all He possibly can. He wants us to be there serving at headquarters with Him—to teach this world how to live happily and abundantly. He will give this reward to us if we heed what He says about the abomination of desolation. Not only will He save us spiritually, but if we heed His warning now, He will also save us physically. ♦

For further study...

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PAPAL CALL TO ARMS

Pope John Paul II threw down the gauntlet in Mexico in the greatest challenge yet to recover his lost sheep. This is but a sample of things to come.

BY RON FRASER

RIVALING THE 1968 OLYMPICS OR the previous World Cup soccer games held in Mexico, the Pope's farewell ceremony, following a tumultuous five-day visit to that country, was a pop-media extravaganza. Merging giant images on huge video screens with loud musical accompaniment, the release of hundreds of white "doves of peace," a march-past of national flag bearers from all countries of the continent, the spectacle took on the flavor of a multinational, pop-religious festival. The Catholic Church has always been expert in melding local culture, religion and tradition with its message as it has sought to globalize Roman Catholicism.

However, not until this Polish pope, Karol Wojtyla, have we seen a Vatican head so effectively exploit the popular media in its high-tech sense.

This first pontiff to ever visit Mexico makes his debut this month with the release of a compact disc merging recordings of his prayers, sermons and chants set to the beat of contemporary music. Titled "Abba Pater," the disc will con-

tain the pope's prayers, homilies and religious chants in five languages. This man captivates his global audience by identifying readily with their cultural roots, and now seeks to use the medium of mass entertainment to move vast audiences into the spiritual fold of the Roman church.

The fourth, and possibly final, visit of Pope John Paul II to Mexico far surpassed, in its great finale at Mexico City's gargantuan Azteca soccer stadium, any of the events which have surrounded his visits all over this planet.

This most traveled pope in history had a timely and powerful message to deliver to the many nations of Latin America represented at his colorful farewell in Mexico. The message was a *call to arms!* The Vatican is worried at the penetration of its flock by fundamentalist evangelical sects. Karol Wojtyla sought to rally his troops. The million faithful who packed the Mexico City racetrack the previous Sunday heard his rallying cry in an appeal to stem the flow of Catholic adherents bleeding into these evangelical groups. This second-largest Catholic nation in the world heard the Pope challenge them to meet the enemy of evangelicals drawing away the Catholic faithful *head on!* John Paul cried out to his audiences in Mexico to spurn the seduction of what he termed "untruthful ideologies" and to take to the streets to spread the word of Catholicism and combat the inroads made by evangelical Protestantism.

This was a Pope on the warpath! He

looks frail in his stooped appearance. But his iron will is set to accomplish a great jubilee for his church in the year 2000—a year which celebrates 2,000 years of its checkered and often very bloody history. Always careful to choose his words, John Paul's true intent should not be missed when he stated to the Mexican faithful, "You, as children of the church, must *work to ensure that the coming 'global society' will not be spiritually indigent [needy]....*" In this pope's mind those words refer specifically to a "global society" desirably under the hegemony of the Roman Catholic faith.

Intriguing to students of current Vatican history was the real reason why Pope John Paul visited the U.S. immediately following his Mexican tour. Hardly reported in the press were the words of Tad Szulc, the Pope's official biographer. Questioned over National Public Radio as to why the Pope was visiting the U.S., Szulc replied, in no uncertain terms, "To rebuke the President for bombing Iraq and to seek the lifting of sanctions imposed on that country."

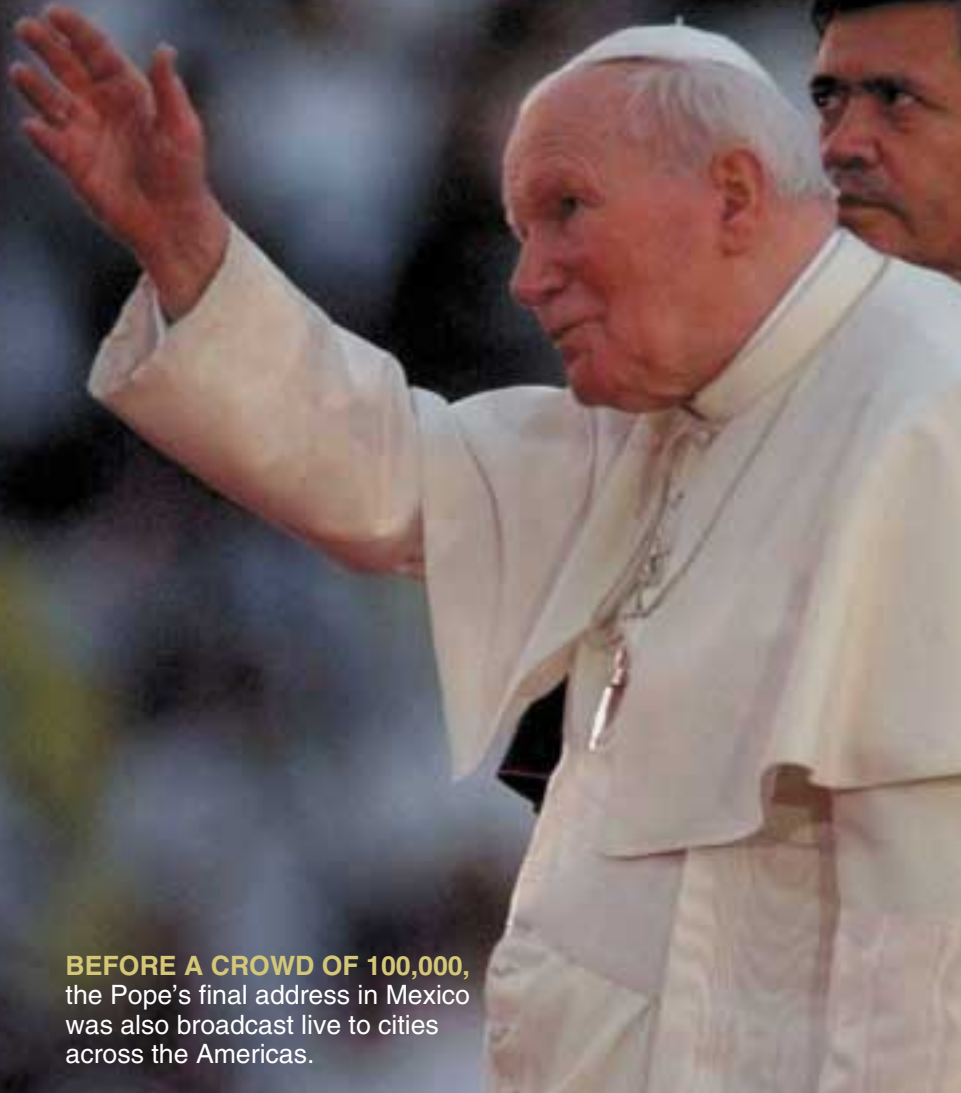
President Clinton was tight-lipped as to what was specifically discussed in his private audience with the Pope, yet he said enough to indicate that the Pope's words had stung. Questioned in the White House corridors by the press, the President replied that the Pope had been "clear, forceful and sharp" during their private discussions in St. Louis.

Even more intriguing is the fact that the senior Vatican theologian, Cardinal Ratzinger, visited the U.S. between February 9 and 12. Ratzinger heads the Vatican's office of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the old office of the Inquisition. This man's power is feared by church liberals. Hard on the heels of the Pope speaking out against liberalism in the U.S., the Vatican's protector of doctrinal purity headed to San Francisco to discuss the subjects of homosexuality, feminism and abortion with senior Catholic officials from the U.S., Canada, Australia and other countries from Oceania. Ratzinger has defrocked more than one senior Catholic clergyman for preaching



POPE CULTURE

The packed-out Azteca Soccer Stadium



BEFORE A CROWD OF 100,000, the Pope's final address in Mexico was also broadcast live to cities across the Americas.

against the declared doctrines of Catholicism.

The Vatican is on a four-pronged campaign in advance of its coming jubilee in the year 2000. This campaign involves a public relations effort to show repentance for its past sins (the Inquisition and moral depravity of numerous popes) and reconcile with the Jews. It is also mounting a considerable global effort to campaign against evangelical Protestantism in addition to arresting and correcting doctrinal dissidence from within.

The Vatican sees itself as having met the first two goals and is now concentrating on stemming the flow of Roman Catholic adherents towards evangelical Protestantism and moving more aggressively to eliminate dissident teaching. The days of the liberal Catholic

theologians are numbered!

Watch for the correction of church liberals in the wake of Ratzinger's visit to the U.S. Watch for the Vatican to campaign against evangelical Protestantism by using the evangelicals' own tools—pop-hype multi-media rallies and the exploitation of mass media, particularly television.

The Pope has announced the year 2000 not only as a great Catholic jubilee, but also as a great year of evangelizing the world! Big business will be willingly recruited into and exploited in those efforts. Not for nothing did the Pope award media high-flyer Rupert Murdoch a medal of honor for his media exploits!

Remember, the merchants of the world will rejoice at the coming Catholic beast power in Europe and worship

before the feet of its ruling spiritual hierarchy (Rev. 18:15, 23). Big business is notoriously amoral. Remember how they changed in mid-stream from backing the home government in South Africa to kowtowing to Nelson Mandela's ANC/Communist rule!

When it comes to religion, it's the sound of money that big business worships! The *European Union* has gone *global* with the world's newest international currency in competition with sterling, the dollar and the yen. *World business* is going *global* in a mad rush to dominate world markets and limit competition. *The Vatican* has *globalist* plans for *its* business, *the spiritual dominance of the minds of the masses*. All three great globalist movements will soon come to a confluence in the near-future fulfillment of God's prophecies in the book of Revelation. "So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication" (Rev. 17:3-4).

Students of Bible prophecy recognize this woman as a great fallen church. She is shown as sitting "on many waters," connoting a globalist reign, and consorting with the *merchants of the earth*, *big business*, in Revelation 18:3: "For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and *the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies*."

The fulfillment of these events is almost upon us. It is but a time and a season away. When it comes, the world will stand in awe. Yet it will last but a short time, this ruling hegemony of European dominance, under a great church, funded largely by the giants of global business. And when it fails, all its major planners will stand aghast at the suddenness and might of its crushing demise.

"And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning, standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas that great city Babylon, that

Meet Me in St. Louis

The Pope took St. Louis by storm. Why does this man hold such a grip on the religious and non-religious of today?

WHEN THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE LAST YEAR IN ST. LOUIS, MO., THAT Pope John Paul II would visit, the city began preparing eagerly. About one week prior to his arrival, the city was ecstatic. The hype for his visit surpassed the fervor over Mark McGwire's attack on the home-run record. Never being visited by a pope before, the city made many final preparations to ensure a flawless visit. No expense was spared. Thoroughfares received a



\$500,000 facelift, including 20 miles of plastic orange safety fencing along the Pope's motorcade route used to control the crowds mobbing to catch a glimpse of this man. A throne for the Pope on his visit took four St. Louis men three 50-hour weeks to complete.

Thousands of screaming youth turned out for a youth rally on January 26 at the Kiel Auditorium, cheering and applauding almost every statement the Pope made. Earlier in

CROWDS CHEER the popemobile as it enters the Trans World Dome.

the day, President Clinton had flown in to welcome the 78-year-old pontiff. Wednesday morning, people awoke in the wee hours of the morning to get a seat at the Trans World Dome. This football stadium holds over 65,000, but a crowd of 104,000 people packed in; 20,000 chairs had to be rented. So many wanted to attend that lotteries were conducted even in distant cities to determine who would be admitted inside for the morning Mass. At the service, 900 priests and deacons served 130,000 communion wafers baked by local nuns.

With about one million people coming to see the Pope, the boost to the local community was estimated at \$25 million.

Not only were local Catholics excited about the Pope's visit, but many of other faiths were also caught up in the enthusiasm and payed their homage. One Protestant minister called a radio talk show and said he welcomed the papal visit since he felt the Pope was "next to God." Masses crowded into the gateway city to glimpse the pontiff, even "touch his garment," as one woman said. A missionary from Idaho observed, "It's like being with Christ."

Rabbi Robert Jacobs read from the book of Isaiah in the St. Louis Cathedral with the Pope sitting in the sanctuary, listening. Jerusalem Rabbi David Rosen praised this, saying he never knew of a service such as this happening. In fact, Pope John Paul II is the first pope to pray in a synagogue in 1700 years and the first pope to open diplomatic relations between the state of Israel and the Vatican. Rosen also said, "For me the Pope is one of the great symbols of goodness in the world."

Why does this man command such a response wherever he goes? Catholics believe he is the "Vicar of Christ"—Christ's representative on earth, or the one in His place. Some claim he is infallible—incapable of error. Others feel he has healed the rift between religions, and many view him as the spiritual head of Christianity. Some call him an ambassador of peace, since he travels to many countries. When he visited Cuba, he convinced Castro to allow Christmas observance and appealed for the release many political prisoners.

The fact is, world leaders listen to the Pope.

What other man could unite the nations of Europe in political, religious and economic unity? If it is not John Paul II, it will be one of his successors. It wasn't the man that caused such a stir in St. Louis as much as it was the office he held. The power in this office will revolutionize world events as it leads the world to witness the final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire. **WILBUR MALONE**

mighty city! For in one hour is thy judgment come. And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more.... And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls! For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off, and cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city!" (Rev. 18:9-11, 16-18).

The fall of this beast power now rising before our eyes will be the forerunner of the greatest era of peace this world has ever known. "Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.... And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God" (Rev. 18:20; 19:1).

Then will come the only ruler who has the power and authority to put down all rebellion, all false religion, all tyrannical rule, all amoral business, to impose, yes IMPOSE, peace on a world which will have literally run out of all human options at its disposal for peaceful coexistence. Pray for that day, for God will have the victory then!

But watch, daily; watch as these fantastic events prophesied in your Bible come to a grand smashing climax at the close of this dreadful age of man and the dawning of the true new world order, the order of God's government of ultimate peace, justice and mercy on all mankind.

You need to keep reading this magazine in order to be apprised of these prophesied events as they are happening! Many write to us and ask, "How do you do it? How come you know the news and publicize it often before it happens, often before the media gets the story?"

The answer is in your Bible. The SPIRIT that inspires the insight in this magazine that you now hold in your hands is simply revealed in your Bible. "For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy" (Rev. 19:10). That's what makes the difference. That's the Spirit which is behind this great Work, preached and published by this magazine. We are simply your early-warning service. Will you heed the warning? ♦

BAD RELIGION

Americans do a great job at evangelism but a poor job at discipleship.

By DENNIS LEAP

THE RELIGIOUS BOOK MARKET is booming. The \$3 billion market for Christian books, magazines, videos and music increased 12 percent between 1996 and 1997. Television airwaves are awash with religious teaching, preaching and viewpoints. Songs of praise boom out from Christian-music-only radio stations 24 hours each day. You would think this means religion in our society is alive and healthy. Yet, religion as an institution in America is in sharp decline. Hard to accept isn't it? Believe it! The facts are startling.

Membership in some mainstream Protestant denominations is at an all-time low and still dropping. Presbyterians have been losing 35,000 to 40,000 members a year for the last two decades. Methodists have been losing about 1000 members a week since 1965. The decline in the Methodist Church is considered the worst mass departure in recent history. Even Roman Catholics are concerned about a falling membership. Along with falling membership is faltering church attendance. Although some church officials work to conceal the facts, many churches are as empty on Sunday as during the week. Many who claim membership in a church seldom sit in a pew.

What is happening in American religion? Where has it gone wrong? When we honestly analyze the facts, we'll come to see that Americans do a great job at evangelism, but a poor job at discipleship. Why is American religion failing?

Founded on Faith

There is no doubt that our Founding Fathers viewed right religion as the necessary bedrock for American success. Many early settlers came to North American shores seeking refuge from religious persecution. Worship motivated the dangerous trek across the Atlantic. Early American preachers, such as Cotton Mather and John Cotton, believed that America was the "new Israel." They understood their people's flight from an oppressive Europe as a type of Israel's flight from Egypt. And just as Moses taught the ancient

Israelites, they instructed early Americans that the new nation would achieve its splendid destiny only under the direction of God. History shows that the early Americans believed and acted upon what these men taught.

America was shaped by religion. Religion permeated colonial society. American freedom became synonymous with religious freedom. Speaking of the American Revolution, British historian Paul Johnson states: "The Revolution could not have taken place without this religious background. The essential difference between the American Revolution and the French Revolution is that the American Revolution in its origins was a religious event, whereas the French Revolution was an anti-religious event. That fact was to shape the American Revolution from start to finish and determine the nature of the independent state it brought into being" (*A History of the American People*,

1997, p. 117). The founding of America is unique in history. Religion determined the nature of America. Why would America, different from any other nation of this world, be so closely tied with religion? The answer is truly astounding and is revealed in the Bible.

Herbert Armstrong, in his book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, reveals that the United States of America is in fact the lost Israelite tribe of Manasseh. Yes, America truly is Israel. Prophecy shows that Manasseh was to become the single greatest nation ever in these end times. Together with Great Britain (Ephraim), the U.S. was to inherit the national name and promises of wealth given to Israel through Abraham millennia ago. To fully grasp the import of what is happening in American religion, you must understand this Bible fact. Please write for your free copy of this vital book.

Speaking of the promises to



Abraham, Mr. Armstrong wrote, "Yet, we must face the astounding fact that our white, English-speaking peoples—not the Jews—have inherited the national and physical phases of those promises!

"How could this have happened?

"The Bible is an Israelitish book, preeminently of and for the Israelitish nationality, inspired by their God through their prophets. Is it not indeed strange that we English-speaking peoples are today the greatest believers in and exponents of this book of the Hebrew people; that of all nations we are the chief worshipers of Israel's God and Israel's Messiah—in the name and form, if not in truth and in deed?

"The more these facts are realized, the more apparent it becomes that a full knowledge of these Israelites is necessary to a right understanding of the Holy Bible, which is chiefly concerned with them as a people. And this knowledge becomes important if we are to understand the present status of the American and British peoples in the world—and their relation to unprecedented world conditions at this fateful hour!" (*The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, 1980 version, p. 15). The

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fact that the Bible is an Israelitish book, and today's Americans have descended from ancient Israel, discloses why our roots are so religious. Yet, we have forsaken those roots. God has much to say about our religion in these troubled times.

Forgetting God

To be honest, compared to the time of our forefathers, religion has lost its influence in American life. For all of our outward show, we are no longer a truly religious people.

Consider America's crime rate—meditate on America's violent cities—analyze America's insatiable appetite

for pornography. *Are we looking at a religious society?* Surely we would have to say no. Even with all the apparent religious fervor in this country, we must recognize that our society is growing ever worse. We no longer have the power to control robbery, rape and murder. We no longer have the sway to lead people away from hurtful lusts like drug addiction, alcoholism and illicit sex. Why is our society falling into such decay? Isn't our modern crisis really a crisis in religion? We must put the blame for our modern problems squarely on the shoulders of religion.

For the most part, as a people, we have simply forgotten God. We only pay Him casual lip service. Many only turn to God in times of trouble or tragedy. We talk big and act shallowly. Our ancestors had to rely on God for their very existence. They knew every morsel of food, each day of good weather and all safe protection from the enemy came directly from God. The founders of America were a hard working people grateful for every blessing. Their legacy of hard work and faith laid the foundation for our modern success. And what have we done with their tears, prayers and sweat?

We have allowed ourselves to be blinded by the very wealth God has bestowed on us. Our material possessions have given us incredible power. Yet as a nation we no longer recognize how we obtained such wealth. Most believe we obtained it through our own power and strength. Tell the vast majority of successful Americans that God gave them their wealth, and you would probably witness a heavy measure of scorn. *God? What do you mean God gave me such wealth?* This condition in America was prophesied years ago.

Moses warned the Israelites, "When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the Lord thy God for the good land which he hath given thee. Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day: Lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; And when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; Then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the Lord thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage" (Deut. 8:10-14). Like our

Israelite ancestors, Americans have become a vain people. God has richly blessed us. But now we are fat, fed to the full on our wealth. We have much time for our material pursuits, but little time for God. The prevailing attitude in this country is, who needs God when times are so good? One minister recently complained that he has lost his congregation to the weekend.

Americans worship the mighty dollar more than the Almighty God. Americans are well-known for their excesses in sports and other forms of entertainment. We love our TVs, movies, concerts and casinos. Americans love their shiny new cars and lavish homes. Did you know that Americans spend \$10 billion annually on pornography? We are corrupting ourselves with our wealth! This too was prophesied thousands of years ago.

At the end of his life, Moses warned his people, "Gather unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears, and call heaven and earth to record against them. For I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days; because ye will do evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands" (Deut. 31:28-29). Notice this verse is a prophecy for the latter days—our time now! Because of our turning away from God, evil abounds. As the *Trumpet* has been showing for months, America is about to fall under a severe financial crisis. Yet we take little notice. America looks to its great civilization—the work of our hands—instead of God. By doing this we provoke God's anger. **WEALTH WILL NEVER SAVE A SINNING NATION.** Our day of reckoning is quickly coming upon us.

Sea of Confusion

American religion is adrift in a sea of confusion. Inside our high-tech evangelism are the seeds of its own destruction. With so many denominations advertising, promoting and claiming that **THEIR truth IS truth**, we have doctrinal chaos. Watch religious television any Sunday. You will find that the clang and clamor of religious broadcasting is more distracting than helpful. This too was prophesied for our day.

In the Olivet prophecy, Jesus Christ stated that rampant religious deceit

would be a *leading sign* of His imminent return. The disciples asked Christ, "Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" (Matt. 24:3). Jesus told the disciples, "Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many" (vv. 4-5). Jesus said religious deceit would be a sign of His coming. He said emphatically that *many* would be preaching and teaching "in His name" and yet deceiving people. Jesus did not say a *few*—He said *many*.

Recognize, these deceivers teach in Jesus' name and not their own. Christ is speaking here of false ministers who pretend to speak the truth, but are actually teaching lies. Christ plainly says that *many* so-called *Christian* preachers would be telling people about Christ, but would not be preaching Christ's own message—His gospel. There are many different gospel messages being taught today. But which one is Christ's gospel? Christ said *many* would be deceived by ministers teaching the wrong message. Have you been taught Christ's gospel? You need to know. To be saved, it is necessary to believe that gospel (Mark 1:14-15). Herbert Armstrong's book *Mystery of the Ages* explains Christ's gospel message in great detail.

Jesus Christ again emphasized the threat of religious deception in the middle of this vital prophecy. Even though religious deception began in His time, He warned that it would increase in our time. "Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; inasmuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not" (Matt. 24:23-26). These verses speak directly of the time just before Christ's return. He states clearly that many men will be saying Christ is working in their organizations. But Christ promised that there would only be *one true Church*—not a mass of churches (Matt. 16:18).

American religion has opened its own shopping mall. You can find a multitude of denominations and non-denominations all claiming to be ministering for Christ. Christ stated emphatically that when you see a multi-

tude of men claiming Christ is with them, BELIEVE IT NOT! Christ expects His true followers to know where He is—where His Church is working. There should never be a need to look anywhere else.

Sociologists recognize that Americans love to "belief shop." Many mix and match their beliefs. For example, in this decade, there has been a dramatic rise in interest with New Age religion, which promotes everything from Christian principles to Eastern meditation and includes white witchcraft—nature worship! What confusion. Jesus Christ aptly described our troubled religious times.

No Moral Absolutes

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INSTEAD OF GUIDING society, religion today has been overcome by society. Instead of charting the course, religion is drifting with the tide.

Instead of charting the course, religion is drifting with the tide. Instead of teaching a clear distinction between right or wrong, many ministers have become politically correct. Not wanting to offend, many have allowed immorality to infect our society. Our modern ministry has caused religion to lose its teeth. Think deeply about this. Most American religions hold few absolutes.

True Christianity represents a way of life. It reflects a high moral standard. It upholds a clear right and wrong. There was a day when a young man came to Jesus Christ and asked, "Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?" (Matt. 19:16). Jesus answered, "Why callest thou me good? there is none good but one, that is, God: but if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments" (v. 17). Jesus Christ had no doubt that true religion consisted of obeying a set of clearly defined rules of right and wrong. Perhaps confused, the young man asked Christ, "Which commandments?" Christ answered, "Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false

witness, Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself" (vv. 18-19). Why do so many stumble over such simplicity in religion? To have an impact, our religion must get back to the simplicity of the Bible.

On another occasion, a lawyer asked Christ, "Master, which is the great commandment in the law?" (Matt. 22:36). Christ answered, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets" (vv. 37-40). Jesus Christ taught a way of life that dictates our private thoughts and guides our outward actions. It shows us how to love God and people. True Christianity has absolutes. There is a clear right and wrong. Who is bold enough to stand up for God's law in religion today? Too few. Most religious people believe that Christ came to do away with the law. But can a nation of people be truly worshipping God while disobeying His commandments? Hardly. Even James Madison, our fourth President, stated, "We have staked the whole future of American civilization...upon the capacity of each and every one of us to govern ourselves according to the Ten Commandments."

We live in a lawless age. Our newspaper headlines tell us as much every day. In a 1991 bestseller, *The Day America Told the Truth*, nine of ten citizens surveyed said they lie regularly, one-third of married Americans surveyed indicated they've had an affair, and 7 percent said that for \$10 million they would kill a stranger. Though experts seek solutions, few seek out the causes. Can we begin to see that our weak-willed religion must top the list of reasons why our society has gotten so bad?

Prophesying of our time, Paul wrote to Timothy, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; *having a form of godliness, but*

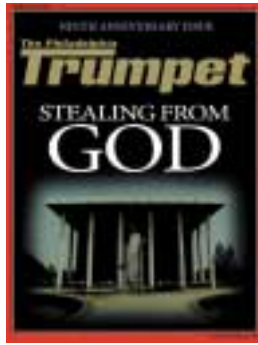
denying the power thereof: from such turn away” (II Tim. 3:1-5). Using the Spirit of God, Paul looked into our time and saw untold violence. Paul witnessed our rotten moral fabric. Paul listed our many sins. We covet, we are vain, we are disobedient, we lack love, we lie, we love violence and we love ourselves more than God. But also notice—we are big on religion! As Paul stated it, we have a form of godliness, but we deny the power thereof. This means that GOD IS NOT REALLY IN OUR RELIGION. It is all show and no substance. Paul advises all true believers, “From such turn away”!

National Repentance Coming

Take stock of your religion. There are troubled times just ahead. The Bible does show that the greatest time of trouble ever—the Great Tribulation—is about to descend on the Western world. The immediate future is definitely not bright. Economic and nuclear disaster are staring us in the face. Yet, none of this need happen if we would collectively repent of disobeying God. Realistically, this is not likely to happen. However, it is not too late for you personally to get it right with God. If you turn to God, He will turn to you (Isa. 59:1-2). You need not go through the Tribulation. There is still time to repent.

Realize that even with the coming Tribulation, there is hope for our great nation. Moses prophesied of a coming time of national repentance. He told our ancestors, “But if from thence thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the Lord thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice; (For the Lord thy God is a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them” (Deut. 4:29-31). Although very negative, the Great Tribulation will produce positive results. God will regain His people’s attention. He promises that in the Tribulation, any who turn to Him, He will forgive and extend mercy. How great is God!

Even with all the bad news, there is very good news. When our nation does fully repent, God plans to restore it and lavish upon it all the blessings promised Abraham. ♦



Stealing From God

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Phoenix, Ariz.

THANKS FOR RESURRECTING THE MINISTRY started by Herbert W. Armstrong. While I didn’t always agree with the interpretations Mr. Armstrong (or you, for that matter) put on biblical messages, he did force thought and debate about worthwhile issues. Mr. Armstrong provided a fresh message to those turned off by mainstream warfare over what the supposed true message of the Bible purports to be. For years, I was a subscriber to the *Plain Truth*. It seemed to me, in an effort to “be wanted and needed and loved” by so-called mainstream evangelists, their present pastor general got “hijacked” by their apparent advice to him. I lost all interest. The Worldwide Church of God somehow became irrelevant.

I did not know the ministry of Mr. Armstrong had been resurrected until I happened to see your television program a few months ago. Thanks for resurrecting a needed and fresh message for the world today. I agree; for the existing Worldwide Church of God to sell its facilities and use the funds for whatever its peculiar purposes is “stealing from God.” The funds more properly belong to the Philadelphia Church of God, as being the more authentic successor to the Church which Mr. Armstrong founded. Unfortunately, it would appear, the WCG is authorized to engage in legalized larceny.

Phoenix, Ariz.

I’M HAPPY THAT MR. FLURRY IS HITTING the theme of leadership very hard and taking Churchillian, Herbert W. Armstrong-like stances in a world where our birthright nations are so weak-willed and adrift morally, and blind to the Titanic-like dangers lurking on the horizon. I believe Mr. Flurry is doing exactly what Joseph Tkach said he would do but didn’t, namely walk in the footsteps of Mr. Armstrong—continuing this great Work.

Plattsburgh, N.Y.

“The Gate of His Enemies...”

I SUBSCRIBED TO YOUR MAGAZINE ABOUT a year ago. I am politically active and read other publications such as *The Nation*, *Mother Jones* and *Z Magazine*. I wasn’t about to take your magazine seriously, being as it is rooted with a religious right viewpoint which is generally supported by big business and very conservative ideas. However, month after month you shed light on a political issue I haven’t come across in other publications—the handover of the Panama Canal to China on December 31, 1999—which seems very objective and informative yet easy to read. I now eagerly await each issue for your in-depth coverage of world events.

New York, N.Y.

I ENJOY READING YOUR MAGAZINE EACH month. I was shocked when I read that the U.S. will hand over Panama to China in 2000.

Balch Springs, Tex.

BIBLE PROPHECY IS CERTAINLY MOST intriguing to me. It is just mind-boggling to see so many of these prophecies being fulfilled. I could never see that so plainly until now, thanks to the writers of the *Trumpet*.

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STEPHEN FLURRY

We Don't Want You

America's military is in retreat

WHEN THE DUST SETTLED AFTER THE BERLIN Wall fell in 1989, the United States emerged as the world's last remaining superpower. So they say. A look back at the last ten years, however, suggests that America's power and influence abroad has crumbled along with the infamous Wall.

I got a firsthand glimpse of this phenomenon while visiting Berlin in 1993, less than four years after the Wall came down. We saw all the sights many tourists had probably visited before Communism loosened its death-grip on Eastern Europe: the Reichstag, the Brandenburg Gate, Checkpoint Charlie. But what left the biggest impression on me was visiting the abandoned American military base in what used to be West Berlin. Row after row of huge military housing complexes now provided low-income Germans with nice accommodations. "With Communism gone," our guide told us, "the plan is for U.S. troops to pull back to Frankfurt before substantially downsizing." And downsize they did! Since the fall of the Berlin Wall, United States forces in Europe have been slashed by 67 percent.

Simultaneous with the U.S. drawdown on German soil has been Germany's *expansion* on U.S. soil. In 1990, Germany and the United States agreed to "deepen military cooperation"—meaning German expansion. In 1992, then-Secretary of Defense Richard Cheney agreed to add 12 German Tornados to the seven F-4 Phantom Jet fighters already stationed at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico. In 1995, Germany added 300 aircrew, along with families and support personnel, to their training facility at Holloman. This year, plans call for another 600 Germans and 30 Tornado aircraft. Meanwhile, just last year, eleven U.S. bases in Germany returned to German control: Sheridan, Kaserne, Deuringen and Lechfeld, just to name a few.

In the Pacific theater, the storyline is the same: cut budgets, draw down, mobilize, consolidate. I got a firsthand glimpse of this also while recently on assignment in the Philippines. After taping two programs for *The Key of David* in December, our crew was airlifted out of Bataan by helicopter en route to Manila. On the way our pilot detoured over Subic Bay. Strategically situated as an inlet off the South China Sea, Subic used to be homeport for the U.S. Navy's 7th Fleet. It closed in 1992. Looking at it from the air, it's still impressive—the long airstrip bordering one side of the ocean inlet, training facilities, military housing units, still surrounded by cyclone fences topped with barbed wire. But down below, with the 7th Fleet gone, Subic is little more than a popular tropical resort.



COURTESY: JOEL HILKNER

News of another U.S. drawdown in the Pacific splashed across headlines a few years back when America agreed to reduce its presence in Okinawa after three GIs raped a local schoolgirl in 1995. Nearly half of the 47,000 U.S. servicemen stationed in Japan reside on this small island 400 miles off the Japanese coast. More than 12,000 Americans died capturing this island stronghold, cracking Japan's last line of defense at the end of World War II. With Japan devastated after the war, and Russia only a few years away from successfully testing nuclear bombs, the U.S. quickly raised dozens of military bases in the Far East. Bases like Okinawa enabled United States participation in the Korean and Vietnam Wars and to prevent the spread of Communism. But with the collapse of Communism in the late 1980s, as in the West, America has reevaluated its position in the Eastern hemisphere.

In all, America's presence in the Western Pacific is comparable to its forces in Europe. There are approximately 100,000 servicemen in each hemisphere—about two-thirds smaller than at the end of the Cold War. More than a few analysts have noted America's flagging ability to respond to international challenges as we head into the next millennium.

The situation abroad is but a microcosm of the drawdown of America's forces in general. Consider these facts: Since 1985, the Pentagon's budget has been slashed by 38 percent and 97 bases have been closed—just in the United States! The numerical strength (or lack thereof) of the armed forces stands at a little less than 1.4 million—a 35 percent drop from Cold War levels. Since 1991, the Army's active-duty divisions have dwindled from 18 to 10; the Air Force's fighter wings from 22 to 13. And since 1992, the Navy's Battle Force ships have shrunk from 467 to 327, the lowest level since 1938.

These cuts have forced Washington to all but abandon its so-called "two wars" policy—America's ability to mount a Desert Storm-like operation on two fronts. At current levels, a sizable war on one front will absorb most of our resources. In fact, according to the Pentagon's last quadrennial review, released in 1997, U.S. officials foresee "the possible emergence, after 2010-2015, of a regional power or global peer competitor."

If government officials are aware of these global threats, and their concerns along with these telling statistics are posted on most military websites, be assured that enemy nations have taken note! "Unless something is done," James Anderson wrote in the *Macon Telegraph* last year, "the butcher's bill for military unpreparedness will be paid in blood the next time we go to war."

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