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“...I [will] seek out My sheep, and will deliver them out of all places
where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.
I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was
driven away...” Ezekiel 34:12,16 KJV

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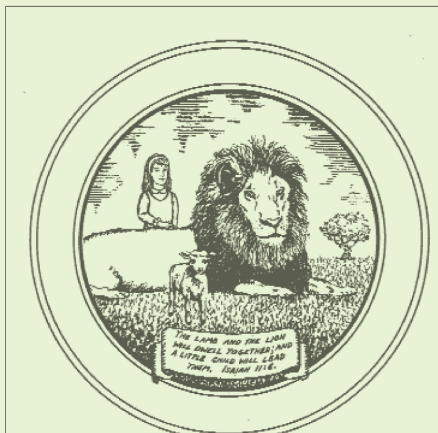
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From Sardis to Laodicea

By Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong

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I want to give you some of the truth tonight, and I hope it will open your eyes because I think, brethren, that so much Protestantism has rubbed off on us. We just have come to take it for granted and just assumed that their concept of God, of Christ, of salvation, of the purpose of everything is right and true, and it seems to me that they couldn't be much farther wrong than they are.

In the 18th chapter of Revelation and the fourth verse, God tells us COME OUT OF ALL OF THAT! What He tells us to come out of is “Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth,” and that Babylon the Great IS the Roman Catholic Church, and the harlots that are her daughters are the Protestants that came out of her in protest. And yet we have had so much of that rub off on us. I hope I can make some parts of that a little more clear and plain tonight, so that you can understand.

Now what I want to give you is a history of the transition of the Church between the Sardis era and the Philadelphia era. What I'm going to give you tonight is something I have never given you before. It's something that most of you have never heard. How did it happen? When did the Sardis era end? When did the Philadelphia era begin?

Brethren, I want you to know there was no just sudden ending of the one and beginning of the other. There was a transition where one gradually, over a period of some few years, merged from the one into the other.

Let me tell you, Jesus said in Matthew 16 verse 18, “I will build My church, and the gates of” the grave “will not prevail against it.”

Did you ever stop to think what that meant? One Church wasn't going to die, and another begin. There has been no time, never a day, never a week, a month or a year since the Church started in 31 A.D., that there haven't been some people in the Church. And there were people in the Church when part of them were already beginning in the Philadelphia era, and those people were still in the Sardis



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era, and they were meeting together, and I'm going to show you that I pastored both for some time.

Some of this, part of it, and the details that I'm going to give later tonight, I think have never been fully published. I've published parts of it, but never fully and completely.

THE PURPOSE OF GOD

You know the greatest subject in all the universe, the greatest thing, the most important thing that should come to your mind is the purpose of God. God's purpose – that is the most important thing in your life, the most important thing in the world, the most important thing that exists.

What is God's purpose? The scriptures say His purpose shall stand. Nothing can interfere with it or interrupt it. It will stand. Satan has tried to stop it. Satan has tried to prevent it. He hasn't been able, and he never will. Let me read you something first, in Romans the eighth chapter, and beginning with verse 28, verses 28 and 29. It's starting, you might say, right in the middle of a sentence, verse 28. “**And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God.**” Now some people, one minister was preaching continually “**all things work together for good,**” and he stopped right there. He forgot it's “**to them**



that love God.” Otherwise, all things don’t work together for good. **“All things work together for good TO them that love God,”** to them who are called, the called.

How many times have I been saying recently that we are not a volunteer Church. **We are a conscripted, drafted Church. God has drafted us. God has called us.** It isn’t a matter of “whosoever will” may come. The only place in the Bible that applies is after the Second Coming of Christ, and you find it in the last book of the Bible, the last book of the book of Revelation, the last chapter, I mean, of the book of Revelation. It is not a “whosoever will” may come now. Jesus said, **“No man CAN come to Me except,”** God, **“the Father draws him.”**

You have to be called, and drawn by God, so notice it, **“All things work together for good to them that love God,”** to them, now this just explains who **“them that love God”** are, **“to them who are the called, according to”** THE PURPOSE, **“according to His purpose.”** You were called according to God’s purpose. What is that purpose?

WHAT IS THAT PURPOSE?

Next notice the next verse, the 29th, **“for whom He did foreknow.”** Do you know that He foreknew us? It says He

did. **“For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His son, that He,”** the Son, **“might be the first-born of many brethren.”**

He was born very God by a resurrection, as you’ll read in the fourth verse of the first chapter of Romans. Jesus Christ became a Son of God by a resurrection from the dead, and we become sons of God and born of God at the time of the resurrection when we either are immediately changed from mortal to immortal or resurrected

if we have died in the meantime. Otherwise, we are not yet born.

Christ is THE ONLY ONE who has been BORN of God.

He was the firstborn! ... Now, I’d like to begin back in the 18th verse. I want to give you a little something about God’s purpose. Again, He’s been saying that if the Spirit of Christ dwells in us, He that raised up Christ from the dead will also make immortal our mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwells in us. That’s verse 11, and if we are led by the Spirit of God, then we’re already now the sons of God, but **only begotten sons**, not yet born. Not born sons.

Now verse 18, **“For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time,”** while we’re just begotten, **“are not worthy to be compared with the GLORY that shall be revealed in us.”**

Oh, now we see something of God’s purpose, **“the GLORY that shall be revealed in us.”** Brethren, do you ever stop to think that such ... Do you know what that glory is? And it’s that kind of glory, if you understand what it is, will be revealed in you – IF you have repented, and believed, and have the Spirit of God, which you should have, and IF you grow in grace and the knowledge of the

Lord Jesus Christ, IF you continue to overcome, IF you endure to the end.

“For the earnest expectation of the,” creation, now the word there should be **“creation”** and it is in all other translations. It was just a misprint or a mistranslation here, but **“the earnest expectation”** that the creation – the whole universe. That means all the other planets, the sun, the moon, the stars, everything in the universe, **“waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.”**

Now, do you understand that? In I John 3, you read, **“Behold,”** even now already **“we are the sons of God,”** but **“it does not yet APPEAR what we shall be.”** In other words, what we shall be doesn’t appear. You can’t see it yet, not until we are born again.

You can see us, flesh and blood. You can’t see spirit, and we’re not spirit yet anyway, and so **“what we SHALL be”** is something you can’t see YET. But we know that, when He comes, we will then be like He is; and we will be seen like He is. We will appear as He appears, so we can be beheld by the eye.

And then in verse 9 of I John (3) I believe it is, when we are born of God, we will not even be able to sin for he that is born of God CANNOT sin. He just CAN’T do it because God’s seed remains in him. Now, we haven’t come to that place yet. We still can sin. We’d just better be careful that we don’t.

For the creation, now, that’s the whole creation, **“was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by (the) reason of Him which hath subjected the same in hope.”** In other words, there’s hope for all this whole universe, and the whole creation, because the creation **“itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption.”** It is in a corrupt condition of corruption now.

Now I knew long before cameras landed on the surface of Mars and sent back photographs on the surface of Mars, I knew what that surface was

going to look like. It’s going to look like something all burned up and decayed, and the Bible says that’s the way the universe is. I knew that’s the way they’d find the moon, when they got up there. They finally got up there just some very few years ago.

So the whole universe is going to be delivered from the, I think one translation says “thralldom,” and here it says, **“bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. For we know that THE WHOLE CREATION groans and travaileth in pain together until now. And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit.”**

There again, we’re the first to be judged, the first to have salvation. Others will have it later. God hasn’t rejected the others. He just hasn’t called them yet. He’s calling us now, so we are **“the firstfruits of the Spirit.”**

“Even we ourselves groan within,” it’s not an easy life, this Christian life. **“Waiting for the (adoption),”** that is, or **“to wit, the redemption of our body,”** when our bodies will be made like His glorious body.

Now that is the purpose of God, and if you compare that with the second chapter of Hebrews, you’ll find out that ULTIMATELY, after this earth is made God’s headquarters for the whole universe, we are going to restore from corruption the whole universe.



Now, that'll take a long time. That won't be a year, or 100 years, or 1,000 years. How long are we going to live? Oh, we're going to live more than 1,000 years. We're going to live FOREVER! It'll never end. We just keep on going and going. Now, it may be a few million years from now before a lot of this gets done, but we're sure going to enjoy the doing.

We're going to be just THRILLED with the anticipation of the plans ahead when God begins to reveal them, and we see what we're going to be able to do. Then, as we look back on the accomplishment, we'll be even more thrilled at the accomplishment. And you'll find, you know there's a saying, "The anticipation exceeds the realization." Well, it won't. The anticipation will be thrilling enough, but the realization, once it's accomplished, will be even a greater thrill, a greater joy. That is what is coming.

GOD REPRODUCING HIMSELF

All right, now, that's only an introduction. God's purpose then is to reproduce Himself through human beings that are made out of clay, from the dust of the ground. He's going to make that of us. We are going to be born as His children, born of Him till we become God even as He is God. But we have to have HIS CHARACTER, received from Him and begotten into us, before we can be like God. We can't be God without having God's character, and now is the time for receiving that character, for building that character.

Now, this all involves the question of sin and of government. Everything revolves around the question of SIN and of GOVERNMENT. I want to show you that.

Last time I spoke here, I had to speak about women wearing cosmetics. That's just a minor thing in a sense, but sin is sin! And people don't know, and don't understand what is sin, and so many don't want to know. They want to sin, so they don't want to realize that what they're doing is sin and therefore, is wrong, and sin brings a penalty on you. The penalty is eternal death, in other words, instead of becoming God you just will become extinct, but you will suffer, a suffering that you can't imagine now, before that happens.

THE HISTORY OF GOD'S CHURCH

Now, it ALL began before the world was, before this earth

even had been created. I want to begin at the beginning, and I want to trace the whole thing, the purpose from the beginning. I want to show you the Church from the beginning, and then show you its history.

Now, let's get going. God is first shown in John in the New Testament, chapters one to four, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Now you also read in the beginning of the Bible, "In the beginning," again, just the same as in John, "In the beginning" Elohim, as Moses wrote it in the Hebrew language, "created the heavens and the earth."

"Elohim" means more than one. Well now, if God is more than one, who was God? Because in verse 26 God said, "Let us make man in Our image." He didn't say, "Let Me." There was more than one person, and it was God speaking to the one who was called the Word. Now John the first chapter, in the New Testament, explains who God is. God is the Word, which is one person, "and the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us."

Now, He was the Word before He was born. He had always existed. He was then the Word. But the Word divested Himself of the supreme glory that is God. He gave that all up to come here, into this miserable world, and live the life that the first Adam should have lived, to set us an example and then die to pay the penalty of our sin, to be resurrected to make possible a resurrection for us, that He might be "the Firstborn of many brethren." We can be born as He is now, God once again, as He was before.

"In the beginning was the Word," that is the one that became Jesus Christ, "and the Word was with God," another person. And then it says, "and the Word was God," and the Word is God, again. Jesus is born God by a resurrection from the dead, Romans 1 verse 4.

Now, it says, "In Him was life." Now, if there was life in Him, He lived, didn't He? And if He lived, He had to do something. He had to be doing something if He lived. He had to, "lived" means motion. He didn't breathe breath because He didn't need to, but He lived, and the Father lived. God lived. HOW did He live, and how did God live? They both had to live, and if they lived, what did they do? Now, there's two things – how they lived, and what did they do?

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Personal from the Editor

By Alton B. 'Don' Billingsley

Coming soon – 'The Mark of the Beast'

'And he CAUSES ALL, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to RECEIVE A MARK ON THEIR RIGHT HAND or ON THEIR FOREHEADS, and that NO ONE may BUY or SELL except one who has the MARK or the NAME of the Beast or the NUMBER of his name.'

Revelation 13:16-17

Do YOU have God's Mark? or Satan's Mark?

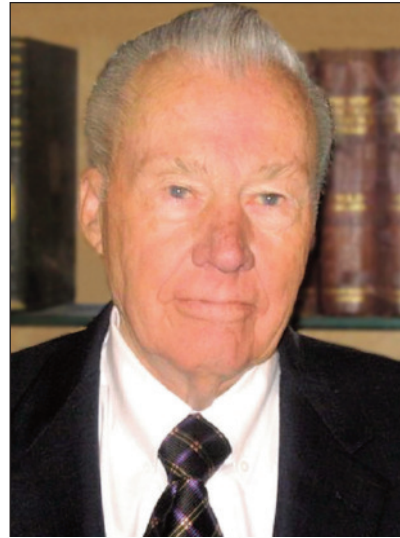
Dear Brethren,

The end time has dawned for this age (Ezekiel 7:6-7)! And with it – soon, *very soon*, will materialize the Revival of the Holy Roman Empire, as was prophesied to take place in the end time by the Apostle John and the Prophet Daniel:

"And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron, inasmuch as iron BREAKS in pieces and shatters all things; and like iron that CRUSHES, that kingdom will BREAK in pieces and CRUSH all the others (Daniel 2:40)."

This is the kingdom that will be ruling when Christ returns to this earth as further made known by Daniel:

"And in the days of these kings (the other three world-ruling empires are ancient history) the God of heaven will set up a Kingdom which shall NEVER be destroyed; and the Kingdom shall NOT be left to other people; it



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shall BREAK in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever (Daniel 2:44)."

Related Scriptures reveal the arrogance and dominance of this rising giant super power that will demand worship of it and its ruler on pain of a torturous death; just as it was done in the years of the Caesars of Rome! The greatness of its power will surpass that of the present super power, America, as made known by the Apostle John:

"And I saw one of his heads (seventh head) as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed (revived). And all the world (not Asia, which worships other gods) MARVELED and FOLLOWED the Beast. So they WORSHIPPED (idolatry) the dragon (Satan the devil) who GAVE AUTHORITY to the Beast (10 nations with their armies and military strength); and they WORSHIPPED the Beast, saying, 'Who is like the Beast? Who is ABLE to make war with him?' (Revelation 13:3-4)"



“Who is like the Beast? Who is ABLE to make war with him?”

These two questions are asked while America and Britain yet exist as nations. With the enormous armies of the 10 combined nations in Europe, along with their nuclear bombs and the missiles to deliver them to their targets, together with their buildup of modern bombers, fighter planes, aircraft carriers, atomic submarines, etc., there will be no nation great enough to stand against them as the previous Scripture makes known.

How will this be made possible? Scripture reveals the answer: It will be the Pope in Rome and the hierarchy of the Catholic Church.

The Great Whore Riding the Scarlet Beast

In symbolism, the Apostle John portrays the great harlot as sitting on many waters (*nations in Europe*), with a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication sitting on (*or riding*) a Scarlet Beast.

Other Scriptures and historians reveal her identity to be the Papacy with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made DRUNK with the wine of her fornication (*religious pomp, ceremony and miracles*); a *blurred* world drunk and reeling on her pagan teachings (Revelation 17:1-5).



***Halley's Handbook*, 24th Publication, 1965, page 731, Revelation 17:1-5: “This description of Babylon the Great Harlot, seated on the seven-headed ten-horned Beast ... exactly fits Rome. Nothing else in world history does fit.”**

Greater detail is given by the Apostle John of this woman: **“Then I saw ANOTHER Beast coming up (*materializing*) out of the earth (*Europe*), and he had two horns like a lamb and SPOKE like a dragon (*the Vatican is both state and religion*). And he exercises ALL the authority of the FIRST Beast in his presence, and CAUSES the earth and those who dwell in it to WORSHIP the first Beast whose deadly wound was healed (Revelation 13:11).”**

The Christian world will give their passionate and worshipful allegiance to it – as did the German populace during WWII with great fervor and frenzy, shouting, “*Heil, Mein Fuhrer*” [meaning, “Hail, my leader”], with the Nazi salutes, “*Heil Hitler*” [Hail Hitler] and “*Sieg heil*”, which literally means “Hail victory”!





and that NO ONE may BUY or SELL except one who has the MARK or THE NAME of the Beast or the NUMBER of his name (Revelation 13:16-17).”

“Here is wisdom: Let him who has understanding calculate the NUMBER of the Beast, for it is the NUMBER of a man. His number is 666 (Revelation 13:18).”

Halley’s Handbook, 24th Edition, 1965, Page 726: [The numerical value of numbers adds meaning to words] “The number 666 = ‘Lateinos’ L, 30; A, 1; T, 300; E, 5; I, 10; N, 50; O, 70; S, 200 = 666. Lateinos means ‘Latin Kingdom.’

Example: During combat in Germany, toward the close of WWII in 1945, a German woman was asked in my presence, “What do you people think of Hitler?” She replied, “In the beginning, we thought he was God until we came to realize all the nations we were fighting, then we thought he was the devil.” So it will be again when the Pope will begin performing miracles and fully restores the Beast Power to life.

“He, (the Pope), **PERFORMS** great signs (lying wonders, II Thessalonians 2:9), so that he even **MAKES FIRE** come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men (viewed by satellite transmission around the world). And he **DECEIVES** those who dwell on the earth **BY THOSE SIGNS** which he was granted to do **IN THE SIGHT OF THE BEAST** (the combined military powers), telling those who dwell on the earth to **MAKE AN IMAGE** to the Beast who was wounded by the sword and lived. He was **GRANTED POWER** (authority) to give breath (revival to life) to the **IMAGE** (replica) of the Beast, that the **IMAGE** of the beast should both **SPEAK** and cause as many as would **NOT** worship the Beast to be **KILLED** (Revelation 13:13-15).”

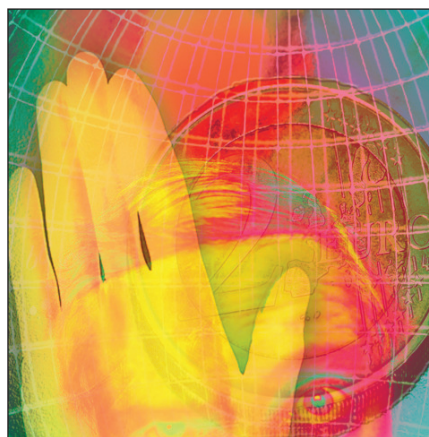
The political Beast will **FORCE** the reluctant to worship the religious Beast, the Pope, or die (Revelation 13:1-8, 11-18). “And he **CAUSES ALL**, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to **RECEIVE A MARK ON THEIR RIGHT HAND or ON THEIR FOREHEADS**,

Papal Rome made Latin its official language. And it still is. Rome’s canons, missals, prayers, decrees, bulls, blessings, cursings are in Latin.”

Question: Is there a connection with the Latin prescriptions written by medical doctors? In response to the question, “What do the prescription abbreviations mean?”

About.com answered: “Centuries ago, all prescriptions were written in Latin. Currently, only one section of the prescription (the directions for taking the drug) uses abbreviations in Latin. Unless you have a medical background, these prescription abbreviations can be hard to understand.”

History connects the Latin language with the Mysteries of Babylon that only the priests understood and spoke. It is doubtful the medical doctors themselves understand its use.



There are very few areas in this world that are not connected with these mysteries in one way or another that have their roots in ancient history with Nimrod and Semiramis (Genesis 10:8-11).



inhabitants of towns and workshops were to be AT REST ON SUNDAY (*venerabili die solis*), with an exception in favour of those engaged in agricultural labour."

At the **Council of Laodicea** in 363 A.D., the Church of Rome – today known as the Roman Catholic Church – declared: "Christians must not judaize by resting on the Sabbath, but must work on that day, rather honoring the Lord's Day [Sunday]; and, if they can, resting then as Christians. But if any shall be found to be judaizers, let them be anath-

ema from Christ."

Once the person or person was declared anathema (*an accursed heretic*) by the Catholic Church, the Roman Empire put him or her to a horrible death!

Blue Laws in America

Blue Laws (*Sunday observance prohibiting buying and selling on this day*) are already on the books throughout America. They were in force in Texas in 1969. I tried to make purchases on a Sunday in Longview, Texas, and was told that some of the things I had taken to the cashier were prohibited and could not be sold to me.

God's Penalty for Receiving the Mark of the Beast

A severe warning from God to His true people:

"Then a third angel followed them (verses 6-8), saying with a loud voice, 'If ANYONE worships the beast and his image, and RECEIVES his MARK on his forehead or on his hand, he HIMSELF shall also drink of the wine of the WRATH of God, which is POURED OUT FULL STRENGTH into the cup of His indignation. He shall be TORMENTED with fire and brimstone (sulphur) in the presence of the holy angels and in the presence of the Lamb. And the smoke of their torment ascends up forever and ever (Psalm 37:20, sulphur smoke causes torment); and they have NO REST day or night who WORSHIP the Beast and his image, and whoever receives the MARK of his name (Revelation 14:9-11)."

Forced Obedience to the Observance of Sunday

This Beast power will be dominated by the False Prophet and will ENFORCE the observance of SUNDAY as the Sabbath just as it was established in 321 A.D. by Constantine and followed up by the Catholic Church in 363 A.D.

"The earliest recognition of the OBSERVANCE OF SUNDAY AS A LEGAL DUTY," admits the Encyclopedia Britannica, in an article about "Sunday," 11th ed., Vol. 26, p. 95, "IS A CONSTITUTION of Constantine in 321 A.D., enacting that all courts of justice,





POPE BENEDICT XVI

These laws need only to be enforced across America and will be once the Pope is in power, and the Christian world will begin paying obeisance, homage and worship to him, while screaming “*Viva, Papa! Viva, Papa!*” The Pope is called *the most holy father* by his followers; he claims to be the vicar of Christ, meaning in place of God! (II Thessalonians 2:1-4, 9)

The Current Pope and Sunday

In view of the current pope in Rome, our attention should be drawn to a statement by him before a very large crowd of people as to whether he might be the prophesied one to perform miracles and enforce the observance of Sunday on the Christian world:

From the Internet: *The Observer*, Thursday, May 26, 2011:

“At a mass celebrating the closing of the 24th National Eucharistic Congress on May 29, 2009 in front of 200,000 in the Italian city of Bari, Pope Benedict XVII declared that the reinforcement of Sunday worship is fundamental to his mission. This statement by him represents a return to the papacies of old, the Holy Roman Empire.”

Since this is the stated mission of this Pope, it is conceivable that he might be the pope who will be given the POWER of miracles and bring about the restoration of the Holy Roman Empire in this end time; and with it the MARK of the Beast.

The Sabbath Observance Changed to Sunday

The Catholic Church has admitted numerous times in various writings it was the one to change the Sabbath to Sunday. Notice one such written statement:

From the Internet: **“The TRUTH About SUNDAY OBSERVANCE” by Raymond F. McNair:**

“Here is an interesting comment from Cardinal Gibbon's book, ‘Faith of Our Fathers,’ 110th ed., p. 89: ‘You may read the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, and YOU WILL NOT FIND A SINGLE LINE AUTHORIZING THE SANCTIFICATION OF SUNDAY. THE SCRIPTURES ENFORCE THE RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE OF SATURDAY, a day which we never sanctify.’.”

“On September 23, 1893, Cardinal Gibbons also made this statement in the ‘Catholic Mirror’: ‘The CATHOLIC CHURCH for over one thousand years before the existence of a Protestant, by virtue of her divine mission, CHANGED THE DAY FROM SATURDAY TO SUNDAY ... THE CHRISTIAN Sabbath (*Sunday*) IS, therefore, to this day, THE ACKNOWLEDGED OFFSPRING OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH as the spouse of the Holy Ghost, without a word of remonstrance from the Protestant world.’.”



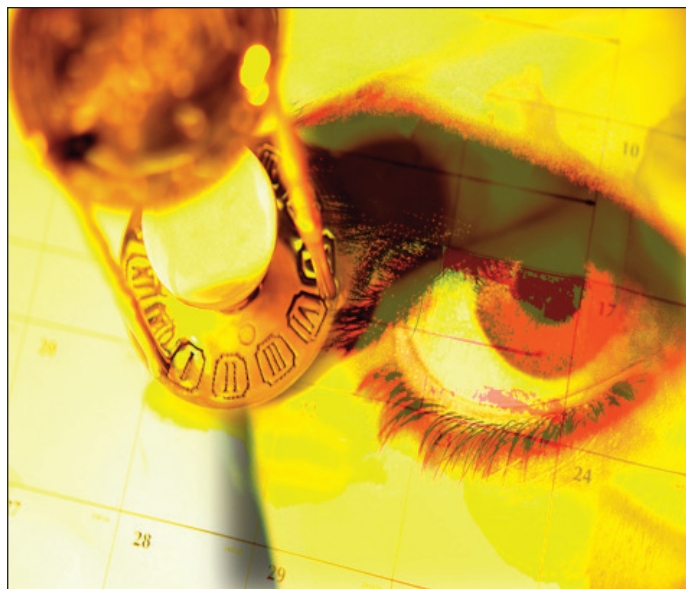


The MARK of the Beast Soon to be Enforced

It should be realized that in addition to receiving the MARK by the observance of Sunday, *it also can be received by accepting pagan teachings as well!*

When this Beast power rises up out of the sea and power is given to it by the Pope, its identifying MARK, possibly in the form of a tiny microchip, VeriChip, etc. (such as the Gestapo in WWII tattooed numbers on the forearm of each Jew), will undoubtedly be implanted in each person's hand or wrist, possibly even in the forehead, with needed detailed information about the individual that will have to be scanned by cashiers to purchase food and other essentials!

In view of this coming terrible time, the question needs to be seriously considered: What will each one do when there will be no way to obtain food or other needed items UNLESS there is submission to accepting the MARK of the Beast or wait on God to provide the promised needs?



History makes known that people will kill or torture anyone to obtain food when they are ravenously hungry, the gnawing of their stomachs crying out for anything to eat! Possibly, many of us will be put to this test in this soon coming time before Jesus Christ intervenes and provides the needs (Psalm 33:18-19, 37:19).

The Forewarning of the Death of Israel as Nations

For many years, God's apostle and the promised

Elijah of the end time repeatedly cried out daily the WARNINGS of the coming death of the House of Joseph as nations, UNLESS there would be repentance of their sinful ways and rejection of God and His holy righteous laws; they obstinately refused!

The end-time prophecy of Habakkuk speaks of our present time:

“O LORD, how long shall I cry (type of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong crying out for years of the accelerating evil in Israel on radio and television), and you will NOT hear? Even cry out to You, ‘VIOLENCE’! And you will not save. Why do you show me iniquity, and cause me to see trouble? For plundering and violence are before me; there is strife, and contention arises. Therefore the law is powerless, and justice NEVER goes forth (the indictment by God of the judicial system as witnessed in this society). For the

wicked **SURROUND**
the righteous; therefore
perverse judgment pro-
ceeds (Habakkuk 1:2-4,
Hosea 4:1-3, Amos 5:10-
13).”

It is during this time of
the breakdown of society
that God replies that He
will send the promised
Elijah of the end time to
cry out the final warning
message to His people Is-
rael to repent or face the
terrible consequences
(Malachi 4:5, Matthew
17:10-11).



WARNING OF EUROPE’S REVIVAL

The LORD’s Reply to His Servant

“Look among the nations and watch – be utterly as-
tounded! For I will **WORK** a Work in your days which
YOU would NOT believe, though it were told you
(Habakkuk 1:5).”

This Work of God began with the ministry of Mr. Arm-
strong in 1934 and continued until his death in 1986. Due
to the apostasy that set in right after his death, it was put on
hold until 2006.

It was revived during the Passover season in that year when
Jesus Christ made possible the downloading of the
Recorded Works of this very same man on web sites that
were freely and voluntarily given to us during that same
time that would reach the world.

This was in fulfillment of the request of God by Habakkuk
after his learning what the LORD would do to Israel due to
their stubborn refusal to repent during the many years of
the lifetime ministry of Mr. Armstrong:

“O LORD, I have heard Your speech (*foretelling what is
coming on Israel*) and was afraid; O LORD, ‘**REVIVE
YOUR WORK**’ in the midst of the years make it
known; in **WRATH** remember **MERCY** (Habakkuk
3:2).”



The timing of this prophecy is speaking of the end time as
made known in Habakkuk 3:3-4 for these reveal the com-
ing of Jesus Christ to follow and the plagues that will be
poured out at **Armageddon**.

“**For indeed I (the LORD) am RAISING UP the
Chaldeans** (*context reveals the Chaldeans are in type the
end-time Roman Empire*), **a bitter and hasty nation** (*Ger-
many as leader of the other nine nations comprising the
Roman Empire, Isaiah 10:5-6*), **which marches through
the breadth of the earth, to possess dwelling places that
are not theirs** (*as did Hitler in WWII invading and taking
captive other nations in Europe*).

“They are **TERRIBLE AND DREADFUL**; ... Their
horses also are swifter than leopards, and more fierce



than evening wolves (*modern warfare*). Their chargers charge ahead; their cavalry comes from afar (*Europe*); they fly as the eagle that hastens to eat. They all come for VIOLENCE; their faces are set like the east wind. They GATHER captives like sand (*many millions of people*). They scoff at kings ... (Habakkuk 1:6-10)."

America will then be so weakened due to the worsening internal problems, along with the prophesied famine and disease epidemics, which will then make possible the BREAKING AND CRUSHING of America via *blitzkrieg nuclear warfare* and the follow-up of their armies entering, taking captive the millions of people who will have survived, like gathering up sand.

The captives will then be transported to Europe. There millions will be tortured and then slaughtered. All others will be sold into very hard servitude to harsh taskmasters (Ezekiel 5:12, Deuteronomy 28:62-68).



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Record-breaking Disasters

This one year, 2011, the second year of the 19-year time cycle that began in 2009, is seeing the acceleration of disasters taking place in this country. Altogether they are leading the House of Joseph to their demise as nations (Ezekiel 7:6-9).

It is increasingly apparent the **CURSES** spoken of by God in Leviticus 26 and Deuteronomy 28 are now coming to pass in an undeniable manner as witnessed and made known by numerous news agencies and viewed on television.

Pre-Planning Coming into Reality

The following Internet headline reveals an insight that few people have of what has been planned undercover since WWII – and the planning is now beginning to come to reality:

"The Greek crisis brings us even closer to the long-planned European empire" by Norman Tebbit, *The Telegraph*, June 23, 2011.\

"Lord Tebbit of Chingford is one of Britain's most outspoken conservative commentators and politicians. He was a senior cabinet minister in Margaret Thatcher's government and is a former chairman of the Conservative Party. He also has worked in journalism, publishing, advertising and was a pilot in the RAF and British Overseas Airways," *The Telegraph* explains.

"It would be very easy to think that current events in Greece are just a continuation of that same problem (of the Greeks demanding gifts). That would be to misunderstand the grand strategy being pursued in Brussels. It is designed to achieve, without recourse to war, the realization of a dream unfulfilled since the fall of Rome, the first pan-European Empire. Spain, France and Austro Hungary failed in their attempts to build such an Empire and after yet another destructive European war, the founding fathers of the EU swore to achieve through politics what warfare had failed to deliver. ..."

In view of the prophesied revival of the Roman Empire in Europe, this insightful writing by Lord Tibbett is startling and eye-opening to say the least! Soon the world will come to see the reality of this enormous beast power rising up out



He will then sit on his papal throne in the holy place in Jerusalem (II Thessalonians 2:9).

The Pope will then issue his official edict that everyone **MUST** adhere to the observance of Sunday as the Sabbath on pain of death by the Beast power. Scriptures imply this will take place only for a short period of time before a blitzkrieg type nuclear warfare will come upon the nations of Israel. Prior to this taking place, the commanded observance of Sunday, as the Sabbath, will have been established, which will be the **Mark of the Beast**.

It should be realized that Satan's MARK is already upon Sunday-observing people and has been since it became law in 361 A.D.

2) The Abomination: Upon seeing the Pope sitting on his throne in the holy place and setting up the modified statue of Jupiter Olympus called "Peter," God's Elect will then be told to **FLEE** to the mountains with the utmost haste (Matthew 24:15-16).

of the sea – brought back to life, not by politics, but by the miracles performed by the Pope (Revelation 13:1).

The Olivet Prophecy by Jesus Christ

The difficult and hard times many are experiencing today are only going to get worse for they are leading into such extremely difficult, trying times as never before experienced by humankind, so said Jesus Christ in His Olivet prophecy:

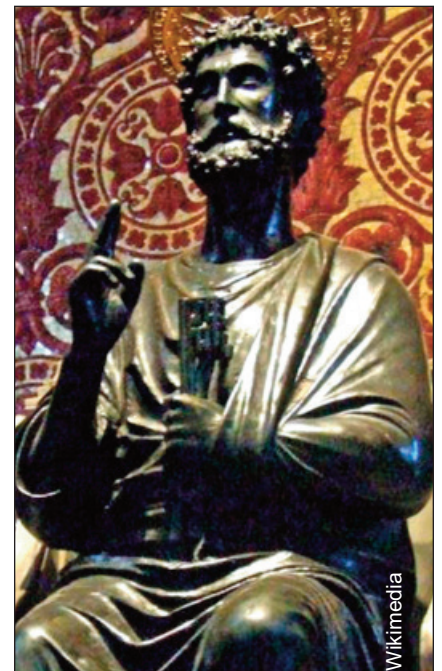
"For then there will be *Great Tribulation*, such as has NOT been since the beginning of the world UNTIL this time, no, nor ever shall be. And UNLESS those days were shortened, NO FLESH would be saved (*alive*); BUT for the *Elect*'s sake those days will be shortened (Matthew 24:21-22)."

1) The Great Tribulation will have its beginning when the major False Prophet will capture the attention and worship of the religious world through the use of miracles that he will perform in the sight of all of mankind *via* satellites (Matthew 24:15).

Internet, www.markbeast.org: **"The old statue of Jupiter with its occult blessing hand is now St. Peter in the Vatican."**

It is sad to realize that virtually all members in all Churches of God are unaware of how close it is; and even worse, their spiritual condition is lacking sufficiently to meet the very hard, trying times prophesied to befall the Church of God and Israel (Revelation 3:11-21).

Excerpts from *A/C Correspondence Course, The Revival*





“And the LORD said to him (*death angel as at the Passover in Egypt*), ‘Go through the midst of the city (*Jerusalem, representative of all Israel*), and PUT A MARK on the foreheads of the men who sigh and cry over all the abominations that are done within it.’ To the others (*angels*) He said in My hearing, ‘Go after him through the city and KILL; do NOT let your eye spare, nor have any pity. Utterly slay old and young men, and little children and women; but DO NOT come near anyone on whom is THE MARK; and begin at My Sanctuary (*God’s true Church*).’ So they began with the ELDERS who were before the Temple (Ezekiel 9:4-6, Revelation 11:1-2).”

of the Roman Empire, Lessons 31; 32 (*these two lessons are a must read about its’ revival, www.cog-ff.com*).

“Only this time the MODERN ‘Holy Roman Empire’ will masquerade as a ‘peace loving’ power. ... It will be ‘The United States of Europe’! ...

“Understand now how this SAME satanic Roman system has actively continued on down into our times, and for what PURPOSE! Understand how it is laying its plans to FORCE man by a far greater tribulation – a great tribulation now almost upon us – to come under Satan’s rule and acknowledge his Sunday in such vast numbers and with such great fervor, that there would be NONE ready to receive eternal salvation!!”

The End has Dawned

Soon Jesus Christ will CLOSE THE DOOR to our web sites that have on them the Recorded Works of Mr. Armstrong along with our magazine, the *Philadelphia Remnant*; then will be the beginning of the famine of the word!

In the interim, God is even now placing His MARK upon those who are diligently watching and praying while keeping their virginity (Revelation 14:4) and removing themselves away from all of the Churches of God that are off track.

God’s MARK is to distinguish His Elect from the condemned and give them divine protection just as did the **BLOOD** of the newly slain lamb splashed over the entrance of their homes during the night of the Passover in Egypt.

Isaiah 26:20-21:
“Come, My people, ENTER YOUR CHAMBERS, and SHUT your doors behind you; HIDE yourself, as it were, for a little



moment, until the indignation is past. For behold, the LORD comes out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; the earth will also disclose her (bloodshed), and will no more cover her slain.”

Those who do not have God’s Mark will experience terrible times without God’s protection. Revelation 9:4: “They were commanded NOT to harm the grass of the earth, or any green thing, or any tree, BUT only those men who do NOT have THE SEAL OF GOD on their foreheads.”

The following Scripture implies God is yet placing His Mark on those who are being added to the Church along with those who are coming out of the off-track Churches of God:

Revelation 7:3-4: “... ‘**Do NOT harm the earth, the sea, or the trees TILL we have SEALED the servants of our God on their foreheads.**’ And I heard the **NUMBER of those who were SEALED, 144,000 of all [or from] the tribes of the children of Israel were SEALED.**”

The Apostle Peter makes known that regardless of how difficult it may be to separate self in the needed time to come, realize that with God all things are possible to the faithful:

II Peter 2:4-10: “... **turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them AN EX-AMPLE to those who afterward would live ungodly** *(as will be in the near future with the demise of the House of Joseph)* ... **then the LORD knows HOW TO DELIVER the godly out of temptations and to RESERVE the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment ...**”

God’s Mark Much More Than Sabbath Observance

A major MARK is the observance of the true Sabbath day – however there is much more to receiving the PROTECTIVE MARK FROM GOD than just observing the Sabbath for there are other Sabbath keepers in addition to the corporate churches of God, such as the Seventh Day Baptists, Seventh-Day Adventists, etc.

Presently, many thousands of members are placing their misguided total trust in leaders who have separated themselves from some or all of the doctrinal teachings that Jesus Christ placed in His Church through His late apostle, Mr.

Armstrong, and have accepted the Mark of the Beast by replacing God’s Teachings with the acceptance of the pagan mysteries of Rome.

The Vital Importance of TRUTH and LOVE for It

God’s eyes are upon His TRUTH. His Spirit leads us into His truth not away from it! (John 16:13). Think about it: Who did Christ raise up in this end time to restore all things? Who spoke the TRUTH?



Would you rather take your chances with your salvation following the teachings we were taught by Mr. Armstrong – or follow those who say he was wrong on this or that so we have been given the responsibility, as they say, to make what we feel are needed corrections – even though those changes affect major doctrines we have been taught? It is your choice and your life! (Deuteronomy 30:15-19)

Do YOU have God’s Mark?

As we edge closer to the time of the **Great Tribulation** and the coming of Jesus Christ back to this earth, each of us needs to ask ourselves very seriously with prayer and fasting, while knowing our salvation could be at stake:

“Do I have God’s Mark that will enable me to escape Satan’s wrath – the wielding of the sword of warfare, murdering and torturing people along with members of God’s true Church in the **Great Tribulation**, and experience martyrdom?” (Revelation 6:9-11)

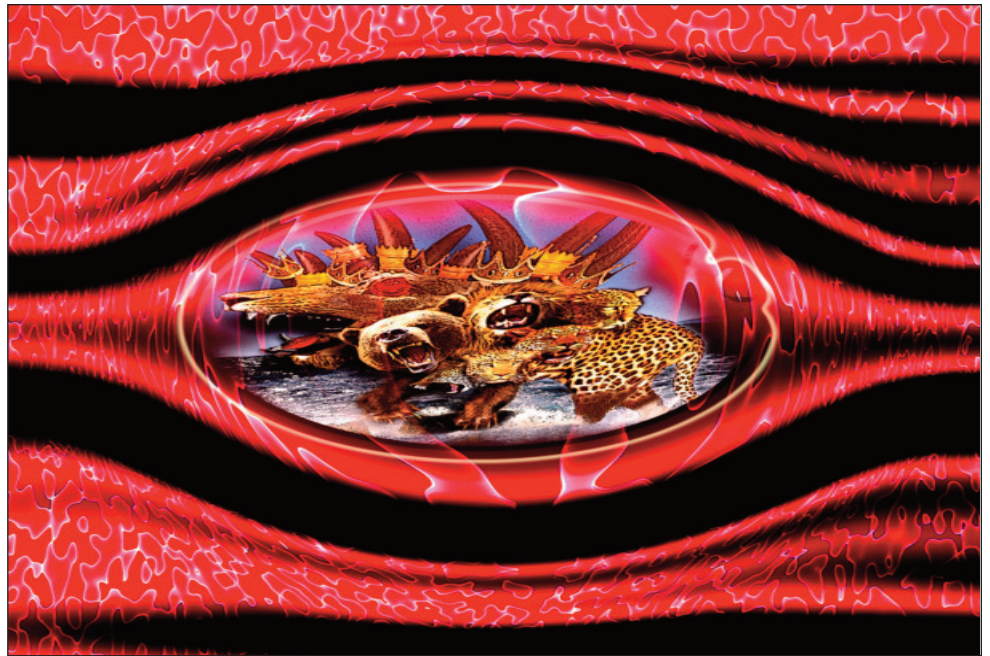
God’s MARK has to do with fully following the teachings of Jesus Christ that can only be found with the remnant of the Church of Philadelphia Era. Further, we are taught not to take our salvation for granted (I Corinthians 10:14, II Corinthians 13:5).

The True Church of God

There is only the ONE true Church of God. And His Church can be identified from all others by what Jesus Christ said about it in its ongoing history unto this present time. And it is this Church era alone that has been promised protection from the TEST that is coming upon the whole world:

“And to the angel of the Church in Philadelphia (*brotherly love*) write: ‘... I know your works, See, I have set before you AN OPEN DOOR, and no one can shut it; for you have A LITTLE STRENGTH, HAVE KEPT MY WORD AND HAVE NOT DENIED MY NAME. ... BECAUSE YOU HAVE KEPT MY COMMAND TO PERSEVERE, I also will KEEP YOU from the *hour of trial* which shall come upon the whole world ... (Revelation 3:7-13).”

God’s eternal blessings will be for His faithful and persevering people regardless of the cost to keep ourselves apart from this world and NOT accept the Mark of the Beast as the following Scriptures make known:



“Here is the patience of the saints; here are those who KEEP the commandments of God and the FAITH of Jesus (*regardless of the possible cost*).

“Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, ‘Write: ‘Blessed are the dead who die IN the Lord from now on.’ ‘Yes,’ says the Spirit, ‘that they may REST from their labors (*in God’s Work*), and their Works follow them’. (Revelation 14:12-13).”

God’s true people will enter rest from their labors, either from dying natural deaths or by experiencing *martyrdom* by remaining faithful to God.

“And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been BEHEADED for their witness to Jesus and for the Word of God, who had NOT worshipped the Beast OR his image, and had NOT received his MARK on their foreheads or on their hands. And they LIVED and REIGNED with Christ for a thousand years (Revelation 20:4).”



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Reaping the Whirlwind!



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levels, to extreme drought and wildfires in the Southwest, *weather extremes were both violent and relentless, taking a terrible toll on human life and the economy.*"

Dr. Jeff Masters, another meteorologist, said June 14 on his Wunderground blog: *"Nature's fury reached new extremes in the U.S. during the spring of 2011, as a punishing series of billion-dollar disasters brought the greatest flood in recorded history to the Lower Mississippi River, an astonishingly deadly tornado season, the worst drought in Texas history, and the worst fire season in recorded history. There's never been a spring this extreme for combined wet and dry extremes in the U.S. since record keeping began over a century ago ..."*

Masters noted that during March, April and May 2011, 46 percent (or nearly half!) of the nation had either abnormally wet or dry conditions – the greatest such area for 102 years of record. In addition, heavy one-day precipitation events, which cause the worst flooding, also were at an all-time high.

Wild fluctuations in temperatures have disrupted growing seasons. Late winter snow continued to blanket western mountains from the Rockies to the Sierra Nevada into early July, threatening massive snow melts and flooding downstream.

In the National Weather Service's U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook released in mid-June, Stephen Rose reported that widespread acute drought developed and persisted across the southern United States, stretching from Arizona to the Florida panhandle via New Mexico, Texas and along the Gulf of Mexico.

"Significantly, nearly 60 percent of the current drought areas are extreme or exceptional, with many areas experi-

encing record precipitation deficits." Nine percent of the United States in June was in exceptional drought, the most extreme ranking and the largest area of exceptional drought on record! **More than 281,000 square miles of the nation were in drought,** equaling the size of the 13 Northeast states and Washington, D.C. Meanwhile, extreme flooding was inundating massive sections elsewhere.

"This is part of a remarkable meteorological 'haves and have-nots' story," said Stu Ostro of The Weather Channel, noting the two opposites of record flooding and exceptional drought are occurring within close proximity to each other.

USA Today reported on June 8: "Monster tornadoes, historic floods, massive wildfires and widespread drought: Springtime has delivered a wallop of weather-related destruction and misery across much of the nation this year. ... Never mind the debate over global warming, its possible causes and effects. We've got **'global weirding'.**"

Quoting meteorologist Steve Bowen, *USA Today* said ***the United States has seen eight separate billion-dollar weather events in 2011.*** "This is one shy of the record nine separate billion-dollar events set in 2008." Bowen estimated the Mississippi Valley flooding is a \$5 billion disaster, while the May 22 Joplin, Mo., massive tornado may end up being "one of the costliest single tornadoes ever recorded."

WEATHER WOES

The *Washington Post* on June 16 outlined the rash of unprecedented adverse weather woes to plague the nation during the first half of 2011:

- **Tornadoes:** Most active April on record with 875 tornadoes, compared to an average 161 the past decade; most January-May tornadoes on record since 1950; 314 deaths from April 27 outbreak, fourth most on record in a single day; more than 150 deaths from Joplin, Mo., tornado, seventh most deaths from a single tornado on record.

- **Extreme rainfall:** Wettest March-May on record in 10 states and the Pacific Northwest; 300 percent of normal precipitation in the Ohio Valley; 1,300 daily precipitation records broken in April across Midwest and South; 72 locations reported their wettest day in any April, including five that set all-time daily rain records.

- **Flooding:** Record-setting crests along the Mississippi River; historic levels in many other locations, including Memphis; 6.8 million acres flooded in Lower Mississippi River Valley, including 3.5 million acres of farm land; one million acres of farm land flooded in Arkansas; 900,000 acres of farm land flooded in Mississippi or 10 percent of the state's agriculture land; total insured losses from Lower Mississippi flooding up to \$4 billion. The Missouri River also has been on a rampage, causing widespread grief and havoc. Cities like Minot, N.D., are flooded by other swelling rivers.

- **Extreme drought, wildfires:** Driest March-May on record in Texas and in the Rio Grande Valley; El Paso had 110 days without precipitation; most wildfire activity on record in April in United States with almost 1.8 million acres burned.

DESTRUCTIVE WINDS

Dr. Greg Forbes, The Weather Channel's severe weather expert, reported there have been six EF5 destructive tornadoes in 2011 packing winds exceeding 200 miles per hour. "Only 1974 had more. The Joplin tornado is the deadliest tornado in the United States since 1947."

April's 762 tornadoes (nearly 370 percent above average) were more than 200 above the 542 tornadoes setting a record in May 2003. The 1,282 tornadoes through June 12 this year, up 85 percent on average, includ-

ing rare ones in Massachusetts, were as many as the U.S. had in all of 2010.

"The 537 deaths are the most for a year since 1936. The 56 killer tornadoes are the most since 1974 and ninth most on record since 1880. Prior to 1974, you have to go back to 1942 to find another year with more killer tornadoes than in 2011!" Forbes said. By contrast, tornado deaths in the United States have averaged 56 a year in the past. Killer twisters have averaged 21 annually.

"What has been most shocking to me is that 2011 has brought so many tornado deaths in this era of excellent Doppler radar-based tornado warnings, excellent advance forecasts, and multiple ways of communicating/receiving tornado warnings and weather forecasts," Forbes said. "Yet the death tolls are like what took place before there was any weather radar; before there were any tornado warnings issued by the National Weather Service; before there were any computers! I never thought I'd see these death tolls nowadays."

Weather Services International predicted on May 25 a busier-than-usual hurricane season this year, forecasting that 15 named storms, eight hurricanes and four intense hurricanes are looming. There was a hurricane drought in the mid-Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico the previous two years, which was rare, said Todd Crawford, WSI's chief meteorologist. The last time three years went by without a hurricane making landfall in the U.S. was in the 1860s. Crawford predicted two or three hurricanes will strike the continental United States this year.



UNCONTROLLED WILDFIRES

On June 22, there were 58 large wildfires raging in the United States from Alaska to Florida, often causing chaotic evacuations.

“All told, the fires have burned 2,166 square miles ... nearly the size of Delaware. The largest of the fires continues to be Arizona's Wallow fire, which has burned 529,825 acres so far,” CNN reported. **The U.S. Forest Service reports the number of acres burned by wildfires the first half of the year was three times the 10-year average.**

Nearly one million acres of Arizona have burned in wildfires, including the largest conflagration in the state's history. **“One percent of the total land mass of Arizona has already burned in this fire season alone, and the season is not over yet,”** Gov. Jan Brewer said June 30 at the Western Governors Association annual meeting in Idaho.

Arizona averages about 180,000 acres of wildfires per year, but **923,000 acres have burned so far this year or 1,100 square miles,** making the charred ground susceptible to flooding during the rainy season.



Neighboring New Mexico, like Arizona, also experienced its worst historic wildfire during 2011, a 100,000-plus acre blaze that threatened the Los Alamos National Laboratory just as extreme flooding threatened two Midwest nuclear reactor facilities in Omaha, Neb.

“Residents across New Mexico might be wondering what they did to anger Mother Nature. **Ever since 2011 arrived on the scene, the weather has been nothing but ugly, beginning with a terrifying winter and now terrifying fires,**” Time Magazine reported June 30.

“It began with a mass of arctic air in early February that sent temperatures plummeting to depths never seen in the state. ... **The big freeze destroyed 99 percent of the state's peach crop and damaged many other fruit crops.**”

In Texas, a fast-moving fire near Grimes County destroyed at least 26 homes as it burned across more than 4,000 acres, CNN said. Jerome Seeberger, who owns 40 acres there,



told KHOU-TV only one word described the charred devastation. "Apocalypse. I've never seen anything like this. Such a beautiful forest two days ago and now look at it."

USA Today reported on June 10, "While tornadoes and floods have made most of the national weather headlines over the past several weeks, raging wildfires and blistering drought also have continued to plague huge portions of the southern tier of the USA."

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, Louisiana (100 percent), Texas (96 percent) and New Mexico (94 percent) were the three hardest-hit drought states in the nation. The Weather Channel said an incredible 65 percent of Texas was covered by the most extreme drought category.

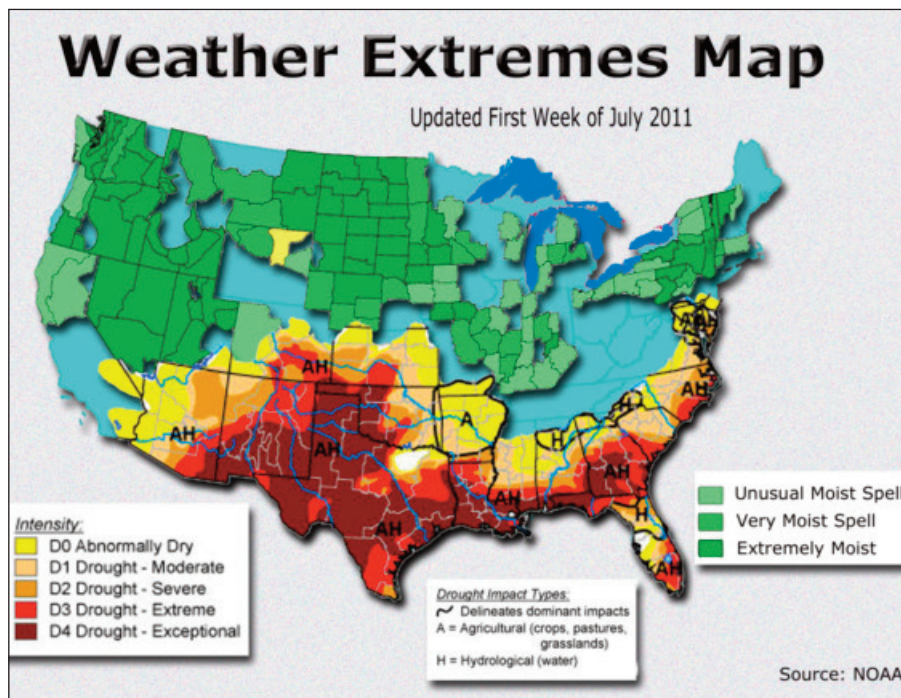
"This time last year, according to the monitor, less than 1 percent of the state of New Mexico was enduring drought conditions, and just 7 percent of the state of Texas was in a drought. Nationally, 26.7 percent of the contiguous USA is in some form of drought as of this week," USA Today reported.

Meanwhile, 85 percent of Florida was locked in drought. More than 3,500 wildfires have burned across the state in



2011, scorching almost 400,000 acres. Fort Lauderdale has picked up only about 4 inches of rain this year, a deficit of nearly 20 inches.

"Drought continued to expand across much of highly populated southeastern Florida, parts of which face 'exceptional' drought. The drought is wilting crops across the state, sparking wildfires and sinking Lake Okeechobee – one of the country's largest lakes – to historically low levels – nearly 3.5 feet."



Rampaging tornadoes, destructive flooding, blistering drought and ravaging wildfires this year have combined to wreak unthinkable havoc on a nation unaccustomed to such extreme destruction. The full impact on the nation's food supplies remains to be seen, but does not bode well.

LIVESTOCK, CROP LOSSES

Not widely reported in the mainstream news media has been the widespread damage to the nation's livestock and crops brought about by the calamitous onslaught of extreme weather, which portends a steep spike in grocery expenses and even food shortages in the months ahead!

The *Washington Post* reported on June 16 that from November 2010 to May 2011, **Texas ranchers lost \$1.2 billion for lack of pasture, and live-stock losses were expected to exceed \$1 billion due to lack of water and feed for cattle.** Texas is the largest U.S. cattle state.

Drovers CattleNetwork reported that same day, **“The number of cattle sent to feedlots for fattening is poised to drop sharply in coming months because of widening beef producer losses and smaller supplies of young animals from drought-affected areas of the Southern U.S. Plains. ... Cattle feedlot placements, an indication of future beef supplies, may drop as much as 20 percent this month compared with June 2010.”**

Quoting livestock analyst Ryan Turner, Drovers said ranchers in drought-afflicted regions sold young cattle to feedlots earlier than normal for lack of sufficient grazing pasture. During April, about 1.8 million head of cattle were sent to feedlots, up 10 percent from the same month in 2010. **“The feeder cattle supply is going to be hard to come by for the next year.”** Turner said.

Breitbart.com reported June 15 that while the U.S. Department of Agriculture likes to keep the nation’s corn stockpiles carried over from year to year at more than 10 percent, those supplies have been depleted down to slightly more than 5 percent, “raising concerns that there won’t be enough to meet all the demand.” The United States is the world’s largest corn producer, with its crop valued at \$66.7 billion in 2010.

“The nation’s corn farmers have been hit with a one-two-three punch this year. The flooding along the Missouri River in western Missouri and Iowa comes after 200 square miles of prime farmland in southeast Missouri was lost last



month when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers blew open a Mississippi River levee to protect a small town,” Breitbart reported.

“When that happened, farmers in the Midwest were already behind in planting because **a cold, wet spring had left many fields too wet to bring in equipment.**”

The *Des Moines Register* reported on June 9 that the USDA lowered projections for U.S. corn acres to 90.7 million from the March forecast of 92.2 million, **a drop of 1.5 million acres!** Surplus stocks of corn were reduced to 690 million bushels, **less than half the 1.8 billion bushels available the same month the previous year!**

“The reduction was due primarily to weather-driven planting delays in the Dakotas, Indiana and Ohio, and flooding in the Mississippi Valley last month, and anticipated flooding of the Missouri River,” columnist Dan Piller wrote. **“Missouri River flooding is expected to cover up to 500,000 acres of corn planting, according to various estimates.”**

Don Roose, an Iowa commodities expert, said, **“Our worst fears in March are coming true.”** On June 13, Bloomberg reported about 79 percent of the U.S. spring wheat crop was sown as of June 5, behind the 98 percent rate for the past five years.

Reporting on the horrendous drought in the Southwest and Midwest, Reuters reported on April 28: “Ranchers were struggling to feed and water cattle, and farmers were left to watch their crops shrivel into the dusty soil. **Some experts estimated that producers were giving up on as much as 70 percent of the state’s wheat acreage.** ‘There are some **scary things** going on in Texas,’ said Brian Fuchs, climatologist with the National Drought Mitigation Center ...



“Texas is a key production area for wheat. The losses there and in parts of the U.S. Plains hit by drought will aggravate already short supplies around the world. **‘There has been some significant damage to the wheat crop,’** said analyst Jerry Gidel of North American Risk Management.”

The *Wall Street Journal* reported farm insurers this year risk steep losses due to the widespread extreme weather endangering harvests of a variety of U.S. crops. The thunderstorms and tornadoes that struck at the end of May alone caused **insured losses of up to \$7 billion!**

“From drought-ravaged West Texas and Oklahoma cotton country to the flood-soaked cornfields in Tennessee, farmers are running out of time to plant crops,” the *WSJ* stated on June 2. “The February-April period was the driest on record for top cotton grower Texas, and the wettest for key corn producers Indiana and Ohio, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. **Government forecasters don’t expect the weather to improve dramatically in either region.**”

CAUSE AND EFFECT

Why has cataclysmic weather lately caused such destruction and loss of life on a magnitude not seen in the United States in all its history, converging at the same time? Why are these natural disasters intensifying and worsening? Is it any coincidence that as the nation attempts to purge any acknowledgement of God, remove all religious references and expunge Judeo/Christian values from society that the divine blessings Americans have enjoyed for more than 200 years

are being stripped away? An all-out assault is under way to eliminate the Ten Commandments from government sites, “In God We Trust” from U.S. currency, all public prayer, and “Under God” from the Pledge of Allegiance.

Meanwhile, moral and cultural standards are plunging to deplorable depths as the Ten Commandments are repudiated and held in absolute disdain by millions of Americans.

God’s name is cursed, blasphemed and profaned constantly on television and movies. His very existence is denied and mocked. Americans worship

manufactured objects in a materialistic binge unseen in all the annals of history. A hedonistic pursuit of pleasure tramples God’s Holy Sabbath under foot each week.

Senseless killings, child abductions and heinous violence accelerate. Pornography and sexual immorality permeate the very fabric of culture. Hundreds of thousands of innocent babies are aborted each year. Holy matrimony is assailed and ridiculed as divorce spirals upward and more unmarried couples live together. Outrage vanishes as virtually any conduct is tolerated and accepted as the norm.

Yet, we wonder why all these **unprecedented curses and plagues** are befalling the nation! God gives the answer in Hosea 4:1-3 as He brings a charge against the inhabitants of the land: **“There is no truth or mercy or knowledge of God in the land. By swearing and lying, killing and stealing and committing adultery, they break all restraint, with bloodshed upon bloodshed. Therefore the land will**



mourn; and everyone who dwells there will waste away with the beasts of the field and the birds of the air; Even the fish of the sea will be taken away.”

Contrary to popular belief, our actions do bring consequences, and our sins, which transgress God’s Holy Law, can result in divine punishment. The Living Creator God, who controls the weather, chastens and rebukes those whom He loves just as a father corrects and disciplines wayward children for their own benefit (Deuteronomy 8:5, Hebrews 6:5-7, Revelation 3:19.) Cause and effect are in full force!

God warns in Leviticus 26 that if the nation does not obey Him nor observe all His commandments, despising and abhorring His statutes and judgments, dire consequences would result. Ask yourself if the punishments described in this chapter do not explicitly describe the horrendous natural disasters afflicting the United States with a vengeance!

“And after all this, if you do not obey Me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins. I will break the pride of your power; I will make your heavens like iron and your earth like bronze. And your strength shall be spent in vain; for your land shall not yield its produce, nor shall the trees of the land yield their fruit,” God warns (verses 18-20).

The skies over the drought-stricken U.S. Southwest are rock hard like iron and the ground blazing hot like molten bronze from a blast furnace. The nation’s unproductive farm lands are wilting under extreme heat or flooded out.

In Deuteronomy 28:17-18, 22-24, God issues the same stern warning: “Cursed shall be your (bread)basket and your kneading bowl. Cursed shall be ... the produce of your land, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks. ... The LORD will strike you ... with scorching, and with mildew; they shall pursue you until you per-

ish. And your heavens which are over your head shall be bronze, and the earth which is under you shall be iron. The LORD will change the rain of your land to powder and dust; from the heaven it shall come down on you until you are destroyed.”

A Dust Bowl as bad as or worse than that of the 1930s, which gripped the U.S. Midwest, is developing over a huge expanse of territory. “Scorching” refers to a blistering sun; “mildew” to flooding. The United States paradoxically is experiencing massive drought in one large region while not that far away flooding is overwhelming enormous swaths of land.

The Prophet Amos describes this contradiction: “I also withheld rain from you, when there were still three months to the harvest (mid-summer). I made it rain on one city. I withheld rain from another city. One part was rained upon, and where it did not rain the part withered. So two or three cities wandered to another city to drink water, but they were not satisfied; Yet you have not returned to Me,’ says the LORD. ‘I blasted you with blight and mildew. When your gardens increased, your vineyards, your fig trees, and your olive trees, the locust devoured them; Yet you have not returned to Me,’ says the LORD (Amos 4:7-9).”

The Prophet Joel also describes this end-time agricultural devastation: “The field is wasted, the land mourns; For the grain is ruined, the new wine is dried up, the oil fails. Be ashamed, you farmers, Wail, you vine-dressers, for the wheat and the barley; Because the harvest of the field has perished. The vine has dried up ... All the trees of the field are withered ... The seed shrivels (is rotten, KJV) under the clods, storehouses are in shambles; Barns are broken down, for the grain has withered. How the animals groan! The herds of cattle are restless, because they have no pasture; Even the flocks of sheep suffer punishment. O LORD, to You I cry out; For fire has devoured the open pastures, And a flame has burned all the trees of the





field. The beasts of the field also cry out to You, for **the water brooks are dried up, and fire has devoured the open pastures** (Joel 1:10-12, 17-20).”

REPENT OR PERISH!

When Jesus Christ was told about Pontius Pilate slaughtering Galileans in cold blood or the tower of Siloam collapsing and killing 18 people, He said those victims were no worse sinners than anyone else. For emphasis, He twice repeated: **“Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish!”** (Luke 13:1-5)”

Unless Americans as a whole repent, they also will perish in the worst catastrophe to ever strike a nation, which Christ called the **“Great Tribulation.”** It’s not too late for Americans, but time is rapidly running out for them to repent, keep God’s commandments and turn wholeheartedly to Him as disaster upon disaster accelerates and worsens.



The Prophet Isaiah shows that God uses **“thunder and earthquake and great noise, with storm and tempest and the flame of devouring fire”** as **punishments** (Isaiah 29:6) to get His people to reverse course and avert absolute destruction! Expect even major U.S. cities to be struck by such calamities, **including destructive earthquakes** such as struck New

Zealand and Japan, in the months ahead **as divine punishments increase in intensity** (Leviticus 26:18, 21, 24, 28).

As it stands now, God’s law and values are despised throughout the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and most of the scoffing western world. **“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap,”** the Apostle Paul warned (Galatians 6:7). The Prophet Hosea adds: **“They sow the wind, and reap the whirlwind!”** (Hosea 8:7)”

Who can deny in looking back at the first half of 2011 that the United States has reaped not only the whirlwind, but a harvest of unprecedented deadly, devastating natural disasters? Indeed, God is not mocked! We have sown the wind,

Unless we repent wholeheartedly, we will reap the whirlwind!

How many more Americans will perish in the months ahead before we learn our lessons as a disobedient, disrespectful nation in rebellion against the wonderfully generous God who has blessed America and bequeathed on the nation unparalleled abundance and prosperity for more than two hundred years?



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WAY OF LOVE

All right, the way they lived was the way of love, and that way is a lifestyle. That's the way they lived in relation one to the other. God loved the Word. The Word loved God, and when the Word became flesh, God said, at the time He was baptized, **"This is My BELOVED Son, in whom I am well pleased."**

God LOVED His Son. Well, He had always, God doesn't change, He was the same yesterday, today and forever, so He did love the Son eternally, and Jesus loved the Father, and obeyed the Father. So the way They lived was love and that meant affection and love, each so interested in the good and the welfare of the other; and it meant cooperation, and not competition. It meant each was serving and helping the other. It was that kind of life, and that kind of life becomes a way of life, or a lifestyle, and so that WAY becomes a law.

Now, what is the word law? **"Sin is the transgression of the law,"** but it's the transgression of God's law, of course, and the law is spiritual. God is a Spirit, and it is a spiritual relationship. It's a spiritual relationship. Now, it is a way of life, and a law is merely the way of life.

What does government have to do with that? Government is only an organized system of administering and enforcing that WAY of Life on those that are under the subjection of the government.

Now, here in the United States what man has built under Satan, and perhaps, I believe this is the best country, but this whole world is the world of Satan. But there is good in the world, as well as evil, but I'll say more about that a little later. It's not God's kind of good, unfortunately.

There is a Constitution of the United States. It's a basic law, and ALL LAW has to be in conformity with that, and it's only something that defines the way laws are to be made to regulate the way we live, one in relationship to the other, or one group with another group, and so on – human relationships.



GOD'S LAW AND GOVERNMENT

Now, that Way is defined by God's law and government is merely a system of organizing those under the government to regulate the way they live according to that law.

Now, what did God and the Word do? I told you HOW They lived, now, They had to do something. Another thing, **two cannot walk together except they be agreed.** They were perfectly agreed. You can't find one place where Jesus ever disagreed with the Father, or where the Father ever disagreed with Jesus. They were in PERFECT agreement, just like one mind, of the same mind. They believed the same way. They agreed 100 percent.

Now, what did they do? They were Creators, and to create you have to think first and to design what you are going to make. Now, before this auditorium was built, we spent about 10 years with the plans, designing, and every little cubic inch of this auditorium was put down on paper. Oh, all the plans were papers about an inch and a half to two inches thick.

There were so many blueprints and papers, and they were good-sized papers too, big papers, and every bit of it was all planned and designed, and God had to plan and design before He created.

THE CREATION OF ANGELS

Now, what did God create? First of all, God and the Word created angels. Now, how did They create? Well, in Eph-

esians 3 verse 9, you read God “created all things by Jesus Christ.” You read in the Psalms that Christ spoke, and it was done. The POWER that did it was the Spirit that emanated from Them because they are both composed of Spirit, and Their Spirit emanates from Them and has power to create matter, to create this or that, or form and shape matter whatever way They wanted to. So God gave the orders, and Christ only obeyed and followed them.

THE CREATION OF THE UNIVERSE

Now, the first thing they created was angels, and after the angels were created, we find that then they created the WHOLE UNIVERSE, and this earth. They created matter. There had never been such a thing as matter, and then God created it. In the 38th chapter of Job, We find that when God created the earth, the angels were there, and **“the morning stars”** – or the archangels – were singing together, and all the other angels were shouting for joy because this earth was to be their home.

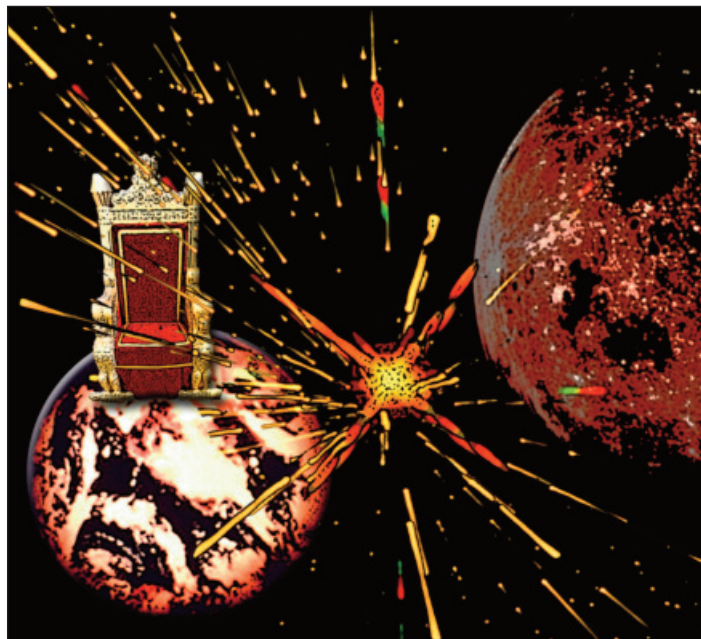
Now, they were going to have a solid earth of matter to live on, and they were put on this earth first. Now, God hadn't created any human being yet at all. Now, on this earth, God set a throne; and there He put the supreme archangel that He put here over them. There are two other archangels mentioned in the Bible, or cherubs. One is Michael, and the other is Gabriel, and we don't find that they were at that time put on the earth, but this Lucifer was.

He was the archangel, and he was put on the earth over the others. Now, God's only way of life is LOVE and that becomes a basic law, and government to regulate the lives of people has to be based on law, and that was the basic constitution of the basic law of the government on this earth.

And to enforce it, or administer it God put a throne and He put this Lucifer on that throne. So that means GOVERNMENT was put onto this earth. Now that law, what is it?

THE REBELLION OF LUCIFER

But first, let's just turn to something about that Lucifer. We read of him now back here in, first I want to turn to Isaiah 14 and beginning with verse 12, we read this. First, it talked about the king of Babylon and now it raises up to the one who is over the king of Babylon because Satan is the god of this world. He's on that throne, and this is talking about a man that is under that throne and now the type rises up, lifts all of a sudden to the antitype, or to Satan and it says, “How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning!”



Lucifer is a name that means **“shining star of the dawn,”** and the **“stars”** are angels. He was the cherub, the super-archangel. Now verse 13, **“For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ASCEND into heaven”** he was on the earth, **“I will exalt MY THRONE.”**

So there was a throne on the earth, and he was the only one who sat on that throne. Now, here's a super-archangel on a throne on the earth to administer the government of God, that's the government of love.

“I will exalt my throne above the stars,” or angels, **“of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the (far) sides of the north.”** And that is the location from the earth here as to where the throne of God exists. **“I will ascend above the heights of the clouds.”** He was below clouds. He was on earth. I don't think we find any clouds on the moon or on Mars. There are on earth.

“I will be,” it says here, **“like the most High,”** and I privately think that's a mistranslation, that should have been what he meant was **“I will become the most High. I'll knock God off the throne, and take His place. I will rule everything!”**

Now, we read a little more about him in the 28th chapter of Ezekiel, and we need to know that at the beginning. It's

speaking of the same one of whom the prince of Tyre was a type, and he's called here **"the king of Tyre."** So I'll just drop down to the 14th verse, where it talks about this super-archangel, this cherub and says that, **"Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth."**

You find that in the 24th chapter of Exodus, one of the angels, the archangels, or the cherubs whose wings spread over the very throne of God in heaven. Now, he had been there. Now, God had put him on a throne down here. He had learned about God's government on God's throne. Now he's placed on a throne of his own, here on the earth, to administer God's government, which is a way of life, which is the law of God, the law of love, and, **"I have set thee,"** so God says.

Then verse 15, **"Thou wast PERFECT in thy ways,"** his lifestyle, **"from the day that thou wast CREATED!"** He was not born. He was created separately, a separate created being, **"till iniquity was found in thee."**

Now, why did he turn to iniquity when he was put here to administer God's Law of LOVE? And now he wants to go up and fight God. What happened? **Iniquity is lawlessness. Why was he instead of "law enforcing," now "law breaking"?**

The 17th verse, **"Thine heart was lifted up because of thy BEAUTY, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy BRIGHTNESS."** He was so brilliant, so bright. His beauty, it went to his head.

I don't know why it is: We call women "beautiful." We don't call men "beautiful" at all, but women want to be more beautiful. It goes to their head, so they want to put a lot of dirty paint on their faces, which God didn't design.

God is the Creator. He had to design a woman's face. You know I believe that if you could have seen mother Eve before the devil got to her, you'd have seen the most beautiful woman that has ever lived. I don't think she needed any paint on her face. I think after the devil met her though, if she had had a looking glass, she'd have put some on, but I don't think she had a looking glass or a mirror.

Now the throne was there, and his beauty that led to, he got to thinking of himself and self began to have vanity. "I'm going to be greater than God. I'll go up and knock God off

the throne." **So you see how VANITY is, you might say, the father of sin and of rebellion against the law of God.**

That's another reason that vanity ought to be kicked out of this Church. Vanity is self glory. It's not glorifying God. It's glorifying the self. It's thinking "How beautiful am I? How lovely am I?"

Well, now, I get to thinking about myself, when I want everything, and that leads to wanting to get and take away from the other, and that leads to antagonism against others. That leads to jealousy and envy. It leads to competition and strife. It leads to hatred and murder. It leads to sin. And THAT'S THE WAY SIN BEGAN! From vanity and thinking, "How beautiful I am." It's the very principal of sin.

Now we need to see, that's how sin entered the universe, how did it enter mankind? How did it enter the world Well, destruction came to the earth as a result of the sin of the angels. And in the 104th Psalm and verse 30, you'll find how God in six days renewed the surface of the earth, or, the face of the earth, for man. And what you'll find in Genesis 1 is not an original creation, but the renewing of the face of the earth in six days for mankind.

Satan was already here. I've shown you how he got here. Now, he was already here, and he was sitting on a throne, and there was government here, but Satan had thrown away God's government of love and substituted instead the government of self – self-righteousness, self-beauty, self-glory, self-desire, selfishness – and that became "the law," instead of love.

THE CREATION OF MANKIND

So now we go back into Genesis, and in six days God re-formed the earth for man, and then God said, and this was God the Father saying to the Word, **"Let US make man in OUR image."**

And so God formed man in His image. He had formed cattle after the cattle kind, dogs after the dog kind, and elephants after the elephant kind, but He said, **"Let's form man after Our kind – the God kind!"** We were made to become God! Now, you find that all the way through the Bible, and that begins here in the very first chapter of all the Bible.

Now, in the second chapter of Genesis, in verse seven, let's see, **the Eternal "God formed man of the dust of the ground."** He took the dust of the ground, and made a man of it, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life: and man, from the dust of the ground, became a "soul." **A soul then is matter made from the dust of the ground.**

THE TWO TREES IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN

Now there were the two trees. God did not give him immortal life, but God OFFERED it to him. God made him, as I've said so many times, incomplete at first, just like a woman bakes a cake that is incomplete until she finally puts the icing on it, when she finally finishes it, and God hadn't finished His creation. In fact, He hasn't finished it even yet in our time. He's trying to finish it in the lives of all of you people here tonight, and of those in God's Church.

He's called us now to begin to finish that Creation IN US. He

is not trying to finish that creation in the Churches of this world! He's not trying to finish that creation in the outside world, only in those He's calling NOW. And we have to fight against Satan and fight against Satan's world and all of the people in this world, and when He does call the others, they won't have to fight anything like that except their own selves. They'll have us to help them. We'll be God. We'll be there to teach them. We'll be there to help them, and then they're going to have their chance, and they'll have a far better chance than we do, but we're being judged now. The world is not yet judged.

THE SPIRIT IN MAN

Adam chose the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, that is, to take to himself good and evil. Now, he was made with a spirit in his brain, and that formed the human mind. The human spirit, one human spirit inside of a human brain, made him a mind. A cow has a brain, but he can't think. He can't love music, and art, and literature. He doesn't know anything about arithmetic and mathematics. He doesn't know anything about astronomy or physics and chemistry.

A cow can't THINK, but he has a brain just like we do. It's THE SPIRIT IN US that adds the psychic part and imparts that power of intellect to the brain and makes it possible. Psychologists don't know these things, brethren. They're not taught in the universities and the colleges. Scientists don't know these things. GOD REVEALS THESE THINGS! And the revelation of God reveals knowledge that the human mind just doesn't know, or understand with all of their vaunted knowledge in the colleges and universities.

Now, what happened? They hadn't made a choice yet and God has a choice there. **If they had taken the Tree of Life, which is open to us now finally, we get eternal life by first receiving the Holy Spirit of God, and the Holy Spirit of God imparts eternal life to us temporarily, or that is in a sense of begetting us, but we're not yet born. It's just the**

impregnating germ, that's all, but the first thing that it does do is open our minds to comprehend God's law and God's truth and the things God has prepared for those that love Him.

Now, the natural mind of man CANNOT understand the things that God has PREPARED for us. The normal mind born in us can go, but that mind needed something else. Just like the cake that isn't finished till it has the icing put on, the mind isn't finished

and complete UNTIL the Holy Spirit of God joins with our spirit.

I've said time and again, Adam was not physically complete. God wanted him to reproduce, and he couldn't do it. So God created then a woman for him, made a woman out of his rib. Now you had two persons and the two, male and female, became one family, and now they could reproduce and have children.

The mind was alone with one spirit. It needed another Spirit to go with it, and then we become ONE WITH GOD, and that's what the Atonement means, at-one-ment, and it means that through the Spirit of God, we become "at one" with God.





I'm telling you things tonight you won't hear in any church on this earth, except one of our own Churches, and unfortunately, you aren't hearing this in too many of our own Churches because too many of our ministers haven't quite learned it yet themselves.

SIN ENTERS HUMANITY

Now, how did sin then enter into humanity? The third chapter of Genesis, **“Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which God had made.”**

And the woman sort of strayed away, and she was supposed to be submissive to her husband. She wasn't. She stealed away from him, or stole away from him, I guess I should say and she encountered Satan in the form of a serpent, and he said, **“Yeah, hath God said, ‘Ye shall not have every tree?’ Didn't God keep something back from you?”**

“Well, we can have every tree except that one, but God said we'll surely die if we take of it.”

He said, **“Oh, now look, God knows better than that. You won't surely die.”** ... Now, when that happened, **“Therefore the”** Eternal God sent the man **“forth from the Garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken** ... He drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the Garden of Eden cherubim, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.”

THE TREE OF LIFE CLOSED TO MANKIND

Lest he go back and gain eternal life in sin, and sin brings unhappiness, and sorrow, and punishment, and pain, and suffering on people. God did not want that to happen. So

He wasn't going to let him live forever in that kind of unhappiness, and misery. So HE CLOSED UP THE HOLY SPIRIT, and now the Holy Spirit was closed up from all mankind until Christ, the Second Adam, should come. Now ALL through the Old Testament times, and for 4,000 years, the Holy Spirit was CLOSED UP, God only made one exception.

Now, Christ came as the Second Adam to start the kind of world that Adam should have started, but God actually started that world way back before. He started it with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and later with the other prophets – Samuel, David, Elijah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, all the prophets, and so on, and so the Church is based on the foundation of the prophets and the apostles, Jesus Christ being the chief cornerstone.

Earth's throne and government continued right there with Satan, but Satan on that throne now had gained dominance over human beings. He's **“the prince of the power of the air.”** He was able, through the air, to communicate an attitude, an attitude of self, of self-glory, and that's what's in women that want to paint their faces, and they DON'T KNOW IT, and I want women to wake up in the Church, and realize the truth. They're going to find out God's truth someday. God doesn't share His glory with anybody. He will glorify us, if we obey Him – in time, He will.

SATAN'S WORLD

Earth's throne continued and developed a world, and a CIVILIZATION. Now this civilization, it consists of governments. They're all man-made governments, and not one of them works. Democracy is against Communism, and that's against Fascism, and one kind of government's against every other kind of government. So people go to war, and they fight; and they try to kill one another.

It developed a world with such a great paradox, a world that is right now in the throes of AWESOME progress and development, all physical and mechanical. We are doing wonderful things physically and mechanically, but it's a world of APPALLING EVILS, of SORROWS, of trouble – people starving to death, people KILLING one another; people inflicting torture on one another, unhappiness, no contentment, discontent, unhappiness, selfishness – and yet progress. Such things ought not to be, brethren. So that's the civilization that we have.



some start had been made by the prophets, but they didn't, well, they couldn't start the Church or anything. Christ came to start that. We just have the writing of the prophets.

Now, Jesus then called 12, HE CHOSE THEM. He said to them, **"You didn't choose Me."** No. Peter and Andrew wanted to be fishermen. Let's see, wasn't it Matthew wanted to be a tax collector. They all wanted to be something else. Jesus said, **"Drop what you're doing, and come follow Me. I've called you."** You have to be CALLED to come into God's Kingdom. So He came to give the life to those He called, the life that had been SHUT OFF from the sons of Adam.

Now when Adam died, it was appointed at that time for men **"once to die, but after this the judgment,"** and so everybody who ever lived is going to be resurrected and brought to judgment and that means a chance at salvation. They're not lost, as the world thinks they are, but neither were they saved.

They died in their sins. In the resurrection, they'll realize it. They'll be sentenced to death. Then they'll be pardoned because Christ paid the penalty in their stead so they won't have to pay it. That is, all who repent and all who begin to live God's way and others will just be completely destroyed, burned up in the Lake of Fire.

So Jesus CALLED first the 12. Now He gave the parable of the grain of mustard seed as a sample that the Church would start the smallest, the Kingdom of God, He was talking about God's Kingdom. God's Kingdom is God's civilization, the World Tomorrow, a new world. It started with the one Man, Christ. Then, He called the 12 apostles, but He said in **John 6:44** – **"NO MAN CAN COME to Me"** now, and get into the Church at this time, and come under judgment now, except those that God calls. **"No man can come unto Me, except the Father that sent Me draw him."** John 6, verse 44!

Jesus also, as you read in II Corinthians 6:17, said to those He did call, **"COME OUT from among them,"** of this world, **"and be ye separate."** We are to be SEPARATE from the world, but some of the women in God's Church say, "Mr. Armstrong, I don't want to be separate. Look, I want to tell you a woman's point of view. The women of the world all wear paint on their faces and lift up their eye-

THE MESSIAH ENTERS SATAN'S WORLD

Now, into such a world came Jesus Christ, the Second Adam. He was BORN with the Holy Spirit, from the time of His birth, He had already made His decision. And before He was even born, He divested Himself of ALL the supreme GLORY that He had and shared with God. He gave that up for you and for me. He came down, just like we are, as a human being that could die. He became a human MAN, but He was also God in the human flesh. His name was called **Immanuel**, which means **"God with us."** His name was also **Jesus Christ**. He has many names, for that matter.

THE MESSIAH BEGINS GOD'S WORLD

Now, He came to start GOD'S WORLD! This world was developed by Satan through the human, Adam. Jesus came to develop God's world by Christ, started by God, and God gave Him the order to come down here and do it. So Jesus said, **"I will build My Church, and the grave will never prevail against it."** It was going to exist through every generation, and it has existed through every generation. Now I want to begin to come to the history of it.

Now, He came also that we might have LIFE and have it more abundantly. God offered Adam life, and he took the other tree instead. God offers us life, and that life comes through the Holy Spirit, and it will be much more abundant than the temporary existence that people have in this world, but God now decided to start it from the beginning.

This world was started with the one man, Adam. God's world is going to be started with one Man, the Second Adam, Jesus Christ. All right, He came to start it. Already

brows. They pluck them out and paint new ones in a little higher up, and I want to be like them! Now unless God says, 'Don't!' isn't it all right? Isn't it okay to go Satan's way? I HUNGER AND THIRST to go Satan's way with the world, Mr. Armstrong, that's what I want to do. Now, I want to get into the Kingdom though. How much do I HAVE to do to get into the Kingdom?"

I'll tell you what you have to do. You have to get rid of sin, and maybe you have to wash up your face a little bit. No, the women don't hunger and thirst for God's righteousness, they hunger and thirst, some of them, I don't mean all of you at all. In fact, I don't mean most of you, but some few have been hungering and thirsting for this world, and they're afraid of what the world will think of them. ...

Now again, WHAT IS SIN? "**Sin is the transgression of the law.**" The law is love, and it is a lifestyle. It's the way you live. It's one of the things you do. The law is love. Now love is a principle. It's a principle that can be magnified. Now, it's love, all right.

Let's go a little further. It's love to God, and it's also love to neighbor. It's not love to yourself though, in lust or vanity. That glorifies the self, and that's love of self. It's love OF GOD. It's humiliating, humbling yourself. It's a spiritual principle, and the spiritual principle can be applied to anything that comes up.

It's love to God, and love to neighbor. The first four of the 10 Commandments tell you how to love God, the last six how to love neighbor. When Christ was on earth, He magnified it further. He said that you haven't committed adultery. They used to say you didn't commit adultery until the act had been performed. "**I say unto you, a man who just lusts after a woman has committed adultery already in his heart with her.**"

Although the woman may not even know anything about it, maybe the woman didn't know he was looking at her. Under the Old Testament, you hadn't committed murder until the other guy was dead or you'd killed someone. Jesus said, "**I say to you, you have broken that principle of that law and you are a murderer if you just hate a brother in your heart.**" Hate means you want harm to come to him, instead of wanting to cooperate and help him, and concern for his welfare and good.

Now, what is the fulfilling of God's law? How do you perform it? LOVE is the FULFILLING of the law, and love is an action! Love is in motion. Now, what kind of love? Is it the love of man? Oh, no! Any love you're born with is so much filthy rags to God. That's self-righteousness, and that will not fulfill God's law. The ONLY love that can fulfill God's law is the LOVE of GOD shed abroad in our HEARTS by His Holy Spirit. That's Romans five, verse five. Mark that down. Look in your Bible, "**the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit.**"

God has to give you that love, and, if you hunger and thirst for it, He will. But that's the love that loves God more than you love your cigarettes, or more than you love paint on your face, or more than you love the ways of the world.

Now, God's righteousness is compared to the world's righteousness, and the world's righteousness is just self-righteousness and so much filthy rags. Oh, there's good in the world as well as bad. In this world, a lot of people have a high sense of morals, a sense of integrity or a great sense of honor. ...

That's another scripture, "the Holy Spirit that God gives to them that OBEY Him."

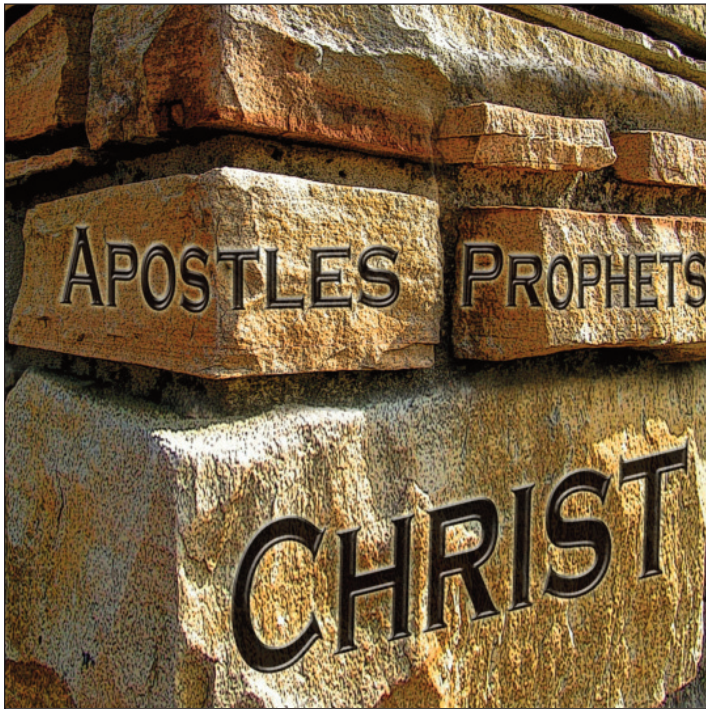
Now Adam took good as well as evil. Human "good" is carnal, and it's just like, its self-righteousness. It's so much filthy rags to God. It does not fulfill God's law. The purpose of God, and of the Church, is that God's righteousness come into us so we can be made God, but you can't become God unless you have His righteousness, and you're righteous like He is righteous. I hope I make that plain. So we finally become God.

THE BEGINNING OF GOD'S CHURCH

Now, the history of the Church: It started with Jesus alone, like the grain of mustard seed, one Person. He chose 12. Others began to follow Him and, by the end of His ministry, there were 120 and so on the day of Pentecost when the Church started, there were 120 there who received the Holy Spirit.

That same day 3,000 more were converted by Peter's first inspired sermon on that day. Now, we find that the number of the people, just a day or so later 2,000 more were con-

verted in the temple when Peter preached a sermon and then you find that the number of the disciples was multiplied, but you will notice carefully in the book of Acts that is only, it takes two or three pages for one event and you get clear over the first seven chapters, and it's only a few days. It's not several years. It's only a few days' time.



SATAN'S PERSECUTION AGAINST GOD'S CHURCH

So now we come in the book of Acts, to chapter eight, which is only a few days, not several years later, and you read here, "and at that time." *It's when Saul was consenting to Stephen's death. Stephen was martyred, and that was the first martyrdom, and Saul was consenting to his death and "at that time there was a great persecution against the Church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles." Now, persecution set in. They began to turn away from the gospel, from the TRUE gospel.*

THE DECEPTIVE TEACHINGS BY SATAN'S MINISTERS

Next we turn to just a little later. This now is about 22 years later now and in Galatians 1, the Apostle Paul writes to a Church that had been established up there. Turkey is there today. It's what we now call Turkey, but they were Galatia in those days. And Paul says here in Galatians one, verse six, "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him

that CALLED you." See, they'd been called. God had chosen them, and they'd been called, and they'd turned from Him. Called "into the grace of Christ, UNTO ANOTHER GOSPEL," and the Gospel of Christ was being taken away, "which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ."

Now, I would like to turn next to II Corinthians, the 11th chapter, and at that time, in II Corinthians, Paul wrote to the Church over in Corinth, II Corinthians 11 and verse four, "If he that comes preaches another Jesus," which they were doing, a Jesus that was a smart aleck young man, that knew more than His Father, and did away with His Father's law, and they were trying to do away with the law of God in the Gentile countries. "Whom we have not preached, or if you receive another spirit, which you have not received, or ANOTHER GOSPEL, which you have not accepted, you might," be well with him.

And Paul had said that "I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve he will also deceive you, and beguile you," and he's been beguiling many in THIS CHURCH TODAY! We have to be alert, brethren. We have to realize that the world has been deceived.

Now, we see more about these ministers who were preaching other gospels and deceiving the people, verse 13, same chapter, "For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ."

They weren't Christ's apostles at all. Notice what they were. "And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if HIS ministers," SATAN'S MINISTERS, "also be transformed AS the ministers of righteousness," which they were not, "whose end shall be according to their works." And that's what was going on at that time.

THE LOST CENTURY

Then we enter a time that I call "The Lost Century," and they, well, let me read you something in history. Now from the history of *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire* by Gibbon, chapter 15, a recognized history, "The scanty and suspicious materials of ecclesiastical history seldom enable us to dispel the dark cloud that hangs over the first age of the Church."

Many say now that it seems like a curtain was rung down on the history of what happened to the Church for 100 years, and when the curtain is lifted up and you look up and see what was going on, you find the Church as different as night is from day, as black is from white, but **CALLING** itself “Christianity,” still **USING** the **NAME OF CHRIST**.

Now, let me read you something else. There is a German theological school that has this. They call that century an obscure century, from 50 A.D. to 150 A.D. and this much I’m quoting, “violent contest was going on between two gospels. Some wanted the Gospel OF Christ,” which means the same gospel Christ preached, the gospel of the Kingdom, and others wanted a gospel ABOUT Christ.



By 150, the people that were in favor of the gospel about Christ had won, and the other was being stamped out and persecuted, and anyone that wanted the gospel of Christ, that would keep the Sabbath, that would keep God’s law, and those things, were martyred, were put to death, were tortured. You read *Foxe’s Book of Martyrs*, and you get a history of what happened to MILLIONS of real Christians back in those days.

The Babylonian Mystery Religion as a Hellenistic tradition became the Roman Catholic Church by 150 A.D., and the Roman Catholic Church claim that they started in 33 A.D. and that was the year of Simon the magician, or the sorcerer, you read of in the eighth chapter of Acts, at the same time that the great persecution had entered in. It’s in the same eighth chapter of Acts that I just read to you a while ago, the persecution setting in and you read about this Simon that started the Roman Catholic Church in that same chapter.

SUPPRESSION OF THE GOSPEL FROM 53 A. D. UNTIL 1953

Now, the Gospel was suppressed from the world from about 53 A.D. and the true Gospel OF Christ WAS NOT PREACHED TO THE WORLD UNTIL GOD HAD IT PREACHED BY MY VOICE IN 1953, 100 time cycles of

19 years each, on the most powerful radio station on the face of the Earth, Radio Luxembourg, over in Europe. I had already proclaimed it coast to coast in the United States for 19 years, and then, one hundred time cycles after it was suppressed, God had it going out by MY VOICE with many of you backing me. Most of you, however, have come into the Church since that time.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Now, the false church you read of in the 17th chapter of Revelation. Let’s turn to that just a moment, in the 17th chapter of Revelation, here we find, and you trace it from the second chapter of Daniel, the seventh chapter of Daniel, the 13th chapter of Revelation, and this 17th chapter of Revelation. They’re all speaking about the same thing.

Daniel seven and the Revelation chapters speak about beasts or wild animals, and the wild animals began with the Babylonian Empire, or the Chaldean Empire of Babylon 600 hundred years before Christ, followed by the Persian Empire, then the Greco-Macedonian Empire, then the Roman Empire, and then it had a deadly wound that was healed in 554, and then they called it the HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE, and the Pope was sitting on top of it, and it was 100 percent Roman Catholic.

Now, in the 17th chapter of Revelation you read of that, at the same time, “**There came out one of the seven angels which had the seven vials,**” that’s the seven last plagues, at the Second Coming of Christ. That’s just a few years ahead of us right now. “**And talked with me, saying ... Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great WHORE that sitteth upon many waters: With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication**

tion, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made,” to drink of “the wine of her fornication.”

They're drunk on it, so bleary eyed, they CAN'T SEE THE TRUTH, on her doctrines. They PROFESS CHRIST! They talk ABOUT Christ! The Protestants talk ABOUT Christ! They don't talk about the Kingdom of God. They don't tell you what that's going to be like. They don't talk about THE LAW of God. They don't talk about SIN, what sin is! They take it for granted that sin is just something that maybe you think you know already. They don't talk about the things you hear talked about in this Church.

It's just like someone was saying the other day. *You go into those churches, and you listen to their telecasts on the air, or their broadcasts on radio and it's just so much FROTH.* “Oh, it's lovely about Christ,” and “God loves you,” and then “He's going to perform a miracle for you today,” all that kind of poppycock! It's talking about Christ and about your life now. They don't get down to the solid meat of what Christ came to teach and talk about, and of God's purpose, and what God is doing, and what He's doing in our lives, and what of the future, and what has God prepared for us in the future?

Now notice, “**So he carried me away ... into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast,**” and that scarlet colored beast was the Holy Roman Empire. The woman was the Roman Catholic Church, and in verse five, he said, “**upon HER forehead,**” the church's forehead, “**was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON**

THE GREAT,” in other words, the Babylonian Mystery Religion having become great, and ruling over the nations of Europe as they did in the Middle Ages up until 1814, “**THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS.**” She's a mama church. Her daughters are the other churches that came out of her in protest, and they call themselves Protestant, who protested.

“OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints.” God couldn't speak more harshly about any system on earth than that.

Now then, in the 18th chapter and verse four, God says here about that Babylon and her harlot daughters, “*COME OUT OF HER, MY PEOPLE... that ye receive not of her plagues,*” or that you partake not of her and you receive not of her plagues, and *some OF OUR PEOPLE want to still be in it. God says, “Come out of her.”*

THE TRUE CHURCH OF GOD

All righty now I'm ready to get down, the Church began to lose, even the true Church existed at all times, in the 12th chapter, you read of the true Church. Let's turn back to that just a minute, the 12th chapter, and here is another Church pictured. That's the great Roman Catholic Church. Here's the true Church, “**And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and with the moon under her feet.**”

This was the true Church, but this was ancient Israel before she had the Holy Spirit and before Christ came.

And there it shows Satan the devil, as, “**another wonder in heaven ... a great red dragon, having seven heads and 10 horns,**” just like the beast did that he gave power and strength to in the government and “**his tail drew a third part of the stars of heaven,**” a third of the angels were with the devil, “**and did cast them to the earth,**” and the dragon was ready “**to devour her Child,**” as soon as it should be delivered.

Now Christ was born of Judah, “**and she brought forth a man child,**” that was the birth of Christ, “**Who was to rule all nations.**” Now we're getting back to GOVERNMENT again. Satan has been ruling all this time, now. Christ is to rule all nations, and sit on that throne of the whole earth, taking it away from Satan, “**to rule all nations with a rod**



of iron: and her child,” which was Christ, “was caught up unto God, and to His throne.”

That goes over His lifetime, His crucifixion, His resurrection and His ascension up to heaven, caught up to God. That one little sentence there covers the whole lifetime of Christ. Now it’s after Christ, “**and the woman,**” now this is the Church that had the Holy Spirit, the New Testament Church, “**fled into the wilderness,**” in the Middle Ages, when she was persecuted by the woman. The martyrs of Jesus fled into the wilderness. Now, she fled on her own feet, “**where she hath a place prepared of God,**” and she had to go into a place of protection.

And now finally, “**there was war in heaven,**” that’s about this time. I think that may have happened just recently before the government of the state, the largest state in the United States, tried to attack this very Church, and tried to take it over, and they did not succeed! “**There was war in heaven: Michael,**” that is one of the other two archangels, “**and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels.**” The dragon is Satan. “**And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan.**”

Now, there’s another battle in heaven, and this time Michael is fighting against Satan, and he’s cast down to earth, where he’s really angry and begins to persecute the Church and now we’re coming down to the time of salvation and the Kingdom of our God, which is just ahead of us now.

“**Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them,**” but “**Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has but a short time.**”

How does he know he has but a short time? Jesus said you know by when this gospel of the Kingdom is proclaimed once again to all the world, then will the end come, and Satan knows that, brethren. Do you? Do we? I hope we do.



“**And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she would fly into the wilderness, into her place,**” where she is to be nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, or 3½ years, from the face of the serpent.

And then he goes after the remnant, that’ll be the Laodicean Church, and persecutes them, and then Christ comes, and half of that Church, you read in Matthew 25, the door is shut and they’re kicked out or kept out, and half go in. That’s the Laodicean Church that hasn’t risen up yet. That’ll come up out of the Great Tribulation, just ahead of us now.

All right, now let’s get down to the history right up to now in the Church. God’s true Church has ALWAYS kept the Law of God, which is God’s way of life, and ... it keeps us out of sin. It has ALWAYS been a Sabbath-keeping Church and another thing it has ALWAYS been kept in the NAME of GOD. Jesus prayed three times, in the 17th chapter of John, that the Church would be kept in God’s name. He said to God, “**I have kept them in Your name.**” While He was on earth, He kept them in God’s name. He prayed that we would be kept in God’s name.

But 12 times in the New Testament the only name of the Church is “**the Church of God.**” They kept the name. They kept God’s law. They made a difference between the holy and the profane. Now, that’s about all. You find the Churches that have done that, and you find the true Church.

The Protestants have not. The Catholics have not. Even the Seventh-Day Adventists have not. They changed their name.

GOD BEGINNING TO DEAL WITH MR. HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG

Now meanwhile, God began dealing with a man that He had raised up for a purpose. In the years 1911 and 1933, God raised up a man that I think looks a great deal like I do, and he had been very successful in business. By the time he was 28, he'd been making what today would be about a third of a million dollars a year, and that's a pretty good income for a young man only 28. He had been successful. He was married at age 25, and before I was 28 I was making a lot of money, but while I was still 25, only a matter of, oh, let me see, it was less than a month or two after I was married, my wife had a dream that was the most real thing that had ever happened to her. It appeared to be more of a vision than a dream, and it excited her. Now, I didn't know about God. I had never studied the Bible. I had been brought up in the Quaker Church, but I didn't know what they believed. I was never interested in religion, and at age 18 I dropped out of church because I was never interested.



MRS. HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG'S VISION

But my wife had a vision. In it she saw birds coming with something like angels coming in the sky. It was out at a great crossroads where two roads, well, crisscrossed. There was about a five corner there out on Sheridan Road in Chicago. And she was standing right out in the middle of the street, and everybody began to see it, and a crowd came along, and they were coming on down, and it wasn't birds, and she saw it was angels. And finally, it seemed like it was one angel, and she thought, "Well, this must be the Second Coming of Christ." He came down and to her surprise, He came down and put His arm on her and me. ...

THE BEGINNING OF THE WORK OF GOD

Then we got on all the major United States stations every day, all the big 50,000 watt stations. The Work then was growing 30 percent a year for 35 years, up until 1968, and it finally became WORLDWIDE, as it is now.

And so I will close with one Scripture, Matthew 24. The disciples had asked Jesus for a sign of His Second Coming and the end of the world, The disciples came to Jesus and asked Him privately saying, "When will these things be?"

The destruction of the Temple at Jerusalem, and the sign of Thy coming, and of the end of the world? **Now Jesus said, "Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ," but deceiving the world.** That is what they have done!

That was the whole controversy in that first 100 years, a gospel ABOUT Christ, rather than the gospel OF Christ.. Now, the gospel of Christ is the gospel of the Kingdom, and it was NOT preached for 1,900 YEARS the gospel of the Kingdom was NOT preached.

Now in verse 14, and now Jesus came to telling when would be the sign of His coming and the end of the world, **"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."**

Now immediately after that, the **Great Tribulation** is to come, and it is going to come. This thing of the Pope in Poland this last week has brought it much nearer and I'm going to be saying many things about that, and there is something about it in the co-worker letter that should have been mailed out today.

Immediately after the tribulation of those days, the Day of the Lord will come. The sun and the moon will be darkened, and so on – the Day of the Lord, and then they will see Christ coming in the clouds of heaven, with POWER and great GLORY, to set up GOD'S KINGDOM, the NEW civilization, the WORLD TOMORROW, which the first Adam should have set up, but which he didn't.



Some of this sermon was edited out due to its length to fit it in the magazine. However the continuity of the subject has not been affected. Those who would like to receive the complete sermon are encouraged to write and request it from us.

Alton 'Don' Billingsley



European Union Teeters on Edge of Fiscal Abyss

Coinciding with leaders in Washington feverishly trying to forge an agreement to prevent the U.S. government from defaulting on its \$14 trillion debt, European Union (EU) finance ministers were scrambling to prevent the economies of Portugal, Italy, Ireland, Greece and Spain (so-called PIIGS) from collapsing under the weight of incredibly mountainous debt.

Not since the Great Depression of the 1930s have American and European nations been confronted with an economic crisis of such colossal magnitude. It's not exaggerating to declare that both sides of the Atlantic are teetering on the brink of financial catastrophe!

Believe it or not, Bible prophecy shows that a monstrous economic juggernaut will arise on the European continent from the smoke of a bottomless pit and astound the world. Indications are it will be of a completely different configuration than the 27 nations that now compose the EU or the 17 countries that use the euro as their single currency in what is called the "eurozone."

Just as Adolph Hitler's Nazi Germany emerged from the depths of the Great Depression, this "United States of Europe" or final resurrection of the "Holy Roman Empire" could very well burst forth onto the world scene much sooner than anyone dares imagine! The United States and

European Union are twin pillars on which the entire global economy rests yet significant cracks threaten their very solvency!

Ironically, the crises triggering the latest threat to the world's economic stability originate in Athens and Rome, capitals of the once-mighty ancient Greek and Roman empires, the foundations of modern civilization.

Writing on the Fourth of July in "Money and Markets," Dr. Martin D. Weiss compared disastrous developments in Europe's soft underbelly and in Greece, the epicenter of the crisis, to a Greek tragedy. "Despite the biggest sovereign bailout in history and despite all the happy talk ... about a new infusion of emergency cash, the probability of a Greek debt default is now the highest ever!" he wrote.

Weiss noted that on May 12, 2010 when the EU and International Monetary Fund (IMF) announced a 110 billion euro bailout for Greece, the cost of insuring \$10 million in bonds against a Greek default was close to \$540,000. At the end of June 2011, it was \$2.3 million or 4.3 times more!

He predicted: "The much-ballyhooed loans Greece just qualified for will only help it survive for two to three months – through the summer, but not a single second longer. ... Despite what they may be saying in Athens, Berlin, Washington or on Wall Street ... no matter what the media may try to sell you ... the handwriting is on the wall: Greece is in the final stages of an historic collapse. Nothing can stop it now."



GREEKS RIOT IN ATHENS AGAINST AUSTERITY MEASURES

In a July 13 column published in London's *Daily Express*, Patrick O'Flynn predicted a United States of Europe will come into existence by the end of this year or even as soon as the end of this summer, excluding Britain from the equation. "Europe's finance ministers are even now preparing a 'big bang' solution to the debt crises that are sweeping peripheral members of the eurozone," he wrote.

Europe's political elite realize bailouts used to shore up Greece, Portugal and Ireland will not work with the much larger economies of Spain and Italy. Those Eurocrats have "an iron will" not to let those countries revert to their former currencies and let devaluation shrink their debts, O'Flynn said.

"So in Brussels and Berlin and Paris work is already proceeding apace on a plan to solve the failure of partial economic integration (monetary union) by leaping into full integration (fiscal union)," he stated. "This in effect will make mighty Germany guarantor of all weaker eurozone members. ... But the cost in terms of lost democracy would be enormous."

This "great leap forward" must occur soon because the financial markets could rapidly recognize the serious threat posed by the weakness of Italy and Spain, react adversely and cause the euro to plunge in value, O'Flynn warned.

Italy boasts the third largest economy in the eurozone and the seventh largest in the world, but it also suffers from one of the world's highest levels of public debt.

"Worse still, the old saying that he who pays the piper calls the tune will be borne out. To convince German public opinion to take on this new guarantor duty, Germany will have to become the dominant force behind monetary and fiscal policy throughout the eurozone," he wrote. "It will, however, reluctantly have gained greater European domination through financial measures than ever it did by force of arms."

The *Daily Express* also reported on June 27 that nearly 75 percent of Germans responding to a poll indicated they doubt the euro has a future and nearly 70 percent believe the emergency bailout of Greece will fail. The euro's value has been sliding precipitously in recent weeks as worries about the continent's sovereign debt crisis worsen.

"Rumors are also rife in Germany that Deutsche Mark bank notes are being printed again in preparation for ditching the euro. It is said Germany's central bank, the Bundesbank, has been ordered to print marks as part of contingency plans to leave Europe's single currency," it said. "Chancellor Angela Merkel now faces her biggest crisis. The opposition is speculating her government may fall as Germans become more vocal in their opposition to bailing out Greece."





not come soon, Europe's leaders will be charged with the 'decline of the West'."

Obviously chagrined by the prospect of the European Union ripping apart at the seams, EU Council President Herman van Rompuy issued an urgent appeal in a June 16 speech to preserve "Euroland." He pleaded: "We must be more explicit about what a monetary union means. ... Sharing a currency means we are in one country, at least momentarily speaking. That makes it much clearer why the decisions of one affect all! We simply cannot have one currency and 17 divergent policies."

Wolfgang Schaeuble, Germany's finance minister, said, "The crisis in confidence ... prompted by Greece is now endangering the euro as a whole," *The Telegraph* reported on July 16. The newspaper also stated the intractable euro crisis could cause global financial markets to collapse. "Markets around the world could crash by more than a third if Europe fails to resolve its debt crisis," Deutsche Bank analysts have warned."

In June, Moody's Investors Service downgraded Greece's bond rating to junk status. In mid-July, it also downgraded the bond ratings of Portugal and Ireland to junk and warned the U.S. bond rating could be lowered if the United States does not resolve its federal deficit crisis as the debt contagion spreads to Italy and Spain, who also could topple like dominoes.

Meanwhile, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) bluntly told EU officials to end their "unproductive debate" over debt restructuring and practically ordered them to integrate the EU more quickly and more deeply to halt a global disaster, the *EU Observer* reported on June 20. "The euro area needs to strengthen economic governance and may need to be more intrusive in terms of national structures," IMF Acting Director John Lipsky said.

In an op-ed piece published in the *International Tribune*, former British Prime Minister Gordon Brown soberly observed: "If a reconstruction plan does

Raoul Ruparel, economic analyst at Open Europe, an independent think tank based in the United Kingdom, told the *Daily Ticker*: "If problems fully spread to Italy and Spain, there is no doubt that they are too big to bail out under the current system. And if that happens, it looks as if (the eurozone) would be forced to break up or move completely towards a complete fiscal union."

CNBC.com on July 11 quoted Mike Riddell, a fund manager in London, warning that if the credit ratings of Italy and Spain are downgraded that could cause "carnage" in global financial markets.

"When the confidence genie gets out of the bottle, it's very hard to get it back in again," Riddell said.



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What we see transpiring and materializing on the European continent is a fulfillment of the seventh and final resurrection of the Roman Empire prior to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ that is predicted in the books of Daniel and Revelation within the pages of the Holy Bible.

“And the ten horns which you saw are ten kings who have received no kingdom as yet, but they receive authority for one hour as kings with the beast. These are of one mind, and *they will give their power and authority to the beast* (losing their sovereignty). These will make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and those who are with Him are called, chosen and faithful,” it states in Revelation 17:12-14.

For decades, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong warned repeatedly that a United States of Europe would arise suddenly with a strong ruthless dictator and a remilitarized Germany running roughshod over it. That economic, political, military and religious empire will be extremely prosperous and thrive under a new financial system that will impose Sunday observance as a foundational basis of its economy (See Mr. Billingsley's column, “The Mark of the Beast,” on Page 5).

In a sermon he gave in the 1980s, Mr. Armstrong warned a dramatic banking crisis would trigger the creation of a European empire that will attack the United States and British Commonwealth nations, launching World War III. (Titled “Banking Crisis in Prophecy,” the sermon was reprinted in the Jan/Feb 2009 issue of the Philadelphia Remnant. See also “Could a Global Economic Collapse Be Imminent?” in the July/August 2010 issue).



“I can see now the event that is going to trigger the formation of the reunification in Europe, the resurrection of the medieval Holy Roman Empire ... I believe that *some event is going to happen suddenly, just like out of a blue sky, that is going to shock the whole world, and is going to cause the nations*



in Europe to realize they must unite! ... It is the economic situation in the world,” Mr. Armstrong said. *“Now when the financial structure breaks down, all civilization is going to break down!”*

Daily dramatic developments under way in major western capitals remarkably underscore the veracity of Mr. Armstrong's prophetic warnings. *The breathtaking speed with which they are happening ultimately will bring about the European empire's astonishing resurrection that will stupefy virtually everyone on the planet.* God help all of us to heed these dire warnings!

-- Mark Mendiola



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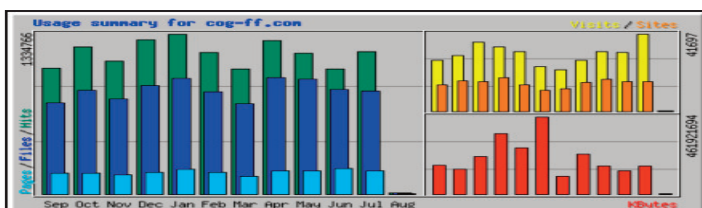
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