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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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Kidnapped by Satan

By Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong Last Great Day, September 29, 1983

ell, greetings, brethren, all over the United States and Canada, and those of you in other parts of the world. Our Feast sites all over the world will be hearing it a day later, and viewing it, as I'm sure it's got into all the other countries.

Well, brethren, what a wonderful and rare thing it is to be able to have the modern facilities we do, and I wonder what the early apostles and the early church of the first century would think if they could see the type of facilities, the technology that has been developed, and the things that we have today to get the gospel around the world, to speak to the brethren all over the world at one and the same time.

Now, for eight days we've been enjoying the Feast of Tabernacles. That festival is over, but today is the Last Day, the last festival. This is the last sermon of the last festival of this year, the year 1983.

Now, we've been going through the festivals all this year, the Passover in the spring, and <u>these festivals picture God's</u> <u>master plan of carrying out His purpose here on earth</u>. God Himself is tremendously interested in what is going on here.



MR. HERBERT W. ARMSTRONG

He is with us here right now. His eyes are here, not on what the nations are doing because the nations are the nations of a certain government, with one sitting on the throne as the "king of kings and lord of lords," believe it or not. But it is not God. It is the god of this world, Satan the devil. He would do anything he could to disrupt this service. He would do anything he could to spoil everything we do. He HATES this Church and his people, under his government,

HATE this Church. But, you know, pretty soon he isn't going to be around.

Well, last spring we celebrated the beginning of God's spiritual harvest. <u>Now</u> <u>God's whole master plan is set out in two,</u> <u>you might say, two segments or divisions</u>. One was the physical division and that started with the human, Adam, about 6,000 years ago. But Adam sold out to Satan the devil.

Satan has a law. I'm going to explain that as we go along. He has a government and, you know, no government can function without a law. Every government is based on a law of some type. For example, the





United States government is based on a law that we call the Constitution of the United States. In Japan, it is the Diet. In Israel, it is the Knesset. In Britain, it is the Parliament. But in every case, it is a basic law-making body or a basic constitution of some kind. And of course, I just mentioned the law-making bodies, and yet they are all based on a basic constitution of some sort. Otherwise, there would be no government.

Then the Days of Unleavened Bread, <u>the crucified Christ</u> was pictured by the Passover. And that was the very beginning of God's spiritual harvest, God's spiritual plan. I'm going to cover it all just a little later.

Then in the spring came <u>the Day of Pentecost</u>, the coming <u>of the Holy Spirit</u>, because we try to put sin out of our lives, and, brethren, we are just not able. Every one of you listening to me now has committed sin, and not only before but even AFTER you have been converted and received the Holy Spirit of God, believe it or not.

In I John, we read that if anyone says, and that's speaking of those that are converted, in the Church, and if anyone says that he has not sinned, he just is mistaken and doesn't know what he's saying.

But, "IF we confess our sins," and if we repent of them, "He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

And we can come out of it. We don't need to continue on in that type of life any longer. You know, the majority of peo-

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ple in the world are blinded to that; and the god of this world has blinded them, as you will read in II Corinthians 4 and verses 3 and 4. The world is blinded, and they just can't see.

Now we just celebrated <u>the Feast of Taber-</u> nacles, which pictures the Millennium. About fifteen days ago, well, it's a little more than that now, 21 days ago, we celebrated <u>the Feast of Trumpets</u>. That pictured the Second Coming of Christ. He's coming to rule and take over the throne of the earth as the King of kings and the Lord of lords.

Then on the 10th day of this seventh month of God's calendar; and just now let's see, there are (seven) days in a week (12) days ago, we celebrated <u>the Day of Atonement, where</u> <u>Satan will be put away. We will be made at-one with God.</u> <u>At-one-ment or Atonement.</u>

Then came <u>the Feast of Tabernacles</u>, the thousand years' reign with Christ after He comes. Satan will be put away, and we'll begin to have peace in the world. Now peace isn't going to come immediately at the beginning of the Millennium. I wonder if you all realize that? It is going to take time.

It will take two or three generations, because the world will have to be re-educated. And there's one thing, as an educator, having started three colleges, or been used of God in starting them, I have learned that it is about 10 times harder to unlearn error and false beliefs than it is to learn some-thing new you never knew before. And this world is going to have to go through a period of unlearning, of getting rid of false conceptions, of false ideas, of false philosophies, of false concept of life and what it means and what life is all about.

But gradually with Christ ruling, and those of this congregation listening to me now, and those who've gone before and have died, and yet, when He comes, they will be resurrected and will rise first, and we, which remain, will be changed in an instant, quicker than you could bat an eye. And this mortal will put on immortality. And we'll be changed from human to divine; and we will rule with Him. We'll be caught up in the air to meet Christ.



THE MOUNT OF OLIVES

Why will we be caught up in the air? We're not going to heaven. He's not coming to meet us as we're on the way to heaven. Rather, He's coming back to the earth, and we are going to rise to meet Him as He's coming down. And we are going to come on back down with Him and be forever with Him, and we'll all come down on the Mount of Olives.

Now, we are scattered all over this earth, and my voice now, some will hear it tomorrow or on the Sabbath day, a day later or two days later in your part of the country. Incidentally, in Australia and New Zealand and that part of the world it is already "tomorrow," believe it or not. It's already tomorrow morning over there because we're living on a round earth, and we keep time as time comes to us.

You know, we don't keep the Sabbath day at exactly the same time that they do in Australia or New Zealand. It comes to them first. We live on a round earth, and time is measured by the earth turning on its axis and by the sun as it reflects on the earth. And we keep the day when the day comes to us.

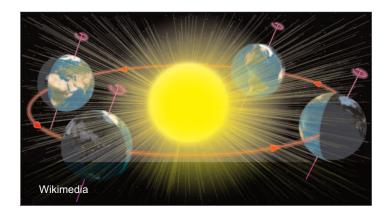
But even though we have now celebrated the Millennium and the Feast of Tabernacles picturing 1,000 years with Satan gone and Jesus Christ here sitting on the throne of the earth and ruling all people, that is not going to be the end.

Satan will have been imprisoned, that's true, but Satan will then be loosed for a little season; and he's going to go out to deceive the nations, and he will deceive them as you read beginning the seventh verse of Revelation, the 20th chapter.

GOD'S MASTER PLAN FOR MANKIND

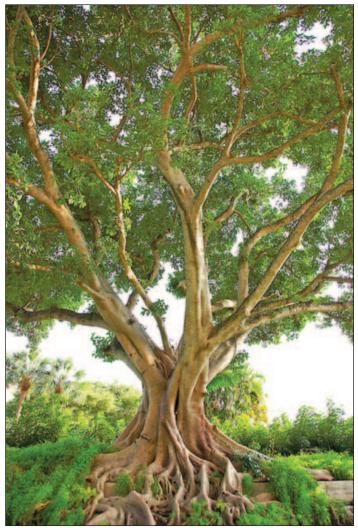
Now the Millennium didn't picture either the beginning or the ending of God's purpose and His Master Plan for accomplishing that. The Passover began it, and today we picture that event that will end it. And so today I want to cover both the beginning and the ending briefly so that we get the background and that we understand.

It has been my custom recently to stick pretty closely to the trunk of the tree and the root that bears the trunk. And you know God's whole purpose and His whole master plan of working it out might very well be pictured as a large tree. It is supported by the root structure, and all of the branches are supported by the trunk. Then many branches, and then there are smaller branches off of those branches, and finally many twigs off of the small branches, but they are all part





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FLORIDA FIG TREE

of the one and the same trunk, and they all come from the root structure. And the tree gains its life through the root structure, out of the ground.

Now today I want to cover both the beginning and the ending in brief outline form. Now, to begin, we begin way back where there was just two Personages, two individual Personages. One was God, and the other was called the Word, or the "Logos" in the language in which the New Testament was written, the Greek language and it means Spokesman. It means Word or Spokesman.

"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us," and became Jesus Christ.

So in the beginning was God and this Word, and the Word is the one who later after perhaps billions and trillions times millions of years became Jesus Christ. Now God and the Word had ALWAYS EXISTED. Your mind can't conceive that. I can't. You can't conceive the One who had always existed, never was a beginning.

"Without father, without mother, without descent, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life," as we read in the book of Hebrews.

But They began, just the Two. There was no earth. There was no sun and moon. There were no stars. There was no universe. Just those Two. Now They LIVED. In Them was life, and so They lived. Now let me go through this very rapidly. How did They live? And why did They live? What did They do? If They lived, They had to be doing something. What did They do, and how did They live?

Well, what They did, They were Creators, and They created angels first, and angels are composed of spirit. They are spirit beings, not of matter at all, and there was not yet an earth. There was not yet a sun. There were no planets, no Milky Way, no galaxies. Nothing. Just spirit beings, and so first They created just the angels.

GOD'S WAY OF LOVE

But They lived together. Now how did They live? I want to go to that first before I go on to what They created. They lived the way of love. God loved the Word. The Word, who became Jesus Christ, loved God. They cared about one another. They were concerned about one another.

When Jesus was on earth and being baptized about age 30, God spoke from heaven and said, **"You are My BELOVED Son."** He loved the Son in whom He was well pleased. Jesus loved the Father, and They loved one another. Now, their way of life then, Their lifestyle, if you please, people are interested in lifestyle today. God's lifestyle was that of love. Love meant cooperation. It meant serving. It meant helping. It meant being concerned about one another and the welfare of the other. It meant caring, and that is the way They lived.

Now, in the Bible, which is the Word of God and the foundation of all truth, it says **two cannot walk together except they be agreed**, and that is true. You can't. You can't get along with someone that is just hostile and disagrees with you in everything. But there is another thing, too,



Personal from the Editor

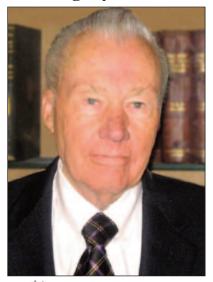
By Alton B. 'Don' Billingsley

'... 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 in this society). For the wicked <u>SUR-</u> <u>ROUND</u> the righteous; therefore perverse judgment proceeds' (Habakkuk 1:2-4, Hosea 4:1-3, Amos 5:10-13)

hrough both observation and the eyes of the news media, the witness of the total *Collapse of Society* is becoming increasingly imminent in the United States and Britain as the following news articles make known:

18 Signs the Collapse of Society Accelerating Real News Reporter, June 12, 2011

"As the U.S. economy collapses, the thin veneer of civilization that we all take for granted is going to begin to disap-



pear. In fact, there are already are an increasing number of signs that *the collapse of society* is accelerating. In cities such as Chicago, roving packs of young people are 'mob robbing' local businesses, randomly assaulting tourists and shoppers and are even pulling people out of vehicles.

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morial Day weekend, <u>cities all over America literally</u> <u>turned into war zones</u>. There were reports of mass violence in Miami, New York, Chicago, Charlotte, Myrtle Beach,

in Miami, New York, Chicago, Charlotte, Myrtle Beach, Nashville and Boston among other places. During this past Memorial Day weekend, cities all over the United States experienced a stunning wave of mass violence. We are supposed to be an 'example' for the rest of the world, but as our economic wealth crumbles we are witnessing *the collapse of society* all around us. So what is going to happen when the economy gets even worse? [*Emphasis mine*]

"The United States used to be a fairly civilized society. But now very few people seem to care how they treat others. ..."

Flash Mobs Increasingly Leaving Police Scrambling Stockton Record, Aug. 10, 2011, The Associated Press



"The July 4th fireworks display in the Cleveland suburb of
Shaker Heights was anything but a family affair. As many
as 1,000 teenagers mobilized through social networking
sites, turned out and soon started fighting and disrupting the
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"Thanks to social networks such as Twitter and Facebook, more and more so-called flash mobs are materializing across the globe, leaving police scrambling to keep tabs on the spontaneous assemblies. On Tuesday night, Britain was bracing for a fourth night of rioting as youths used Black-Berry cellphones to mobilize. ... In recent years, the term (flash mobs) has taken a darker twist as criminals exploit the anonymity of crowds, using social networking to coordinate everything from robberies to fights to generate chaos. ..."

Flash Mob Epidemic The American Dream, Aug. 16, 2011

"Flash mobs used to be so much fun. ... Well, the term 'flash mob' is rapidly coming to mean something else now. All over the country, young people are using social media and other forms of communication to coordinate shocking large scale crimes. At first there were just a few isolated 'mob robberies' around the country, but now we have a full-fledged flash mob epidemic on our hands. Sometimes these flash mobs are involved in 'mass shoplifting' events, and, in other cases, flash mobs are just committing random

OFFICERS MAKE ARREST IN U.S.

acts of violence. But it is a very disturbing sign for our nation that all over the country we have large groups of young people that are banding together to commit very serious crimes. This is something that is really unprecedented in modern U.S. history, and it is yet another indication that *our society is starting to fall apart* [*Emphasis mine*].

"Authorities keep telling us that they have everything under control, but these kinds of incidents continue to become more frequent. Other examples of this flash mob phenomenon have been captured on video in **Stockton, California**, in **Washington D.C.** and in **Las Vegas**.

"But flash mobs are not just engaged in shoplifting. Recently, we have seen quite a few incidents where flash mobs have been involved in mass violence."

Racial Flash Mob Violence!

The following news article reveals what could very well be the beginning and trend of *racial flash mobs* all across the cities of America and Britain:

Witnesses describe mobs, some people claim racially charged attacks WTMJ News, Aug. 5, 2011

"WEST ALLIS, Wis. – Witnesses tell Newsradio 620 WTMJ and TODAY'S TMJ4 of a mob of young people attacking innocent fair-goers at the end of the opening night of State Fair, with some callers claiming a racially charged scene.

"Milwaukee police confirmed there were assaults outside the fair. Witnesses' accounts claim everything from dozens to hundreds of young black people beating white people as they left State Fair Thursday night. Authorities have not given official estimates of the number of people involved in the attacks.

"'It looked like they were just going after white guys, white people,' said Norb Roffers of Wind Lake in an interview with Newsradio 620 WTMJ. He left the State Fair entrance near the corner of South 84th Street and West Schlinger Avenue in West Allis.

"They were attacking everybody for no reason whatsoever. It was 100 percent racial,' claimed Eric, an Iraq war veteran from St. Francis who says young people beat on his car.

"I had a black couple on my right side, and these black kids were running in between all the cars, and they were pounding on my doors and trying to open up doors on my car, and they didn't do one thing to this black couple that was in this car next to us. They just kept walking right past their car. They were looking in everybody's windshield as they were running by, seeing who was white and who was black. Guarantee it.'

"Eric, a war veteran, said that the scene he saw Thursday outside State Fair compares to what he saw in combat. not give an accurate number of people who were injured. ... That sergeant explained that some injuries were serious, and local hospitals were attending to the injured.

"As of early Friday morning, Milwaukee police said they had no one in custody."

God has a Curse on America and Britain "Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the country ... The LORD will send on you cursing, confusion, and rebuke in all that you set your hand to do, UNTIL you are destroyed and until you perish quickly, because of the wickedness of your doings in which you have forsaken Me (Deuteronomy 28:16, 20)."

Riots in Britain Stockton Record, Aug. 10, 2011

Riots Spread Across U.K., British cities under siege as rampage mushrooms

"London (AP) – Thousands more police officers flooded London streets in a bid to end Britain's worst rioting in a generation ..."

God indicts Britain and America:

"The guilt of Ephraim reveals itself (*fully exposed in view of God's laws*) **and the wickedness of Samaria** (*Israel – Manasseh*). For they have acted treacherously (*against God's covenant*), with thieves breaking (*robbing, stealing*) **and bands** (*flash mobs, etc.*) **raiding outside.** ... **Ephraim is among the peoples** (*nations*); **he is rotting**

"That rated right up there with it. When I saw the amount of kids coming down the road, all I kept thinking was, 'There's not enough cops to handle this.' There's no way. It would have taken the National Guard to control the number of kids that were coming off the road. They were knocking people off their motorcycles. ...'

"A police sergeant told TODAY'S TMJ4's Melissa McCrady that the number of calls describing injuries are still coming in, so they could



Linzi-Maia Clark

UNRULY CROWD IN LONDON

away. Ephraim is like a cake – incapable of turning. Strangers (illegal immigrants) have devoured his strength (through political correctness, employment and the dole), but he has taken NO NOTICE; ..." (Hosea 7:1-2, 8, New Jewish Publication Society Bible).

Cameron: U.K. must stop 'moral collapse' Stockton Record, Aug. 15, 2011



CAMERON

"Prime Minister David Cameron declared today that Britain faces <u>a battle to find its</u> <u>moral compass</u> following four days of riots that left five people dead, thousands facing charges for violence and theft, and at least \$350 million in property losses. ... he described ... <u>a</u> <u>country being dragged down by</u> <u>many citizens' laziness, irre-</u> <u>sponsibility and selfishness ...</u> This has been a wake-up call for

our country. Social problems that have been festering for decades have exploded in our face. ..."

How can the moral collapse be brought under control when the Queen and Parliament have encouraged the lowest depths of depravity?

"... they have encouraged depravity (Hosea 6:9, NJPS).

The Queen and Parliament in England

Consider the following sorrowful and tragic quotes from one of England's leading newspapers regarding <u>their slide into</u> <u>oblivion</u> in regards to the marriage state due to the very large and powerful numbers of the homosexual and lesbian population that even reaches into Parliament (*and the American Congress*).



THE QUEEN

The speech by Queen Elizabeth II at the opening of Parliament in the year 2003 made some blush in shame that she would say the things she did. Perhaps it was only *tacit* *agreement*, but with her high royal office she encouraged the people to *accept* the homosexual and lesbian way of life – even knighting Elton John, a known homosexual singer.

Consider the following quotes regarding the purging of Britain's past way of life:

'Marriage' Purged

Daily Mail, November 26, 2003:

"The word 'marriage' is to be purged – in the cause for equality for homosexuals. References to it will be removed from government records and documents. <u>The</u> <u>institution of marriage will effectively be swept aside</u> <u>from almost every role of the state</u> – including benefits, taxation and immigration law. It could even be wiped from future state records, statistics and censuses. The ban will be brought in with the 'gay marriage' laws to be announced in the Queen's Speech today.

"Instead of asking for 'marital status' – official forms will refer to 'civil status' to include both married couples and gays. The Department of Trade and Industry, which has devised the laws, said marriage would be dropped at every opportunity from state documents."

God cries out *A DESTRUCTIVE WARNING* to Israel, and actually refers to Israel as <u>Sodom</u> because of such open and accepted heinous sins (*Isaiah 1:9-10*).

It is *heart breaking* to realize God's chosen people are headed for a very similar type of destruction as befell ancient Sodom and Gomorrah (*Genesis 19:12-29, II Kings 17:5-18*). In comparison only a few will be delivered from it, as it was with Sodom and Gomorrah.

God Reveals Britain's Real Social Problems

"Ah, the proud crowns of the DRUNKARDS of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is but wilted flowers on the heads of those bloated with rich foods, who are overcome by wine (Isaiah 28:1, 3; Hosea 4:18, *NJPS*)."

"... I will change their dignity into dishonor ... I will punish it for its conduct, I will require it for its deeds. Truly they shall eat, and not be sated (*full*); they shall swill, but not be satisfied, because they have forsaken the LORD to practice lechery. . . . (Hosea 4:7-11, *NJPS*). Political correctness has overtaken Britain just as it has in America. The more conservative politicians who arduously seek high offices in government dare not speak out against the *social hot buttons* in society for they know they will not be elected – *hot buttons*, such as: *abortion, same sex marriages, homosexuality*, etc. (Isaiah 59:1-4).

Due to the godless taking control of high offices and swayed by public hostility, laws have been passed restricting what religion can and cannot say about their free-wheeling god-



less lifestyles – *religion has been rendered gutless!* (Amos 5:10)

Religious freedom shrinking globally Stockton Record, Aug. 10, 2011

WASHINGTON – Nearly a third of the world's population lives in countries where it is becoming more difficult to openly practice religion, a private U.S. research group reported Tuesday. The Pew Research Center's Forum on Religion and Public Life said government restrictions and public hostility involving religion grew in some of the most populous countries from 2006 to mid-2009. ..."

At the time of this writing rebellion against constituted authority also is taking place in the nation of Israel:

National upheaval: More than 300,000 protestors hit streets Ynetnews.com, Aug. 7, 2011

"More than 250,000 people gather in Tel Aviv Saturday night for one of largest protests in Israel's history; some 30,000 rally in Jerusalem, tens of thousands demonstrate elsewhere. Student leader: 'We demand change!'" MASS PROTEST IN TEL AVIV

Society in Israel Out of Control, Collapsing! Those who are of an older age are viewing a far different world than what it was some few years ago. During the years of the Great Depression, virtually everyone was in a state of want due to unemployment. People who had a little food helped those who had nothing. Basically, it was a caring, law-abiding society. Many people never even bothered to lock the doors to their homes.

From then to now, this world has undergone radical changes for the worse! Honest people now lock themselves in their homes day and night for fear of being raped, robbed, beaten or killed! Criminals prey on the innocent and weak.

Adding to the problem, police are being laid off due to budgetary restraints while leaving an insufficient number to deal with the growing problems of crime. This gives criminals further freedom to victimize the innocent. Police are frustrated because judges are releasing those arrested almost as fast as they are locked up due to overcrowding.

In larger cities, gunfire can be heard at night and often spent bullets end up inside homes. Newspapers also report random and often faceless drive-by killings taking place on an almost daily basis. The following is an exact picture of today:



GREAT DEPRESSION SOUP LINE

"... The iniquity of the House of Israel and Judah is exceedingly great, and the land is full of *bloodshed*, and the city full of perversion ... (*Ezekiel 9:9*)."

A further indictment by God of the House of Joseph

"Alas, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a brood of evil doers, children who are corrupters! They have FORSAKEN the LORD, they have provoked to anger the Holy One of Israel, they have turned away backward. Why should you be STRICKEN again (via disasters, Ezekiel 7:1-13). You will REVOLT more and more. The whole head is sick (governmental and judiciary), and the whole heart faints (fear due to political correctness) from the sole of the foot even to the head, there is no soundness in it. ... Your country (is coming to be) desolate, your cities are burned with fire; strangers (*illegal immigrants*) devour your land in your presence; and it is desolate as overthrown by strangers. ... Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom give EAR to the law of our LORD, you people of Gomorrah ... <u>WASH yourselves, make yourselves clean</u>; put away the EVIL of your doings from before My eyes, cease to do evil, learn to do good, ... But if you REFUSE and REBEL, you shall be *DEVOURED by the sword* (*nuclear warfare*, Isaiah 1:2-20 33:14; Ezekiel 6:6-7, 12:20).

Degeneration to the Lowest Level

Society also reduced itself to the lowest level of speech in movies and in everyday life while having no respect for the few who do not use it.

Three-minute Record

Stockton Record, Aug. 19, 2011, Associated Press "Those extra expletives you're hearing in the multiplex these days aren't just echoes. PG-13 movies, officially allowed one nonsexual F-word per script, are making increased use of that allotment – and more – as filmmakers work the rules in a world where R-rated comedies full of both male and female TRASH TALK (four-letter words) have become summertime staple. ..." (emphasis mine)

Hardly anyone ever *blushes* anymore hearing such vile speech (Jeremiah 8:12, 6:15). Sadly, society has lost any dignity it once had by having flushed itself down the toilet to live in the sewage.

The Promised End-Time Elijah

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful Day of the LORD (Malachi 4:5; Matthew 17:10-11)."

It is during this present time of *the death throes of society* that God makes known that He would again use His late apostle and promised Elijah of the end time by <u>REVIVING</u> his **Recorded Works** from former years to once again cry out the *final warning message* via web sites to His people Israel to repent or face the terrible consequences (Habakkuk 1:5, 3:2; Isaiah 29:14, Malachi 4:5, Matthew 17:10-11).

God's Unbelievable Work

"Look among the nations and watch – *be utterly astounded!* For I will WORK a Work in your days which YOU would <u>NOT</u> believe, though it were told you (Habakkuk 1:5)."

The Continuation of God's Work

This Congregation of His true Church of the Philadelphia Church Era that Jesus Christ is now using is so small hardly anyone could believe this could be possible! One reason for it – only those of the ELECT will listen and become a part of it (John 10:4-5).

Due to prophecies that had to be fulfilled, and knowing that Mr. Armstrong would stand in the way of their fulfillment, Christ chose to let him die (*January 16, 1986*). He then permitted the apostasy to set in that would fulfill those prophecies.



The Work of God was then put on <u>hold</u> – *until* the Passover season in 2006. It was then <u>revived</u> when Jesus Christ made possible the downloading of the <u>Recorded</u> Works of this very same man on web sites that were freely and voluntarily given to this Congregation that would reach the world.

This was in fulfillment of the request of God by Habakkuk after having learned what the LORD would do to Israel due to their stubborn refusal to repent. He then voices his strong passionate heartfelt feelings of fear of what is to befall God's chosen people:

"O LORD, I have heard Your speech (foretelling what is coming on Israel) and was afraid; O LORD, <u>'REVIVE</u> <u>YOUR WORK'</u> in the midst of the years make it known, in WRATH remember MERCY (Habakkuk 3:2; Isaiah 29:14)."

Please let them know before it comes to be too late is his anguished cry!

The timing of this prophecy is speaking of the <u>revival</u> of the Roman Empire in Europe using the Chaldeans as an antitype of the end time who will conquer Israel (Habakkuk 1:6-10). Further, Habakkuk reveals the timing is just prior to the coming of Jesus Christ and the plagues that will be poured out at *Armageddon* (Habakkuk 3:3-4).



"For indeed I (the LORD) am RAISING UP the Chaldeans (context and timing reveal the Chaldeans are in type the end-time Roman Empire), a bitter and hasty nation (Germany 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 evening wolves (modern warfare) their chargers spring about; 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 and Britain will then be so weakened due to the worsening internal problems, along with the soon-coming prophesied famine and disease epidemics, that will then make possible their being *CRUSHED* under **the heavy-booted foot** of the revived Holy Roman Empire *via blitzkrieg nuclear warfare!*

Those who survive the nuclear warfare will be taken captive and transported to Europe. There millions will be tortured and slaughtered. All others will be sold into very hard servitude to harsh taskmasters (Ezekiel 5:12; Deuteronomy 28:62-68).

This will be the time of Jacob's trouble.

The time of Jacob's Trouble

"Thus said the LORD: 'We have heard cries of panic, terror without relief. Ask and see: Surely males do not bear young! Why then do I see every man with his hands on his loins like a woman in labor? Why have all faces turned pale? Ah, that day is awesome; there is none like it! It is a time of trouble for Jacob ... (Jeremiah 30:5-7)"

Jesus Christ also spoke of this coming terrible time:

"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 sake of the ELECT (*God's true and faithful Church*) those days will be shortened (Matthew 24:21-22; Daniel 12:1)."

The End of This Age

The red flags are wildly waving the WARNING of the total collapse of this society! And the house of Israel is fast asleep to what is taking place before her very eyes, just as is the Church of God! They are oblivious to the ominous prophesied cataclysmic nuclear catastrophe that will follow bringing about their demise as nations by this fast-rising European power!

Jesus Christ continues to *WARN* both the Church of God and the House of Israel that the *Great Tribulation* is now very close at hand – knocking at the door! Three and one/half years later will be the battle of *Armageddon* – and the close this evil age (Galatians 1:4).



of trial which shall come upon the whole world ...' (Revelation 3:7-13)."

Likewise, Jesus Christ promises life and safe-keeping for America and Britain, and the other Tribes of Israel, along with the Corporate Churches that are offtrack, IF they will heed His plea—

"... 'As I live,' says the LORD God, 'I have NO pleasure in the death of the wicked, BUT that the wicked TURN from his way and LIVE. Turn, turn from your evil ways!

For why should you die O Israel (Ezekiel 33:11; 18:25-32)."



STANLEY CUP RIOTS

God's Final Warning Message

"An end! The end has come upon the four corners of the land! Now the end has come upon you, and I will send My anger against you; I will judge you according to your ways, and I will repay you for all of your abominations. My eye will NOT spare you, nor will I have pity; but I will repay your ways, and your abominations shall be in your midst; then you SHALL KNOW that I am the LORD (Ezekiel 7:2-6)."

There is an urgency for the true people of God to draw closer to Him to be protected from what could come to be the declaration of martial law by the president and the final collapse of this once great nation.

A Conditional Promise of Escape

There is only the <u>ONE</u> true Church of God (Matthew 16:18). And His Church can be identified from all others by what Jesus Christ said about it in its ongoing history (Revelation, chapters 2 and 3). And wonderful and caring promises are made to those truly faithful enduring members to escape from the soon-coming horrifying times:

"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 <u>A LITTLE STRENGTH</u>, <u>HAVE KEPT</u> <u>MY WORD</u> AND <u>HAVE NOT DENIED MY NAME</u>. <u>'BECAUSE' YOU HAVE KEPT MY COMMAND TO</u> <u>PERSEVERE, I ALSO WILLKEEP YOU</u> from *the hour*



By Mark Mendiola

othing illustrated more dramatically the breakdown in the U.S. government's ability to function than the recent debacle that brought America to the brink of actually defaulting on its \$14.3 trillion debt and potentially plunging the entire global economy into a second Great Depression that would have brought extreme hardship to virtually everyone on the planet.

After weeks of interminable debate, accusations and wrangling, Democrats and Republicans in Congress finally hammered out an 11th hour agreement with President Barack Obama to raise the nation's debt ceiling by \$2.4 trillion, allowing the country to go even deeper into debt while reportedly cutting only \$2.4 trillion over 10 years.

The agreement satisfied virtually no one. Standard & Poor's, a major credit rating agency, then cut the U.S. government's stellar AAA rating a notch to AA+ <u>for the very</u> <u>first time in the nation's history</u> after it had recommended that <u>at least \$4 trillion</u> be cut from the deficit over a decade to restore stability and sanity to the federal government's budget-setting process. S&P downgraded the U.S. credit rating late Friday, Aug. 5, after the Dow Jones Industrial Average had closed for the week, giving investors the weekend to absorb the shock.

"The political brinksmanship of recent months highlights what we see as America's governance and policymaking becoming less stable, less effective, and less predictable than what we previously believed," S&P officials stated, giving a negative outlook and threatening to downgrade the U.S. credit rating again in two years if budget controls fail to succeed. "More broadly, the downgrade reflects our view that the effectiveness, stability, and predictability of American policymaking and political institutions have weakened at a time of ongoing fiscal and economic challenges to a degree more than we envisioned ..."

Bloomberg News reported *global equity markets lost \$6.8 trillion in value from July 26 to mid-August*. "Investors pulled the most money from global stock funds since 2008 in the past week as the Standard & Poor's downgrade of Treasuries and the deepening European debt crisis prompted a flight into cash and gold," it reported on Aug. 12.

<u>"Funds that buy</u> global equities suffered \$3.5 billion in net withdrawals in the week ended Aug. 10, the most since the second week of October 2008 ... Investors removed \$11.7 billion



hearing of tentative, new plans of more 'life support' for the dying U.S. economy?" Nielson asked. "The combination of the collapse of the U.S. housing sector, massive unemployment, and the largest credit contraction in the history of the U.S. economy had combined to subtract approximately \$2 <u>trillion per year in</u> consumer spending from this consumer economy."

from funds that invest in U.S. equities, the most since May 2010 when investors pulled money following a oneday market crash that briefly erased \$862 billion."

In a dramatic move, the U.S. government on Friday, Sept. 2, sued 17 financial companies, including the largest U.S. banks, for selling the federal Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac agencies <u>\$196 billion in mortgage-backed securities that</u> <u>turned toxic when the housing market collapsed</u>, including Bank of America, Citigroup, JP Morgan Chase, Morgan Stanley, Merrill Lynch, Deutsche Bank and Goldman Sachs. The lawsuits were filed by the Federal Housing Finance Agency, <u>underscoring the severity of the nation's financial crisis</u>.

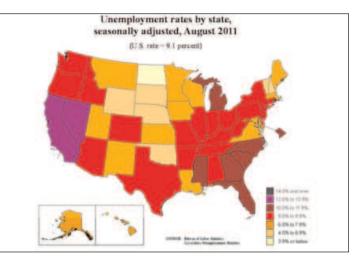
David John, a senior research fellow in retirement security and financial institutions at the Heritage Foundation, warned in an interview with Fox News that the intense federal pressure on the banks could make lending even tighter, *which would prolong the housing crisis and make the recovery a steeper*

"*We are in perilous economic waters at this point*. You're adding another level of insecurity to the banking sector – *that's just going to make people even more nervous*," John said.

COLLAPSE OF THE U.S. ECONOMY

In a column posted on TheStreet.com, Jeff Nielson said the United States is *in the throes of the "re-acceleration of the collapse of the U.S. economy*."

"Given that at least some elements of the U.S. government have known all along that the U.S. economy was not recovering and could not recover, why is it that only now are we The Obama administration's injection of \$780 billion in stimulus funding, which concluded on Sept. 30, did little to stimulate the economy or reduce the U.S. unemployment rate intractably hovering over 9 percent. <u>The federal government reported that the nation's jobs growth rate in August was zero – the first month since World War II that no jobs were created!</u>



The Associated Press reported on Sept. 5: "*The job market is even worse than the 9.1 percent unemployment rate suggests*. America's 14 million unemployed aren't competing just with each other. They must also contend with <u>8.8</u> million other people not counted as unemployed – parttimers who want full-time work. ...And the unemployed will face another source of competition once the economy improves: <u>Roughly 2.6 million people who aren't counted</u> as unemployed because they've stopped looking for work. Once they start looking again, they'll be classified as unemployed. And the unemployment rate could rise."

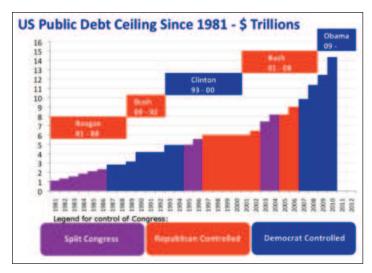
U.S. Currently Borrowing 40 Cents of Every Dollar It Spends



<u>The nation's unemployment norm for many years has</u> <u>ranged between 5 percent and 6 percent</u>. "Combined, the 14 million officially unemployed; the 'underemployed' parttimers who want full-time work; and 'discouraged' people who have stopped looking make up 16.2 percent of working-age Americans," the AP reported.

Nielson continued in his TheStreet.com column: <u>"The U.S.</u> <u>economy is much sicker than it was when Obama as-</u> <u>cended the throne. Wall Street has continued to ruthlessly</u> <u>choke off all credit to the U.S. economy, meaning that</u> <u>tens of millions of American households and tens of thou-</u> <u>sands of businesses are much closer to the breaking point</u> <u>than they were in January of 2009.</u>"

He added: "*The entire U.S. retail sector is in a terminal death spiral*, and its only response is to eliminate vast numbers of retail outlets ... While this cuts costs for these companies, most of those cuts will be reduced employment – fueling the next leg lower for consumer demand, resulting in even more store closures, etc. *This means that the trivial 'Band-Aids' being mused about by government talking heads are utterly meaningless.*"

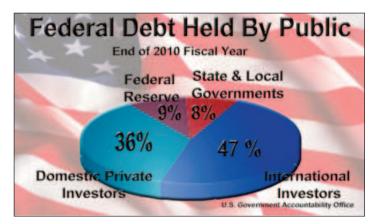


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Meanwhile, the \$14 trillion bailout of Wall Street by the Bush and Obama administrations (matching the official U.S. Gross Domestic Product) <u>"exceeded every other corporate bailout in every country on earth, throughout history, combined,"</u> he stated.

Confirming a "weak dollar" policy, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke's recently announced decision to not raise interest rates for two years sounded the death knell for the U.S. dollar, which has been sliding precipitously in value as the world's reserve currency.

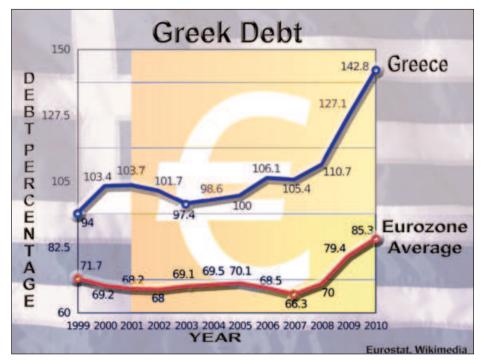
"Allow another sickening plunge in the U.S. dollar, and that will drive away the last, few chumps still insane enough to buy grossly over-priced U.S. Treasuries. This is the road that leads to hyperinflation," Nielson predicted. *"There is no more money for the U.S. government to borrow, thus every penny used as a response to this pending crisis will be newly printed Bernanke bills. This sets the stage for another chaotic autumn for the global economy – and even more chaos for markets. While I have outlined what I consider the most likely scenario, <u>we are so close to the true collapse of the sickest economies that there are many dire scenarios possible."</u>*



COLLAPSE OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMY

"Three years ago, a financial crisis triggered by bad mortgage investments spread from U.S. banks to Europe. Panicky financial markets tanked. Now, fear is running in the opposite direction. *Worries about toxic government debt held by European banks have hammered U.S. stocks and threaten to freeze credit on both sides of the Atlantic*. And traders are wondering: <u>Could Europe's government debt</u> crisis spread through the U.S. financial system?" the Associated Press asked on Aug. 14.

"No one's sure because no one knows how much toxic debt European banks hold – or how much risk that debt poses to U.S. banks. But *investors are worried*."



The 2008 financial crisis left Greece, Ireland and Portugal holding immense debts, requiring bailouts from the European Union and International Monetary Fund totaling \$520 billion. The much larger economies of Italy and Spain might need bailout, as well, and are on the verge of recession, AP reported.

"Should Italy or Spain default, European banks that hold their bonds would suffer. Wall Street's fear is that the contagion would imperil U.S. banks that do business with those European banks. ... <u>What most frightens investors is the</u> <u>worst-case scenario – ... That banks would stop lending</u> <u>to each other because they're worried about each other's</u> <u>solvency.</u> Since July 21, JPMorgan Chase's stock price has dropped 13 percent. Citigroup's has sunk 25 percent. Major international banks are so intertwined that once they lose confidence in each other, fear spreads rapidly. And once it does, investors tend to panic and send stock markets plunging."

In a Sept. 7 column, John W. Schoen, a senior msnbc.com producer, warned that <u>EU debt threatens to swamp world</u> <u>financial markets</u> like the collapse of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. did in 2008, when the fourth largest American investment bank with more than \$600 billion in assets filed for the largest bankruptcy in U.S. history. The twoyear-old stalemate over Europe's debt problems now threatens to bring on another recession, Schoen wrote.

The trade partnership between the U.S. and EU is the largest, most complex in the world, generating \$2.7 billion a day in trade and investments, supporting 14 million jobs,

he noted, adding U.S. exports to the EU accounted for about 20 percent of all U.S. exports. In 2010, Europeans imported almost \$240 billion in U.S. goods and more than \$180 billion in services.

"Both economies are suffering from a decade-long borrowing binge that saddled banks with bad loans and governments with costly debt burdens. ... European leaders have yet to come up with a unified response to swollen piles of debt that have snuffed out economic growth among its weakest members," Schoen wrote.

David Malpass, president of Encima Global, warned: "<u>It will take dramatic</u> <u>action in Europe to break the down-</u> <u>ward spiral</u>. On its present course, the risks have increased substantially of

major European bank failures or nationalization, a European recession and a breakdown of the euro."



A UNITED STATES OF EUROPE?

Fearing a catastrophic breakdown, influential European leaders in a rising chorus have responded to the EU's momentous financial crisis by vocally calling for a much more tightly integrated <u>"United States of Europe"</u> as a bulwark to counter potential defaults by struggling countries on their continent.

Seventeen European countries use the euro as a single currency in what is called the "euro zone." Germany, the world's fifth largest economy, has pumped 120 billion euros into a European bailout fund totaling 440 billion euros. Following an emergency Paris summit in mid-August, German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Nicolas Sarkozy announced that Germany and France



had agreed on a <u>"true European economic government</u>" to deal with the continent's debt crisis, the *Daily Mail* reported.

The London newspaper called it "<u>a major step toward a</u> <u>European superstate</u> ... Germany and France have launched a dramatic euro power grab, demanding the right to <u>dictate</u> economic policy to other countries in the single currency."

In an Aug. 17 article, the *Daily Mail* said: "This all suggests <u>the first step has been taken towards a fiscal union</u> that will leave Germany dictating the fi-

nancial terms for the rest of Europe. ... That means a complete fiscal union in which Germany, as the EU's most powerful economy and principal paymaster, *makes the rules and makes them unbreakable*. ... It is a high-risk strategy ... for *if such a plan succeeded it would make Europe effectively a German empire*, with non-Eurozone countries such as Britain on the sidelines."

It continued: "This would entail a loss of sovereignty not seen in those countries since many were under the jackboot of the Third Reich 70 years ago. For be in no doubt what fiscal union means: it is one economic policy, one taxation system, one social security system, one debt, one economy, one finance minister. And all of the above would be German. ... If Germany is to continue to prosper, Europe must prosper: but <u>a ruthless solution</u> may have to be



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imposed in order for that to happen. <u>If the</u> <u>European project is to continue, Germany</u> <u>will not merely have to underwrite it, but</u> <u>control it.</u>"

A massive surrender of sovereignty to Germany would allow the economic policies of Greece, Ireland and Portugal to be made in Berlin, removing any pretense of democracy in 16 other countries in the euro zone, the Daily Mail reported, "for <u>once you</u> have lost control of your economy; you have lost your sovereignty. Every spending department in every government in the euro zone would have its policy made in the old capital of Prussia. ... The alternative is ruin. Where Hitler failed by military means to conquer Europe, modern Germans are

succeeding through trade and financial discipline. Welcome to the Fourth Reich."

On July 21, *The Telegraph* of London reported that a European fiscal union means the economic destruction of southern European countries and their forcible deindustrialization. "*Their economic sovereignty has been obliterated: they face a future as vassal states*, their role reduced to the one enjoyed by the European colonies of the

19th and early 20th centuries. They will provide cheap labor, raw materials, agricultural produce and a ready market for the manufactured goods and services provided by

the far more productive and efficient northern Europeans. ... <u>Germany has</u> <u>come very close to realizing Bismarck's</u> <u>dream of an economic empire stretching</u> <u>from central Europe to the Eastern</u> <u>Mediterranean</u>."

On Sept. 5, Mario Draghi, incoming chief of the European Central Bank, said the euro zone needs a <u>"quantum step up in</u> <u>European economic integration"</u> to resolve its worsening crisis, the AP reported. "Separately in Brussels, a group of former European leaders and economists also called for <u>closer economic and</u> <u>fiscal integration to save the currency</u> <u>union</u>," including former German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, former British Prime Minister Tony Blair and U.S. economist Nouriel Roubini.

In a Sept. 5 interview with *Der Spiegel*, Schroeder threw his support behind a *"United States of Europe*," noting



Merkel and Sarkozy were trying to take steps to strengthen political control. "But when taken to its logical conclusion, this mean that <u>countries will have to give up some of their</u> <u>national sovereignty</u>. ... The situation has changed. <u>This</u> <u>crisis presents a great opportunity to create a real political</u> <u>union in Europe</u>. I'm convinced that this has majority appeal in the member states. But the pro-European politicians also have to fight for it."

The *New York Times* reported the drive for <u>a United States</u> <u>of Europe</u> is accelerating among top Europeans. "As leaders in Europe try to contain a deepening financial crisis, they are also increasingly talking about making fundamental changes to the way their 17-nation economic union works. The idea is to create <u>a central financial authority</u> – with powers in areas like taxation, bond issuance and budget approval – <u>that could eventually turn the euro zone</u> <u>into something resembling a United States of Europe</u>," it reported on Sept. 6.

"Officials have been hesitant to publicly endorse such a drastic change. But privately they say <u>the issue has gained</u> <u>urgency in recent months</u>, as it has become clear that Europe's current approach, which requires unanimity on any significant moves, is unwieldy and inefficient. <u>The idea is being promoted by some global financial officials, who worry about the risks that continued uncertainty in Europe poses to the global economy."</u>

Repeating calls for greater fiscal discipline, Jean-Claude Trichet, the departing ECB president, said, "The crisis has clearly revealed the need for <u>a strong</u> <u>economic governance</u> in a zone with a single currency." CNBC reported European leaders are being pushed into fiscal union and <u>"extreme action"</u> sooner than they had anticipated by volatile markets.

On Sept. 1, German Finance Minister Wolfgang Schäuble, told the German newspaper *Bild* he wants to see <u>a new</u> <u>European Union treaty forged to shift</u> <u>greater powers over economic and fi-</u> <u>nancial policy to Brussels</u>, the EU headquarters. Polish Finance Minister Jacek Rostowski warned the EU could collapse if Germany and other leading European countries mishandle the financial crisis, <u>urging deeper integration</u>, the EUObserver reported on Aug. 29. "We have a simple choice: Solidarity or the collapse of Europe. ... There is no third way," Rostowski said.

GOD'S COMING GOVERNMENT

Remarkably, as Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong powerfully warned for decades, we are witnessing on the European continent the resurrection of the so-called Holy Roman Empire for a seventh and final time that will precede the return of Jesus Christ to establish the Kingdom of God on earth, a divine government that will replace man's feeble and often disastrous attempts to govern himself!

Believe it or not, we are now witnessing the collapse of the American and European systems of government! Prior to Christ's return as King of king and LORD of lords, *a horrendous*, ruthless revival of the pagan Roman Empire spearheaded by a remilitarized Germany will occur in Europe that will astound billions! The Holy Bible indicates it will be a completely different organization than the 27-nation European Union or the 17

countries now using the



euro as their official single currency.



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

Jesus Christ's Gospel message was *the Good News of the Kingdom of God*, not "the good news of the forgiveness of our sins through Christ's sacrifice" or "the good news that through Jesus' death on the cross we can be totally forgiven our sins" as most professing Christian organizations espouse – including one larger Church of God group.

Christ proclaimed the coming establishment of God's divine government on earth as mankind's only hope for survival as virtually every form of government tried by men has failed.

Christ's apostles and Old Testament prophets also announced this same *tremendous news of the Messiah returning to rule supreme and establish God's Kingdom* based on the spiritual law of His Ten Commandments.

"The beginning of <u>the gospel of Jesus Christ</u>, the Son of God ... Jesus came to Galilee, preaching <u>the gospel of the</u> <u>kingdom of God</u>, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and <u>the</u> <u>kingdom of God</u> is at hand. Repent, and believe in <u>the</u> **gospel** (Mark 1:1, 14-15)." The Bible defines Christ's Gospel as the Good News of the Kingdom of God.

The Prophet Isaiah prophesied that Christ would be born for the purpose of *ruling in God's Government or Kingdom*, which will bring peace to the world and end suffering for billions of people, which man's governments have failed to achieve.

"For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And <u>the govern-</u> <u>ment</u> will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,

Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. *Of the increase of <u>His</u> <u>government and peace</u> there will be no end, upon <u>the</u> <u>throne of David</u> and over <u>His kingdom</u>, to order it and establish it <u>with judgment and justice</u> from that time forward, <u>even forever</u>. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this. ... Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, t<u>he virgin shall conceive and bear a Son</u>, and shall call His name <u>Immanuel</u> (God with us) (Isaiah 9: 6-7, 7:14)."*

The New Testament confirms that Jesus Christ perfectly fulfills these remarkable prophecies. "Then the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb





and *bring forth a Son*, and shall call His name *JESUS*. He will be great, and will be called *the Son of the Highest*; and the Lord God will give Him *the throne of His father David*. And *He will reign over the house of Jacob forever*, and *of <u>His kingdom</u> there will be no end* (Luke 1:30-33)."

Upon returning to earth at His Second Coming, Christ the Rock will smash to smithereens the final resurrection of the Roman Empire, which will wage war against the Lamb. He will finally avenge the atrocities and suffering inflicted by this Babylonish system upon millions of people for thousands of years, crushing it completely.

"And in the days of these kings *the God of heaven will set up <u>a kingdom</u> which shall never be destroyed*; and <u>the</u> <u>kingdom</u> shall not be left to other people; <u>it shall break in</u> <u>pieces and consume all these kingdoms</u> (governments), and <u>it shall stand forever</u>," the Prophet Daniel predicted (Daniel 2:44).

Daniel also prophesied: "I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! ... Then to Him was given <u>dominion</u> and glory and <u>a kingdom</u>, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. <u>His dominion is an everlasting</u> <u>dominion</u>, which shall not pass away, and <u>His kingdom the</u> <u>one which shall not be destroyed</u>. ... Then the <u>kingdom</u> and <u>dominion</u>, and the greatness of the kingdoms (governments) under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High. <u>His kingdom is an</u> <u>everlasting kingdom</u>, and all dominions (governments) shall serve and obey Him (Daniel 7:13-14, 27)."

The economic crises developing in the United States and Europe right before our eyes will lead to a collapse of the U.S. and European government structures as we have known them for decades and result in the emergence of a

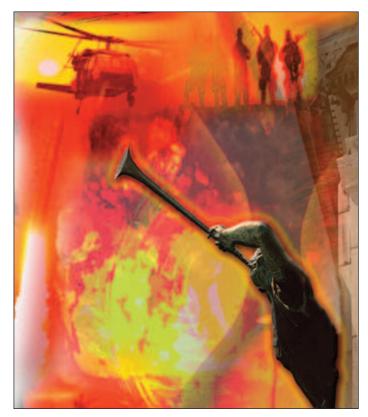
monstrous fascistic, ruthless system from the smoke, ruin and rubble.

Revelation 11 refers to this as "the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit. ... Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, '*The kingdoms* (governments) of this world have become <u>the kingdoms of</u> our Lord and of His Christ, and <u>He shall reign forever</u> and ever! (verses 7, 15)."

Revelation 19:11-16 shows Jesus Christ will return on a white horse with the armies of heaven. "Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it <u>He should strike the nations</u>. And <u>He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron</u>. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: <u>KING OF KINGS AND LORD</u> <u>OF LORDS</u>."

As we witness the breakdown of society and the collapse of governments throughout the world, <u>as never before we</u> <u>must seek first the Kingdom of God and pray fervently for</u> <u>God's Kingdom to come</u> as Christ, the apostles and prophets have proclaimed for thousands of years.

We are on the verge of the most tumultuous, traumatic time in the history of mankind, culminating in the Second Coming of Jesus Christ and His establishment of God's divine government. He shall reign forever and ever! God speed that day!



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Last Great Day

Continued from Page 4 about two getting along together. <u>Two cannot go</u> <u>along to-</u> <u>gether except one is the</u> <u>leader. One has to be the</u> <u>boss.</u>

The young woman, I have said many times, who says "I don't want any promise to obey in my marriage ceremony" means "I'm going to be the boss." She will say, "I want to live 50/50. We're going to have a 50/50 marriage." Oh, no, they're not! There is no such thing.



If the man does not have the authority that God gave him, and it should be as one of our ministers said here in a sermon at the opening of the college year, <u>"It should be loving</u> <u>authority," the kind of authority that cares about his wife. It</u> is concern for her good, and her welfare, and her happiness just as much, and sometimes perhaps even a little more than, his own. That's the kind of authority he should have, that that is kind – considerate, patient, and all of those things.

That is the way it was between God and the Word, but now one of Them was the boss, and that was God. He was the leader, and Jesus said when He was on earth, **"I have kept My Father's commandments."** He was the Word. He said, **"I have not spoken except what the Father told Me to speak,"** what He commanded Me to speak.

Now, Their work was creation, and yet They were both in creation. How? In Ephesians 3 and verse nine you will read that God created EVERYTHING, but how did God create everything? He created everything BY Jesus Christ. And Jesus Christ is the Word, and **"He spake,"** as one of the Psalms tells us, and it was done. When He spoke, the POWER that emanated from God the Father and from

RULES OF THE GAME

Christ, the power of the Holy Spirit, leaped forward and DID what He said, and He only said what God the Father told Him.

THE ORDER AND SYSTEM OF THE UNIVERSE FUNCTIONS BY LAW

Look at the cooperation. Look at the order and the system. Now, that way of life became a law. I spoke before the law school at the University of Southern California recently. I gave them my concept of law and a member of the Supreme Court of California, who was in the audience, came up to me later and said, "You gave us something to think about. We never thought of it that way before."

Law is simply the rules of the game. It is the rules of living, of conduct, of performance, of behavior. Now, for example the rules of a football game or a basketball game, you might call THE LAW of the game, because the law is merely the order or direction of life, or lifestyle, or performance.

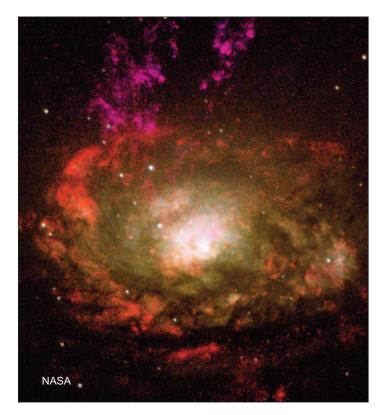
Now, sin that we hear so much about in the Bible and in Christian circles, sin, although most professed Christians don't even know what sin is, "Sin is the transgression of the law," but it's the law of God. The law of God is His Way of Life, and that's the way I just mentioned to you. It's the way of LOVE. God loved the Son, Whom He became God's Son when He was born, and Jesus loved God, and the Word previously had loved God. They loved one another. Now that is how they lived, and that is a LAW, and that is the law of God. <u>That is the law by</u> which God RULES the entire universe!

THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD

<u>Now law is the foundation of government. Now, how do</u> you define government? Government is simply the administration of law. I don't like the word just enforcement of law. It is more than that. It's the administration of law and that includes enforcement, when necessary.

And, of course, <u>all government requires a leader. There has</u> to be leadership. And like a tree and its branches, it comes from the leader, which is the trunk of the tree. And in this case, Christ is the trunk, and God is the root structure. God is the head of Christ, and Christ is the head of the Church, but God is the head over ALL. Over everything that exists is God Himself, God Almighty. Now God sits on the throne of the universe, and God has a government, and that government is over all creation!

Well, now the time came after He had created angels, that then He created the physical universe and the earth. And in



both Genesis 1 and the second chapter of Genesis, you will find that <u>God created THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE at the</u> <u>same time, at the same day He created this earth</u>. Most people don't seem to know that. It's right there in your Bible. He created the universe, and that was after angels, because when He created the earth, you read in the 38th chapter of Job that the angels were already there and the morning stars were singing. That meant the archangels, the cherubs.

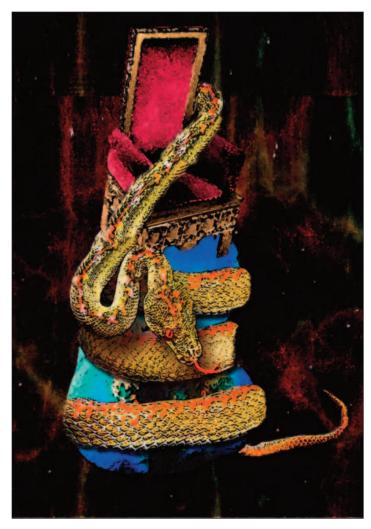
And all the angels of God were shouting for joy because this earth was made to be their abode, their home, and they were put on the earth ... before ... any man had ever come into existence. <u>Man didn't come by a gradual process of</u> <u>evolution by resident forces, and out of nothing, and without planning or design. But man was created by God and</u> <u>through Jesus Christ and so finally man was created.</u>

But first He put angels on this earth. On the throne of the earth, He put a super archangel, a cherub, called Lucifer. His name was Lucifer. Now God names things, or people, what they are. What was he? Shining star of the dawn. <u>The name Lucifer means "shining star of the dawn" or "lightbringer," bringing light.</u> And he had been given the light because he was one of the two archangels whose wings had overspread the very throne of God in God's heaven at the throne of the entire universe after He had created the universe.

And he was already well schooled in God's law and God's government, and he was set on a throne on this earth to ADMINISTER the government of God on the earth. Now that meant to administer the way of love. He could have been the leader, and he would have still had to look at the Supreme Leader, of God. But he was sent here to administer God's law of love.

But he lifted himself some way and realized he was supremely beautiful. His brightness was like the brightness of the sun in beauty, and he began to glorify himself. And he began to be jealous of God.

He must have thought, "Well, here I am on this one little earth. It's only a tiny speck in all of the great universe, and God has all the rest of the universe. He only gave me this earth." And so he said, "I'm going to ascend. I'm going to arm my angels that are under me, and we'll go up and pull a coup. We'll knock God off the throne. I'm going to take



over. I want to be God. I want to be something bigger!" And so they ascended up to heaven.

Now this Lucifer was perfect in all his ways from the day he was created, as you read in the 28th chapter of Ezekiel, Ezekiel the 28th chapter, but sin entered. He was perfect in his ways till iniquity was found in him, as you read in Ezekiel 28. Iniquity is lawlessness. Instead of observing law, he turned against the law of God, or against love, against cooperation, against giving and caring and concern for others. He was concerned about self. He loved himself.

As I said a week ago over the microwave to all of you, it was like the song that was so popular, when we came out to Oregon from Iowa, back in 1924. The song typified the way of this world. It was I LOVE ME. "Oh, I love me. I'm wild about myself. I put my arms around myself and give myself a squeeze. Oh, I just love me! I'm wild about myself! I'll marry me some day. I love me." But I don't love you. Now that became the way of this Satan and here he was on the throne of the earth! Now God created mankind next, starting with one man whose name was Adam, and so He created Adam. You read in II Peter, the second chapter and fourth verse, that the angels, at least, one-third of them, sinned. We think of angels as being holy. Well, perhaps two-thirds of them still are, but one-third of them sinned. One-third were on the earth, and they sinned. So the government of God was no longer operative on the earth, and it was replaced by Satan's government.

THE GOVERNMENT OF SATAN

Now what is Satan's government? It is just the opposite. That's the thing that the world does not understand, and I think we did not understand it until recently. I've come to see it. So now listen because perhaps you didn't understand this before. Satan has a law that is the basis of his government, and he rules the earth. He rules over the nations of this earth, of this whole world, and <u>his law is VANITY</u>.

Vanity seized him when he saw how beautiful he was, just like it seizes women when they want to paint their faces. Vanity. You see, if mother Eve had had a looking glass or a mirror to look into, she might have painted her face. The only reason she didn't was that she didn't have a mirror because she took the way of vanity. She chose that which looked good and was going to make her wise, and that appealed to intellectual vanity.

But men have vanity too. All people do. That means self, and it means self love. "I love me," as I just said. That is the way of humanity. <u>Now Satan's way is love yourself. That</u> is, do your own thing. Have your own idea.

And so God created man on the earth, and man wasn't complete physically. God wanted man to reproduce and have children, but the poor man couldn't do it, and so God gave him a wife. And <u>one man with one woman together became</u> <u>one family. They were joined as one, and they did have</u> <u>children. Now they could reproduce.</u>

But they were not completed mentally or spiritually, either. God made them with one human spirit in the human brain, and that gave them human intelligence. The one spirit in the brain of man. <u>A man is a soul</u>. God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man, made of the dust of the ground, became a soul. The dust of the ground is a soul, and God put a spirit



in that soul, made of the dust of the ground. That spirit empowers the human brain with intellect.

Animals have brains just like men, like humans, and just as good. The physical brain is just as good, but they can't think. They can't know what men can know. They can't reason. They can't make decisions. They can't plan and design.

They have no concern for beauty, for art and literature and for things of that sort.

The spirit in man gives man the capacity for things like that, and the spirit in man was necessary because God had A PURPOSE in creating man. He created man to BECOME GOD! God was REPRODUCING HIMSELF IN MAN! He wanted man to reproduce so there would be a lot of them to become a lot of Him ultimately and eventually.

And He said that the same principle, <u>two</u> can't walk together except they be agreed, but

one must be the leader. And Adam was told to be the leader, and he should have ruled over Eve with loving authority. But he wasn't on the job, and when he wasn't looking Eve just sort of stole away. And she wasn't obedient. And so the devil came along, and the devil began to tempt her. Now the devil didn't say to her, "Look, don't worship God. You worship me. Look, I'm on the throne of the earth. I want you to worship me. I'm the god of this earth." He didn't say that. Did you ever think of that? Go back and read it again, and see. No, he said, "Look at that tree." Now, of course, he said God wasn't fair. "God didn't give you everything." You see, He hadn't given Satan everything. He kept everything back except the earth. But God gave man EVERYTHING in the garden, except one tree.

You take a little child about nine months old, put him on the floor, and put about eight or 10 toys around. And point to one and say, "You mustn't touch that one. Can't touch that. Just play with the others. Don't touch this." Then you go off, and close the door, and look through the keyhole, and see what he'll do. He'll go for the one you told him not to touch

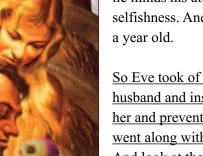
every time. That is because he is influenced by Satan and doesn't realize it.

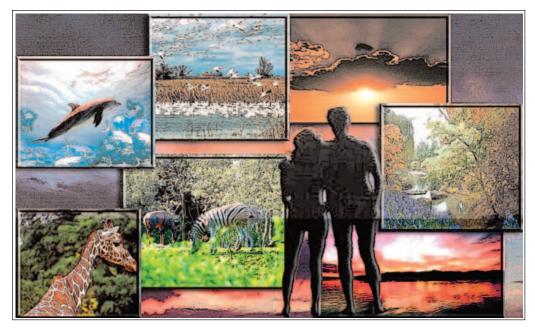
Satan is the prince of the power of the air, and he broadcasts in attitudes, and he begins, you know, most parents today neglect their children until they are six years old, and

> then they cart them off to school, and let the teacher take care of them. But Satan doesn't neglect your children! Satan is on the job, and he gets to them and puts within their little minds his attitudes of self, of vanity, of selfishness. And they have it before they are a year old.

So Eve took of that tree, and gave to her husband and instead of having watched over her and preventing her from sinning, he went along with her and let her be the leader. And look at the fruits of it today. Today women are trying to rule everything.

You know, when I had a very nice half hour with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher of England last autumn, I said to her, "Now I can say I've met all four of the women who are ruling great nations in this world." And she started to try to name the other three. Well, she named Indira Gandhi first, because Mrs. Gandhi had visited her just about two or three weeks before I did. And, then she said Golda Meir,





and then she hesitated on the other one until I reminded her it was Mrs. Bandaranaike of Sri Lanka. "Oh, yes."

Well, now, President Nixon thought she was a pretty tough woman. He didn't like to talk with her because she was tough. I found her very charming indeed, very gracious and very charming. And she took me into her living room and not her office, and we had a nice half hour together. And the only other person present was her secretary, Sir Robert Armstrong and he was an Armstrong also. So, she had two Armstrongs in the room with her. I got a little kick out of that, of course.

Well, women are gradually beginning to take over, and you know it was mother Eve who started the E.R.A. Movement? E.R.A. means "Eve Rules Adam." That's what it means. That's the way it started.

GOD'S PURPOSE FOR MANKIND

Now, God's purpose was to reproduce Himself, but to reproduce himself, man had a spirit, but he had to have more. He had to develop character. Now, character is the main thing. If you want to know what God is, first of all God is holy, perfect, righteous, spiritual character. And that is knowing the right way, and making the decision and the will to go that way and no other way. That is character.

Now man had to develop that character. God did not give him immortality. God is a Spirit, but He made man out of the dust of the ground. But man had a mind, and that mind was capable of knowing good and evil. Now, there was one tree, the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Man had the ability created within him to come to a knowledge of good and evil. That is his own concept of good. In the world, the people that don't

know God and don't know Jesus Christ, there are many that are good in this world's standards. They have high ideals, and a code of ethics, good morality, upstanding, but there's a lot of selfishness in it.

And perhaps the highest kind of love we know, just naturally among people that are not converted is mother love. A mother loves her child, and that's a very beautiful thing, but you know, even that is selfish. She loves her child because it is HERS. It came out of her. She doesn't love other children the same manner that she loves her own. The love that fulfills God's law is a higher love than that. It is a love that God had.



SATAN KIDNAPPED ADAM AND EVE

Now Satan in a sense kidnapped the first man and woman. Satan kidnapped them! And it was then decreed, as you read in Revelation 13, I forget the exact passage, but Jesus was the Lamb of God slain from the foundation of the world. In other words, the foundation of the world is when Adam started this world by making the wrong decision and selling himself out to Satan.

Now Satan kidnapped him. At that time, God decided He would pay the ransom price. A ransom was demanded to regain the one that was kidnapped. And perhaps you never thought of it quite in that way before, so let me give you something you didn't think of before.

When God paid the ransom, you know, they kidnap a child of a multimillionaire, and they demand one million dollars ransom. Well, maybe the man is worth a hundred million. He gives. He winces when he does it, but he gives them one of those millions to pay the ransom to get his son or daughter back from the kidnapper.

Well, do you know what God did? He gave HIS ALL! ALL HE HAD was in His Son, Jesus Christ! And "He GAVE His only begotten Son, that whosoever," would believe "in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life," the golden text of the Bible.

Now Jesus also had to offer to come down and be a human being, and Satan wanted to kidnap Him, too. He said, "GIVE ME YOUR OWN SON, and I'll get Him just like I got Adam. You intended Adam to become Your son. I kidnapped him. Send me Your own Son, Jesus Christ. I'll kidnap Him, too." And <u>so God GAVE His only begotten Son.</u> And Satan tried to kidnap Him when He was a little baby, an infant just born. But God had Him taken down into Egypt where Satan's cohorts on earth couldn't find Him. ...

JESUS CHRIST PAID THE RANSOM PRICE WITH HIS LIFE

Also, I think, the fourth chapter of Luke, but <u>Jesus refused</u>. <u>He refused to be kidnapped</u>. And do you know that He gave <u>His life in order to ransom us?</u> Instead of being kidnapped, <u>He paid the ransom price for you, and for me, and for</u> <u>EVERY human being on the face of the earth because He</u>



was our Maker, and His life was more valuable than all of our lives combined, and He gave that.

He gave that for us no matter what we've done. For those who'd thumbed their nose at Him, who cursed His name, for those who put a crown of thorns on His head, who SPIT in His face, who mocked Him, who beat Him until He was almost ready to drop and unable even to carry His own cross very far, He was so weak. Yet He prayed, "Father, forgive them. They don't know what they are doing," and He gave His life for them. He GAVE HIS ALL!

You know, I was thinking of it this morning during the talk just before the annual holy day offering. How much do we give? We give a little bit. Well, God only demands 10 percent of what have as a tithe, plus whatever offering we are able to give, and He lets us decide that according to the generosity of our own heart and according to ability. But just think what God gave! How much have you given and how much did He give?

God gave EVERYTHING He had to redeem me because I have sinned, and some people would hate me and think I ought to be killed.

But because I repented, and I confess it, and I don't want to do it anymore, and I want to let Him come in and live my life for me from here on, He paid everything He had to redeem me.

<u>BUT THE WORLD DOESN'T WANT TO BE RE-DEEMED! THE WORLD WANTS TO STAY KID-NAPPED!</u>



You see, Satan was the shining star of the dawn, but he turned into darkness, and he turned the world into darkness. And Jesus came as a LIGHT to the world. He said, "This is the condemnation, that light is come into the world; but men loved darkness rather than the light." <u>THEY</u> WANT TO STAY KIDNAPPED!

Most of the people in the world say, "Get away. I don't want to hear about God and about how He ransomed me and paid the price to get me back. I don't want God. I like the kidnapper better. I want his darkness. I don't want God's light." How the world is like that! And where are they going to end up? Where is it going to get them?

You know, I know how it's going to all come out. I know how my life is going to come out. I look in the end of the Book, the Bible, way over here in the end, the last chapter to see how it comes out. I know how it comes out. I WIN, and you can win, too, and we can all win, and God paid the price so we could and let's never forget that.

Well, so a world developed. Adam's family had been kidnapped, and they grew into this world. And they followed Satan's law and Satan's government, and he's still on that throne ruling, and his government is every man do your own thing. Don't agree.

Now, his rule says, "Well, organize, unionize. Get together in a group for selfish advantage against another group. That's all right, but fall out even with your own group when it serves your own personal vanity and your own personal greed, and your lusts. Whatever you want, go after it. Get it for yourself." That is Satan's way.



GOD CLOSED THE TREE OF LIFE

Well, when Adam made that choice, God closed the Tree of Life, which was freely offered. God offered Adam IM-MORTAL life, self-containing life, INHERENT life within himself, and Adam rejected it. But it was Revelation 13:8 I was trying to think of the scripture a while ago, I have it here in my notes. Jesus was the Lamb of God **"slain FROM the foundation of the world,"** and that was the foundation of the world. And so what God decreed right then was that it was appointed to man once to die, but after that the JUDGMENT. That's what we are coming to today. Now, that's Hebrews 9 and verse 27 in the New Testament. **"It's appointed unto all men once to die, and after that the judgment."**

Now, how can there be a judgment after you die? Well, I Corinthians 15 beginning with verse 22 explains that, "As in Adam ALL DIE."

God pronounced the sentence of death if Adam disobeyed and took of the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil. That is, he took to himself the knowledge of what's right and what's wrong. To do his own thing, in other words! That's what Satan wanted him to do. That was Satan's law!

Now the Tree of Life was God's law, and Adam had to make a choice between God's law, which would have given him immortal life, and that was the law of love. And love is the fulfilling of the law, but it takes the love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, and Adam never had the Holy Spirit, which he could have had and which God offered him freely. Instead he took to himself the knowledge of good and evil, to go his own way and do his own thing, and his children have been doing it ever since. But God also decreed that, "As in Adam ALL DIE," and all have been dying in Adam. Everyone except those alive today, and no one is 150 years on earth yet. Everyone else who ever lived is already dead, but they have all died in Adam.

"As in Adam all die (*even*) so in Christ shall ALL be made alive!"

ALL shall be made alive, and in a judgment that is to come. Now more about that just a little later.

THE COMING OF THE MESSIAH

All right, Jesus came for a purpose. He came as the Second Adam. Now it is prophesied of Him in the 9th chapter of Isaiah verses 6 and 7 that He would be born as a baby, that He would grow up and the government of God would be on His shoulder and He would rule. His name would be called Counselor, Mighty God, and Prince of Peace, and so on. That was a prophecy of Jesus.

And so, in due time, Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary, and he grew up, and Satan tried to kidnap Him and didn't succeed. Jesus then said, **"I will build My Church,"** and then He began preaching His gospel. He called 12 disciples and began to teach them, 12. Now, He was the START of GOD'S world! Satan's world started with Adam, and Satan sits on the throne and this is his world, and all in it are his people.

And you look beginning with verse 30 in the 8th chapter of John in the New Testament, and you will find several verses on past the 30th verse there, you will find that <u>all on</u> <u>this earth, even those who "believe" in Jesus Christ, are children of Satan the devil unless or until they receive the Spirit of God and are begotten as children of God. You are the children of Satan the devil UNTIL you are begotten of God by His Holy Spirit.</u>

Then Jesus began preaching His gospel. It was the gospel

of the Kingdom of God. Now "gospel" means "good news." He was a newscaster, and His news was really news. It hadn't happened yet. It was news of the future. It was a prophecy the Kingdom of God, which means the government of God over the earth, a kingdom, a government, and He is going to rule it. <u>He is going to RESTORE the government of God to this earth.</u> Satan had it, and Satan turned away from it and refused to administer God's law. Jesus is going to rebuild it.

Now, in Joel 2 and verse 28, you will read the time is going to come when God will pour out His Spirit on all flesh. Now, at the time of Adam, the foundation of the world, God closed off the Holy Spirit. But the time is coming, said the prophet Joel, when He will pour out His Spirit ON ALL FLESH. Well, that time hasn't come yet.



GOD CALLING AND SELECTING THE FEW TODAY

That time hasn't come yet, but Jesus intended that the Holy Spirit would be poured out on those that God called, and He began to preach His gospel. He taught it to the 12. He told them go out and teach others.

But He also said, in John 6:44, "NO MAN can come to me, except the Father which (*hath*) sent me draws him." And so God isn't calling the world to salvation yet, and that word "yet" is very, very important because the time is coming when God will call EVERY human being that's ever been born. God isn't playing favorites. He isn't playing favorites at all. But He calls some out, first to learn the way so they can help teach others the way, and that's for the good of the others that are not yet called that there be some that can help them and teach them.

That's why you're here, brethren, every one of you that has the Holy Spirit of God. You have been called and chosen by God for a very definite purpose. And, so many times all through the New Testament time after time, after time, after time, it says we have to be called. We have to be chosen. We are a chosen generation even. The Church is only the firstfruits of God's harvest. His harvest ultimately will be the entire earth, the entire world, every one ever born. Now the firstborn son's name was Cain, the son of Adam and Eve. He had a brother whose name was Abel. But they had the spirit of competition and strife, Satan's idea of your own way, do your own thing. Cain didn't like his brother Abel so he killed him. And then God said, "Where is your brother?" He LIED.

And people today think they can lie. One said to one of our ministers: "You do so-and-so, and I'll lie about you, and I'll get you. See, I'm not a member of the Church, and I can lie.

I'm able to lie. I'm not a member of the Church. You don't dare lie because you're in the Church."

Well, you know, the penalty of lying is just as much on someone that is not in the Church as it is on someone that is in the Church, but this poor girl didn't know that. That was just too bad because no liar is going to get into the Kingdom of God, but many liars are going to get in there by repenting, and confessing it, and being forgiven because Wrong

God had to pay by giving His all, giving His only begotten Son, and Jesus had to pay by giving His life in order that we can be reconciled after all of that.

THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD IN HIS CHURCH

But Jesus put the government of God in His Church, but it didn't last in the Church. They began to lose a whole lot of what was started in the Church. Now, the gospel of the Kingdom of God was suppressed. You read in Galatians one, verses six and seven and also in II Corinthians the 11th chapter, you read of how the Apostle Paul feared that Satan might beguile and deceive the people in the Church at Corinth just as he had mother Eve, and how he had his ministers, Satan's ministers, POSING as the ministers of Jesus Christ.

And they're not ministers of Christ at all. They are really ministers of Satan and Satan's law. And they have their own sense of good, and they preach only good. That's the whole idea. They preach good, but it's not good enough. It's not the good of God. It's not the good of God's love and God's Holy Spirit. It's only human good and human love.

THE COMING OF THE PROMISED ELIJAH OF THE END TIME

But now in Malachi the 3rd chapter, the first five verses, God made another prophecy. The Church now had turned to a false gospel and down through time, and you saw it on the film, "Behind the Work." I hope you have all seen that film. It was shown twice here. It was shown in most all

> Feast sites twice. And there were the various eras of time, and we are in the sixth era now, and the seventh is yet to come, in the Philadelphia Era of time of the Church.

> And at this time, God was going to raise up someone who would prepare the way for the Second Coming of Christ. And if you read verses two through four and five in Malachi 3, you will find it is not speaking of the First Coming but the Second.

Now, John the Baptist was merely A TYPE. He came as a voice crying out in the physical wilderness of the Jordan River, to a physical world and announcing the coming of the human, physical Jesus coming to a temple built of stone, and wood, and other metals, the temple in Jerusalem, and to His own human physical people. He came to His own, but they didn't receive Him. They rejected Him, all but the few.

So he was a type, and one was to come in these last days crying out in the SPIRITUAL WILDERNESS OF RELI-GIOUS CONFUSION and all the confusion of the world, and all of its competitions, and its organizations, one against another.

Husband and wife against one another, parents and children against each other, family against next-door neighbor, group against group, black against white or white against



black, or whichever, but contentions, nation against nation, organization against organization, everyone for himself. Everything get! <u>Everything is get, not give</u>.

Jesus said it is more blessed to give than to receive, and God's law is based on the way of love, and give, and share, and serve. Satan's law is GET all you can get, take them for all you can get out of them. That is Satan's law, and many there are. They only look at what little temporary good they can get in this life, and if they can get money, they'll do anything they can to get it. versy on whether the gospel should be a gospel OF Christ or a gospel ABOUT Christ. And all we know is that, when the curtain lifts on the history of the Church 100 years later, about 150 A.D., that <u>the gospel being preached was merely</u> a gospel about Christ, and **the gospel OF Christ was the** gospel that Christ preached, and that was the Kingdom of God. That's the gospel of Christ, the Kingdom of God.

And for 1,900 YEARS, the GOSPEL OF CHRIST was NOT PROCLAIMED! And yet in Matthew 24 and verse (3), the disciples asked Jesus "What will be the sign of Your Second Coming?" And He said, **"This gospel of the**

Well, Jesus came and during His ministry He said, in

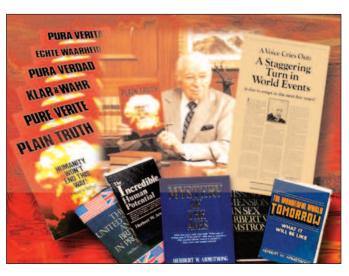
Matthew 17 verses 10 and 11, His disciples asked Jesus, "saying, Why then say the scribes that Elijah must first come?"

Now Elijah had already come; and, at the time they said this, Elijah had already been beheaded. He had finished his ministry. He had been taken a prisoner, and had been put to death. And they said, **"Why do they say**

that Elijah must first come?" Jesus had just been showing them, in the Transfiguration, the Kingdom of God, Himself, and Elijah, and Moses in the Kingdom of God, and so they asked Him, well, that's before He would come and in the Kingdom. "And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elijah truly SHALL first come."

Now, John the Baptist already had come and was now dead! But He said, <u>"Elijah ... SHALL," yet in the future,</u> <u>"shall come ... and RESTORE all things."</u>

Tell me, please, what did John the Baptist restore? Read your Bibles. See if you can find it. John the Baptist didn't restore anything. What was to be restored just before Jesus Christ comes? Government, THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD IN THE CHURCH! It had gone out of the Church. The TRUE GOSPEL, which had not been preached! Jesus preached the gospel of the Kingdom of God. And there was a blank of history, the first century of the Church. This much we know, there was a violent contro-



Kingdom will be proclaimed in all the world for a witness to all nations, and then shall the end of this world (Satan's world) come."

Brethren, that gospel has been proclaimed around the world by this Church! It has been proclaimed, and the government of God has been restored to the Church. And the true gospel has been restored and proclaimed around the

world, and before kings, and before men in high places in government all around this world, and I think you saw it on some of the films that were shown you during the Feast.

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

Now, in Revelation 11:15, we read of the Second Coming of Christ. The reason for Christ's return you'll find in Acts the 3rd chapter, verses 19-21. <u>The heavens have received</u> <u>Him until the time of restoration of all things that is the</u> <u>restoring. Restitution is the word used, and it means restoring to a former state or condition, restoring something that</u> <u>had been taken away.</u>

What was taken away was the government of God, and Jesus is coming to restore the government of God. It has already been restored just in the Church, but that's all. He's coming to restore it to the whole world and over all nations.

In the 20th chapter of Revelation you read in the first five verses, or the first three verses, you read of Satan being



taken out of the way, who is ruling on that throne now, after the Second Coming of Christ.

Now on the Feast of Trumpets, we celebrated the Second Coming of Christ to restore what had been taken away, that is the government of God. And then on the Day of Atonement, we read of Satan being put away.

You read of that in the 20th chapter of Revelation, verses (1-3) and Satan will then be put away. And then will be a thousand years' reign with Christ, but after that thousand years, he is going to be released for a little time.

Now remember that the whole world was deceived, and deceived people didn't know about God. They didn't have any chance for salvation or eternal life. It was SHUT OFF from them. But God is not unfair. He isn't going to do it. Rather He raised up the Church, and we are to know so we can teach them and help them when the time is coming for them.

Then as I quoted to you from Hebrews 9:27, it was appointed unto all men once to die, and after that the judgment; and as in Adam they've all been dying, so in Christ they'll all be made alive.

And then we come to Revelation 20, and let me see, Revelation 20, and beginning with verse 11. After Satan has been loosed and deceived a lot of the people on the earth once again, then Satan is put away PERMANENTLY and forever. And now, this is after the Millennium that we've been celebrating the last seven days.

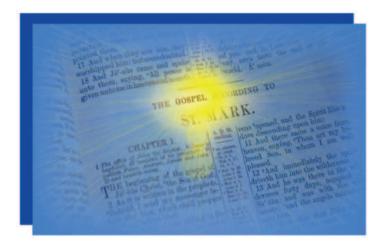
THE GREAT WHITE THRONE JUDGMENT

John telling what he saw in a vision that was to happen in the future, and he said he, **"saw <u>a</u>** <u>great white throne</u>, and him that sat on it," will be Jesus Christ, from whom, "whose face the earth and the heavens fled away." The heavens meaning the sky above us, the earth's atmosphere.

"And there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life."

Those in that book are going to be given immortal life through the Holy Spirit of God, and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the book.

Now then, what about the millions and billions of people that have never heard the true gospel of God? They've never heard the gospel of the Kingdom of God. And for 1,900 years after about 53 A.D. that gospel was never proclaimed to the world. What about all those people? Jesus said, "**Repent, and believe the GOSPEL!**" And without the KNOWLEDGE of the gospel, they couldn't believe it; and they didn't hear it. They couldn't have believed it. So now is the time they are going to come up for judgment.





Now judgment is a process. We go into a court. There's a Judge sitting on the bench. And it's a matter of a trial whether you are innocent or guilty, and which way it goes and what decision the Judge is going to make, and He's going to be some time making this judgment. But they're going to give account for everything they did in this life. Now those that are not converted and have not received Christ as their Savior, have not received His Holy Spirit but say "I can lie. I am not in the Church. I can lie."

There was a man up in Oregon that said "Well, I don't have to tithe. I'm not a member of the Church. Just you have to tithe." So I preached a sermon that the law applies to everybody, and he'll have to give account in the judgment if he didn't.

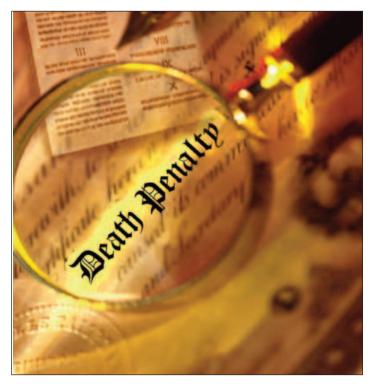
And you know, after he heard that sermon, he was there, present, he came and brought his tithe in. And right away things began to happen for him, and he collected money he thought he'd never see again. It was during the Depression. He didn't have anything. Now, everything began to go well with him financially as soon as he paid that tithe, and he tithed all he had.

Well, there is going to be a judgment. Those that are judged according to how they lived; and they are going to be pronounced guilty because the wages of sin is DEATH, and that's a sentence, and they sinned. But then they're going to hear, many of them were born long before Christ, and they don't know that He came and died for them. They died not knowing that and others don't understand it. ... God hasn't opened their minds. They are going to learn for the first time that God paid the penalty in their stead.

Jesus Christ on the throne is going to say, "YOU'RE GUILTY, and the Lake of Fire." You may think fire only lasts a few seconds, as one woman said. Oh, it's going to be a lot worse than that! Don't kid yourself, but take advantage of God's mercy while there's time. They are going to find that Jesus paid the penalty for them. It's already been paid, if they would just accept it and they don't have to pay it.

Sure, the penalty is DEATH! The penalty is BURN-ING UP IN FIRE till you are BURNED UP! But they're not going to have to pay that penalty if they accept Christ's penalty the blood of Christ, instead. And that applies to all, even though they sin willingly as long as it's not willful to the extent that they say "Anyhow, I'm just going to go on. I'd rather go into a lake of fire." As long as they want to turn around and go the other way and do the right thing, the door is open.

Now back in Matthew 12, verses 41 and 42. Jesus said, "The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment." Now this is in the judgment, the Great White Throne Judgment, "with this generation, and shall condemn it; because they repented at the preaching of Jonah: and, behold, a greater than Jonah is here."



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Then He said, **"The queen of the south,"** from Egypt, **"shall rise up in the judgment with this generation."**

You know, that makes me think, I had lunch just a few weeks ago with you might say, the queen of the south. In other words, the former first lady of Egypt Madame Jehan or Madame Sadat. I had lunch with her in San Francisco, and she is the queen of the south, or was for a while. She would like to be again, I think.

"And shall condemn it: for she came from the uttermost parts of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and, behold, a greater than Solomon is here."

It's speaking of a judgment that is coming. Now Jesus spoke of that judgment in other places. Sodom and Gomorrah are going to fare better in the judgment than those Pharisees that denied Christ even though they heard Him in person and were there when He was there.

THE GREAT RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD

Then, finally, I'd like to turn to the Old Testament – Ezekiel 37 and beginning with verse 1. This was spoken to ancient Israel, who was God's only people at that time prior to Christ.

"The hand of the Eternal was upon me," said Ezekiel, "and carried me out in the spirit," that is, in vision of the Spirit of the LORD, "and set me down in the midst of the valley," of dry bones.

Now a lot of people are puzzled about that valley of dry bones. I remember hearing a sermon by, oh, this woman evangelist from Los Angeles of about 30 or 40 years ago, Aimee Semple McPherson.

And she had an illustrated sermon in her church in Los Angeles, and she had a lot of paper things that looked like dry bones up

there on the stage. And she said, "Now who and what are these dry bones?"

She said that represented all the other churches in the world. "They are all dry and dead. But we are alive here in this church; and we are not the dry bones, we are the resurrection." Well, that was her interpretation!

But now let's see what God's interpretation is, "And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry." In other words, they'd been dead quite a long time – skeletons.

"And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord ... Thou knowest." He didn't know.

"Again he said unto me, Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord Eternal, unto these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live," speaking of those that are dead that are going to be resurrected. As in Adam all die, all will be made alive through Christ.

"And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you." This is all material now, you'll notice. Not spiritual, "and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the LORD," the Eternal.

"So," Ezekiel says, "I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking," in other words, an earthquake, "and the bones came together, bone to his bone. And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them.

"Then He said unto me, Prophesy unto the wind," or the air, "Thus says the Eternal GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these

slain, that they may live." Now this is just physical life, because there's nothing said about spirit here.

"So I prophesied as He commanded me, and breath came," upon them, **"and they stood upon their feet, an exceeding great army."** There are going to be billions because there will not only going to be those of the nation Israel but all nations, and they were only a type of all the other nations.

"Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are," not just the other dead churches, as Aimee Semple McPherson said, these bones are "the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our HOPE is lost." They had no hope. "We are cut off from our parts." And if they could be alive and could know, that's what they would be thinking.

"Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus said the Lord Eternal: Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall KNOW that I am the LORD."

They didn't know that in their lifetime. They didn't really know Him, and now they are going to come to know Him, in the resurrection to judgment!



"You shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves." And now once they come to KNOW HIM, and once they find that He has paid the penalty of their sins in their stead, they are going to accept Him, and He is going to, "put my spirit in you."

Now they were resurrected mortal, no spirit, now after they had come to KNOW HIM, He will put His Spirit into them in that Great White Throne Judgment after the resurrection. **"And you shall live,"** that is they will have eternal life. Life eternal, self-existing life. **"And I shall place you in your own land,"** and you shall know that I am the LORD your God.

Now there's a prophecy in Isaiah 65. I am not going to take time to go to it now, but there will be a period of 100 years. They'll have 100 years to learn the way of God, to have His Holy Spirit. Satan will be gone. The Kingdom of God will have been on earth for 1,000 years, and they will have all of us then immortal, helping them, loving them, wanting to help them have life and develop the CHARACTER OF GOD, and they can become God.

THE OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL TO HAVE SALVATION

And finally, EVERYONE is going to have their opportunity of salvation. I don't mean, that's not a universal salvation.



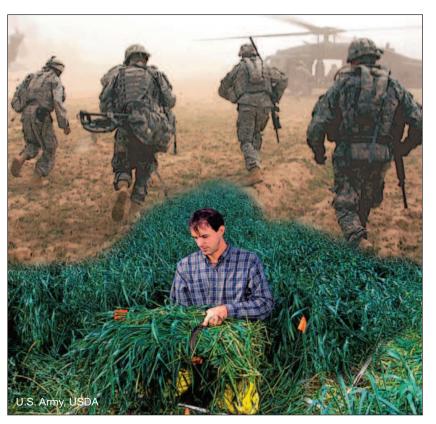
Some are going to go into a lake of fire, but I can't help but believe that, once they're eyes are opened and they come to really understand, that most of them are going to come to God and most of them are going to want to live. And they are going to find that that way is better.

You know, I'm reminded of our summer camps up at Orr, Minnesota, and Big Sandy, Texas, over in Loch Lomond in Scotland, and I am going to the camps very soon, in January, down in Australia and New Zealand because that will be their summer down there. But I am just reminded of how bit seriously, perhaps, between 16 and 18 years of age, but they only think of fun. Isn't that what you thought of until you were 16? You know it is. But then we begin to think a little more seriously about life, and its meaning, and what it does mean.

And God has made it possible for all of us to live forever in happiness and joy, in a way that's just thrilling! It's so satisfying. It's so fulfilling. It's so wonderful, beyond what anyone can possibly know! You know, I wish everybody could know, but in due time, they will.

children come and learn there is a better way of life than they knew back home. They were with the kids; many of them had been using marijuana and some other drugs perhaps. They'd been doing the way of other kids, and they learn there's another way of life, and it's more fun.

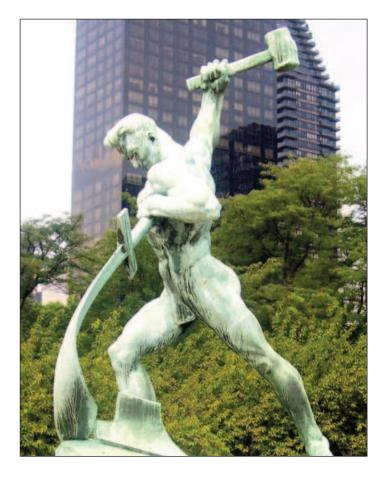
You know, kids just think of one thing until they are about 16. I don't think they think of much anything else until 16. Then they begin to think a little



We have enemies that have gone out of the Church, brethren. Somehow they were blinded. They didn't see the truth. You know, they are the ones that I pray for every day. I don't think I pray for all of you every day. I finally get around to you, but you don't need it as badly as my enemies do, and I pray for them every day because I love them. They don't know it. They don't think I do, but I do, and I pray for them.



I know God is hearing my prayers, and sooner or later, something good is going to happen to them. That's the love of God that you can pray for your enemies. I don't think I learned that until somewhat recently. You can pray for your friends, but it's pretty hard to pray for those that despite-



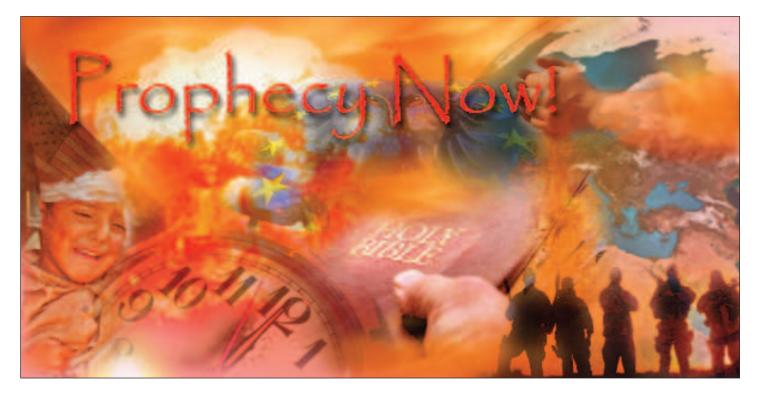
fully use you, those that want to harm you, those that would just like to see you DEAD. There have been a lot of people waiting for me to die, and I just haven't died soon enough to please them.

But I do pray for them and, for their sake, I hope God will let me live a little longer so I can continue praying more for them, and I think He will.

Well, look, I want to read one Scripture in closing. There's a lot more. I haven't had time to finish all of it. It is a wonderful thing, a wonderful story, but in Romans, now let's see Romans the 11th chapter, and I'll just read verse 33.

"O the depth of the riches, both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments!" We've been talking about His judgments, and <u>the</u> Great White Throne Judgment. "How unsearchable are His judgments, and his ways past finding out." How wonderful are God's ways, more than we can possibly realize.

A very small amount was edited out of this sermon due to the length of it while trying to fit it in the magazine. However the continuity of the subject has not been affected. For those who would like to receive the complete sermon are encouraged to write and request it from us. **Edited by Alton "Don" Billingsley**



U.K. Faces Isolation at Crucial Juncture

ike the crossbars that intersect on the British Union Jack flag, leaders of the United Kingdom find themselves at a momentous crossroads as they ponder whether to distance themselves from the European Union as it confronts its worst financial crisis or strengthen the U.K.'s historic "special relationship" with the United States as the rift between the U.S. and EU widens.

The direction the British leaders decide to take will have a profound impact on the future of the British Isles as Germany's powerful influence on the European continent across the English Channel consolidates and intensifies, making Germany unquestionably dominant as Britain is increasingly shoved to the sidelines and irrelevance regarding EU economic, political and even military matters.

The *Telegraph*, a London newspaper, reported Sept. 18 that Conservative members of Parliament (*MPs*), specifically those in the House of Commons, or Tories, are demanding that British Prime Minister David Cameron call a national referendum on Britain's relationship with the EU or face a rebellion in his own party and a backlash from voters.

Mark Pritchard is the most senior Tory to call for a vote on Britain's membership in the European Union as the EU copes with its most dire economic crisis. Britain is one of 10 EU members to opt out of adopting the euro while 17



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other EU members in the "euro zone" use it as their single currency. In retrospect, many British citizens are relieved their nation stayed with the British pound sterling as their currency while the euro's very existence is jeopardized by the EU's worsening sovereign debt crisis.

Pritchard wrote in the *Telegraph* that the *EU has become* an "occupying force ... setting unfamiliar rules, demanding levies, curbing freedoms, subverting our culture, and imposing alien taxes," eroding British sovereignty. He urged the government to hold a referendum next year as to whether Britain should have a "trade only" relationship with the EU rather than a political union, which he said has evolved by stealth. If British taxpayers are forced to foot the bill for "unreformed and lazy" European countries failing to enforce austerity measures, they will revolt, warned Pritchard, a leading member of the 120 Conservative MPs pushing Cameron to set out a "clear plan" for withdrawing from Europe. They will no longer write blank checks for European workers while more Brits join unemployment lines, he said.

"In less than four decades, and without a single shot being fired, <u>Britain has be-</u> <u>come enslaved to Europe</u>servitude that intrudes and impinges on millions of

British lives every day. Brussels (*the EU headquarters*) has become a burdensome yoke, disfiguring Britain's independence and diluting her sovereignty," Pritchard wrote.

British Foreign Secretary William Hague also recently stated that Britain might prosper by loosening its ties with the EU.

On Sept. 22, the *Telegraph* reported Cameron warned that the world stands on the brink of a new economic crisis that would leave countries like Britain "staring down the barrel." He said the failure of American and European leaders to tackle government deficits now "threatens the stability of the world economy."



His speech coincided with global stock markets falling sharply, and *the British stock market plunging the most in more than two years*. In London the night before, the FTSE–100 index of leading shares closed down nearly 5 per cent – <u>the biggest</u> <u>one-day fall in the market since</u>

March 2009. Banks were among the hardest hit amid growing fears of a resumed credit paralysis with Lloyds Banking Group dropping 10 per cent and Barclays down 9 per cent.

"The Prime Minister spoke in Canada after delivering a blunt warning to President Barack Obama and euro zone leaders about the need to follow Britain's example and curb



their deficits," the newspaper reported.

During his Ottawa speech, Cameron said western politicians must show more leadership and warned that political indecision would only worsen the crisis. "We're not quite staring down the barrel, but the pattern is clear," he said. "*Growth in Europe has stalled. Growth in America has stalled*."

A new financial crisis and a British recession would pose the most serious test yet for Cameron's coalition government, the *Telegraph* said. "... some Conservatives think that <u>it could alter Britain's</u>

relationship with the EU, allowing ministers to renegotiate or simply ignore some EU economic rules." The newspaper noted Sir Mervyn King, the Bank of England's governor, skipped a key meeting of the International Monetary Fund, sparking controversy.



The *Daily Mail*, another British newspaper, reported Sept. 24 that "*world leaders were warned last night that they have just six weeks to save the euro from collapse*. On another day of gathering eco-

nomic gloom, George Osborne (British

chancellor of the Exchequer, the counter-

part of U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy

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Geithner) savaged euro zone leaders for failing to get a grip on their towering debts. The chancellor set a deadline of six weeks – when leaders of the G-20 group of leading countries will meet for crunch talks in France – for action."

He told the Telegraph: <u>"We've got weeks not months for</u> the euro zone to take action. We have got to have solutions by November or the whole world economy will suffer." The Telegraph also reported the "fear gauge" for corporate bonds has now entered the red zone. <u>"Europe's</u> debt crisis risks escalating out of control as the world economy slides towards a double-dip slump with few shock absorbers left to limit the damage," it stated.

In a Sept. 11 article published in the *Telegraph*, Osborne warned European countries were pushing for *radical pow-*



ers to save Europe's single currency by forging a new EU constitutional treaty. He said he insisted **Britain would** fight to keep its economic sovereignty against a European caucus striving to run the EU as a "fiscal union," opposing Germany, France, Italy and EU officials. The new treaty would give the EU powers to impose economic and budget policies on member states.

Osborne said the British government expects the new treaty to be in place no later than 2013. "I think it is on the cards that there may be a treaty change imposed in the next year or two, beyond what has already been proposed. This would be for the euro zone. This would be to further integrate the euro zone, further strengthen fiscal integration."

Osborne conceded London was fighting to keep its vetoes over economic policy to prevent *a monopoly of power* for the 17 European countries using the euro as their single currency. "I'm equally clear that Britain is not part of it, but also, and I made this point (at a G-7 meeting), it is crucial that Britain's interests on financial services, on the single market, on competition are protected, that we're not out-



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voted by the euro zone, that there is not an inbuilt euro zone caucus in the system," he said.

Brussels sources said a proposal for formal negotiations to begin in December will be made at an EU summit in October. The talks will be chaired by EU President Herman Van Rompuy and will involve a constitutional "convention"

before the new treaty is agreed and ratified in all 27 EU countries.

Osborne revealed that Hague was drafting a list of demands for powers to be repatriated to Britain in return for treaty change. "My absolute requirement would be the protection of the U.K.'s interests in areas such as financial services, competition, single market, that we are able to continue



to have a decisive say on things that affect us."



German Chancellor Angela Merkel, on the other hand, called for radical "no taboos" treaty negotiations "in order to bind the EU closer together." Her predecessor, Gerhard Schroeder, called for the EU to return to the origi-

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nal goal of a "United States of Europe" and a "European constitution" rejected by French and Dutch voters in 2005.

Returning powers to Britain will be fiercely resisted by Germany, France, the euro zone and most EU countries, the Telegraph reported. Bill Cash, who chairs the House of Commons European Scrutiny Committee, said: "This takes Britain into a new critical and dangerous phase. It proves the need for a referendum."

Douglas Carswell, a Tory MP supporting a national referendum on a new European treaty, warned: "A full blown fiscal union for euro zone instantly has implications. Britain will never get its own way, and the qualified majority vote will give a monopoly of power to the euro zone bloc."

Many EU countries already act as if Britain is "odd man out" in regard to European unification and view the United Kingdom as an obstruction to their political, economic and military ambitions. The *Telegraph* reported on Sept. 8 that Germany, Italy, France, Spain and Poland, all heavily **Catholic countries, want historically Protestant Britain** bypassed in establishing an EU military headquarters.



Baroness Catherine Ashton, the EU's high representative of foreign affairs and security policy, herself a Briton, was told by the "big five" to set up *a consolidated European military headquarters* by any means needed, including the use of a legal mechanism that bypasses a British veto, the newspaper said.

British Foreign Secretary Hague threatened in July to veto a proposed military HQ for "command and control" troops, including British forces, participating in EU operations apart from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). But foreign ministers of the "big five" countries said in a confidential Sept. 2 letter that they were prepared to create *a powerful alliance isolating Britain as a matter of urgency.*

"Most controversially, the alliance instructs Lady Ashton to seek 'structured co-operation' a legal route, never before used, to set up the HQ without Britain, with 'tangible results' demanded by the end of the year," the *Telegraph* re-

ported, noting it would divide NATO, which includes the United States as lead military power.

"The move puts the EU foreign minister, a Labour peer, at odds with the British government and could lead to *the worst rift in European foreign policy since the Iraq war in* 2003."

For decades, Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong predicted Great Britain would not re-

main a member of the Common Market or European Union based on his understanding of Bible prophecy. As he explained in his classic, widely distributed book, "The United States and British Commonwealth (*or Britain*) in Prophecy," the British and American people are descended from the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh, respectively, described in the Bible's book of Genesis.

The Old Testament patriarch Jacob or Israel bequeathed God's birthright promise to Ephraim and Manasseh, the two sons of Joseph, *by crossing his arms like the Union Jack's design*, placing his right hand on the head of the younger Ephraim and his left hand on Manasseh, the firstborn, putting his name on them.

Of Ephraim, Jacob said, "'Truly his younger brother shall be greater than he (Manasseh), and <u>his descendants shall</u> <u>become a multitude</u> (*or commonwealth*) <u>of nations.'...</u> <u>And thus he set Ephraim before Manasseh</u> (Genesis 48:10-20)." Bible prophecy also shows the English would control key strategic sea gates throughout the world and explains why kings and queens continue to sit on the British throne of royalty. History shows the British Empire and United States of America dominated the 19th and 20th centuries as world powers, with Great Britain rising to ascendancy before the U.S. But prior to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher temporarily reversing and revitalizing the United Kingdom during the 1980s, Britain was considered <u>"the sick man of</u> <u>Europe."</u>

"You need to OPEN YOUR EYES to the fact that Britain's sun already has SET! ... The handwriting is on the wall!" Mr. Armstrong wrote, noting "the entire book of Hosea carries a blistering message and warning to the BRITISH PEOPLE TODAY!"



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The Prophet Hosea predicted that "Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke ... Ephraim is oppressed and broken in judgment ... When Ephraim saw *his sickness* ... then Ephraim went to Assyria (or modern Ger*many*) ... Ephraim has mixed himself among the peoples; Ephraim is a cake unturned (half-baked). Aliens have devoured his strength, but he does not know it. Yes, gray hairs are

here and there on him, yet he does not know it ... Ephraim also is like a silly dove, without sense – They call to Egypt (*the Arabs or Muslims*), they go to Assyria (*the Germans*) (Hosea 5:9, 7:8-9,11)."

Events are developing so rapidly that an isolated Britain could soon find itself swiftly thrust out of the European Union as Germany, its arch-enemy of World Wars I and II, comes to powerfully dominate the entire European continent and what will become another revival of the "Holy Roman Empire."

History does repeat itself! Bible prophecy shows this time Germany will succeed where Kaiser Wilhelm and Adolph Hitler failed and conquer the British Isles as another dark, ominous storm gathers over the continent.

The good news beyond this terrible national affliction is that Jesus Christ will liberate the British people at His Second Coming and break their yoke of slavery, saving them out of the unprecedented time of Jacob's trouble! (Jeremiah 30:7)

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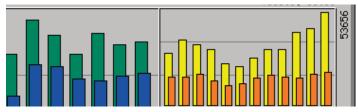
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